

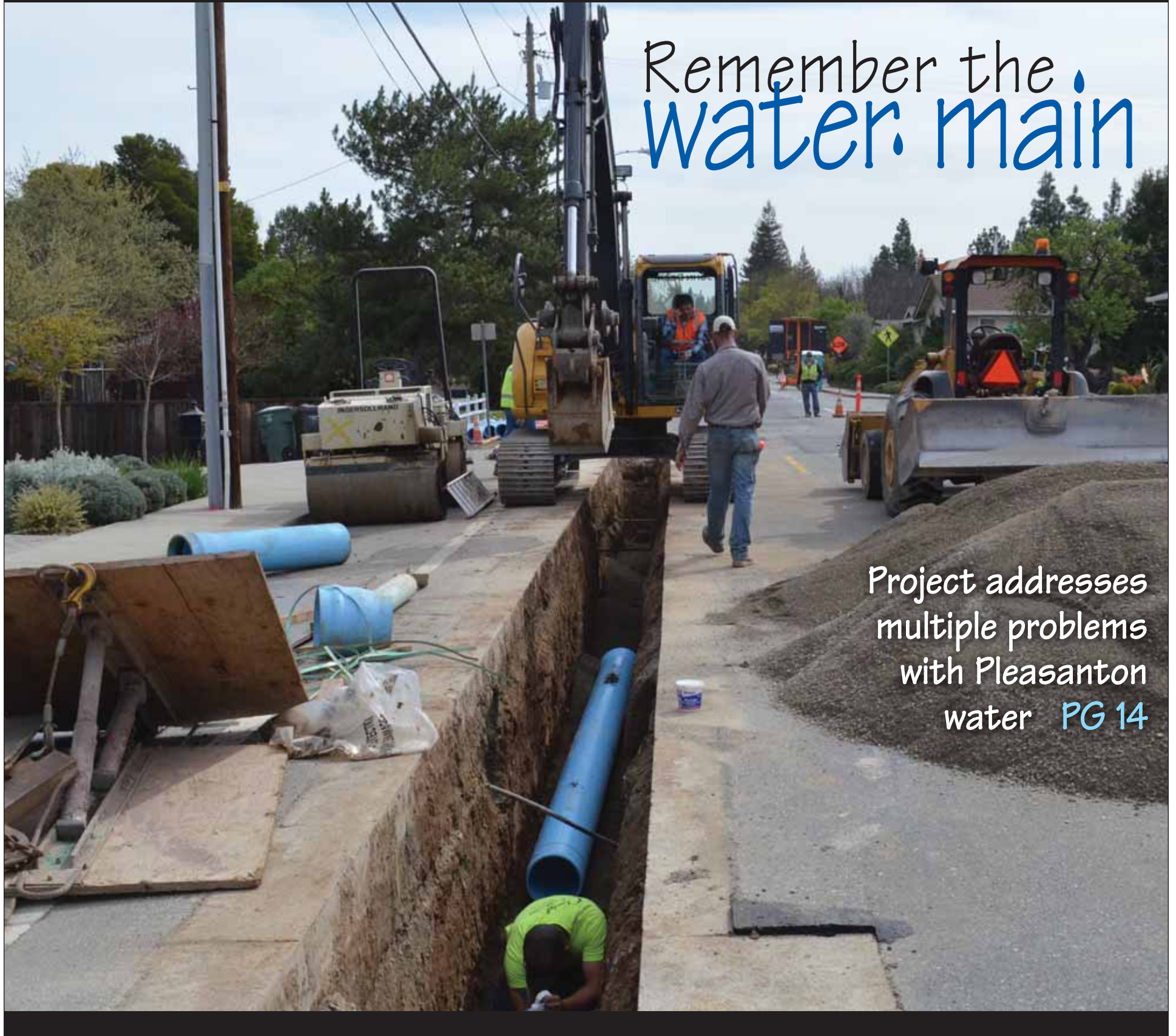
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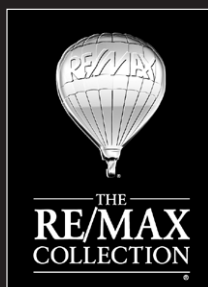
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Something to sleep on

Not many high school juniors spend their free time sewing these days, but thanks to Libby Howard's love of fashion design, making clothes and a commitment to "give back" to the community, she and her Brothers high tech sewing machine are making a difference for children in need.

She started sewing a year ago, using her grandmother's old Singer sewing machine, and quickly learned the skills to re-stitch and sew old clothes she found at Goodwill and in friends' attics, turning them into contemporary outfits that she started selling. Cold weather flannel pajamas that she made from new materials were a hit.

But she wanted to do more, especially for children. Donated blankets, although always needed, were in abundance. What about other bedding needs, she asked, and the idea of decorative pillowcases came to mind. Last November, she made 25 pillowcases, buying holiday patterns at Joanne's Fabrics, and donated them to young patients who were spending the holidays at Children's Hospital Oakland. She said it was a good way to give these children a little piece of home, something to comfort them.

Recently, she gave customized pillowcases to about 60 campers and their siblings at the Taylor Family Foundation's Jack's Camp for kids with brain tumors. Some spent 20 minutes going through the stack of colorful pillowcases before choosing one or two. These are children who are facing horrendous challenges, Libby says, and yet they were as excited and smiling as others over the prospect of sleeping that night on a very special pillow made just for them. She'll do it again over the last three weekend days of this month for children at Camp Hope, also held at the Taylor Family Foundation's camp outside Livermore. These are children being given special care who have recently lost a mother, father, sibling or close relative and need comfort as they handle their losses. Libby has already made 60 pillowcases for the event, with 40 more to make before she personally delivers each one.

Libby admits that being a seamstress and sewing clothes and pillowcases seems like long lost skills. Her colleagues at Amador Valley High School say she's championing "a dying line." Libby finds the work enjoyable, a true hobby,



Libby Howard delivers the special pillowcases she sews to Children's Hospital Oakland to give the patients something to comfort them.

almost an art, where there's still a lot of value and appreciation. She's a member of Amador's Fashion Cub, which has regular meetings and was disappointed when the faculty tried to offer a fashion and fabrics class but gave up the effort when too few signed up.

Sewing for a profit, although her sales are still slow, provides the money Libby uses to buy the fabric. She finds the venture meaningful in that she continues to build her skills in designing, sewing and marketing while also fulfilling her own interests in helping others, especially children. She remembers one young girl at Jack's Camp who had lost much of her hair as she battled brain cancer. "She had the sweetest smile, the most loving attitude and was so gracious that I would make a pillowcase for her," Libby said. "I know she was like many of the kids I talked to who need our compassion and help."

Libby's family joins her in her efforts. Her mother Jenny is the program manager for the Sentinels of Freedom organization in San Ramon, and helps promote her daughter's business and donation opportunities. Her father Butch, an engineer at Northrop Grumman in Sunnyvale, uses his business expertise in helping to track Libby's expenses, keep sales records and utilize good accounting methods. Her sister Delaney is a freshman at Oregon State University, where she promotes Libby's business among her college classmates and more directly while she's home for spring break. As skilled and determined as Libby is in both business and philanthropy, we're likely to see the results of her good work in Pleasanton and beyond in the years ahead.

For more information, sign on to Libby Howard's "The Pillowcase Project" at www.facebook.com/ThePillowcaseProject. ■

About the Cover

A 12-inch PVC pipe placed into a trench on Vineyard Avenue is part of the water main construction project, which will raise water pressure for some hillside households and improve the drinking water quality for all residents. Photo by Jim Brice. Design by Kristin Herman.

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What book or movie could you read/see and enjoy over and over again?



Simon Klammer
Accountant

I can read "Atlas Shrugged" again and again because it reminds me that the purpose of my life is to be true to my own dreams and aspirations.

Samantha Paulus
Student

I love the movie "Mama Mia" and can watch it over and over again. It is so funny, the music is so enjoyable to listen to, and it keeps my attention from beginning to end, no matter how many times I've seen it.



Cory Salge
Sales

I watch "Moulin Rouge" over and over again, because the movie has everything — romance, action and great music.

Avalon Ramirez
Student

I like to read "Tale of Despereaux" over and over. It was my first "real" book (without pictures), and it brings back so many memories from my childhood.



Michelle Dockins
Risk Manager

I could read and watch "The Hunger Games" over and over again. I like how it makes you try to think into the future about what will happen to the characters, especially since whatever might happen to them is all so different from any normal person's reality.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest

With Mother's Day right around the corner, the Pleasanton Weekly is again holding its annual Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest. First-place prize is a \$100 gift certificate for Gene's Fine Foods in Pleasanton; second-place prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Strizzi's restaurant in Pleasanton.

Send digital photos only to contest@pleasantonweekly.com by 6 a.m., Thursday, April 25. Photos must be attached to an email in JPG format, at least 300 dpi. Include the names of the mother and daughter(s) and the ages of children in the email. Photos entered in previous contests are not eligible.

The staff at the Weekly will choose the finalists, which will be posted at www.pleasantonweekly.com for readers to vote online for which mother and daughter in Pleasanton look most alike.

Photos of the winners will be published in the May 10 print edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.

Recycle next Saturday

Pleasanton will host its annual, free for residents Community Recycling and E-Waste Collection from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 13, at the city's Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road. Items that will be accepted include computer components, digital cameras, power cables, toner cartridges, video game systems, MP3 players, keyboards, DVD and other electronic items, fluorescent light bulbs, and CFL bulbs and tubes.

In addition, paper will be shredded and recycled for residents, preferably brought in a box for easy handling. Unused or expired pharmaceutical drugs will also be collected.

Shepherd's Gate will be at the event to accept reusable shoes, clothing, bedding, linens and textiles, kitchen wares and gently used children's items for.

Among the items that will not be accepted are mattresses, furniture, smoke detectors and appliances. Call 931-5506.

Drop-in computer tutoring

The Pleasanton library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., is offering drop-in computer tutoring from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday for people who want help with social networking, blogging and have general questions about the Internet. The program is free and open to all. No registration required.

Council candidates to face off at Tuesday forum

Pleasanton Weekly debate is good chance to see political campaigning in action

Join staff members of the Pleasanton Weekly on Tuesday as they present a free, public candidate forum for the four seeking election on May 7 to fill a vacant seat on the Pleasanton City Council.

The four candidates are Mark Hamilton, David Miller, Kathy Narum and Olivia Sanwong.

The forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Doors at the Civic Center, located at 200 Old Bernal Ave., will open at 6 p.m.

Those attending the forum will be given cards as they enter, which they can use to write out their questions of individual or all candidates. The moderators of the forum, Gina Channell-Allen, publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, and editor Jeb Bing will then ask the candidates to answer these questions along with others.

The candidates will have time for brief opening and closing remarks, but they will not see



the questions in advance.

Questions for individual or all of the candidates may also be sent by email to editor@pleasantonweekly.com.

The forum will be videotaped for later broadcast on community television's Channel 29 and also on the Pleasanton Weekly's website at www.pleasantonweekly.com.

The candidates' forum will be held one day

after the Alameda County Registrar's office starts distributing ballots for the special election. Voters can start voting once they've received the ballots, which must be received and in the Registrar's office no later than 5 p.m. May 7. Unlike in previous Pleasanton elections, this will be by mail-in balloting only; there will be no regular polling places for voters to cast their ballots.

The council vacancy occurred when Councilman Jerry Thorne was elected mayor last November, leaving two years of his unexpired term as councilman. The candidate chosen to succeed him on the council May 7 will serve until the 2014 municipal election, but also can seek reelection to that post for a four-year term.

The Pleasanton Weekly will make its endorsement for one of the candidates after the April 9 forum, to be published in the April 12 print edition of the newspaper and online. ■



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Back on track

The Niles Canyon Railway, which offers fun, old-fashioned train rides on restored locomotives and cars, kicks off its spring season this weekend. Two trains will run between Sunol and Niles station in Fremont through scenic and historic Niles Canyon featuring the debut of newly restored Clover Valley No. 4 and the Quincy No. 2. The railway will continue to run public excursions on the first and third Saturdays and Sundays each month through August, with trains departing from the Sunol Station hourly between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The round trip takes approximately an hour and a half. Learn more at www.ncry.org.

Financier added to lawsuit claiming his company cheated clients

Also faces criminal charges in 2012 attack

By Glenn Wohltmann

The owner of a now-defunct Pleasanton firm that allegedly bilked homeowners out of tens of thousands of dollars has had his name added to the lawsuit against the firm.

William Hogarty, 49, declared bankruptcy in 2011, which blocked him from being added to the lawsuit, which was filed by former clients who say he and the company's employees defrauded them. Hogarty ran OF Lending, claiming the company could do short-pay refinancing to help people who owed more than their houses were worth. OF Lending went out of business in January 2011, but not

before dozens of people put up money in last-ditch attempts to keep their homes.

"He's been added to the case," said Pleasanton attorney J.R. Richards. "We're seeking damages against him personally for liability, for fraud and misrepresentations he made to his clients."

Richards said the lawsuit asks for \$90,000, but that the court could also award up to three times that in penalties.

Hogarty, the founder and CEO of OF Lending, and his employees promised to work with banks to reduce mortgages and lower monthly

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Pleasanton City Council holds off Measure PP vote

2-hour hearing continued to April 16 to give vacationers a chance to speak

By Jeb Bing

More than 100 filled the Pleasanton City Council chambers Tuesday night for a scheduled public hearing and then a final vote on making the 5-year-old Measure PP a part of the city's General Plan.

The only problem? Perhaps as many more couldn't make Tuesday's meeting because they were out of town celebrating spring school break with their children. They hounded City Council members by emails and phone calls, asking them to delay their vote.

To accommodate everyone, Mayor Jerry Thorne, with his colleagues' backing, went ahead with a two-hour-long public hearing, and then continued it until the council's next meeting on April 16, with another public hearing and then a council vote planned then.

Measure PP, approved by voters in November 2008, restricts residential and commercial development on hillside lots with a 25% grade or more. Although similar restrictions had long been considered in Pleasanton, they were never made part of the city's General Plan, which governs land use issues. The 2008 referendum came after developers won council approval to build homes in the southeast hills, a project called Oak Grove, which recently was scuttled after a series of court rulings.

Although the 25% hillside protection rule is now in effect, the rush to write Measure PP in time for voter approval left many unanswered questions about the ordinance, which the city Planning Commission and council are now seeking to clarify.

These include how to measure the 25% slopes, starting with the top of the chimney of a proposed hillside home to a base some distance away, or from the proposed home's construction pad, which could be as much as 33 feet lower.

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Jerry Thorne

Fake gun causes real scare

Police respond to calls about armed man wearing body armor

By Glenn Wohltmann

What could have been a tragic situation — multiple reports of a man in body armor running with an assault weapon — turned out to be nothing more than a teen with an imitation gun and wearing a brown utility vest.

The reports, of a man seen in a residential area near Fairlands Drive and Pimlico Drive around 9:38 Wednesday morning, brought police on the run.

Pleasanton police Lt. Brian Laurence said police were on the scene in “one to two minutes.”

“In light of recent tragic occurrences nationwide, we take these calls very seriously,” Laurence said.

When the same person was spotted by a Zone 7 employee running into the Arroyo Del Valle, just north of Stoneridge Drive, east of Santa

Rita Road, police quickly established a perimeter. They also called in the East County Tactical Team, the SWAT team made up of Pleasanton and Livermore police, which happened to be training nearby in Livermore.

The team brought in an armored vehicle to approach along the service road.

Police apprehended the suspect, who turned out to be a 16-year-old boy with an air gun.

“He went down in the arroyo and soon after we were able to observe him and he stayed put. The SWAT team members were able to approach him and give him commands, and he was very cooperative to the questions,” Laurence said.

“To have the East County Tactical Team was helpful, too. They

were on the scene in about 10 minutes as well.”

Although it was a false alarm, Laurence credited residents for their vigilance.

The teen was cited for discharging an air gun inside city limits and released to a parent. No one was injured.

As a precaution, the staff and children at the nearby Hacienda Preschool were instructed to shelter in place during the incident.

Pleasanton Police Department reminded residents that shooting air guns is illegal in the city.

Laurence said people with Airsoft weapons should be careful.

“It’s fortunate with these type of incidents, especially with how realistic these weapons look, that we were able to avoid a tragedy,” he said. ■

COUNCIL

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Should manufactured slopes, such as those built up by bulldozers moving dirt to create a hillside, be included?

Are streets and roads part of the restriction, meaning that roadways can’t be built on slopes with 25% or more grades?

Many of the comments at Tuesday’s council hearing dealt with the roadway issue. Former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, who successfully led the Measure PP referendum, said there was never any intent in the measure to include roads.

“The truth is, as a designer of the initiative, that the intent of Measure PP was to protect hillside development,” she said. “Roads were never part of this measure. They’re not structures.”

Still, streets that would serve the proposed Lund Ranch II development near the Sycamore Heights community off Sunol Boulevard would have to traverse steep slopes to reach the homes planned there. The long-planned bypass road to the Callippe Preserve Golf Course also would be built on sloping land.

LaVerne Spotorno said she and her family had no notice of this hearing or the one before the Planning Commission although it could affect the family property in the hills above Alisal Street.

“There is no mention of roads in Measure PP, and we request that you not add this unnecessary restriction,” she told the council.

The Planning Commission determined that roads are structures and therefore could not be built on hillside areas prohibited by Measure PP from development. The commission also recom-

mended that a full inventory of ridgelines affected by Measure PP be made to provide early disclosure to property owners and applicants of hillside developments.

But Brian Dolan, director of Community Development, told the council that his planning staff

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Kay Ayala,

Leader of Measure PP referendum

doesn’t agree with the Planning Commission’s recommendations and urged the council to omit any restrictions for roads from the final Measure PP document. He also said an inventory would take considerable staff and engineering time and could be handled when and if developers file applications.

Some of the comments made at Tuesday’s City Council meeting were:

“Junipero is in competition with Bernal. Thousands of cars come through there, many speeding. Don’t want more cars coming through to go to Lund Ranch.

Goes through much more dense development than Sycamore Creek Way, which should serve new development.”

“PP was a citywide ordinance. A road is a structure. I don’t understand how we can choose to make something in public use not a structure.”

“Measure PP applies only to residential and commercial development on hillside lots, not to roads. Every homeowner signed off on making Sycamore Way a bypass road to the golf course.”

“If you have to grade to build a road, you’re talking about roads. If this policy goes into effect, it can only be amended by voters. Yet tonight I’m hearing about changes and amendments. What happened to the voters?”

“It’s clear that a road is a structure. I appeal to your common sense that a road is a structure. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 that a road is a structure. The use of Sycamore Way as a route to the golf course has now changed because of Measure PP.”

“I’m a design engineer specializing in the construction of bridges and roads. They’re structures.”

“Roads were very much a part of Measure PP. It was designed to affect Oak Grove before there were any homes. It was intended to affect construction of a road to that development. Voters who approved Measure PP thought the measure applied to anything to be built in the hills, including homes and roads.”

“Instead of asking everyone who voted for PP, ask those who wrote the measure. They agree that there was never any intent to include roads.”

The council meeting on April 16 will start at 7 p.m. in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

HOGARTY

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payments, according to the lawsuit. Instead, the lawsuit says, Hogarty and his employees pressured potential clients into putting up money, then did little or nothing.

His bankruptcy filing was denied by mutual agreement after prosecutors discovered Hogarty had failed to disclose accounts at 16 banks and financial interest in five companies, two homes and property, including a 97-foot yacht, U.S. Bankruptcy Court documents show.

On his website, Hogarty said he bought the yacht in 2006 and owned it for five years.

“We were sad to see her go, yet with a career change we had to bring our overhead down,” he said on the website.

Court documents say Hogarty earned \$2 million over the course of two years, but instead reported to the Internal Revenue

Service and the bankruptcy court that he lost \$160,000 in income in 2010 and filed a tax return in 2009 — when he made \$1.4 million — claiming that he’d earned \$337,975.

Hogarty refutes the documents from bankruptcy court, saying the attorney in the case, Maggie McGee, didn’t know the difference between gross income and net income.

“Between 2009 and 2011, my income was \$200,000,” Hogarty said, blaming McGee for a vendetta against him.

“The accusations she had were horrific,” he said.

He also said the IRS has cleared him of any wrongdoing. “I went through an exhaustive IRS audit,” Hogarty said. “The IRS found me in full compliance with the law.”

In January 2010, Hogarty appeared on a Bay Area television show, “View from the Bay,” where he touted his company, saying he’d saved one woman \$370,000 by doing a short-pay refinance. On the show, Hogarty advised people to never submit false or untruthful information.

“The truth is always best,” he told the show’s hosts.

Court documents show Hogarty, under penalty of perjury, testified and provided documents that left out information about his earning and property.

At a bankruptcy hearing with creditors in February 2011, Hogarty testified under oath that he owned no interest in the home he was living in at the time, a 12,978-square-foot mansion, with eight bedrooms, a 12-car garage and swimming pool.

Hogarty also testified in the February 2011 hearing that he’d had no bank accounts for “two or three months,” and that he had no money, although one creditor pointed out that Hogarty and his wife had taken a vacation to Cabo San Lucas in Mexico two weeks before the bankruptcy hearing.

He said any vacation he took during that time was paid for by a family member.

“I think there’s a big rumor out there that I have a big bag of money,” Hogarty said. “There’s no money.”

He apparently avoided a perjury

charge by agreeing to the facts laid out in the case, but by doing so, he opened himself up to the lawsuit.

Twenty-two people have claims under the lawsuit that now includes Hogarty. Virtually every employee of the company was named in the lawsuit, including both Hogarty’s wife, Christy, and his ex-wife, Micaelanne Hogarty — along with James Riviera, Tiffany Carr and Gregory Lomba. It alleges clients paid upfront fees ranging from \$1,200 to \$12,000, for the company’s short-pay refinancing services.

“None of these clients were my clients. They were all agents’ clients,” Hogarty said, adding that Riviera was responsible. “He was the man behind 80% of the problems. I paid dearly for that.”

He said his personal clients tell a different story, with 100 approvals from banks for short-pay refinancing.

At the time of the 2011 hearing, at least three people had won judgments against Hogarty, totaling more than \$22,000.

He said he had a “very clear six-page contract with these people. Unfortunately, some people want to claim the victim, (saying) ‘Oh, I don’t know what I signed.’ ... the contract was crystal clear.”

And Hogarty said he tried to pay people back.

“I had given over \$440,000 in refunds over 2009 and 2010,” he said. “The first contract has a trust fund clause. I paid all those clients back their money.”

William Tubman, the former attorney handling the lawsuit, said some of the banks OF Lending worked with called the company’s efforts “amateurish.” He said those lenders went for months without hearing back from OF Lending, which often didn’t return calls.

No court date for the lawsuit has been set.

Hogarty said the entire incident began with an accusation from a mentally ill person who had a grudge against him.

The former CEO is also due in court later this month on an attempted murder charge stemming from an incident last year in which a roommate at the mansion claimed Hogarty attacked him and tried to choke him to death.

Hogarty, who won the 2005 Mr. California Bodybuilding Championship, faces criminal charges stemming from a July 3 altercation with his roommate, John Robinson.

The Livermore mansion where Hogarty and his wife Christy lived was touted as Northern California’s answer to the Playboy mansion and was the scene of risqué parties, such as the Fallen Angels Lingerie Party and Mardi Gras at the Mansion.

“The parties, I had full compliance on,” Hogarty said, pointing out he had an ABC license.

“The only reason I was doing the parties in the first place was to support my family Overall, I had one goal, to make sure my parents were taken care of,” he said. “I wish these people would take a deep breath and focus on something other than me.” ■



Hogarty

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Get the jump on allergy season

Simple steps can help minimize suffering

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

Experts are saying the 2013 allergy season may be the worst on record, and many sufferers are already feeling the effects.

This year, the season started early and is expected to run later than ever. Local doctors say it's the combination of a wet fall and dry start to the year.

Both Dr. Joshua Jacobs, with offices in San Ramon and Walnut Creek, and Dr. Wendy Tong, medical director for CareMore Health Plan in Pleasanton and San Jose, say to prepare for the worst.

"We had very mild weather after the first of the year," Jacobs said. "When we don't have any rain, we get higher, more sustained levels of pollen in the air and higher levels of pollen lead to more symptoms." He said tree pollen is rising now, and that grasses will likely pollinate starting near the middle of the month and through June.

But it's not just pollen, Tong said. She said smog, smoke and other pollutants can make allergies worse.

"Allergies are a combination of factors. One part is the pollen count and the amount of airborne allergens in the environment," Tong explained. "Allergies are the body's natural defenses to fight off infection as well as what's foreign to it. An allergy is the act of an exaggerated and out-of-control immune system."

Both both doctors said there are things to do that can reduce symptoms for allergy sufferers.

While outside, people can decrease their exposure to pollen by wearing sunglasses.

"Pollen directly in the eyes is responsible for eye symptoms," Jacobs said. He said some people might choose to wear a mask for

outdoor tasks like gardening.

"When you're driving, use your air conditioner and the recirculation on your car," he added.

Jacobs also suggested people might want to shower and wash their hair at night to remove pollen that might have gathered through the day.

Tong said there are simple steps people can take to minimize allergens in the home. Some people, she said, might want to switch from drapes, which can trap pollen, to blinds. A more drastic action would be to swap out carpets for hardwood floors, she added.

On the less expensive side, Tong said, people should remember to change the filters on their heating and air conditioning system more frequently, using HEPA filters that can trap pollen.

People should vacuum more often, too, and use a vacuum cleaner that also has a HEPA filter.

"You can also buy HEPA filters that plug into the wall," she said.

Tong recommended keeping windows — especially bedroom windows — closed and using an air conditioner instead, along with asking smokers to step well away from the house.

She said pets, especially cats, can cause or aggravate allergy symptoms.

"Or course people aren't willing to get rid of their pets, but keeping them in certain parts of the household, having them groomed or trimmed down can help," Tong said. She said brushing can exacerbate symptoms, so people might want to consider a professional groomer.

Both Tong and Jacobs said there are a host of prescription and over-the-counter medications that can provide relief to some. Those

include oral antihistamines like loratadine, the drug contained in Claritin, fexofenadine, the chief ingredient in Allegra, and cetirizine, which is used in Zyrtec.

Jacobs suggested people steer clear of antihistamines like diphenhydramine, the drug in Benadryl, that can cause drowsiness, pointing out that police can issue a DUI-type ticket for anyone caught driving while taking it.

But, he said, only about 17% of people actually get relief through oral medications.

There are over-the-counter medications that can help with eye symptoms, although Jacobs said people should not use vasoconstrictors — those that "get the red out" — because they can make symptoms worse.

Tong said over-the-counter medicated nasal sprays containing oxymetazoline, used in products like Afrin and phenylephrine, the key component in Neo-Synephrine are widely available, but use of these should be limited to no more than three consecutive days since overuse can actually worsen symptoms.

Jacobs said prescription nasal sprays can work for many people, and Tong said there's one over-the-counter medicine that's inexpensive, effective and has been used for decades: saline.

She said it's available as a pressurized spray and is also widely used as a liquid in a Neti pot, a nasal douche that's poured directly through the sinuses.

"Salt is a natural astringent, it'll dry up the membranes in the nasal passages," Tong said. "It'll work and with no side effects."

She said many people also add baking soda as an added astringent.

TAKE US ALONG



Walking the walls: The Stewart family (l-r) Tyler, Julie, Paul, Willy Clark, Shelby, Kay and John, takes a break from walking the walls of Dubrovnik in Croatia to read the Weekly.

While many people say eating local honey can help, Jacobs said that's unlikely.

"There's nothing to substantiate those claims," he said, explaining that the pollen that causes allergies are from plants that are wind pollinated.

"Generally, those pollens are not picked up by bees," he said.

Both Jacobs and Tong said people who suffer severe or prolonged allergy symptoms should check with a doctor; Jacobs added that people with allergies that return

every year might also consider immunotherapy, which has now been used by doctors for a century.

"People may be sensitive to specific pollens," he said. "By taking what you're allergic to, starting in very small doses and building up to an effective dose, that shuts down the body's response to the pollen."

Both doctors agreed that people should anticipate allergy season and start taking medications at the very start, or even before symptoms show up. ■

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Downtown Pleasanton to have a hardware store again

Workbench Hardware to open its 4th store in former Domus building in August

By JEB BING

Fred Nichandros, who owns Workbench Hardware in Valley Plaza at Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue, signed a long-term lease Monday to take over the 11,000-square-foot former Domus kitchen and home accessories store at 652 Main St.

To be called Workbench Main Street, the new store, which will open in early August, will be Nichandros' fourth hardware store, the other two located in Castro Val-

ley and Patterson.

Nichandros said the downtown store will sell the usual assortment of hardware merchandise, from small nails to electric drills.

"But with more space, we'll also offer barbecue grills, lawn furniture, more paint and decorating supplies and much more," he said.

He's also been in touch with Margaret Smith, who owned and operated Domus until last Christmas, and he plans to stock many of the housewares and cookware that attracted shoppers to her store from throughout the Tri-Valley. Smith retired after the holidays

and the Domus store has been empty ever since.

Workbench has 35 employees in its three stores and will add at least 10 more when the Main Street store opens. Nichandros said the building owner will put a sprinkler system in the building, which will take about 60 days, and then it will take another six weeks to have new fixtures installed.

Nichandros' father John started Workbench in Dublin in 1969 to provide supplies for his contracting business. He then switched to a career as a hardware store owner, moving the Dublin busi-

ness to the Valley Plaza site in 1970. He still helps operate the store in Castro Valley.

Fred Nichandros said he grew up with hardware store blood in his veins, but tried his hand at computer programming in the early 1980s before joining his father's business full-time in 1985. He and his wife Anne live in Castro Valley and have a son, Eric, who is a junior at Castro Valley High School.

Nichandros said the Main Street store will stay open later than the one at Valley Plaza, at least until 8 p.m., and will be open seven days a week. ■



JEB BING

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Safeway launches campaign to help those with disabilities

Continuing their longtime support of people with disabilities, Safeway Inc. and The Safeway Foundation launched their annual April fund-raising campaign this week to benefit Easter Seals, Special Olympics and other organizations that help those with disabilities.

The Pleasanton-headquartered company's Support for People with Disabilities campaign, along with other fundraising activities, have contributed more than \$140 million to these organizations over the years.

"We have designated April as our time to make a difference in the lives of countless people served by these well-respected organizations," said Larree Renda, Safeway executive vice president and chair of The Safeway Foundation.

"Because one in five people live with a physical or intellectual disability, few causes resonate as deep-

ly with our employees, customers and in our neighborhoods as the need to help people with disabilities reach their full potential," she added.

Each of the company's Safeway, Vons, Pavilions, Dominick's, Tom Thumb, Randalls and Carrs stores will collect donations at check stands throughout the month. In addition to in-store fundraising activities, the company and The Safeway Foundation will again partner with Rebuilding Together, the nation's leading nonprofit organization working to preserve affordable home ownership, to plan and execute home or community center rehabilitation projects that serve people with disabilities.

The following is a snapshot of how the annual campaign has impacted people and communities across the country. Funds donated

by Safeway's customers have:

- Financed training for Easter Seals staff across the country to help expand visibility of early intervention programs, which are critical for special-needs children, especially those with autism or other disabilities.
- Supported 23 Special Olympics programs in 22 states.
- Helped Easter Seals provide more than 37,000 hours of after-school care and other services for children with developmental disabilities in the San Francisco Bay Area through Easter Seals' Kaleidoscope program.
- Helped provide free training and competition opportunities to more than 13,000 Special Olympics athletes in Arizona.
- Helped Special Olympics Colorado expand to provide sports training to an additional 806 athletes.
- Financed the renovation of 20

homes and 12 non-profit centers nationwide through Rebuilding Together, benefiting nearly 5,500 individuals across the country. More than 1,800 Safeway employees donated more than 15,000 hours volunteering on Rebuilding Together projects.

"We are amazed at the impact that Safeway, its customers and employees have made each year on the lives of our clients and vital programs," said James E. Williams Jr., president and chief executive officer, Easter Seals. "Safeway also employs thousands of people with disabilities, many of them Easter Seals clients. This is a company that truly walks the talk."

"We are tremendously grateful for Safeway's continued support of Special Olympics," said Special Olympics president and CEO Brady Lum.

—Jeb Bing

Pleasanton Weekly presents Holiday Fund checks

Weekly, Silicon Valley Community Foundation cover expenses of fundraiser

By JEB BING

Ten nonprofit organizations have received checks from the Pleasanton Weekly 2012 Holiday Fund campaign that raised \$75,433.20 in donations during the campaign that started last Thanksgiving week

and ended Jan. 15.

Five organizations received checks for \$11,261. They were Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System

Five other organizations received checks of \$3,753. They were Hope Hospice, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, REACH, Sandra J Wing Therapies and Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley.

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund is a donor advised fund of Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. A contribution to this fund allows donations to be tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The SVCF and the Pleasanton Weekly handled all costs of the campaign, which meant that every dollar donated went directly to the 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

The checks were presented at a luncheon sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton by Gina Channell-Allen, publisher of the



DON ROBERTS

Representatives of 10 nonprofit organizations receive checks from the Pleasanton Weekly 2012 Holiday Fund campaign at a luncheon sponsored by Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Pleasanton Weekly, Jeb Bing, the newspaper's editor, and Melanie C. LeGrande, Corporate Philanthropy Manager of Silicon Valley Commu-

nity Foundation. The Pleasanton Weekly will launch its 2013 Holiday Fund campaign Nov. 18. ■

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LETTERS

Rugby alive and well

Dear Editor,

I read the editorial March 22 about Pleasanton sports and what caught my attention was this: "(Community Services Manager Mark) Spiller said that about the only sport that hasn't yet caught on in Pleasanton is rugby, which has its dedicated players and fans but not yet the numbers to fill a field here."

For your information, the Pleasanton Cavaliers Rugby Club is:

■ 160-plus youth rugby players and 25-plus volunteer coaches

■ Fields seven age group teams

■ Founded in 2009 with a single high school team; growing 20% plus each year

■ Charter member of the Northern California Youth Rugby Association

■ Plays rugby eight months per year

■ Practices twice weekly and plays matches on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays

■ Hosts 10-12 all day "rugby days" per season, where 200 to 500 youth rugby players from 20-plus teams come to play rugby matches

While Cavaliers would love to practice and play in Pleasanton, where more than 60% of our players live, we find it difficult due to the grass-only fields, field closure policy, no refunds for rain-outs and the lack of hourly rental options, so we instead use Las Positas College, Robertson Park in Livermore, and Emerald Glen Park in Dublin.

If there is ever a change in field use policy and how Pleasanton allocates and charges for its field space, Cavaliers would love to practice and play rugby in Pleasanton.

**Richard Reynolds, President,
Pleasanton Cavaliers Youth Rugby**

Narum for council

Dear Editor,

We have been residents of Pleasanton for 44 years. We have raised our family here, started our business here, and intend to stay here. We are fortunate enough to have our family living in Pleasanton, and our grandchildren are currently attending Pleasanton schools.

Our family has always been active and concerned about Pleasanton politics. Our attitude has always been "what's best for Pleasanton."

In the upcoming City Council race, we feel that there is one candidate that is head and shoulders above the others, and that's Kathy Narum. Kathy is a long-term resident of Pleasanton. She has served on the Parks and Recreation Commission, she presently serves on the Planning Commission, and she has participated in many other city activities. We feel her experience and qualifications exceed the other three candidates combined. She is not running for council to "go along and get along" and she is not afraid to take a hard stand on public employee wages and benefits. Most importantly, like us, Kathy has a

deep love and affection for our city. From our beautiful downtown to our schools and our neighborhoods, Kathy's attitude is and always will be "what's best for Pleasanton."

We encourage you to join with us and vote for Kathy Narum for Pleasanton City Council.

Frank & Muriel Capilla

Miller for council

Dear Editor,

I have known David Miller, his wife Laura and their three daughters for several years. As a City Council member, he will put the interests of Pleasanton residents and taxpayers above those of outside special interests.

David is aware of the efforts to determine Pleasanton's future by unelected regional governmental boards. As a proponent of local control, David has spoken out in front of these regional boards in favor of retaining local control. David has also been on the forefront of the unfunded liability issue facing Pleasanton and has been instrumental in bringing the issue to the attention of residents and taxpayers. That is why I trust him as a City Council member to bring transparency to local government.

He will keep residents informed about the issues that will affect them. That is why I will vote for David Miller and encourage others to vote for him, too.

Suzanne Tringali

Waif of a park

Dear Editor,

In looking through the new Activities Guide, I was struck by the table on page 44 that lists the 43 city parks and their amenities. Forty-three parks are a tribute to the city's planning, but there is one park which stands out because of the fact that it has absolutely no amenities: #43 Woodthrush Park.

Size is not an issue; there are 12 parks smaller than Woodthrush. The three smallest parks (Civic, Delucchi and Lions Wayside) are one-fifth the size of Woodthrush, but they all have some amenities such as picnic tables and play areas. Woodthrush has nothing.

An argument might be made that the proximity of Woodthrush to the Sports Park makes amenities unneeded. However the amenities typical of a neighborhood park are a considerable distance from Woodthrush — the youth play area is almost a half mile walk.

Woodthrush Park is a common area for mothers with small children to meet while pushing strollers, a stopping point for seniors on their daily "constitutional," and with even the simplest of amenities — picnic tables — it would attract families to spend some time enjoying our park over a coffee, a snack, or an hour for a picnic on a great spring or summer day.

Pleasanton deserves better than to have a "park" that is little more than a couple of vacant lots with grass. I ask that the Parks and Recreation

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

The Mike Bloomberg syndrome

Developers of a large apartment complex to be built on part of the California Center office land won the Pleasanton Planning Commission's approval last week, but not without unprecedented criticism from both an alternate member of the commission and the chairman of the city's Housing Commission. It was the second time Mark English and his Pleasant Partners group had presented detailed plans for a development at West Las Positas and Rosewood drives that will have 305 apartments in two, three and four-story buildings and a two-building retail center at the corner. The project will be built on some of the lush grassland on the West Las Positas side of California Center (formerly CarrAmerica), also utilizing much of the adjacent parking lot. The office center is only half-filled, but part of the new plan also calls for construction of a 7,500-square-foot new surface parking area and a parking garage on the I-580 side of the center when there's enough demand from new tenants.

Although the five-member Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the project and send the proposal to the City Council later this month for its consideration, demands made of the developer during the hearing by Mark Posson seemed clearly out of line, considering his responsibility as an alternate on the commission. It was almost as if New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg was in the room with his frequent nanny-ism calls for smaller soda drink sizes, no salt on restaurant tables and other City Hall-dictated demands. Posson insisted that the project developer install only energy-efficient appliances in the apartments, add photovoltaic panels in every apartment and solar-powered water heaters whether the apartment buildings have solar collectors on rooftops or not.

Next came John Casey, chairman of the Housing Commission and former Councilwoman Becky Dennis, an affordable housing advocate, to ask that the commission take the proposed multi-million-dollar complex off the table until the developer would agree to add more subsidized apartments for low to very low income tenants. Casey said his commission had rejected the proposed development plan because only 36 of the 305 units would have "affordable" classifications, with only 10 of those to be rented to those with very low incomes. In a city that he said is desperately in need of more affordable housing, the Pleasant Partners project is woefully short of what the Housing Commission says should be its goal.

Fortunately, the five regular Planning Commissioners rejected both arguments and voted to approve the project. They pointed out that the commission's job is to deal with land use issues, to make sure projects meet city codes and the American Disability Act requirements, but not to micro-manage how apartment units should be furnished. With the recent court decision outlawing inclusionary zoning requirements that cities have used to enforce in projects such as the one Pleasant Partners is proposing, the best city leaders can hope for are developers that agree to provide a reasonable number of those units, as this developer has done. To do otherwise not only invites lawsuits, which Pleasanton has too often faced, but also discourages builders from coming here with first-class development plans as Pleasant Partners has done. ■



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Commission and Community Services review the allocation of funds and resources for 2013, and do something to improve our little waif of a park in Birdland — Woodthrush Park.

Alan and Jackie Mode

Elect Narum

Dear Editor,

As our political season advances, I want to ensure that everyone knows the best candidate for the Pleasanton City Council vacant seat is Kathy Narum. Kathy is a 16-year Pleasanton resident devoted to community service. Her record shows a broad background with such avenues of service as Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission and six task forces, including the recent Downtown Hospitality Guideline Task Force. Her experience and leadership roles in this diverse range show her willingness to listen to residents, her independent thinking and her watchful eye on the city's

fiscal sustainability. It is no wonder that Kathy's endorsements number many residents representing a multitude of neighborhoods and interests. Please join me in electing Kathy Narum to the City Council.

Harvey Kameny

Best choice: Narum

Dear Editor,

Kathy Narum is the only candidate who has placed her time and energy forward on a constant basis to improve Pleasanton by active participation in processes that are effective and democratic. She has provided distinguished service on the Parks and Recreation Commission and on the Planning Commission.

Before you can address problems, issues and projects, you must understand them. Kathy researches issues, diligently completes all homework, invites and carefully listens to citizen input, then pursues solutions benefiting the entire community.

Kathy is a team player. She knows moving forward requires working with others to arrive at mutually satisfying solutions. Through ef-

fective persuasion Kathy will be a strong voice on the City Council promoting fiscal stability and responsible growth.

Pleasanton is not an island able to move forward without consideration of adjacent cities, the county and state. Kathy understands the structure of government. She knows we must actively work with other agencies and jurisdictions to address common issues while striving to improve and protect our community and maintain local values.

Kathy Narum is the candidate most prepared to serve in a top leadership position.

Mail in that ballot! Vote Kathy Narum for Pleasanton City Council.

Dolores Bengtson

Support David Miller

Dear Editor,

This 42-year Pleasanton resident is supporting David Miller in his candidacy for Pleasanton City Council.

I believe that David Miller will stand up to bureaucrats bent on imposing their agendas on the citizens of Pleasanton. David believes in sensible growth and development that will preserve Pleasanton's small town lifestyle. He is opposed to the urban high-rise development that threatens our city. David understands that the negative impact on Pleasanton's infrastructure, schools, traffic and public safety services will be severe.

David has a strong business background and community involvement. He has the vision and courage necessary to help move Pleasanton forward, while insuring a solid fiscal footing in a challenging economy. David will provide a fresh voice on the council and bring new ideas forward.

David is a genuinely nice person, with a wonderful family. His children attend Pleasanton schools. He has a degree in electrical engineering and 25 years experience in the high tech field, earning several patents.

Please join me in voting for David Miller for Pleasanton City Council.

Dorene Paradiso-Carroll

Protect CEQA

Dear Editor,

As a former Pleasanton City Council member and Planning Commissioner with over 14 years of service, I am very concerned that the current council has come out in support of

so-called reform of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This landmark 1970 legislation is truly an "environmental bill of rights" for communities throughout California. It requires disclosure of environmental, public health and other development impacts, that public questions and concerns be addressed, provides for mitigations of impacts, and articulates a legal process to address non-complying projects. I have witnessed firsthand how CEQA works to protect communities, and without it, Pleasanton would be a very different place today.

Developers and large business interests, who have propagated a myth that CEQA is being abused and is delaying or stopping good projects, are pushing this reform. Who benefits from this change? Developers who would like projects approved without messy public involvement. Oil and natural gas companies who are planning a large scale environmentally damaging hydraulic fracturing ("fracking") process to extract hard to reach resources throughout California. And even state government, which would love to avoid community opposition to the high speed rail project and its plans to divert Sacramento River water to San Joaquin Valley agribusiness interests. Who loses? The public.

The Pleasanton City Council action is merely symbolic, but clearly demonstrates the side of the issue they are on. If you are as concerned as I am about this, please contact your state legislators and the Governor's office to express your opposition.

Matt Sullivan

Vote for Miller

Dear Editor,

I love Pleasanton. Like most residents, I like the small town feel of our city. I can travel from place to place within our city limits, without it becoming a traffic nightmare. Our crime rate is so low it takes only a half page or less to report each week. Amazing, when compared to many other cities within Alameda County.

During the recent housing dip, our property values remained higher than many neighboring communities. Schools are a strong attraction to our incredible city. I've always ignored party lines on city elections and voted for candidates who promised to keep the quaint feel of Pleasanton by promoting sensible growth. I am very concerned that we are on

the brink of losing the charm that drew us to this wonderful city. I ask each of you to investigate what the state and present City Council have slated for us. Then I urge you to join me in voting for David Miller.

Janis Mulhall

Chamber for Narum

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its Business and Community Political Action Committee (BACPAC) candidate endorsement in the special "mail only" City Council election being held next month.

The decision was based on interviews conducted by BACPAC with all four candidates. Each was asked to discuss Pleasanton 2015: A Community Vision, the Chamber's local public policy platform comprised of goals for the economy, jobs, education, transportation, public safety, health, housing, arts, leadership, culture and recreation.

Kathy Narum's track record of support for Pleasanton 2015 and extensive experience as a Planning Commissioner and former Parks and Recreation Commissioner set her apart from the competition.

Narum is known for doing her homework, and acting in the best interests of the total community. Fiscal sustainability, responsible growth and excellent schools are more than campaign slogans — they are in fact the primary filters Narum uses time and again as a planning commissioner.

In other candidates Mark Hamilton, David Miller and Olivia Sanwong the community is fortunate to have sharp, enthusiastic individuals stepping up to the civic plate. We hope they will bring their energy and love for Pleasanton to city or school district commissions and committees where they may gain valuable experience.

**Scott Raty, President/CEO
Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce**

Choose Narum

Dear Editor,

On May 7 Pleasanton will have an election to fill the vacant City Council seat for the approximately 18 months remaining in this seat. I have made an effort to research the four candidates running for this seat. My conclusion has been that Kathy Narum is the best candidate for this seat. She is clearly prepared to jump right in to do all the work that our City Council must conduct to make our city of Pleasanton a great place to live.

I was extremely impressed that she had served for five years as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner and also has served another five years as a Planning Commissioner as well for the city of Pleasanton. In my mind these two are the key commissions in our city and most definitely make Kathy Narum ready to fill the role as a City Council member. Please take a moment to go to her web site, www.kathynarum.com, to thoroughly gain knowledge about her record and to see why she should be the one selected by all of the caring and knowledgeable voters of Pleasanton. Please choose Kathy Narum on your mail-in ballot when it arrives and mail it in early.

Chris Miller

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

STUDENTS get an insider's look at public sector



CITY, SCHOOL
OFFICIALS OFFER
INSIGHTS AS PART
OF YOUTH IN
GOVERNMENT DAY

story & photo by glenn wohltmann

Shya Chand, a senior at Amador, and John Malchar, a junior at Foothill, sit in with City Manager Nelson Fialho at the annual Youth in Government Day, held Tuesday.

Pleasanton's annual Youth in Government Day hopes to introduce some of the city's high schoolers to job opportunities in the public sector, and if last Tuesday's event is any example, it's working.

Sixty students from Amador, Foothill, Village and Horizon high schools attended the day, shadowing elected and appointed officials from city government and the school district, from Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi to School Board Member Joan Laursen to Mayor Jerry Thorne and City Manager Nelson Fialho.

Both Fialho and Ahmadi offered advice when the students gathered at the Firehouse Arts Center in the morning.

Fialho offered a quote from President John F. Kennedy, reminding them that "history will judge you and as the years pass, you will ultimately judge yourself on the extent to which you have used your gifts to lighten and enrich the lives of others."

Like the city manager, Ahmadi told the students that no matter where they end up, they should help others.

"Service is the rent you pay for the space you occupy on this earth," she said.

Fialho told the two students who shadowed him for part of the day that he'd decided to work in city management following a youth-in-government day he attended.

Tuesday morning, they tagged along as Fialho met with Daniel Smith, director of the city's operation center, where they discussed plans for some modifications to the facility on Busch Road.

In the afternoon, the pair sat in on Fialho's weekly meeting with Mayor Jerry Thorne, where they discussed next week's City Council agenda, the upcoming Planning Commission meeting and the proposed development at the California Center on Rosewood Drive.

Both of the students, Shya Chand, a 17-year-old senior at Amador, and John Malchar, a 16-year-old junior at Foothill, said they gained insights from their time with the city manager.

Chand said the day may have changed her career path.

"It really solidified that I want to go into government. It really makes me want to do this in the

future," she said. "I like the way he runs the city — it definitely does seem like a career path."

Malchar already has his career path laid out. He hopes to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and serve 20 years in the military. After that, he was hoping for a career in state or federal politics as an elected official.

"Seeing what Mr. Fialho did was interesting to me and opened me up to the idea of something local," he said.

Malchar added that time in the military could help give him a unique perspective toward helping others.

Both Chand and Malchar have already done internships, Chand at a local law office and Malchar at Congressman Jerry McNerney's office.

While most of the attendees at the Youth in Government Day may have their career paths already laid out, part of the afternoon was dedicated to reducing stress while pursuing success.

Students were videotaped on stage after creating slogans they'll hopefully remember later in life. ■



Celebrating service

NCL seniors complete six years of giving to the community

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The 38 mother and daughter graduates of the National Charity League of Pleasanton were joined by family and friends at Castlewood Country Club recently to celebrate their six years of community service.

The Senior Presents event recognized the NCL class of 2013 Ticktockers, the daughters, who have volunteered more than 3,260 hours to 34 organizations in the Tri-Valley. Mothers and daughters join NCL when the girls are in the

seventh grade and stay through their senior year in high school.

Graduate Claire Williams received the Senior Service Award for having earned the highest number of cumulative philanthropic service hours in the six years of membership. Claire volunteered more than 720 hours.

"All of the Ticktockers and their moms have volunteered hundreds of hours while helping others, and every single hour that was served made a big difference in the lives of

someone else within our community," Williams said. "That is what it is really all about — helping others."

This year's Ticktockers are Elizabeth Broughton, Brooke Campbell, Jessica Crawford, Kylie Copenhagen, Anna Dotson, Claire Goveia, Chelsea Hernandez, Nicole Heller, Meredith Jaeger, Kemi Kantor, Samantha Kim, Corinne Logan, Kelsey Matsune, Sabrina McGraw, Maggie Moellering, Makenzie Muller, Natalie Recupero, Mikaela Schwab and Claire Williams. ■

Chorale presenting renowned works

Contemporary pieces are 'deeply moving,' says director

The Valley Concert Chorale will present the highlight concert of its 49th season next week, "Songs of Serenity," featuring the music of two of the choral world's most renowned and creative contemporary composers, Maurice Duruflé and Morten Lauridsen.

"We will perform the Duruflé Requiem and Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna, two of the most deeply moving contemporary choral pieces ever written," said VCC Artistic Director John Emory Bush. "These two pieces are favorites of choral singers and audiences all over the world, and whether you are a fan of choral music or not, after experiencing these two incredible pieces, you will be."

Las Positas College Chamber Choir, under the direction of Robert Lappa, will perform with VCC.

"I think the Kyrie of the Requiem is the best of any choral composer," Bush said. "Based on Gregorian chants and colored to influence the era of Impressionism, this piece is similar to the

tones and melodic lines of Debussy. Think of your favorite Impressionistic painting and that's what this music is."

Soloists featured in the Requiem will be guest baritone Brian Leerhuber and soprano Jumi Kim, a member of VCC.

Leerhuber has been seen in recent seasons on the stages of San Francisco Opera, Los Angeles Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Minnesota Opera, Utah Symphony & Opera, Houston Grand Opera and Tulsa Opera among others. Kim received her master's in voice from the San

Francisco Conservatory of Music. She received opera experience at Sonoma State University and in the Bay Area.

"Songs of Serenity" will begin at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 13, at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door; students \$10; children under 12 free. Visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org or call 866-4003. ■



Jumi Kim



Brian Leerhuber

Livermore-Amador Symphony potpourri

Guest conductor will lead energetic program

By PATRICIA BOYLE

Livermore-Amador Symphony's 50th season celebration continues with its third concert of the season, "Guest Conductor Potpourri," tomorrow night at the Bankhead Theater.

The energetic and varied program includes Fanfare for the Common Man by Aaron Copland, Verdi's Overture to La Forza del Destino, Mendelssohn's String Symphony No. 10, and Camille Saint-Saëns' Symphony No. 3 with organ. Albert Campbell, organist, will perform on a portable electronic theater organ with full capabilities, the same organ used by the San Francisco Opera Company.

LAS conductor Dr. Arthur Barnes will turn over his baton for the evening to guest conductor Dawn Harms, who currently serves on the faculty at Stanford University. Harms' career is as varied as the evening's program. She is a violinist, violist and chamber musician as well as a conductor. She has played "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at a Giants game with violinist Nadja

Salerno-Sonnenberg and played on her cousin Tom Wait's CD's.

Harms is a member of the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, co-concertmaster with the Oakland East Bay Symphony and associate

concertmaster of the critically acclaimed New Century Chamber Orchestra.

The final concert of LAS' 50th season will take place on May 18

and features Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Valley Concert Chorale and Pacific Masterworks Chorus will join the orchestra in the Beethoven performance. If you have ever wanted to sing Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" with a full orchestra, this is your chance.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m., preceded by a prelude talk from 7-7:30 p.m. The Bankhead Theater is located at 2400 First St., Livermore. For tickets, visit www.mylvpac.com or call 373-6800. ■



Dawn Harms



JESSICA QUINTAL/SHINE PHOTOGRAPHY

Remembering Teddy

Jim Telfer from Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Paula Sieron and her friend's dog Stella pause by a poster remembering Teddy, Sieron's Bichon Frise who died Feb. 12, prompting her to hold a fundraiser for TVAR last month.

"The event was in memory of Teddy, a little cutie munchkin," Sieron said. "He used to drive with me everywhere, to the beach and the park and the wineries. When I was crying the second day I decided I wanted to do something positive."

The party, held at Murphy's Paw on Main Street, drew more than 40 guests, and raised \$400 for TVAR.

"It was a huge success yet most importantly a very heart-warming time to remember my little doggie," Sieron said.

Remember the water main

Project addresses multiple problems with Pleasanton water

BY JIM BRICE

Pleasanton residents may never feel the direct effects of the \$498,000 water main construction project that has temporarily reduced traffic to a single lane for about 400 yards along Vineyard Avenue from Adams Way to Bernal Avenue. But this second phase of a project started in 2008 is designed to raise water pressure for some hillside households and improve the drinking water quality for all residents.

The project, contracted to low bidder Caggiano General Engineering in El Dorado Hills, also involves preventive maintenance by retiring one of the last segments of operational 12-inch diameter cast iron water main in the city.

The cast iron pipe, first installed in the mid-1950s, has been singled out for replacement to reduce the risk of possible catastrophic failure, according to Dan Martin, utilities superintendent for the city of Pleasanton.

No major incidents associated with the old water main have been reported on Vineyard Avenue, but Main Street and Santa Rita Road were both dug up in the winter of 2012 for emergency repairs to leaking cast iron water mains in front of the Pleasanton Hotel and Amador Valley High School, he said.

The city is systematically replacing the system's cast iron mains. Their locations are known, and they are monitored, Martin said. They are replaced when road resurfacing is planned above the pipes or when other issues, such as the one that led to the Vineyard Avenue project, leads to construction.

The cast iron pipe on Vineyard Avenue will actually remain in place to avoid digging a trench for its removal. It has been



repurposed to serve as a conduit for 1,550 feet of 8-inch, high-pressure, poly-vinyl chloride (PVC) pipe that will reside inside, said Pleasanton senior civil engineer Adam M. Nelkie.

The new PVC line, which will be pulled through the pipe, will deliver water pressurized to 110 pounds per square inch (psi) to the last enclave of hillside houses south side of Vineyard Avenue that does not have a high-pressure water source.

The 25 residences are located on 300 blocks of Mavis Drive and Ewing Drive and Zwissig Court, a half block long cul de sac just south of Vineyard Avenue. The new water main connects the houses with a city water pump station at the intersection of Vineyard and Bernal avenues. Water for the entire neighborhood originates from the water division's Bonde-1 water tank on a hill overlooking Bernal Avenue at Roselma Place.

The project also involves installation of a new 12-inch PVC water main supplying low pressure (60-75 psi) water to

houses and businesses north of Vineyard. The large blue pipe will be connected to the water main installed east of Adams Way in 2008 and a new 16-inch PVC pipe that will cover the final 160 feet before its connection with the Vineyard-Bernal pumping station.

Construction began in early March and is scheduled for completion by mid-June. Road resurfacing on Vineyard Avenue from Bernal to Adams Way is planned for this summer giving the Pleasanton Water Division an incentive to have the underground water mains in place before that phase of the project begins, Martin said.

The two water mains will create two separate distribution loops — one at 110 psi to improve water delivery to hillside customers in Pleasanton's southeastern neighborhoods, and the other operating at 60-75 psi for the flat-land customers mainly north of Vineyard Ave.

"Lower zone pressure is sufficient for homes north of Vine-



JIM BRICE

Mark Messa, a construction inspector with the city of Pleasanton, examines plans for Vineyard Avenue water main installation, which is being done to raise water pressure for hillside homes and improve the quality of the drinking water. Fast turnover is important for good water quality, said the city's utilities superintendent Dan Martin.

At left, Jeff Campbell (left) and Nick Stone of Campbell Construction in Amador City prepare to drop a 12-inch PVC pipe into a trench to supply low pressure water to houses and businesses north of Vineyard.

More options to improve water quality

Nearly all of Pleasanton's potable water comes from the Zone 7 Water Agency, mostly from the Bay Delta. Martin said the rest originates from municipal wells around the city or Del Valle Reservoir.

By closing the loop for the Bonde high-pressure zone, the new Vineyard water mains will give engineers more control over the quality of the city's water supply, Martin said. Quality is not only defined by the inherent mineral composition of water and its residual chlorine content. It is also affected by how efficiently it circulates through the system and how long it sits in storage tanks, he said.

Fast turnover, measured by the ability to minimize the time between the tank and tap, are important for good water quality, Martin said. Without the parallel water lines on Vineyard Avenue, water division staff can monitor turnover times, but they have limited control over the routes used to transport water from storage to the consumer.

Water from the Vineyard/Bernal pump station currently has to flow east for some distance before connecting with a main that ultimately allows it to flow downhill for use at homes south of Vineyard Avenue, Martin said. The new water mains will close a gap allowing water to flow directly from the pumping station to consumers a few blocks away.

"This will no longer be a dead end," he said. "We will be able to move water in and out from two directions."

Martin said the ability to take such actions may lead to fresher water for Pleasanton, but it will not make its tap water taste better.

"That's a water treatment issue and would take far more than a few hundred feet of water main to address," he said. ■

yard Avenue, but it is only marginally acceptable for higher elevations south of Vineyard Avenue," Martin said.

Gravity as power source

The need for variable pressure zones stems from the use of gravity to move water from 16 storage tanks strategically positioned on hills around the city to customers below, Martin said.

The amount of generated water pressure depends on the difference in elevation from the tanks and the residence or business where the water is used. Water pressures tend to be lower in hilly neighborhoods, such as Kottinger Ranch, than in downtown Pleasanton and neighborhoods on the valley floor.

"Tanks that serve the high zones are not high enough. They just don't generate enough pressure," Martin said.

Variable water pressure zones, supported by 13 electric

pumping stations, help address the problem. The high pressure zone south of Vineyard — referred to as the Bonde Zone — extends to the city's southern city limits and has a complex eastern border to deliver high-pressure water to the hilltop residences of Vintage Hills and the higher elevation home sites west of Second Street. Its eastern border is at Isabel Avenue.

Additional high-pressure zones have been carved out for Kottinger Ranch, Grey Eagle Estates and Ruby Hill.

On the west side of Interstate 680, the city's water division manages another series of high pressure zones west of Foot-hill Road along the Pleasanton Ridge.

This two-zone system does not mean that hilltop residents have more water pressure than flatlanders, however. A pressure regulator valve is a standard feature next to the water meters for such Pleasanton homes and many businesses. It reduces pressure to 60-75 psi to conserve water and prevent damage caused by too much pressure to water heaters and other appliances.

WEDDING

LeBrun-Scott

Sara Louise LeBrun and Andre Scott were married March 14 at Poʻiolenalena Beach in Maui, Hawaii, followed by a reception.

Sara is the daughter of Betty and Lloyd Whitlock of Pleasanton and Bill LeBrun of Oakley. She graduated from Village High School in 1994, and is director of Sales and Marketing at the Marriott in Pleasanton.

Andre is the son of Anna Scott of San Jose and the late Henry Scott Jr. of Madera. He graduated from Andrew Hill High School in 1996, and is employed as a sales representative at Solar Advisors.

The couple is living in Pleasanton after honeymooning in Maui.



POLICE BULLETIN

Credit card fraud nets \$40k

More than \$40,000 in credit card fraud was reported at 2:12 p.m. April 2 from a resident of the 5800 block of Corte Brazos.

The homeowner knew that a credit card using his personal information had been opened in 2008; he attempted to resolve the matter himself before reporting the ongoing thefts. In all, \$40,500 was stolen.

In other police reports:

- Police are investigating a March 30 arson, reported at 3:05 a.m. in the 700 block of Pietronave Lane. A car that had been stolen in San Jose was set on fire.
- Two separate felony cases of embezzlement were reported March 29. One, reported at about 2:09 p.m. in the 2600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, involved identity theft. The other, reported at about 2:26 p.m. in the 1200 block of Quarry Lane, involved the writing of fraudulent checks. Additional details were not available.
- An overnight break at RePlanet Recycling in the 6100 block of W.

Las Positas Boulevard netted nearly \$2,000 in cash and change from the business. The burglary took place between 6 p.m. March 26 and 9:10 a.m. March 27. Entry was through the front door.

- A March 29 break-in at Public Storage in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard netted a television valued at \$1,700, a second TV worth \$350, and a \$200 stroller. It's unknown how entry was made in the burglary, reported at 9:32 a.m.
- Kathy K. Suh, 57, of San Ramon was arrested at about 3:18 p.m. April 2 in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road for grand theft for taking clothing worth more than \$2,125 from Macy's Women's; she was taken into custody after being spotted by store security.
- Roman Ralph Araya, 25, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 3:42 p.m. March 30 in the 1500 block of East Gate Way for felony possession of a handmade billy club.
- David P. Johnston, 37, of Livermore, was arrested at around 8:06 p.m. March 30 in the 900 block of Montevino Drive for felony possession of methamphetamines and paraphernalia possession. Johnstone was also arrested on a felony warrant from the Alameda County

Sheriff's office.

- Edward Michael Rodriguez, 42, of Hayward was arrested at about 1 a.m. April 1 in the 4200 block of Valley Avenue on a felony warrant from Pleasanton for attempting to evade a police officer.

- Destiny Lajwell Foster, 21, of Vallejo was arrested at about 4:07 p.m. March 27 in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road for felony shoplifting in the theft of clothing worth \$162 from Macy's Men's.
- A resident of the 1900 block of Via di Salerno reported an unauthorized credit card charge of \$655 in an incident reported at 5:57 p.m. March 28.
- A bicycle and tools worth a total of \$525 were reported stolen at about 8:06 p.m. March 27 from a shared garage in the 1500 block of East Gate Way.
- No entry was made, but a pry tool was used in a March 27 burglary attempt at a home in the 7800 block of Fair Oaks Drive. Damage to the door was \$500 in the break-in attempt, reported at 7:06 a.m. March 28.

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

—Glenn Wohltmann



The City of Pleasanton invites applications for the following commissions and committees:

- Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District – 1 Member
- Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee – 1 Member
- Civic Arts Commission – 1 Member
- Committee on Energy & the Environment – 3 Members

- from each of the following categories:
- Commercial Real Estate Developer
 - Green Economy/Environmental Industry
 - Financial Services
 - Medical Technology
 - Residential Real Estate Developer

- Human Services Commission – 1 Member
- Parks & Recreation Commission – 1 Member
- Planning Commission – 1 Member

Youth Commission –

1 Member from each of the following categories:

- Amador High School (by fall 2013 freshman through junior)
- Foothill High School (by fall 2013 freshman through junior)
- Village High School (by fall 2013 freshman through junior)

Thomas Hart Middle School (entering 6th or 7th Grade by fall 2013)

Youth Member for each of the following Commissions

Civic Arts – Human Services – Library – Parks & Recreation

For the Commission vacancies listed above, youth must be entering 9 – 11th grades in Fall 2013 to be eligible. Youth member terms on the above Commissions are 2 years

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office,
123 Main Street,

or on the City's web site at

<http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>.

For additional information,

contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

**Application deadline extended to
Friday, April 12, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in serving on a commission or committee that has no current vacancies listed, you may register your interest in future vacancies by completing an interest card on our website at

www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

See page 19 for more city information.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 27

Auto burglary

- 8:26 a.m. in the 3900 block of Blacow Street
- 9:19 a.m. in the 1500 block of Loganberry Way
- 1:17 p.m. in the 3200 block of Omega Circle

Battery

- 7:21 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

March 28

Theft

- 11:42 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 2:10 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; theft from structure
- 5:38 p.m. in the 5900 block of Black Ave
- 5:56 p.m. in the 5900 block of Corte Espada
- 6:46 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement
- 7:15 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

March 29

Theft

- 1:50 p.m. in the 1300 block of Hearst Drive

Vandalism

- 2:33 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
- 10:34 a.m. in the 600 block of Grapevine Drive

DUI

- 1:45 a.m. at the intersection of Blackbird Drive and Valley Avenue

March 30

Theft

- 1:48 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Avenue
- 2:24 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Avenue; shoplifting

Battery

- 2:57 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

Vandalism

- 11:36 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive

DUI

- 1:21 a.m. at the intersection of Santa

- Rita Road and W. Las Positas Blvd
- 10:34 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Boulder Street

March 31

Public drunkenness

- 1:42 a.m. in the 3300 block of Smoketree Commons

April 1

Theft

- 11:29 a.m. in the 100 block of Ray St

Battery

- 5:47 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug violations

- 1:32 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; drug violation
- 9:17 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; marijuana possession

April 2

Theft

- 4:21 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES

Cecile Wun-Sze Lee

May 13, 1966-March 28, 2013

Pleasanton resident and physician Dr. Cecile Wun-Sze Lee passed away at home surrounded by her family on March 28, 2013 at the age of 46 after a courageous five-year battle with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She was born in Hong Kong on May 13, 1966, and moved with her parents to the United States at the age of one. A 1984 graduate of Cherry Hill East High School in New Jersey,



she earned a bachelor of science degree with a major in bio-resource science at the University of California, Berkeley where she and Hank met and later married in 1992.

She attended Tulane University Medical School with Hank in New Orleans, earning both her medical degree and a master's degree in public health in 1993, becoming the first physician in her family. She completed her residency in dermatology at Tulane Medical Center in 1997. Cecile and Hank moved to Pleasanton and opened their practice, Pacific Dermatology. She was also on staff at ValleyCare Medical Center. Dr. Lee cared for her patients as if they were family members. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening, cooking, reading, exercising, Tai Chi, knitting, Chinese painting, playing the piano and spending time with her family and friends. She is

described as a caring and loving mother and wife with a good sense of humor and a gentle spirit.

Dr. Lee is survived by her husband, Dr. Hank Fung and their children, Kristin and Brandon; her mother Fung Chun Lee and father Kan Chee Lee of Dublin; her sisters Mona Lee Chin of Castro Valley, and Nancy Lee Goggans of Nashville, TN.

The viewing will be on Tuesday, April 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. and the memorial service will be on Wednesday, April 10 at 10 a.m. at the Chapel of the Chimes, 4499 Piedmont Avenue in Oakland, followed by a burial service at 12 p.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland.

The family prefers gifts in her memory to the UCSF Foundation P.O. Box 45339 San Francisco, CA 94145-0339; online at makeagift@ucsf.edu.

Classes

BEGINNING SEWING Join this sewing class for beginners, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays, April 6-27. At Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Cost is \$89. Contact Frances Denisco at 424-1467 or commed@laspositascollege.edu.

Clubs

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 11, at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. Ernie Wasson, nursery and garden curator at Cabrillo College, will speak on how to grow, water and prune Salvias.

Concerts

'SONGS OF SERENITY' The Valley Concert Chorale and Las Positas College Chamber Choir will present "Songs of Serenity" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 13, at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Go to www.valleyconcertchorale.org, or call 866-4003.

Events

'THE BIG DRAW' The city of Pleasanton is sponsoring an arts day, "The Big Draw," from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 11, which will take place downtown. The

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Tribute to Legendary Ladies of Country Music

Joni Morris and the After Midnight Band are returning to the Firehouse Arts Center with her hit show that honors the women of country music, for one show only at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 6. Tickets are \$15-\$25, youth \$12, available at www.firehousearts.org; at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave.; or by calling 931-4848.

organizers are looking for people who are interested in showing off all different types of art forms to the public, including dance, literary, music and visual. Money raised will go toward supporting art programs in our schools. Visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/contact/.

ALL-BREED CAT SHOW More than 200 cats and kittens of 42 breeds will be on exhibit and competing for Best in Show at the annual CFA All-Breed Cat Show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., April 6-7 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Event will feature feline agility competition; rescue groups with cats for adoption; arts, crafts, gifts and gadgets for sale; and door prizes. Cost:

\$9 adults, \$5 seniors and children under 10, \$20 family, \$8 parking. Proceeds to benefit health research. Call 827-2722 or visit www.crowcanyoncatclub.org.

ART CRITIQUE AND COFFEE ACC (Art Critique and Coffee) meets at 10 a.m. for Fine Art on Friday at the Corner Bakery Cafe at the Pleasanton Gateway Plaza on Bernal Avenue. Pull up a chair under the umbrellas with professional, local and emerging artists of the Bay Area. For details, call Claudette McDermott at 510-543-4776.

DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CIVICS TEAM See the Amador Valley High School Competitive Civics Team in action and lend your support, at its dress rehearsal at 6:30 p.m., Monday,

April 15, at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr. Pleasanton.

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

POLICE SPEAKER SERIES FOR PARENTS The Pleasanton Police Department has two more events in its free speaker's series targeting parents of children 10 years and up. Cyber bullying will be the topic at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 17, for parents of students at Amador Valley and Village high schools at the Amador library; and at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, for parents of students at Foothill High in its multi-purpose room. Call the police at 931-5100 for more information.

VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY'S GREAT CATSBY Enjoy an unforgettable evening of food, music, dancing and gambling with a Roaring '20s theme and music by the CoolTones at the Valley Humane Society's Great Catsby, from 6-10:30 p.m., Saturday, July 27, at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Cost is \$65, or \$100 with poker. Contact Melanie Sadek at 426-8656 or msadek@valleyhumane.org

ON THE TOWN



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WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

TOUR Take a free tour of the DSRSD Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7399 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton, from 3-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 10. Learn how 10 million gallons of Tri-Valley waste water is treated every day. Free and open to the public (adults, teens, children 7 and older). Reservations required at www.drsrd.com/Education/tourrequest.html.

YOM HASHOAH (HOLOCAUST

REMEMBRANCE DAY) Congregation Beth Emek will hold a Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) ceremony from 6-7 p.m., Sunday, April 7, and adopt and memorialize a Torah scroll that was rescued from a town in the former Czechoslovakia during the Holocaust. Everyone is invited to this proper and distinguished service. Congregation Beth Emek is located at 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. Call Andy Kessler at 336-6276 or visit www.bethemek.org

Film**'GENIUS OF CHARLES DARWIN'**

Richard Dawkins presents this series about the elegance of Charles Darwin's theories, the increasing fossil evidence, and discussions of the misinterpretations of his theory. The film will be shown from 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday, April 6, at the IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Potluck at 6:30 p.m., while a short discussion follows the film. The event is free; a \$3 donation is requested. For more information, email flick-night@gmail.com or call 462-3459.

Fundraisers**24-HOUR-LIVE-IN-YOUR-CAR-A-**

THON Shepherd's Gate of Livermore, which provides shelter for battered and homeless women and children, is seeking participants and sponsors for its "24 In Your Car" event May 18-19, in which participants live in their car for 24 hours. The event is designed to bring awareness to the issues of homelessness, and funding for the programs at Shepherd's Gate. Visit www.24inyourcar.com to find out how you can help.

5TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING

Come to a silent auction and wine tasting benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society from noon-4 p.m., Sunday, April 28, at The Purple Orchid Resort and Spa, 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. Blues Award Winner John Lee Hooker Jr. and local wineries will participate. Cost is \$35. Contact Theresa at (925) 413-7788 or tjrose@sbcglobal.net.

AXIS APRIL FOOLS 5K WALK/RUN

Come out for healthy fun and giggle your way through Hacienda Business Park from 7:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 7, at Axis Community Health Hacienda Location, 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. For individuals, families and teams. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for youths in advance. Register online at www.axisaprilfools5k.org. Check-in at Axis Hacienda from 7:30-8:30 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m. Costumes encouraged. Call 201-6221.

FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER

Come enjoy dinner with gourmet food trucks at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, at Amador Valley High School, 1155

Santa Rita Rd. A portion of the proceeds will go to help send the state champions Amador Valley High School's Competitive Civics Team to compete in the national finals.

FUNDRAISER AT CASA OROZCO FOR

AVHS CIVICS TEAM Enjoy a meal at Casa Orozco on Sunday, April 14, and a portion of the proceeds will go to help send state champions Amador Valley High School Competitive Civics Team to compete in the national finals. Mention AVHS Competitive Civics when you order.

FUNDRAISER FOR PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

FOUNDATION Come to this fundraiser for orphanages with AIDS-affected children, from noon-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 14, at Oasis Grill, 780 Main St. Cost is \$40; tickets sold until April 8. Contact Lori Murphy at 462-1634 or lori.murphy1948@yahoo.com.

HOP YARD FUNDRAISER FOR AVHS

COMPETITIVE CIVICS Enjoy a meal at The Hop Yard and help send state champions Amador Valley High School Competitive Civics Team to compete in the national finals. Mention AVHS Competitive Civics when you order. Starting at noon, Wednesday, April 10, at The Hopyard, 3015 Hopyard Rd.

PPIE RUN FOR EDUCATION

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) announces its first Run for Education on Sunday, April 14, with proceeds benefiting Pleasanton schools. The event will include a half-marathon, 5K and 1-mile Kids' Challenge, with the former two routes passing through Main Street and finishing at the Fairgrounds. Visit www.ppierun.com.

PRESERVING OUR OPEN SPACES:

RUN FOR THE PARKS Run for the Parks is set for 9 a.m., Sunday, April 14, in Sycamore Grove Park, Livermore. Features three different route options for varying ages and abilities. Cost is \$30-35. Register at www.finishlineproduction.com. Contact Lea Blevins at 373-5746 or lblevins@larpd.dst.ca.us.

TRI-VALLEY YMCA CHARITY

GOLF TOURNAMENT Tri-Valley YMCA's sixth annual Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Cir., on Thursday, April 25. Contact Katie Dulka at kdulka@ymcaeastbay.org or call 808-5288 for registration and sponsorship information.

Health**2013 TRI-VALLEY ARTHRITIS**

WALK(R) The Arthritis Walk is the Arthritis Foundation's signature community event to highlight and benefit the nation's most common cause of disability. The walk is from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at Lifestyle RX, 1119 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call Beth Miller at 415-356-5483 or email bmiller@arthritis.org. Visit www.TVArthritisWalk.kintera.org.

**Lectures/
Workshops**

CLUTTERLESS PRESENTATION Tina Razzell will speak about why we are emotionally attached to stuff

at a special open ClutterLess meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, April 8, at St. Mary and St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador. Please RSVP at 525-3992 or ClutterlessPleasanton@hotmail.com.

GARDEN TALKS AT DEMO GARDEN

The ACMG Livermore Demo Garden, 3575 Greenville Road, holds monthly Saturday Garden Talks: April 13 is "Selecting Low Water Shrubs"; May 11, "Selecting Ornamental Grasses"; and June 8, "Attracting Honeybees." All talks are 10-11 a.m. and are free.

LIFE AND WORK OF VINCENT VAN

GOGH The Life and Work of Vincent Van Gogh, a free slideshow presentation by artist Marlene Aron, will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 7, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Contact Penny Johnson at 931-3405.

MIDLIFE METAMORPHOSIS

In this inspiring talk, Christian psychologist Dr. Joy Bodzioch shows how timeless wisdom can help you re-energize and rediscover your dreams. Join her for a practical dose of encouragement, from 7:15-9 p.m., Sunday, April 14, at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Contact Joy at 400-5744. Pleasanton.

PARENT EDUCATION EVENT

"Encouraging Push vs. Demanding Shove: Helping Families Balance Life Pressures" is designed to help parents and children deal with academic, social, and sport pressures. It will be presented free from 7-8:30, Tuesday, April 16, at the Amador Valley High library. Contact Alex Riley at maariley@gmail.com.

On Stage**PUPPETS OF IMPULSE ON TOUR**

Creatures of Impulse Improve presents Puppets of Impulse on tour, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11; Friday, April 12; and Saturday, April 13, at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$7 for students. Call 931-4848.

'SHE LOVES ME'

Pacific Coast Repertory Company presents "She Loves Me" at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, April 12-28, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Cost is \$19-\$35. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org for more information.

'VINTAGE TALES, MODERN

TRIBUTES' Le Tableau Magnifique, the premier ballet company for Livermore School of Dance, will perform "Vintage Tales, Modern Tributes" at 7 p.m., Friday, April 19, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 1st St., Livermore. Tickets are \$26, \$22 and \$18. Contact the Bankhead Theater at 373-6800.

Seniors

FACEBOOK Q & A Got Facebook? Learn how to upload pictures, communicate with loved ones, and market your business while keeping your private information secure. Bring your questions and learn from a Facebook expert at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 16, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Contact 931-5365. Pleasanton.

POINTS OF LIFE: PANEL AND SKIT

Points of Life professional teams

provide health and wellness training, helping families prepare for and manage life's challenges such as illness, aging and care-giving. Attend a panel and skit with more information from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, April 9, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Contact 931-5365. Pleasanton.

Sports**BOYS RECREATIONAL SOCCER**

REGISTRATION Register for Ballistic United Boys Recreational Soccer. All boys ages 4-18 are welcome. Visit www.busc.org or register in person at the BUSC Office, 275 Rose Ave., Ste. 209 in downtown

Pleasanton, from 9 a.m.-noon Monday and Wednesday; or 1-4 p.m. Thursday. www.busc.org

Volunteering**AMGEN TOUR NEEDS 5,000**

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES****Planning Commission**

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P13 0013. Lakshmi Nachi**
Application for Conditional Use Permit to operate a heritage school for children in Grades K-5 at 5627 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 200.
- **P13-0057. Gymboree Play & Music**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to relocate the existing Gymboree Play & Music in the Oak Hills Shopping Center from 5460 Sunol Boulevard Suite 2 to a new tenant space, 5480 Sunol Boulevard, Suite 2, within the same shopping center.
- **P13-0332. Matt Billings. Main Street Brewery**
Application to modify the approved conditional use permit for Pleasanton Main Street Brewery, located at 830 Main Street, to allow it to expand into the adjoining tenant space formerly occupied by the El Jarrito Restaurant located at 828 Main Street.

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, April 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Recommend Approval of Services Agreement with Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre for Theatrical Production Services
- Recommend Appointment for Poet Laureate Position
- Recommend Commission of the Public Artwork Mural, "Pioneer Founders"

Library Commission

Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Library Commission Goals and Objectives
- 25th Building Anniversary Plans
- Library Foundation
- Commission agenda items 2013

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view the agenda for this meeting

Youth Commission

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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Housing Commission Workshop

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Operation Services, Remillard Room, 3333 Busch Road

- Discussion regarding City affordable housing policies for new development and review of the City's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance

Kottinger Place Task Force

Monday, April 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Senior Center Classroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Update Regarding the Status of the Kottinger Place Redevelopment Project and Discussion of Plan and Schedule for Next Steps

See page 16 for more city information.

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Intermediate Little League World Series coming to Tri-Valley

Series runs July 30-Aug. 5; ESPN to broadcast Championship game

Organizers of the first Intermediate Little League World Series have chosen Livermore and California District 57 Little League as the hosts for the inaugural event, which will be held July 30 through Aug. 5.

Ten teams from around the world — one host team, five more U.S. teams and four international teams — as well as families, fans and friends will travel to the

Tri-Valley for 19 games culminating with the Championship game Monday, Aug. 5, which will be broadcast live on ESPN.

“We’re excited to bring this event to the Tri-Valley,” said Dave Wetmore, World Series tournament director. “We’re expecting close to 10,000 people to attend the seven-day event, those that will shop, dine and stay in our community.”

Livermore and Northern California District 57 Little League were selected over thousands of other districts, cities and states that were all vying to host this global event.

“It was a difficult choice, since all the cities are so close in terms of what they have to offer,” said Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball and Softball. “Any of them,

we are confident, would do a terrific job of hosting such a high-profile event. Ultimately, the Board of Directors settled on Northern California, the greater San Francisco area, Livermore and Granada Little League, as its top choice.”

The Intermediate Division began as a two-year pilot program, before becoming an official division in 2012.

Players ages 11-13 are eligible to play in this Intermediate baseball league, which features a 50-foot pitching distance and 70-foot bases, also known as “50/70.”

“People see it as a great way to make the transition from the Little League field to the standard baseball diamond,” Wetmore said. “For us, it has kept more players in our programs into their teenage years.” ■



Foothill JV wins softball tourney

In a field of 12 teams, the Foothill JV Falcons were able to go undefeated and win the championship recently behind the steady pitching of Kiley Stowell and the dogged defense of the mighty Falcons. Throughout the tournament all available players had a chance to either make a defensive play or help out with their bats. In the end, Foothill was able to score 31 runs to their opponents 11. The scores were as follows:
Game 1 — vs. Alhambra, 10-0
Game 2 — vs. Logan, 1-6
Game 3 — vs. Cal, 6-4
Game 4 — vs. Amador, 11-1
Championship Game — Foothill vs. Castro Valley, 3-0

SPORTS DIGEST

Excelling on the mat

Foothill High’s Dennis Golcher was named the North Coast Section wrestling honor coach of the year, and was recognized at the NCS wrestling finals held at Newark Memorial High School in February. NCS picks one wrestling coach each year from its 169 schools.

Golcher wrestled as a student at Amador Valley High School, and began to coach at Dublin High School in 1985. He coached at Amador Valley from 1986 to 1999, and came to Foothill in 2007.

He has been East Bay Athletic League tournament director for 12 years, the NCS assistant tour-

namment director for 11 years, and was the NCS dual team tournament director in 2012. Golcher is employed at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in computer science.

This season, coached by Golcher and Bennie LaFever, Foothill varsity wrestling won the EBAL title, while JVs had an undefeated regular season. Rookie wrestler Rachael Butler, a sophomore, earned fourth place at the state level after a second-place ranking at the NCS girls wrestling championships.

Register for PJFL Football

Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) is holding registration for the 2013 Contact Foot-

ball, Flag Football and Cheerleading season. Contact football and cheerleading is for boys and girls in grades 2-8; flag football is for boys and girls in grades 2-12. Everyone plays in PJFL. There are no tryouts and there are no cuts.

Contact players practice three times per week beginning in early August and play games on Saturdays at the Pleasanton Sports Park beginning in early September. Flag players practice once a week beginning in mid-August and play games on Saturdays at Hart Middle School beginning in mid-September. Cheerleaders practice two times per week beginning in late June and cheer on Saturdays at the Pleasanton Sports Park beginning in early September.

For more details visit PJFL.com.

PREP LINE-UP

April 5

- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, home
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Dana Hills, away

April 6

- Boys Lacrosse: noon, Foothill vs. Novato, away
- Boys Lacrosse: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Esperanza, away
- Diving: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Los Banos, away

April 9

- Girls Lacrosse: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Marin Catholic, home
- Softball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon, home
- Softball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away
- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away
- Boys Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon, away
- Boys Golf: 3 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada
- Boys Golf: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. De La Salle
- Boys Volleyball: 5 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill, home
- Boys Volleyball: 5 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, away
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. De La Salle, away

April 10

- Baseball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, home
- Baseball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon, home

- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Carondelet, home
- Swimming & Diving: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, away

April 11

- Track & Field: 4 p.m., Amador vs. De La Salle, away
- Track & Field: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Softball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, away
- Softball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, home
- Boys Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, home
- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, home
- Boys Golf: 3 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon
- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., Amador vs. Granada
- Boys Volleyball: 5 p.m., Foothill vs. De La Salle, home
- Boys Volleyball: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Livermore, home

April 12

- Baseball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, away
- Baseball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, away
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon, away
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, home
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Vacation sales up as market improves

Sales accounted for 11% of all transactions last year

By **JEB BING**

Vacation home sales improved in 2012, while investment purchases remained elevated for a second consecutive year, according to the National Association of Realtors' 2013 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey.

The survey, which covered existing- and new-home transactions in 2012, shows vacation-home sales rose 10.1% to 553,000 from 502,000 in 2011. Investment-home sales declined 2.1% to 1.21 million from 1.23 million in 2011, but those sales had been well under a million during the market downturn.

Owner-occupied purchases jumped 17.4% to 3.27 million last year from 2.79 million in 2011.

Vacation-home sales accounted for 11% of all transactions last year, unchanged from 2011, while the portion of investment sales was 24% in 2012, down from 27% in 2011, marking the second highest share since 2005.

NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun said favorable conditions are driving second-home sales.

"We had a strong stock market recovery, which helps more people in the prime ages for buying vacation homes," he said. "Attractively priced recreational property is also a big draw."

Yun noted an ongoing investor presence. "Investors have been very active in the market over the past two years, attracted mostly by discounted foreclosures that could be quickly turned into profitable rentals," he said. "With rising prices and limited inventory, notably in the low price ranges, inves-

tors are likely to step back in coming years."

The median investment-home price was \$115,000 in 2012, up 15.0% from \$100,000 in 2011, while the median vacation-home price was \$150,000, compared with \$121,300 in 2011, reflecting a greater number of more expensive recreational property sales in 2012.

Sales involving all-cash transactions remained common in the investment- and vacation-home market: Half of investment buyers paid cash in 2012, as did 46% of vacation-home buyers. Forty-seven percent of investment homes purchased in 2012 were distressed homes, as were 35% of vacation homes.

Of buyers who financed their purchase with a mortgage in 2012, large down-payments remained typical. The median down payment for both investment- and vacation-home buyers was 27%, the same as in 2011.

Investment-home buyers in 2012 had a median age of 45, earned \$85,700 and bought a home that was relatively close to their primary residence, a median distance of 21 miles, although 29% were more than 100 miles away. Thirty-five percent of investment buyers purchased more than one property.

"Property flipping modestly increased in 2012," Yun said. "However, this isn't flipping in the sense of what took place during the housing boom. Rather, investors generally are renovating and improving properties before placing them back on the market to resell at a profit."

Six percent of homes purchased by investment buyers last year have already been resold, and another 8% are planned to be sold within a year. In the 2011 study, 5% of

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investment homes were already resold, and 8% were planned to be sold within a year.

Overall, investment buyers plan to hold the property for a median of eight years, up from five years in 2011.

Seventy-eight percent of all second-home buyers said it was a good time to buy, compared with 68% of primary residence buyers.

"This suggests that second-home buyers tend to be a step ahead of general buyers in sensing a market recovery," Yun said.

The typical vacation-home buyer was 47 years old, had a median household income of \$92,100 and purchased a property that was a median distance of 435 miles from their primary residence; 34% of vacation homes were within 100 miles, and 46% were more

than 500 miles. Buyers plan to own their recreational property for about 10 years.

Lifestyle factors remain the primary motivation for vacation-home buyers, while rental income is the main factor in investment purchases.

Buyers listed many reasons for purchasing a vacation home: 80% want to use the property for vacations or as a family retreat, 27% plan to use it as a primary residence in the future, 23% plan to rent to others, and 23% wanted to diversify their investments or saw a good investment opportunity.

Fifty-five percent of investment buyers said they purchased for rental income, 30% wanted to diversify their investments or saw a good investment opportunity, and 20%

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wanted to use the home for vacations or as a family retreat.

Eleven percent of vacation buyers and 16% of investment buyers purchased the property for a family member, friend or relative to use, often for a son or daughter to use while attending school.

Forty-five percent of vacation homes purchased last year were in the South, 25% in the West, 17% in the Northeast, and 12% in the Midwest.

Forty-seven percent of investment buyers said they were likely to purchase another investment property within two years, as did 37% of vacation-home buyers. Twenty-nine percent of vacation buyers said they were likely to purchase another vacation home within two years, as did 31% of investment buyers.

Approximately 42.8 million people in the U.S. are ages 50-59, an age group that dominated second-home sales in the middle part of the past decade and established records. An additional 43.1 million people are 40-49 years old, which is the prime age for current buyers, while another 40.1 million are 30-39.

NAR's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data shows there are 7.9 million vacation homes and 43.7 million investment units in the U.S., compared with 75.2 million owner-occupied homes.

NAR's 2013 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey was conducted last March. It can be ordered by calling 800-874-6500, or online at www.realtor.org/prodser.nsf/Research. The report is free to NAR members and costs \$149.95 for non-members. ■

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HOME SALES

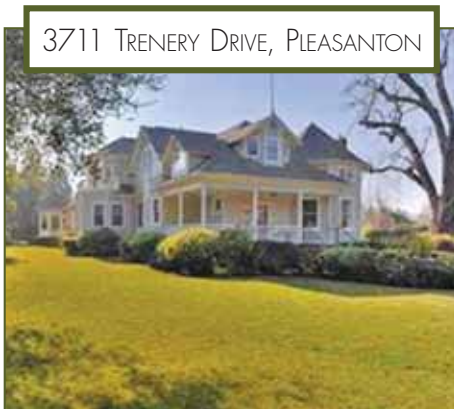
This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 22-Mar. 19

Pleasanton

- 5471 Black Avenue #2** S. Yong to A. Guidice for \$362,000
- 7750 Canyon Meadow Circle #H** M. & G. Green to J. Rokes for \$265,000
- 566 Cento Court** E. & T. Evens to C. & V. Gallo for \$1,060,000
- 5418 Corte Paloma** J. Scurria to J. Ruan for \$725,000
- 11078 Dublin Canyon Road** Gold Silverisland Capital to T. & A. Raman for \$869,000
- 7543 Maywood Drive** J. Decoite to G. Upadhaya for \$530,000
- 3715 Nicole Avenue** D. & M. Arellano to Klenske Trust for \$1,552,500
- 574 Touriga Court** S. & M. Kahn to M. Levitt for \$705,000
- 2889 Whitney Drive** P. Delaney to M. Kim for \$671,000

Source: California REsource

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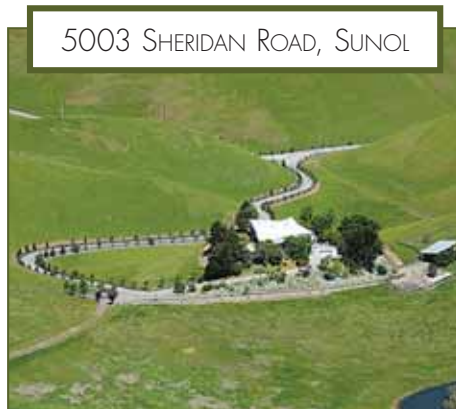
3711 TRENERY DRIVE, PLEASANTON

This magnificent estate is loaded with charm and luxury! Located on 1.52 acres of park like landscaping with pool, spa and tennis court is this 8,509 sq. ft. home. No detail is missed of old and new world from the glass doorknobs to top of the line appliances. You must see it for yourself!
Offered at \$3,499,000



4101 SHERIDAN ROAD, SUNOL

Opportunity knocks! 6.5 acre multi-use property...This fabulous property has a great location with easy freeway access. The property has a well and offers endless possibilities such as vineyards, winery, agriculture or build your dream home. Seller is very motivated and ready to sell! **Offered at \$699,999**



5003 SHERIDAN ROAD, SUNOL

Deal for ranch, winery, privacy or whatever you desire! 100 acres with 360 degree views! Tree lined 1/2 mile gated driveway. Year round pond. Absolutely within a few minutes to 680, great commute location. Must see to appreciate.
Offered at \$3,999,000



3099 BERSANO COURT, RUBY HILL

This grand Mediterranean Estate built by John Clawson in 2000 features 5 Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms plus 2 powder rooms with 5,577 square feet of elegant living space. Elegantly designed & lovingly cared for, this custom home is truly one of Ruby Hills most exquisite homes. It possesses a comforting sense of harmony and warmth with stately dimensions that create the ultimate environment for luxurious living. **Offered at \$2,379,888**

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3785 SMALLWOOD CT Kottinger Ranch Hills Open Sun 1-4 www.3785smallwood.com

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Featuring 5 spacious bedrooms, 5 1/2 baths, in over 5800 square feet of luxurious living space on a .60 acre view lot.

This timeless home exemplifies European architecture with the highest level of aesthetics and durability on every level including; construction, material selection, attention to detail, custom appointments and incredible craftsmanship.



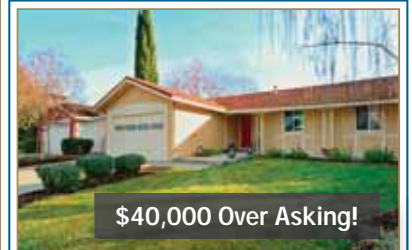
PENDING 4576 Shawnee



PENDING 2970 Moreno



SOLD 1643 Tanglewood

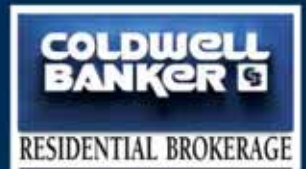


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DUBLIN
Open SAT/SUN 1-4 3245 DUBLIN BLVD #104
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2 BR 2.5 BA The Terraces.Open Flr Pln.Dual Pane windows.Formal Liv. w/fireplace.Kit.w/granite.Mstr Ste 925.847.2200



LIVERMORE
2089 N. LIVERMORE
MEDITERRANEAN VILLA \$2,999,950
4 BR 5 BA Spectacular entry from huge circular brick driveway.Tile Flrs.Lrge Kit w/granite.Library. 925.847.2200



LIVERMORE
382 ANNA MARIA ST
BEAUTIFUL LIVERMORE HOME \$498,000
3 BR 2 BA Refinished hardwood floors.New kit. cabinets.granite slab,carpet & more!Newer Roof.Pool. 925.847.2200



LIVERMORE
Open SAT 8-11/SUN 1-4 2833 ALNWICK AVENUE #2
HIGHLY DESIRABLE CONDO! \$440,000
2 BR 2.5 BA SS Appliances/Granite Counters in Kit.Tile & Carpet flrs.2 Car Garage.Pool,Spa,Gym 925.847.2200

DANVILLE

1026 MCCALULEY RD
HIDDEN VALLEY HOME! \$1,388,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Bonus Kitchen & Office.Feat. fireplace in Liv,Fam,&Mstr.Private 1/3 acre lot.Open Space.Valley Views 925.847.2200

1250 COUNTRY LANE
NEW PRICE REDUCTION \$1,299,000
5 BR 3.5 BA Upgraded home w/In-law Apt.Kit/Ba w/Granite.Formal Liv/Din Rrm.5 Stall Barn &raised garden 925.847.2200

DISCOVERY BAY

2238 PRESTWICK DR
DISCOVERY BAY-GOLF COURSE HOME \$499,900
4 BR 3 BA Features new carpeting/paint.Kitchen has SS Appl & granite counters.Lrge bcklyrd w/pool. 925.847.2200

DUBLIN

11565 ESTRELLA CT
1-STORY HOME! CALL FOR PRICING
3 BR 2 BA Cul-de-sac.Upgraded kit.Completely remodeled mstr ba,hrdwd flrs,bcklyrd w/patio area. 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

10 ROLLINGSTONE COMMON
COMING SOON! CALL FOR PRICING
3 BR 2.5 BA Open flr pln.Separate living rm & family rm.Corian kit.counters.Lrge Mstr Ste.Corner Lot! 925.847.2200

Open SAT 12 - 3 4706 BEL ROMA RD.
LOVELY SINGLE STORY \$1,749,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Din/Liv rms.Fam rm-wet bar.Remodeled kit w/granite,Thermador stove +hood.6 st horse barn 925.847.2200

2307 RAPALLO COMMON
COMING SOON! CALL FOR PRICING
4 BR 2.5 BA Open living/family rm.Sunny Kitchen. Great Neighborhood!Call for Pricing! 925.847.2200

1611 BROADMOOR CT
COMING SOON! CALL FOR PRICING
3 BR 2 BA Large lot with RV Access.Open kitchen.Dual pane windows.Located on a quiet court. 925.847.2200

1244 LAKEHURST RD
WONDERFUL SINGLE FAMILY HOME \$450,000
4 BR 2 BA Large Eat-In Kit.Family room w/wood burning fireplace.Great Size Lot with a large backyard. 925.847.2200

SUNOL

Open SAT/SUN 1-4 12058 GLENORA WAY
SUNOL HOME! \$689,000
4 BR 2 BA plus office area.1/3 Acre(3 Lots)w/1.5 car garage & 22x15 bonus rm.Close to K-8 schools. 925.847.2200

TRACY

Open SAT/SUN 1-4 353 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE
GLENBRIAR ESTATES \$419,999
4 BR 3 BA Kit. w/granite.Plantation Shutters.2 fireplaces.Huge backyard w/pool & play structure. 925.847.2200

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1883 Zenato Place - Ruby Hill

This Ruby Hill estate is a French Country masterpiece that brings together an outstanding floor plan with exquisite appointments, tasteful decor and a rear yard oasis to set the stage for an extraordinary living experience. 5 spacious bedrooms / 4 full bathrooms & powder room, game room, den and magnificent cherry wood library. Over 6,800 sq. ft. on an approximately 28,990 sq. ft. private, premium lot which backs to open space with views of the rolling hills and majestic oak trees. Masterpiece kitchen with cherry cabinets, slab granite counter tops, two islands, dining nook, wine bar, stainless steel appliances... Offered at \$2,750,000



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Just Listed! Open Sat/Sun 1-4
2520 Willowren Way, Pleasanton



Don't miss this gorgeous home located in the desirable Birdland neighborhood close to schools, parks & shopping. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 1911 square feet. Fabulous floor plan with a sunny open kitchen with a breakfast nook. Upgrades include hardwood floors, upgraded master bathroom & plantation shutters. Fantastic yard for entertaining or relaxing. Offered at \$779,000

Pending With Multiple Offers!
6922 Corte Mateo, Pleasanton



Gorgeous home in the desirable Del Prado neighborhood of Pleasanton. This home features a fabulous open floor plan with a light & bright upgraded kitchen with a breakfast nook that opens to the family room. Upgrades include laminate wood floors downstairs, newer carpet upstairs, freshly painted inside and out, newer baseboards & beautiful granite counter tops in the kitchen. The formal living room with vaulted ceilings flows into the formal dining room. Spacious Master bedroom with a walk-in closet and a nice master bathroom with dual sinks. Large beautifully landscaped backyard with room for RV storage on the side yard. Offered at \$788,000





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SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

COMING SOON!



5731 DAKIN COURT, PLEASANTON

Newer Summerhill home on premium private lot in Sycamore Heights. Secluded location with private backyard and panoramic views! Professionally landscaped! 5BD, 4.5BA, activity/hobby room, 4,021 sq. ft. Lots of custom woodwork, including fully wrapped windows, wainscoting and built-ins. Gourmet kitchen open to large family room includes granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Large master suite, spacious bathroom with large tub and separate shower. Great location, walk to downtown and neighborhood park! Less than 5 minutes to Castlewood Country Club. Don't miss this one! **OFFERED AT \$1,729,000**

STONERIDGE PARK

PENDING SALE!



2812 GARDEN CREEK CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Beautiful Pleasanton single level close to great neighborhood parks & award winning schools. Open floor plan with three bedrooms, two updated bathrooms, 1720 square feet. Excellent condition, remodeled kitchen and master bathroom, spacious family room/kitchen area. Newer dual pane windows, wood flooring, updated fixtures, vaulted ceilings, completely finished garage. Large private rear yard with mature trees and concrete stamped patio. 6264 square foot lot. Convenient to Downtown.

OFFERED AT \$649,000

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! Attendance area for great schools. Walk to Mission Park & Downtown Pleasanton!

OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000

RUBY HILL

SOLD!



4355 CAMPINIA PLACE, PLEASANTON

Gorgeous custom single level on .60 acre premium lot in desirable Ruby Hill private gated community. Beautiful views of surrounding hills and vineyards. Five bedrooms, three bathrooms, custom gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops. Extensive crown molding, Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, expansive master suite. Completely finished three car garage. Beautiful grounds include mature professional landscaping, built-in BBQ, viewing/sitting area, large covered patio and extensive lawn area. Ruby Hill community amenities include country club, golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, dining and greenbelt. **SOLD AT \$1,450,000**

CUSTOM

SOLD!



3834 ORION COURT, PLEASANTON

Quiet court location near downtown, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2800 plus square feet. Lot size is 9074 sq. ft. Highly upgraded custom home, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, expansive master suite with retreat, fireplace and upgraded bathroom. Large family room with fireplace, plantation shutters and crown molding. Newer landscaped private rear yard with built-in BBQ, refrigerator, sitting area, fire pit and beautiful stone patios and landscaping! **SOLD FOR \$958,000**

SOUTH LIVERMORE

SOLD!



1210 SANTORINO COURT, LIVERMORE

Blaise represented the Buyer in the purchase of this beautiful South Livermore home located next to Independence Park. Large five bedroom, four and a half bath, 4,149sf. house with Brazilian wood, tile and carpeted floors. Large kitchen with granite, cherry cabinets and Wolf appliances. Spacious family room, full bath/bed 1st floor, large master suite with sitting area. Three car garage all on a spacious 12,686sf. lot located in a small private court location.

SOLD FOR \$1,055,000

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**

PLEASANTON VALLEY - "BIRDLAND"

SOLD!



2449 MINIVET COURT, PLEASANTON

"The heart of Birdland." Location, location, location! Quiet court is walking distance to Woodthrush Park, all levels of schools, two shopping centers, Aquatic Center & Sports Park! Premium .28 acre lot (12,125 sq. ft.) Single level 4 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms with 2112 sq. ft. "Gatewood" model in excellent condition. Granite countertops in kitchen. Remodeled master bathroom. Expansive front yard with private gated courtyard. Beautifully landscaped! Large backyard, great for entertaining, with in-ground pool/spa & refinished deck! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$819,000**

PRIMA

SOLD!



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! **SOLD FOR \$850,000**



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193+/- Acres privately owned known as Blessing Ranch. All utilities run to edge of property offering numerous buildable pad options. Perfect for escaping city life while being only minutes from town. 9480 BLESSING DRIVE

DAN GAMACHE, JR.

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$1,499,950
Immaculate and rare property! 3332+/-sf single story home, excellent condition, 1800+/-sf basement, 1800+/-sf shop/garage/apt., endless views! 5800 EAGLES RUN RD

MARTA RIEDY

BY APPT



DISCOVERY BAY \$985,000
Gorgeous Discovery Bay home at end of cul-de-sac, mini marina, 2 docks ~ could accommodate 50' yacht, gourmet kitchen, water views from many rooms, large covered waterproof deck and so much more! 5771 SALMON COURT

LINDA FUTRAL

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$925,000
Grace and elegance in this incredible custom home! Modern architectural design, grand living with granite slab kitchen, 2 islands, hardwood floors, spiral staircase and more! 1444 MILAN CT

STEPHEN MCDONOUGH

BY APPT



DANVILLE \$839,000
Gorgeous 3Bbd/2ba home with over 300k in upgrades, solar, gourmet kitchen, Brazilian hardwood floors and a tranquil private garden are just the start to this Danville beauty. 502 CONCHA CT

JO ANN LUISI

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$749,950
Beautiful 4bd/2.5ba, granite kitchen, hardwood floors, built-ins, finished garage with extra storage, great location, close to trails and downtown. 1304 BUCKHORN CREEK RD

DAN GAMACHE

SAT & SUN 1-4



SAN RAMON \$575,000
It doesn't get much nicer than this! Beautiful, remodeled top to bottom, inside and out. Pristine resort like backyard and more! 62 ALTON PL

LESLIE FAUGHT

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-5



LIVERMORE \$499,000
3bd+loft, 2.5ba, 2,050+/-sf Townhome Open House This coming Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 pm 945 WAVERLY COMMON

SYLVIA DESIN

BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$475,000
Coming Soon! Lovely end unit townhome, just blocks from downtown. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Gorgeous patio, community pool.

LINDA FUTRAL

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$449,950
Rarely available model in coveted Copper Hill. End unit location with privacy and views. Large open floor plan in outstanding condition, easy living. 285 BELLINGTON COMMON #4



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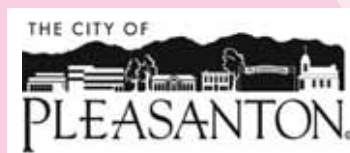
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