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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## New Leaf Market opening here May 15

When Scott Roseman and Rex Stewart open their 19,000-square-foot New Leaf Community Market next month they will bring their commitment to providing quality organic products to Pleasanton's Vintage Hills Shopping Center that they've been known for since 1985 in Santa Cruz. New Leaf, an independently owned grocer that features locally grown organic foods in its coastal city stores, will fill a store once occupied by Romley's Market that has been empty for the last 15 years.

The new store will be the anchor of the center, once a nearly abandoned development at the intersections of Bernal and Vineyard avenues and Tawny Drive that at one time some on the City Council wanted to tear down and allow apartment houses to be built there. Rejected in that effort, developer James Tong sold his interests in the site to Sim & Yoon LLC, who gradually upgraded the buildings and now have all but the space that a former dance studio occupied fully leased.

New Leaf is a different type of grocer for Pleasanton. Where most markets now sell organics, Roseman has long been a believer that produce, meats and dairy products that are free of pesticides, chemical fertilizers and hormones are healthier for his own family and his customers as well. He grew up with a strong faith in giving back to the community he's in and making it a better place to live. Making sure his stores sell only the healthiest products available is part of that goal.

Roseman and his partner seized an opportunity to buy a small grocery on the west side of Santa Cruz in 1985. Starting with 13 employees, the pair set two main objectives: provide a good work environment and find local farmers who grow organically. From Day One, Roseman paid good wages, offered health care insurance to every employee, and in the first year started a profit-sharing plan for employees. His philosophy: "If I'm lucky enough to be successful, the people I'm working with deserve to share in that success."

His business plan worked. In 1990, the grocer moved from the small west side building into a 7,000-square-foot store, which seemed large at the time, with customers starting to come from



CONTRIBUTED

Rex Stewart and Scott Roseman, partners in owning and operating New Leaf Community Markets, at their Santa Cruz store. New Leaf, which prides itself on offering 100% guaranteed organics, will open its new 19,000-square-foot market in Pleasanton's Vintage Hill Shopping Center on May. 15.

throughout the region to buy organic products that by now accounted for nearly 100% of his sales. His partner Stewart said it was like turning over a new leaf, both for the business and for its customers, and the name stuck.

Over the next few years, New Leaf opened more stores in Santa Cruz, Capitola, Half Moon Bay and San Jose. With 500 employees, it will add another 80-100 at the Vintage Hills store, which, like the others, will be open seven days a week.

Roseman and his wife Jasmine have four children. They've always insisted on a diet of natural foods. That wasn't easy in earlier years, but with the public increasingly concerned about consuming products possibly containing pesticide sprays, chemical fertilizers, antibiotics and hormones, organics are on more shopping lists. Although most grocers today carry organic products, New Leaf only buys from suppliers that guarantee their products are 100% natural in accordance with the Organic Foods Production Act, adopted in 1990.

Another commitment Roseman made when he opened his first store in Santa Cruz was to give 10% of its profits back to the community. From the start, his business contributed to non-profits and other organizations in Santa Cruz and now in San Jose as well. When New Leaf opens at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 15, in Pleasanton, Roseman, Stewart and the Pleasanton store manager Mark McKinney will be there to celebrate the grand opening and to announce the profit-sharing program here as well. ■

## About the Cover

Charlotte Severin's painting, Monet's Garden, is the subject of a mystery being conducted as part of the Big Draw, a city-wide arts celebration May 11 hosted by the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. Photo by Dolores Fox Ciardelli. Design by Lili Cao.

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## What did you do over spring break?



### Alyssa Kilmer

Food demonstrator at Trader Joe's

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### Jeff Lewis

Senior vice president of Marketing and Business Development, Semiconductor Company

I flew to New York to pick up a Mini Cooper from an elderly relative who can no longer drive it and wants us to have it as a gift. We spent the week traveling across the country in it. We stopped at many fascinating landmarks, including the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. We also stopped in Colorado to visit my son, and in Moab, Utah, which is an incredibly beautiful spot in the middle of the desert.



### Ashley Person

Student

I went to Hawaii with my whole family. We did a lot of sightseeing, we spent time on the beach and in the ocean, and we had a lot of really great outdoor adventures. I would love to go back there again some day.

### Chris Kerr

Project manager

Mostly, I went to work and spent time with my kids, since they were off from school. It was a good week.



### Gavin Kerr

Student

Well, I had no school, so I got to spend a lot of time with my grandparents, which was really great. We did lots of fun stuff. My favorite thing that we did was going to play miniature golf.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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

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## DIGEST

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.

### Help wanted

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education is looking for a new executive director. A posting by PPIE says it's seeking a part-time hourly independent contractor to act as the organization's leader and primary public representative.

Preference will be given to a candidate with a Bachelor's degree and at least three years of fundraising experience. The search is open until April 22, and replaces Debi Covello, who was the public face of PPIE for years.

### Teen Leadership in Training

The city of Pleasanton's Community Services Department is launching a leadership program for teens this summer that will provide comprehensive training and placement in a volunteer job.

The Leadership in Training (LIT) Program is for students entering grades 9-12. A mandatory training is scheduled from June 24-28 and will cover job skills, customer service, leadership and interviewing. Students who complete the training will be placed in a volunteer position and work closely with city staff in a number of departments, including Community Services, the City Operation Services Center, police or the library. Students are required to volunteer two to three days per week for a minimum of four weeks.

Applications are available at Gingerbread Preschool, 4333 Black Ave.; deadline is April 19. For more information, contact Nicole Thomas at 931-3474 or [nthomas@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:nthomas@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

## Candidates present themselves and their opinions at forum

### Room packed as four vie for election to City Council

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Pleasanton Council Chamber was packed Tuesday night with residents and supporters who came to the Pleasanton Weekly's City Council Candidates Forum to learn more about the four running in the mail-in election, which ends May 7.

The two-minute opening comments established the identities and priorities of the four candidates who are vying for the seat vacated when Councilman Jerry Thorne was elected mayor in November.

Mark Hamilton touted his independence as well as his concern about the future of Pleasanton.

"Are we going to end up with a voting block?" he said. "Then decisions will be made, and we will have to address them afterward."

David Miller talked about growing up in a small town in Arkansas, his Chinese immigrant wife Laura, who loves America's freedom, and choosing Pleasanton as their home.

"We love our Pleasanton lifestyle," he said, but was concerned that deals were happening without public discussion and without asking, "How much does it cost? Who's going to pay for it?"

Kathy Narum stressed her experience of many years on the Planning and Parks and Recreation commissions as well as running the champion swim team, Seahawks, after she retired as a chemical engineer to raise her family.

"It's one thing to make promises, another to have a proven track record that others can see," Narum said.

Olivia Sanwong, who graduated from Amador Valley High in 1996, wants to make the city more high tech to "keep it ahead of the curve." She noted that she and her husband are now homeowners, having recently purchased a 1912 bungalow a block away from the "beloved Pleasanton Arch."

She also wants to be a voice and leader for Generations X and Y, which are not currently found on the City Council, she said.

The event, from 6:30-8 p.m., addressed the candidates' experience, ideas about meeting housing demands, the role of City Council in keeping downtown vital, and the East Side Pleasanton Specific Plan. Next, moderators Publisher Gina Channell-Allen and Editor Jeb Bing asked questions from among the 20 or so emailed by



JAY FLACHSBARTH

Candidates for the one vacant seat on the City Council — (l-r) Mark Hamilton, David Miller, Kathy Varum and Olivia Sanwong — answer questions at the Pleasanton Weekly forum Tuesday night.

residents in advance and the approximately 50 questions turned in by members of the audience.

All four addressed the impacts of new developments under way in Hacienda Business Park.

Miller noted that Pleasanton is having high density housing forced upon it and "we have to make the best with what we've got."

"What are ways we can deal with the impacts? We have to make sure everything pays its own way," he said.

"We've rezoned in the last cycle to meet 30 units to the acre but that doesn't mean anything is going to be built," Narum noted. "As

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MIKE SEDLAK

### Bee in bloom

A bee harvests pollen last week from a *Lathyrus vestitus*, a species of wild pea known by the common name Pacific Pea, at Augustin Bernal Park on the Pleasanton Ridge. Nature lover Dolores Benton has logged in 47 different flowers blooming at the park. Access to the park is through Golden Eagle Way gate, which is open 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. April 1-Oct. 31.

## Parents of bound child sue preschool, former employee

### Centerpointe also fined for March 12 violation of allowing former staffer to pinch child

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

The parents of a 2-year-old who was bound with tape while in the care of Centerpointe Christian Preschool have sued the school and the woman who allegedly bound the child.

The civil case was filed in Martinez on March 21. It alleges that Angela Calcagno was unlicensed and unlawfully employed by the school. She is no longer employed at the school.

"This complaint stems from Calcagno's untenable practice of 'hogtying' (i.e., binding the hands and feet with tightly applied masking tape) children who could not sleep during naptime," the lawsuit reads.

The parents of the child, through their attorney, also claim Calcagno remained employed at the school even though the school's administrator knew she was not licensed. The parents' names have been withheld to protect the identity of the child, who is called by the fictitious name Jane Roe in the lawsuit.

"Centerpointe Church and Preschool's principal administrator allowed this serious regulatory violation to occur because, due to his sexual attraction for Calcagno, he wanted her working there even though she was unlicensed," the lawsuit says. It adds there "appar-

ently" are "collateral sexual harassment proceedings," but does not include the identity of the administrator in question.

The lawsuit seeks an unspecified amount of compensation and punitive damages, and asks for a jury trial, citing state regulations which provide rights to children, including that they not be placed in any restraining device.

According to the suit:

"Between September 2012 and March 2013, on an unknown number of occasions, Calcagno was unlawfully allowed to care for a preschool group that included Jane Roe. During this time, Calcagno engaged in the sickening and draconian practice of hogtying Jane Roe for her mere inability to get to sleep during nap time. Specifically, Calcagno, using masking tape that was available as a classroom supply, tightly bound two-year-old Jane Roe's hands and feet so she was immobilized. ... Calcagno then simply ignored two-year-old Jane Roe as she lay there helpless and immobilized, and only freed her after nap time, which was more than an hour later."

The lawsuit claims the child was bound because Calcagno viewed nap time was her personal time, "and punished and restrained any

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# Junior Achievers solve world problems

Social Innovation Camp brings students from 17 East Bay Schools together

By JESSICA LIPSKY

Needle stick injuries, traffic congestion and third world poverty are not typical conversation topics for Tri-Valley area teens — unless you're one of the 50 high school students who got a crash course in real world problems at the Junior Achievement Social Innovation Camp on April 3 at Bishop Ranch.

Students from 17 East Bay high schools including Pleasanton's explored what it means to be a social entrepreneur by finding creative solutions to societal ills. Groups of students, many of whom didn't know each other before the competition, brainstormed to develop a presentation on business solutions, products, or services.

"Bringing these students together and challenging them to open their minds to the range of issues our society contends with is a dynamic way to introduce them to real-world business environments and the skills they need to develop to be successful in the 21st century marketplace," said Junior Achievement of Northern California President Linda McCracken.

The first event of its kind in the East Bay, students from Amador Valley, Foothill, Valley Christian and other high schools began the day with ice-breaking activities de-

signed to encourage creativity and resourcefulness. Teams were given paper and instructed to build a tower and, hopefully, learn their teammates' strengths.

"We're all here because we have that idea. And because we're driven, we all work together to come up with better ideas. No one is just sitting there doing no work," said senior Ali Cox. "None of us knew each other before, but we're all working together really well and it's actually kind of surprising. It's a good crop."

Ali's group worked to develop a solution to hunger issues and food waste from grocery stores and coffee shops. Grocery stores end up throwing away 40% of their goods, Ali noted, adding that if homeless or hungry people had access to a well-cooked meal they may have more energy to make a difference.

"(Being from) different schools obviously gives you input on how they've developed. Different schools have different ways of thinking," said junior Shreyas Kalyan.

All students were mentored by local business professionals, community members and educators who provided constructive criticism and insight into the business world. Summit Financial's Michael Lahl said he was mentored as a burgeoning businessman

and wanted to keep the tradition alive.

At the end of a long day of idea generation, strategic development, and mentoring, the student teams presented business plans to judges who scored them on creativity, critical thinking and business viability. After a series of semifinals, select teams proceeded to the final round where final winners received certificates and cash scholarships of up to \$300 per student.

"We're looking for how they engage each of their team members. We want to make sure that all the kids have the experience to present in front of the judges," McCracken said, adding that students were judged on time management and creativity. "We want to simulate what they learn in the business world. When you have an idea it's how you sell that idea, whether it's to a venture capitalist or to your boss or to a customer."

First place was awarded to "One-Time Needle," a retractable needle designed to protect healthcare workers and patients against accidental needle sticks and disease transmission. Members of the winning team were Dominique Weaver (Amador Valley High), Michael DiDio (California), Jeff Diedenhofen (Monte Vista) and Devin



Students present their ideas to a panel of judges at Junior Achievement's Social Innovation Camp. JESSICA LIPSKY

Goins (Liberty).

The second place prize, \$200 per student, was given the group who developed SWIFT, a service designed to promote carpooling and reduce congestion. The project was created by Paul Furer (Bentley), Devin Goins (Liberty), Stephanie Liu (Monte Vista) and Michelle Xue (Cal).

Seeds that Feed, a sunflower growing program designed to promote nutrition and eradicate hunger in developing countries, took the third place prize. Conceived by Bobby Magel (Monte Vista), Roshan Rama (Dougherty Valley) and Raksha Shenoy (Washington),

each student won \$100.

"Backbone Bank," a microloan bank for mothers in developing countries, won fourth place and \$50 per student. Team members were Danielle Chun (Cal), Matthew Maxwell (San Ramon Valley) and John Warque (Dougherty Valley).

"They're learning sales and presentation, they're learning collaboration and teamwork," McCracken noted. "This is the best thing these kids can do; they've got to understand the relationship between education, what they're learning in school and their future success in their careers and ability to generate income for themselves." ■

## PRESCHOOL

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non-napping child to ensure this."

According to the lawsuit, the child's parents are seeking psychiatric intervention after her behavior changed following the incident.

The girl's behavior, the lawsuit says, "included an inability to sleep more than a few hours consecutively before waking up in a panic." She also began "exhibiting signs of stress," and became "inexplicably frightened and inconsolable."

The lawsuit claims those episodes are increasing and that the girl "exhibits fear and apprehension of 'the tape,' exclaiming such things to her parents as 'mommy, no more tape.'"

Beyond that, the lawsuit claims Calcagno "tormented" the girl's

mother at a social event in March, showing off a picture of the restrained girl and "bragging that she was the one who tied up the toddler."

The lawsuit claims false imprisonment, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress and negligence against the child by Calcagno and claims Centerpointe is liable because it hired her.

It accuses Centerpointe is liable for negligence, negligent hiring and supervision, and breach of oral contract and fraud because, it claims, the school's principal assured the girl's parents the school followed the law and that only licensed providers would care for the child and that no child would be treated with violence.

"Our attorney is in the process of reviewing the (civil) complaint.

We have no comment at this time," church spokesman Tim Hunt said Friday in an emailed response to questions from the Pleasanton Weekly.

The allegations made in the lawsuit are not facts, just claims. Any possible fines will be determined by a judge or jury, should it go to trial.

In addition, Calcagno has filed an appeal of the order from the DSS that deemed her a "threat" and banned her from being on the preschool's grounds.

The school closed for five days in mid-March for extra staff training and for management to review procedures after the pictures of the bound 2-year-old were shown to the child's mother.

School Director Greg Robitaille left the school in February. He was not directly named in the suit.

Until last October, the preschool had a spotless record. Then, in the period of five months, the school, based at the church on Cornerstone Court, received eight citations from the DSS, which oversees preschools and daycare centers.

Among the citations issued by the DSS was that Robitaille had been bringing his infant son to the center to be cared for by staff. He was ordered by the state not to bring his son in again.

The most recent citation came March 12 when the preschool was fined \$150 for allowing an unnamed former staff member to pinch and squeeze the arm of a child. That occurred sometime in February, and was reported to the state Department of Social Services by Pastor Mike Barris after he learned of it from that child's parent. ■

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# PUSD begins move toward teacher coaching

Board member Laursen:  
'There's a lot of anxiety in this'

By Glenn Wohltmann

The idea of switching from specialists who have direct contact with students to instructional coaches for teachers may be worrisome to both Pleasanton parents and teachers, but the district is going ahead with its plan.

At a school board study session Tuesday night, board members got a briefing on how the plan is going to work. The idea is to keep kids in class and not have them leave for specific instruction by a specialist.

"You want to try everything before you pull kids out and put them in special education," said Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

The plan to use coaches for teachers is built on the work done by the TriValley Teacher Induction Project (TV/TIP) that helps new and struggling teachers. TV/TIP draws its coaches from area schools, including Pleasanton, Sunol Glen, Dublin, Livermore Valley and Castro Valley. Teachers in TV/TIP work with coaches to improve skills, learn new approaches to teaching, and attend workshops for professional development.

Although TV/TIP has been for teachers in need of help, the principles behind it will be applied for teachers districtwide.

"The one common denominator is the power of the coach," said Kim Ortiz, TV/TIP's program director. "We all need someone to talk to."

Ortiz said her program has been recognized by the state and cited in a scholarly paper as a model program.

Several of the teachers who have been through TV/TIP spoke at the board's study session, including Kirstyn Meyers, an eighth-grade teacher.

"Before, I thought TV/TIP was me, how can I be a better teacher," Meyers told the board. "What I learned is, it's all about my students, how to make their outcomes better."

School Board Member Jamie Hintzke worried that some veteran teachers might be hesitant to get involved because they think they might not need coaching.

Board President Jeff Bowser was concerned that some veteran teachers might shy away from coaching because of TV/TIP's history of working with struggling teachers.

Coaching will be voluntary, with teachers who choose to get involved picking one subject — math, for example — at a time.

Member Valerie Arkin was concerned that reading help for students who need it might not be available.

"I would hope that we have reading-specialist-trained literacy coaches," Arkin said. "That would help stop kids from falling through the cracks."

Jane Golden, director of curriculum and special projects, said some of the applicants for coaching jobs

are reading specialists, while others are not.

Golden added that training teachers will give them skills to help kids every year, rather than sending individual kids to a specialist. And, she said, the move to coaching is timely as the district begins to implement new teaching methods as part of the national push for Common Core State Standards.

Odie Douglas, assistant superintendent of educational services, said some intervention will continue, and by keeping more students in class, specialists will be able to give more time to any child that comes to them.

Beyond that, Ahmadi said the district needs more coaches than it plans to hire for the coming school year.

"It's all based on need," Ahmadi said. "What if a student is missed? I hear that from teachers and parents. Were students ever missed before? Yes, that's why we have an achievement gap."

The district is planning on hiring eight coaches. Four would focus on literacy, coaching teachers and parent volunteers for students from transitional kindergarten to fifth grade. Another would coach sixth- to 12-grade teachers on English Language Arts and for AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students. AVID students are those who are not yet prepared for college.

One coach would work with teachers for kindergarten to fifth grade math, and another would coach math teachers from sixth to 12th grade.

An additional coach would work with teachers across all grade levels to help them with Instructional Technology.

The coaching approach is not new to the district. Ortiz said literacy specialists also worked as coaches when class-size reductions were first implemented.

Board Member Joan Laursen said people are concerned about the change.

"This is new for us and we're afraid. We're afraid as board members that this isn't going to work. Teachers are afraid," Laursen said. "There's a lot of anxiety in this."

Bowser said part of the fear is the perception that the move is taking something away from students and giving something more to teachers.

But, he said, "Leveraging (teacher) expertise — it makes sense."

Hintzke and Laursen said teachers themselves may be the best way to get other teachers interested in the idea of coaching.

Teachers may spend some time in summer school this year, learning more about coaching. Douglas said about 400 teachers have expressed interest in a summer workshop. Teachers will also have training days on Nov. 1 and Feb. 28. ■

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## FORUM

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we've been beginning to see applications I'm insisting that communities come with amenities to be self-contained, with open space and places for kids to play."

"I feel very strongly that we need to get the housing element done, and need to find a strategy with other cities in the region," she added.

"This is quite an opportunity to combine jobs and housing," Sanwong said. "Businesses want workforce housing. When I think about our businesses I think about (people who work at) the mall, firefighters, teachers, city employees, who would like to live near where they work."

"We are going to have to make sure any new development fits the town aesthetically and financially so when we get a new development, the city benefits," Hamilton said. "Management needs to be transparent. That's one thing we failed to do in the past."

The candidates agreed they all love Pleasanton's downtown.

"We need to create and have a vi-

sion for downtown on what people want," Narum said. "Is it late night entertainment? A wide variety of restaurants? Relocating the Civic Center?"

"It's really important to develop guidelines," Sanwong said. "Keep in mind that song about how they paved over paradise and built a parking lot."

"We do have a lot of things happening downtown — street fairs, farmers market, the Amador theater," Hamilton said, adding that he would like to keep entertainment dollars downtown.

"The people before us have done an awesome, awesome job. However, I've been talking with various business owners to find out what is our goal," Miller said. "Let's be careful, we don't try to over-control."

An audience question was, "What is your definition of private property rights and how will you work to defend them?"

"People have the right to own and enjoy their property," Miller answered, adding that zoning and restrictions requires community involvement. "They may affect the

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rights of others. We have to make sure both sides get treated fairly."

"People should be able to use and enjoy their property as they want," Narum said, adding that she has dealt with neighborhood disputes many times on the Planning Commission. "We have to try to find a balance and mitigate and find solutions that work for everyone."

Sanwong stated that property rights are "core to the American system of government," although some issues need to be addressed. She noted that she is a member of the city's Economic Vitality committee.

"Homeowners will be very much impacted by what comes out of the task force," she said.

Hamilton said that trying to cut down a tree on his property after a neighbor complained about it was "one of the most difficult things I'd ever done."

"The process has to be streamlined," he said. "So many people have complained to me that it's so difficult to get things done."

The candidates were also asked whether they support Measure PP, which was passed in 2008 to restrict building structures on hillside lots with a 25% grade or more. The City Council is currently debating whether or not a road counts as a structure, and what points to use to measure the grade.

"I've always considered roads to be infrastructure, therefore not a structure," Sanwong said. "Whether it falls under PP I think it's another question that needs to be decided."

"When is a road not a road?" mused Hamilton, adding that each scenario needs to be considered on its own. "These are not easy decisions — how it impacts the environment, wildlife, that's part of the aesthetics and how it affects the ridge line."

"A road is not a structure," Miller said. "I don't tell my kids, 'Look each way before you cross the structure.' PP was passed to limit housing that goes on the ridge line. In my mind, a road is not a structure. If you have to put a road on



JAY FLACHSBARTH

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a 25% slope that is something that can be considered."

The Planning Commission voted 5-0 that a road is a structure, Narum said.

"We looked at what we thought the intent of PP was," she explained. "There was a lot of testimony from people on both sides."

One question aimed at Hamilton asked what he would do to make the City Council more transparent.

"For every decision we need to have outreach," Hamilton said. "No town will survive without growth. We have to have some growth but it has to make sense for the town."

Miller was asked about the fact that he put up his signs early, rather than follow the 40-day recommendation from the city.

"First of all, the 40-day recommendation from the city is a recommendation," Miller answered. Secondly, he said mail-in-only balloting has a different time frame. Also, he said he needed signs posted because he did not already have name recognition.

Narum was asked what fiscal responsibility means to her.

"Managing and keeping an eye on expenses, employee costs and pension liabilities," she answered. "The other side of equation is increasing city revenues. I'd like to see us doing more things to increase city revenues so we can do things."

She suggested reviewing and consolidating the planning documents for Hacienda Business Park to help businesses move there instead of at Bishop Ranch. She also noted that Stoneridge Shopping Center is entitled to be almost twice as large

as it is currently.

"Why aren't we encouraging them to do more with that?" she asked.

Sanwong was asked what kinds of programs help prepare students for service on the City Council.

"We the People is very important," she said. She was on the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" team at Amador Valley that won the national competition in 1995, and she noted that she will know what she is doing if she takes the oath of office for the City Council.

In closing remarks, Sanwong said she wants to be a voice and a leader for a segment of the population not currently on the council.

"Diversity is important to ensure diversity of thought," she said. "Millennials will be the leaders of the future."

Narum asked voters to think about which candidate has the most experience working for results.

"In my work I've reached across party lines and neighborhood fences to reach solutions," she said. "I've been endorsed because they know I do my homework. I make decisions and vote for what's best for the city. I've built a reputation for bringing people together and not driving them apart."

"Sacramento is strapped for cash, which means Pleasanton gets less," Miller said. He would like to measure city services to improve them and set priorities.

"I get support from middle class and blue collar residents," he said, not outside influences.

"My biggest selling point is I'm independent and I'm a leader," Hamilton said. ■



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# Patient now in 13th year of 'normal' life with Thoratec heart pump

Pleasanton company reports over 13,000 patients have been implanted with its HeartMate II

Pleasanton-based Thoratec Corporation and the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center announced last week a major milestone in the treatment of heart failure.

Joe Ann Bivins, 68, of Detroit, has been supported for the longest reported period of time on a single heart assist device, the HeartMate II Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD), developed and manufactured by Thoratec. The device supplements her

heart's pumping function and allows her to live her life virtually free from the symptoms of heart failure.

Bivins was implanted with the device in July 2005 at the university early in the HeartMate II pivotal clinical trial. Now at nearly eight years of support, she exemplifies the life-improving benefits of LVAD therapy for heart failure, medical representatives said.

According to the American

Heart Association, there are approximately 5.8 million individuals living with chronic heart failure in the U.S., many of whom may face a similar decision to the one made by Bivins almost eight years ago. Her heart had become too weak to adequately pump blood, leaving her tired and weak.

Dr. Francis D. Pagani, surgical director of the Adult Heart Transplant Program and Director of the Center for Circulatory Support

at the Ann Arbor, Mich. hospital, told Bivins that her condition could improve with the help of an LVAD, the HeartMate II. She elected to have the surgery, and she now describes her life as being as close to normal as she could imagine. She sings with her church choir, attends bible study, heads the church usher board, and stays active and social with her sisters and son by her side.

Thoratec said its HeartMate II helps the left side of the heart to

circulate blood to the rest of the body. It is implanted alongside the heart and supplements the heart's pumping function. The system also includes accessories that are worn outside the body, including a controller and batteries that last more than 10 hours, allowing patients to be active.

To date, over 13,000 patients have been implanted with HeartMate II, including approximately 6,000 currently on support, according to Thoratec. ■

## Pleasanton-based Ross Stores reports record sales, earnings

'Compelling bargains' for family and home propelling multi-year gains, CEO says

Ross Stores Inc. has reported earnings per share for the 14 weeks ended Feb. 2 of \$1.07, up from 85 cents for the same period a year ago. Net earnings for the period grew to \$236.6 million, up 23%. Sales grew 15% to \$2.761 billion.

"We are pleased with the record sales and earnings we delivered in the fourth quarter and the 2012 fiscal year, especially considering they were achieved on top of strong multi-year gains," said Michael Balmuth, vice chairman and CEO of the Pleasanton-based

company.

"Results for both periods benefited from our ongoing ability to deliver compelling bargains on a wide assortment of exciting name brand fashions for the family and the home to today's value-focused consumers," he added.

Balmuth said that strong operating cash flows during 2012 continued to provide the resources to make capital investments in new store growth and infrastructure, as well as fund the completion of the company's prior stock repurchase program and ongoing dividends.

A total of 7.5 million shares of common stock were repurchased during fiscal 2012, for an aggregate purchase price of \$450 million, completing the two-year, \$900-million repurchase program announced in early 2011.

Looking ahead, Balmuth said, "We plan to stay intently focused on our core off-price mission of consistently delivering great bargains to our customers. This continues to be the key to maximizing our opportunities for growth in sales and profits over both the short and the long term." ■

## Fire Academy recruits get first-hand experience

Recruit Aaron Bates heads to a second-floor burn room to attack a fire during a recent live drill, while recruit Joel Fisher supports the ladder, and recruit Ryan Stark stands by to ascend. Sixteen recruits are in the firefighting academy, for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and the Moraga-Orinda Fire Department. It runs Monday-Friday through May 16, with a second live fire drill scheduled for May 10.



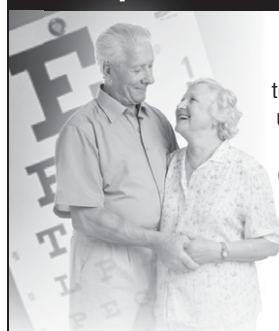
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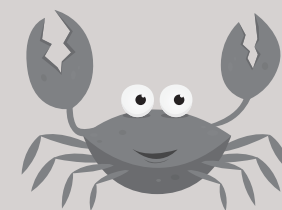
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### Kathy Narum for City Council

In endorsing candidates for the Pleasanton City Council, we have most often supported those with a strong record of commitment to public service. We are doing so again by recommending Kathy Narum for election to the council on May 7. She would fill the seat vacated when Jerry Thorne was elected mayor last Nov. 6. She is a seasoned, experienced hands-on candidate who would hit the council dais running, giving the support needed by a council that for too long has faced court-mandated housing orders, land use decisions and challenging fiscal policies with just four members. Narum would bring her five years on the city Planning Commission, another five on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and much more service with city and civic organizations to a council that needs her experience.

That's not to say that the other three candidates also seeking election to the council shouldn't be considered. We just think they need more savvy in handling the multitude of issues the council must tackle. Olivia Sanwong became active in municipal service a few months ago, and is now on the city's important Economic Vitality and Cultural Steering Plan committees. She's also working with the Amador Valley High School "We the People" team to prepare them for national competition in Washington late this month. As a senior at Amador, she was on the team that took second place nationally in 1996. Sanwong wants to bring 21st century skills to the City Council. No doubt her technology-savvy capabilities would help, but after she's had a few more years on city advisory committees.

David Miller is a successful Silicon Valley businessman and an occasional critic at meetings of the council and board meetings in the Pleasanton school district, which his three children attend. His campaign has focused on keeping taxes in check, reducing the city's employee pension liabilities and making council and city staff considerations more transparent. We like his enthusiasm but would like to see him interact with members on a commission or two — and there are plenty of vacancies — before trying his hand on the council.

Mark Hamilton is a 24-year Marine veteran, the financial services director for a large Pleasanton company and the volunteer wrestling coach at Amador Valley High. He has strong credentials in all these fields. When asked why we haven't seen him around town, he suggested we weren't looking in the right places. As mentioned above, there are numerous community and sports committees that could use his help. We'd like to see him there before moving to the council.

We find it interesting that Kathy Narum is being criticized for having views similar to those on the council. In a city with a balanced budget and \$25 million in reserves, low unemployment and a living standard that's been nationally recognized as one of the best for a city our size, we're not looking for change. We want leaders who will keep on this successful economic and quality of life track for years to come. Narum has those leadership qualities. Vote for her.



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## GUEST OPINION

By ANNE FOX

### Paving the way for hillside destruction

City staff wants roads on steep slopes, defying General Plan

"Restrict construction on terrain with slopes greater than 25%," says the Pleasanton General Plan adopted Feb. 9, 1976. Thirty-seven years later, Pleasanton city staff continues to ignore this directive.

Measure PP, adopted by voters in November 2008, states housing units and structures shall not be placed on slopes of 25% or greater or within 100 feet of a ridgeline. Its only exemption is for housing developments of 10 or fewer housing units.

The city manager, in defiance of Measure PP provisions, wants authorization to construct highways, streets and roads on terrain greater than 25% slope regardless of the size of the proposed housing subdivision. That way, roads for new subdivisions on hillside property can traverse environmentally sensitive ridgelines, creek beds and unstable steep slopes, circumventing Measure PP.

This sleight of hand is not new. It started Dec. 17, 1973, 40 years ago when the outraged 1970s General Plan Citizens Committee demanded the mayor and City Council explain why all committee recommendations concerning saving ridges and hillsides were being removed by staff. Staff had removed all committee recommendations to prevent the development of ridges and foothills.

The city manager listened and took action. By July 14, 1975, city staff member Kenneth Scheidig, using the word "structure," authored Hillside Protection ordinance 763 to reduce hillside development density as slope increases. Among the provisions it states: "Streets, buildings, and other man-made structures [must be] designed and located in such a manner as to complement the natural terrain and landscape."

After city staff started ignoring its own staff-authored ordinance, the General Plan Citizens Committee in-

cluded an action item for a ridgeline preservation ordinance in the 1996 General Plan. The result? In 2003, the City Council eliminated General Plan Citizens Committee, increased density of Lund Ranch II to 150 housing units, and began back room negotiations for development of the Oak Grove property. Meanwhile staff refused to agendize a ridgeline ordinance discussion that the Planning Commission requested on April 19, 2006, and by May 24, 2006, all references to a ridgeline ordinance in the General Plan disappeared.

By 2009, geotechnical specialists deemed the Happy Valley Bypass Road route unstable, a \$15 million road on steep slopes proposed in 1998 without first confirming its feasibility. That same year, in an effort to further nullify hillside protections, staff removed portions of the 1993 voter-approved Measure F protecting Pleasanton Ridge and all definitions from the 1996 General Plan from the current General Plan, including "slope."

The provisions of Measure PP can be amended by a vote of the people only, not by the City Council. The city manager attempted to amend it last week during spring break without any election. To protect our scenic hills from development and to prevent a network of streets scarring environmentally sensitive ridgelines, which could result in potentially hundreds of housing units in Pleasanton's most scenic hills and ridges, demand that your elected officials honor the voters' wishes, re-affirm again that roads are indeed structures, and uphold Measure PP.

*Anne Fox is a former Planning Commissioner who signed the ballot arguments in favor of Measure PP that included "massive grading of hillsides ... a mile long road spanning the top of many of our Southeast Hills." She co-wrote the hillside/ridgeline protection portion of Measure PP with a former planning commissioner and drafted the text that became the first three lines of the hillside/ridgeline protection portion of Measure PP.*



Anne Fox

## LETTERS

### Roads equal structures

Dear Editor,

Last week's Weekly article on "Pleasanton City Council holds off Measure PP vote" provided insight that city staff is recommending to the City Council that a road or street not be deemed a structure. City staff originally supported a road being a structure but then changed its mind. The former City

Council once and the Planning Commission twice have voted 5-0 that a street is a structure.

Concern about roads on hillsides and ridgelines were a major reason Measure PP was written. Roads are referred to in both the Argument in Favor of PP and the Rebuttal to the Argument Against PP. In the Arguments in Favor it states, "They approved massive grading of hillsides, a mile long road spanning the top of many of our Southeast Hills." In the Rebuttal to Argument Against PP it states, "This council majority ap-

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proved mega-mansions housing developments on ridgelines that move more than 70,000 truckloads of dirt to create roads and housing pads.”

If three council members deem roads are not structures they will essentially nullify Measure PP Roads requiring drainage structures and retaining walls will again be built on 25% or greater slopes and within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline. Permanent scarring of our hillsides and ridgelines will occur. Please email your City Council 1 before the next hearing on April 16.

**Cindy McGovern**

**PP means roads**

Dear Editor,

I can't believe these tactics are still happening. Although past General Plans had language that should have protected our hillsides, Pleasanton city staff constantly recommended, and City Councils approved, hillside developments that should never have been contemplated. Finally, in 2008, our citizens took matters into their own hands by referendum the Oak Grove development above Kottinger Ranch with its mile-long road atop the ridge and collected enough signatures to put Measure PP on the ballot. Measure PP passed overwhelmingly, which should have protected our remaining hillsides because exceptions could only be approved by the voters.

Now the city staff, four years after its passage, is trying to manipulate Measure PP so roads can be built on slopes over 25%. They claim a road is not a "structure" so is not covered by Measure PP. But a road is a structure, and the ballot arguments mentioned roads several times; both the Planning Commission and City Council have already unanimously determined that a road is a structure. If they succeed with their tactics, Measure PP ceases to exist and development will scar our hillsides.

Please write your council members at citycouncil@ci.pleasanton.ca.gov before the April 16 council meeting and tell them to support their voters, and the law we put in place, by stating a road is a "structure" and is covered by Measure PP.

**Janet Winter**

**Narum's experience**

Dear Editor,

Why Kathy Narum? She has paid her dues to be on the Pleasanton City Council. With the Eastside Pleasanton Plan before the community, we need someone with Kathy Narum's judgment, experience and independent thinking to ensure that that plan is topnotch. Her five years as a planning commissioner will be useful, but more important is her co-chair role and liaison to the East Pleasanton Task Force itself.

Kathy brings experience to the task force: Because of her chairing of the Heritage Tree Board of Appeals and because of her five years on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Kathy will introduce a thoughtful and informed vision for the Eastside Pleasanton Plan, where the chain of lakes, parks and open space, adequate

infrastructure and the right mix of housing and commercial will inter-meld, much to the benefit of all Pleasanton residents.

Also, she'll support family-oriented sports and recreation facilities worthy of the quality of life we already enjoy in Pleasanton. She has a broad base of support and endorsements as residents recognize she is fair and independent.

Yes, I know Kathy. She cares about the quality of life in all of Pleasanton, and she is no slouch when it comes to championing what she believes is in the best interest of our wonderful community. For 16 years, she has done so.

A vote for Kathy Narum is a vote for experienced leadership in Pleasanton and a vote for "quality of life" and for "community synergy" in order to grow Pleasanton into the future.

**Dave Wright**

**Miller is best**

Dear Editor,

I am supporting David Miller for the open city council seat in Pleasanton. While I have great respect for the other candidates in the race, I believe that David is the best choice because of his strong business experience and leadership skills.

There are two critical issues. First, we need to continue the effort under Mayor Thorne to put our fiscal house in order as other California cities and towns face bankruptcy. While the city of Pleasanton must continue to be the most attractive city employer in the region, we must reduce the proportion of revenue spent on personnel. Last year 80% of our funds were spent on employees, leaving little to spend on services. Almost nothing was spent on capital improvements.

Second, we need to be a more attractive place for business so that more businesses are contributing to our revenue stream. While too much of the 40-year-old Hacienda Business Park is either undeveloped or vacant, large businesses have chosen to locate across I-580 in Dublin. For too long Pleasanton has had a reputation of being almost hostile to businesses. The previous mayor and some City Council members would express their distaste for some businesses already located here. These same people wanted to decide which businesses could do business here. As a result, fewer businesses decided to locate here. Hence, we see the commercial success in Dublin.

As a veteran who takes elections very seriously, please join me in supporting David Miller for Pleasanton City Council.

**Doug Miller**

**Anyone but Miller**

Dear Editor,

First of all, I want to thank Matt Sullivan for his years on the City Council and for his brilliant letter regarding the huge mistake it would be for our City Council to support an anti-environmental agenda. Speaking of anti-environment, I cringe to see David Miller, known Tea Party personality, running for City Council. As many of you know, the Tea Party is funded by the Koch brothers, who own

many large polluting corporations and who find kindred spirits in the "no taxes at all for anyone and privatize everything" Tea Party.

David Miller may do some nice things for veterans; however, he was the main opposition to the Resolution Against the USA PATRIOT Act that was passed by our City Council back in the days when people actually treasured liberty. David would show up at the City Council to show his support for all portions of the USA PATRIOT Act, including those involving the government spying on what we read, listening in to our phone calls, and reading our emails. For someone who claims to be against big government, he chooses a strange way to show it. I hope people will vote for anyone but him.

**Paulette Kenyon**

**Strong leadership**

Dear Editor,

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

Pleasanton needs strong leadership as we move forward in challenging economic times, and with outside entities trying to dictate unfunded mandates that are not in our best interest. David Miller will provide that leadership. He will stand up to outside interests, and work to preserve Pleasanton's small-town charm.

With a strong business background, Mr. Miller understands the need to make Pleasanton a business friendly environment. He will work to insure that the city takes a common sense approach to growth and resists efforts to force unwise projects that will have long-term negative economic and lifestyle impacts.

I would urge Pleasanton residents to visit David's website at votedavid-miller.com, especially the section on "What David Will Do." David very clearly explains what his priorities are, and what he will do as a member of the City Council.

**Patrick Carroll**

**Narum: The only choice**

Dear Editor,

Caring, committed, and concerned are words that exemplify Kathy Narum and are reasons to support Kathy for the vacant seat on the Pleasanton City Council.

For over 10 years, she has served on the Pleasanton Planning and Park and Recreation commissions and numerous task forces. She cares that Pleasanton lives up to its motto as the City of Planned Progress. She is committed to demanding the best from developers seeking to build in our community and for the businesses that chose to make Pleasanton their base. She is concerned that, even with the financial constraints that all cities face, our recreation, parks and sports facilities continue to be developed and maintained.

Kathy is a realist who knows the city has to think out of the box and forge new partnerships in order to strengthen the city's fiscal sustainability. Continued and increased collaboration with the school district is critical for both organizations. She is committed to maintaining and enhancing downtown Pleasanton, which is the heart and soul of the city. She is also committed to the continued development of the Bernal property to serve all our residents. I urge you to join me in marking your mail-in ballot for Kathy Narum.

**Christine Steiner**

**Miller will analyze**

Dear Editor,

With elections for City Council right around the corner, I want to encourage Pleasanton voters to support David Miller.

While attending past City Council meetings, I heard David speak on important issues before the city: providing support for our schools, encouraging sensible growth and addressing the city's unfunded pension liabilities. David has demonstrated his ability to express his concerns and make suggestions to

the council on these issues.

David's business knowledge is needed to strengthen the economic well-being of our city. I believe he will analyze each matter and keep us informed. He is the clear choice for Pleasanton. I urge you to cast your vote for David Miller.

**Linda Harmeson**

**Citizen alert**

Dear Editor,

Over the last several years, the city of Pleasanton has been embroiled in unbelievably costly and failed litigation. The city has spent over \$5 million of our precious revenues on outside lawyers trying to prevent housing from being built in Pleasanton only to be soundly defeated in court.

David Miller, a candidate for City Council in our special election has vowed to continue the fight. I am imploring my fellow citizens to reject his misguided position. It is precisely his bellicose attitude that resulted in the court imposed obligation to rezone property in Pleasanton in the first place. Read between the lines. David Miller has a beef with the State legislature and Congress (who doesn't) and anyone else that he perceives is imposing on him. Don't give him access to your bank account to pursue his vendetta.

None of us is happy with the court ordered rezoning of property in Pleasanton but doubling down on this bet is a fool's game. When we spend \$5 million on lawyers it comes at the expense of ball fields, public safety, senior programs, street improvements — well, you get the picture. I want my City Council to defend the citizens of Pleasanton vigorously and skillfully, but I also want them to know when to pick a fight. It's easy to play fast and loose with legal fees when it's not your money being spent. Elect a City Council that will represent your interest not their own special interest. Reject David Miller.

**Marty Birk**



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

## Have Dog (Pack), Will Travel

*Pleasanton woman creates Happy Tails Dog Packs*

BY JERRI  
PANTAGES LONG

When a person takes a dog for a walk, the beings at both ends of the leash benefit. Fresh air, exercise, exciting new sights and scents — what could be better?

Pleasanton resident Janet Vigallon had the answer. How about a dog walk with the dog carrying water for itself and its human? That was just the beginning of what has become a popular product sold in 10 states.

Four years ago, the Vigallon family was “looking for a friend to add to the family,” Janet said.

They reviewed hundreds of photos and profiles on Petfinder.com and found the perfect dog, only to discover that she was in foster care in Taiwan. It took a volunteer and a 15-hour flight to San Francisco before the Vigallons met their newly adopted family member.

Daisy was warmly welcomed but she had some adjustment issues, such as munching on hard-plastic objects, including the TV remote control and CDs in their cases. What to do?

In desperation, Janet turned to the “Dog Whisperer” TV show. The star, Cesar Millan, advised, “A tired dog is a good dog.”

Janet already was providing Daisy with one-hour walks or runs daily. The Dog Whisperer advised viewers to use backpacks for dogs, varying the load as needed to sufficiently tire the dog on outings.



dog-walker might put into zippered pockets such things as cell phone, car keys, ID and tissues, along with dog treats.

Daisy loved her new pack, and soon people who saw the pack were asking about it. That's when Janet decided to launch a new business. What should this new venture be called? Daughter Karen, now 18, was sitting on the floor with Daisy, laughing at the rapidly wagging “happy tail” of their pet. Happy Tails Dog Packs it was.

Husband Scott, an instructional technologist at Las Positas College, introduced Janet to the college's design class, where the company logo was developed. Other students designed her website: [www.HappyTailsDogPacks.com](http://www.HappyTailsDogPacks.com).



JERRI PANTAGES LONG

Clockwise from right: Janet Vigallon displays the Happy Tails Dog Packs she makes by hand; Karen Vigallon helps Daisy display her dog pack; the author's “grand-dog” in Southern California, Turkey, proudly wears her smaller-scale Happy Tails Dog Pack; let the dog carry the diaper bag.

Now she began searching for a dog pack for Daisy that would include pockets for two bottles of water. However, Janet found that dog packs on the market were made out of bulky material that was stiff, hot and heavy.

“Their sides stand away from the sides of the dog and make their width two or three times as big,” explained Janet. “I wanted mine to have a slimmer profile — sleek off the dog's back and sides, with expansion room at the bottom pocket.”

For starters, Janet sought lighter, softer material that was machine-washable. She stitched up a prototype on her home sewing machine that had not only vertical pockets for two water bottles but also reflective ribbon for safe after-dark walks plus rings to clip things to, such as a collapsible water dish.

Perhaps her greatest invention is what Janet calls “poop loops”: elasticized loops that make it possible for the dog to carry its own used poop bags when there is a distance to the nearest garbage can — an unpleasant situation that responsible dog owners often encounter. Those same loops can hold a chuck-it stick for flinging tennis balls. The

Besides offering 14 colors and multiple sizes, the website displays the “personality packs” that Janet has created. These include tie-dye, stars-and-stripes, camouflage, baby motifs, even a pink satin “princess” pack with white fur and pearl trim. A “beach pack” made from mesh material can transport wet and sandy items to and from beach outings. The dog packs can be custom-made, including personalization and special openings to accommodate dogs' harnesses. Janet will travel anywhere in Pleasanton to help with measurements.

During the past four years, Janet has created approximately 600 packs, which are proudly being worn by dogs in Arizona, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Washington. In fact, at University of Washington, fondly called



### LEARN MORE

Visit the website at [www.HappyTailsDogPacks.com](http://www.HappyTailsDogPacks.com). Email questions to [Janet@HappyTailsDogPacks.com](mailto:Janet@HappyTailsDogPacks.com).

Janet Vigallon will have dozens of dog packs on display at the C-DOG Festival (Coastal Dog Owners Group), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, May 19, at Soquel High School in Santa Cruz.

“U-Dub,” the mascot is a live Husky named Dubs. He appears at the games wearing a Happy Tails Dog Pack in school colors, and the cheerleaders unzip the pack pockets to toss T-shirts to the roaring crowds.

“A lot of people think that dog packs are just for hiking or camping trips, but these packs are for everyday walks,” said Janet. “They provide a great opportunity to let your dog be your helper and use up energy, plus they go walking in style.”

# 'She Loves Me' opens tonight at Firehouse

Pacific Coast Repertory Company presenting musical romantic comedy through April 28

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Remember the movie "You've Got Mail" with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan? If it was a favorite of yours, you must see its musical predecessor, "She Loves Me," which opens tonight at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Pacific Coast Repertory Company is presenting the musical, described as a warm romantic comedy of endearing innocence with a touch of old world elegance. It was written by the lyrics-and-music writing team of Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick, who also created "Fiddler On the Roof."

"She Loves Me," based on the much-adapted script of "Parfumerie" by Hungarian playwright Miklos Laszlo, is the story of Georg Nowack and Amalia Balash, co-workers who unwittingly meet through a Lonely Hearts column. Unaware that they are secret pen pals, they constantly bicker as things don't go well in the shop.

Complicating things further is Georg's boss who suspects Georg of having an affair with his wife. Other characters bring life and tension to the story, as Amalia and Georg find their way to each other.

Director and choreographer Lois Grandi returns to PCRT for this new production, having garnered numerous accolades for "Chicago," her maiden production with the company.

Grandi, who enjoyed an award-winning 13-year run as founder and artistic director of Playhouse West, said she loves working with PCRT because of the professional standards it embodies.

"We have always been on the

same page," she said.

She jumped at the chance to work on "She Loves Me," which premiered in 1963 when she was a working actor, dancer and singer in New York.

"Unlike traditional musicals of that time, it had a sweet story everyone can relate to in some way — two lonely people looking for love, and who can't relate to that?" she said.

Playing the female lead role of Amalia is Amy Baker.

"Her voice will take your breath away," Grandi said, noting that she is wonderful and vulnerable in the role.

PCRT familiar David Judson plays the leading male role of Georg, a complete reversal of his role as Billy Flynn in the "Chicago" production.

Also joining the cast is Pleasanton favorite Lauren Bratton-Kearns, last seen in PCRT's opening season production of "Beauty and the Beast." Having grown up in Pleasanton, Bratton-Kearns attended Contra Costa Ballet Center for eight years before earning her dance degree from UC Irvine. She went on to study for two years at Alvin Ailey in New York City, where she currently lives and performs with several dance companies.

Musical direction is by Pat Parr, scenic design by Patrick Bandon, lighting design by Chris Guptill, and costumes by Liz Martin.

A special "Inside the Show" discussion with the principal actors and director Grandi will take place after the Sunday matinee performance on April 14. Admission is free with a ticket to the performance. ■



WALLY ALLERT

Starring in "She Loves Me" are (l-r) David Judson, Amy Baker, Harmony Livingston and Kendall Sparks. The romantic comedy tells the tale of co-workers who unwittingly meet through a Lonely Hearts column.

## Music, romance and laughs

**What:** "She Love Me"

**Who:** Pacific Coast Repertory Company

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

**When:** 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sundays, April 12-28

**Tickets:** \$19-\$35. Purchase online at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by phone at 931-4848 or the Box Office

## Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame

Alice Deng, a student at Amador Valley High School, was inducted this year into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame, for exhibiting leadership beyond her years as a driving force in programs that help local youths and as a volunteer who helps make her community a better place. Alice is co-founder of RSVP Speech, a campaign



Alice Deng

dedicated to helping young people overcome their fear of public speaking. She also created "Power-Off Week 2012," when tech-savvy teens were encouraged to "live outside of the screen." As an advocate for teens in the Tri-Valley Eden Township Youth Community Court, Alice also works to find constructive sanctions for teens convicted of misdemeanors. She also finds time to volunteer for many organizations that help children, battered women and those struggling to make ends meet.

## Out & About

**'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](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org), or call 866-4003.

**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.

**MONTHLY TEA DANCE** The Mellowtones, sponsored by the VFW Post 6298, have been called back to play more music you can dance to, 12:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, April 17, at

Veterans Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. Cost is \$7 including refreshments. All ages welcome.

**FOOD TRUCK FUNDRAISER** Come enjoy dinner with a variety of 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.

**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.

**For more event listings, see pg. 17.**

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# THE BIG DRAW

CITY-WIDE ARTS CELEBRATION TAKING PLACE



**M**ore than spring is in the air in Pleasanton — the arts are in the air as folks all over town prepare for a city-wide celebration taking place May 11 — the Big Draw.

Stop by the middle schools and find students decorating pianos from top to bottom, which will be placed at four spots on Main Street the week of May 5 for any passerby to sit down and tinkle the ivories.

Stop by Juice & Java Express on Angela Street and see Kylie Gipson and Jillian Freiheit, employees who are also artists, collaborating on a design for their chalk art.

Stop by Towne Center Books on Main Street where owner Judy Wheeler is coordinating merchants for a mystery that will be solved by clues left in businesses all over town.

Stop by a board meeting of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, which is presenting the Big Draw, and the excitement is palpable. The event will not only bring everyone together to celebrate the arts, it will benefit the Arts in the Schools Grant Program.

“The board always wanted to do a large signature art event for a wide variety of people and age groups,” said PCAC president Jill Vellinger. “We’re providing an opportunity for artists to share their creativity and help us celebrate the richness that arts bring to our lives.”

Year ago, board member Margene Rivera returned from Santa Barbara raving about a chalk art festival, Vellinger explained.

“When she brought the idea back, it was a distant dream,” she said.

San Rafael also has held a chalk arts festival for almost two decades to benefit the schools.

Now Pleasanton’s time has come. The Big Draw from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. will include chalk art up and down Division Street with professional chalk artists Cecilia Linayao, Mark Wagner, and the mother/daughter team of Chris Pasadis and Jessica Fowler making their creations on three huge squares, beginning the day before. Squares that measure 4 feet by 4 feet have been getting sponsors — such as Juice & Java — for \$125 for chalk art to be applied May 11.

“The Big Draw refers to people drawing on the sidewalk, but also because we believe the arts are a big draw,” Vellinger explained.

The day of the event, 2 foot by 2 foot squares will be available for \$20, which includes a box of chalk.

“It’ll be a cool thing to do,” Vellinger said, noting that it is the day before Mother’s Day and young artists could dedicate something to their mom and bring her by the next day.

Performances will take place throughout the day on stages in front of the Firehouse Arts Center and at the intersection of Main Street and Division. Troupes



include Valley Dance Theater Chorus, Ramayana, Folkloric Dance Troupe, Beat Boys and teen improv.

A rummage and arts and crafts market will be held on Division Avenue in front of the Firehouse Arts Center. Household items can be found at [www.the-big-draw.com](http://www.the-big-draw.com). But the Big Draw starts at 11 a.m. where a big surprise is in store with the arts event.

The Big Draw also includes a scavenger hunt where participants become a detective and help solve the Missing Monet downtown. In addition, a painting called Monet’s Garden will be created by artist Charlotte Severin. The Big Draw is this week’s Pleasanton Weekly event. Artists are invited to appear during the next week’s event.

Clues are hidden at participating businesses. “Detectives” will be awarded a \$20 ticket if they enter a store and their ticket if the store has a clue. Participants can take photos. Clues are collected they can bring them to Towne Center Books, or just tell them where they are and they will be given a bus ticket to the Big Draw Mystery.”

The drawings will be done on May 11, and people need not be present. The event includes a monthlong family pas-

# RAW

ACE MAY 11



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e Dance Troupe, Chinese  
and Creatures of Impulse

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ss to Club Sport, a stay at

a river cabin in Yosemite, a limited edition of Monet's  
Garden, and much more.

The Big Draw has a budget of \$12,500, said Velling-  
inger, which is 5% of what San Rafael pays to produce  
its arts festival. Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council do-  
nated half of the amount and the other half is coming  
from a grant from the city.

"There will also be a live sculpting demonstration,  
and face-painting, for a charge, an author's row, and  
slam poetry by the Teen Poet Laureate," Velling-  
inger said. "We want to show that art is not a passive experience  
— the art will be seen, felt, touched, enjoyed." ■

## Calling all pianists

Four upright pianos have been  
donated to the Big Draw and  
are being decorated by Harvest  
Park, Hart and Pleasanton middle  
schools as well as the Tri-Valley  
YMCA. They will be placed for  
your playing and listening pleasure  
beginning May 3 at the following  
locations on Main Street:

1. Inside the gazebo in front of Round Table pizza.
2. To right of Towne Center Books on the grassy area.
3. In front of Valley Community Bank.
4. Next to Joanna's Bridal, on the sidewalk against the long green fence.



STORY AND PHOTOS BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

At left, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council president Jill Velling-  
inger presents Charlotte Severin's painting,  
Monet's Garden, the subject of the Big Draw Mystery. Above, Kylie Gipson and Jillian Freiheit plan  
the chalk drawing they will do in a square purchased by their employer, Juice & Java Express.



## Help solve the Big Draw Monet Mystery Chapter 1

In the early 1900s, Pleasanton was already  
a bustling community. Phoebe Hearst had her  
large estate, Hacienda del Pozo de Verona, the  
race track was a popular destination spot, and  
the hops fields were the largest in the state.

There were many active and wealthy citizens  
in the town, but there was a new member of the  
community who wanted to make a big impression.  
His name was Clement C. Howell, and in order  
to impress everyone and meet his neighbors, he  
organized a huge party to celebrate his acquisition  
of a painting by Monet of his garden in Giverny.

On April 13, 1909, Howell opened the doors of  
his home to over 300 guests, who even if they'd  
never heard of Monet, came to see Mr. Howell's  
home and eat his food. He had the painting hid-  
den away in a secret vault and when the crowd  
was at its largest, he sent his trusted servant,  
Maria, to the vault to bring the painting. But when  
she got to the vault, the painting was gone! All she  
found in the place of the painting was this note  
and a red bandana tied around a daisy:

"You have everything, so I know you won't  
miss this one little thing! But here's something  
for you..."

The party quickly broke into chaos, with  
everyone trying to find the missing painting.  
Superior Court Judge T.W. Harris took charge of  
the red bandana and daisy and brought them to  
the police. But even though they tracked down  
some clues, they never found the missing paint-  
ing or found out who took it.

Now it's up to you to solve this 100-year-old  
mystery. If you do, you will be entered to win one  
of the fabulous prizes from The Big Draw: A City-  
Wide Arts Celebration on May 11. Go to [www.  
The-Big-Draw.com](http://www.The-Big-Draw.com) to learn how to play or pick  
up instructions at a participating merchant.

This mystery combines fact and fiction. To learn  
more about Pleasanton's history, go to the Museum  
on Main or Towne Center Books to read up. ■

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

**City Council**

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: Introduce an Omnibus Ordinance amending various sections of the Municipal Code and adopt a resolution to amend the Master Fee Schedule
- Public Hearing: Adopt a resolution approving the 2013 Weed Abatement Program and authorizing the abatement of weeds, rubbish, dirt, or refuse upon or in front of certain described properties within the City of Pleasanton
- Public Hearing – Continued from April 2, 2013: P12 1796, City of Pleasanton – Introduce an ordinance amending Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to create Chapter 18.70, Ridgeline and Hillside Protection and Preservation, development standards and review procedures for development proposed in the hillside areas of the City
- Public Hearing: Consider applications for: (1) planned unit development major modification and development plan (PUD-85-08-1D-4M) to construct 305 apartments units, Two retail buildings totaling 7,520 Sq. FT., New surface parking and a parking garage to serve the existing office uses at the California Center property located at 4400-4460 Rosewood Drive; (2) an affordable housing agreement; (3) growth management approval; and (4) development agreement
- Approve the recommendation to conduct a joint workshop with the Housing Commission to discuss city affordable housing policies related to new multi-family rental residential development
- Approve the allocation of Housing and Human Services Grant (HMSG) and Community Grant Program Funds for the Fiscal Year 2013 Grant Funding Cycle (City FY 2013-14)
- Approve the City Council Two-Year Annual Work Plan

**Housing Commission**

Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of Annual Agency Plan for the Pleasanton Housing Authority
- Approval of Annual Operating Budget for Kottinger Place for Fiscal Year 2013/14

**Economic Vitality Committee**

Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.  
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Discussion with Strategic Economics regarding Economic Development Strategic Plan update process

**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

Economic Vitality Committee – 1 Member 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](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov)

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

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

POLICE BULLETIN

**Scuffle over stolen liquor leads to robbery arrest**

A battle over a bottle led to the arrest of a 19-year-old transient in the Safeway parking lot on the 1700 block Santa Rita Road at about 12:58 a.m. April 8, according to police reports.

Brent Mayfield was arrested for robbery after a Safeway employee watched him take a bottle of liquor and leave the store. Outside, Mayfield brandished a knife at the worker, who was able to identify him; police got an arrest warrant and spotted him on Stanley Boulevard, where he was taken into custody, police reports said.

**In other police reports:**

- Andrew B Longoria, 25, of Union City was arrested April 8 for possession of drugs, for heroin and marijuana for sale and for possessing drugs while armed. Longoria was arrested in the 4300 block of Clovewood Lane, along with two others. Francis Edward Principe, 23, of Pleasanton was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and paraphernalia possession, and Danielle Nicole Kozel, 20, of Pleasanton was arrested for paraphernalia possession.
- Nicholas Steven Napolitano, 24, of Hayward was arrested April 4 at about 4:20 p.m. in the 5300 block

of Broder Boulevard. Napolitano was arrested for making felony threats and brandishing a knife at a worker in the Haagen Dazs Store in the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

- Somrang Chea, 28, a male from Stockton was arrested at about 10:52 p.m. April 5 for possession of burglary tools and possession of a switchblade in a traffic stop in the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road. Chea, a passenger in the car, was on probation, allowing him and the vehicle he was in to be searched. That search led to the discovery of a tool bag containing the knife, tools used for stealing vehicles, and other tools used for stealing catalytic converters.
  - Jewelry and electronics worth more than \$11,000 was stolen in an April 5 burglary from a home in the 4200 block of Sheldon Circle. Taken was a Rolex watch valued at \$8,000 and a diamond ring worth \$1,000, along with two laptop computers worth \$1,000 apiece, along with a \$200 ring, a \$200 necklace and a \$200 anklet. The break-in took place between 10:20 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; the glass in a rear sliding door was removed to gain entry.
  - A resident of the 2800 block of Chocolate Street reported someone had filed and received a tax refund with the Internal Revenue Service using his name. The incident was reported at about 10:11 a.m. April 5; no information on the amount taken was available.
- Under the law, those arrested are considered innocent until convicted.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

**April 3**

- Auto theft**  
■ 7:43 p.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive
- Auto burglary**  
■ 5:44 a.m. in the 400 block of Mission Drive
- Battery**  
■ 5:18 p.m. in the 3400 block of Gulfstream Street
- Vandalism**  
■ 10:19 a.m. in the 3100 block of Gulfstream Street
- Public drunkenness**  
■ 11:35 p.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

**April 4**

- Theft**  
■ 1:40 p.m. in the 3700 block of Reflections Drive  
■ 3:43 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- Threats**  
■ 4:20 p.m. in the 5300 block of Broder Boulevard
- Vandalism**  
■ 7:15 p.m. at the intersection of Old Vineyard Avenue and Vineyard Avenue
- Possession of marijuana for sale**  
■ 11:34 p.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

**April 5**

- Theft**  
■ 10:11 a.m. in the 2800 block of Chocolate Street; fraud  
■ 3:43 p.m. in the 5800 block of Corte Mente  
■ 5:51 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting  
■ 6:18 p.m. in the 1500 block of

- Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:52 p.m. in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure
- Burglary**  
■ 3:33 p.m. in the 4200 block of Shelton Circle
- Drug/alcohol violations**  
■ 1:37 p.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive; public drunkenness  
■ 6:42 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of drug paraphernalia

**April 6**

- Theft**  
■ 4:27 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; bicycle theft  
■ 8:27 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- Auto burglary**  
■ 2 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street  
■ 5:09 p.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive
- Battery**  
■ 8:51 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- Drug/alcohol violations**  
■ 12:58 a.m. at the intersection of I-580 and Santa Rita Road; DUI  
■ 1:12 a.m. at the intersection of St. Mary Street and Division Street; DUI  
■ 5:13 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; public drunkenness  
■ 5:39 p.m. in the 2900 block of Moreno Avenue; paraphernalia possession  
■ 10:25 p.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive; possession of marijuana, possession of tobacco by a minor

**April 7**

- Theft**  
■ 3:50 p.m. in the 1700 block of

- Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- Under the influence of a controlled substance**  
■ 11:12 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal and Pleasanton avenues

**April 8**

- Robbery**  
■ 12:58 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- Child abuse**  
■ 11:51 a.m. in the 4200 block of Payne Road
- Theft**  
■ 12:04 p.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud  
■ 12:26 p.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; auto theft  
■ 2:53 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft  
■ 5:08 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting  
■ 5:11 p.m. in the 7100 block of Johnson Drive; theft from structure
- Drug violations**  
■ 10:51 p.m. in the 4300 block of Clovewood Lane; possession of drugs for sale, under the influence of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

**April 9**

- Theft**  
■ 9:25 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- Auto burglary**  
■ 8:50 a.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive
- Vandalism**  
■ 8:53 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Vervais Avenue  
■ 12:49 p.m. in the 5700 block of Northway Avenue  
■ 1:04 p.m. at the intersection of Arbor Drive and Navalle Court

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

## Classes

**COMPUTER TUTORING** Need help with downloading E-books from the library to your E-Reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general Internet questions? Drop-in classes are from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Mary Luskin at 931-3400, ext. 7. Free and open to all.

**DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT** This 7-week series will teach you how to manage diabetes with exercise, healthy eating, medications, and answer all your questions about living with diabetes. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Fridays, May 3-June 7, at Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Call (510) 383-5185.

**UNDERSTAND MOLD IN THE RESTORATION INDUSTRY** Free CE course and demonstration on "Mold," 9-11 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, at Vic's All Star Kitchen, Coaches Corner, 201 Main St., Ste A. Venue includes free breakfast. Learn timely mitigation and money saving procedures. Contact Cheryl at 426-2302 or cheryl@servpro9612.com. Pleasanton.

## Clubs

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** The Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, meets at 10 a.m., the second Saturday of each month Sept. through May. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For more information contact the chapter's regent Diane Groome at dggroome@comcast.net.

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

**EIGHT ELEMENTS EVERY WRITER WEBSITE MUST HAVE** Linda Lee will discuss key components of a great writer's website including a sales page, sample book content and Media/Press kit from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, April 20, at Four Points, 5115 Hopyard Rd. Cost is \$15 non-members, \$10 members. Contact reservations@trivalleywriters.org or 216-5238.

**MOM2MOM** Mom2mom is for all moms, regardless of their children's ages, to see moms of all ages connecting with one another much like the Titus 2 women. They meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month at Harvest Valley Christian Church, 3200 Hopyard

Rd. Childcare is available. Call 484-2482, ext. 121, or email valerie@harvestvalley.org. Free.

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

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON** The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit www.PleasantonRotary.org.

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

**UKULELE CIRCLE** Ukulele Circle April meetings will be noon-1 p.m. on April 13 and April 27, at Galina's Music Studio, 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Please bring in some music to share with the group. Come play ukulele with others and bring friends! Cost is \$5. Call 960-1194. Livermore.

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

## Events

**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.

**FARMERS MARKET** Visit the Pleasanton Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, on East Angela Street between Main and First streets. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday, year-round, rain or shine, to provide the season's freshest fruits and vegetables, sold by the very farmers that planted, nurtured and harvested the crop.

**FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT** Got e-waste? Bring unwanted electronic equipment, such as TVs, monitors, printers and computers to a free e-waste recycling event 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 13, for Pleasanton's Earth Day at 3333 Busch Road. All e-waste will be recycled in the U.S. For a list of accepted and unaccepted items, and to fill out the required form,

go to www.noewaste.com. Call 866-335-3373.

**GET HIRED JOB FAIR** Determined job seekers are encouraged to come to the free Get Hired Job Fair from 2-4 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, at A Hand 'n Hand Career Training Center, 5980 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 110. Bring a resume, a positive attitude, and dress for success. Contact Sue at 523-3594 or suebarto8@gmail.com.

**GNON TRADE SHOW** Girls Night Out Networking and Lois Cox of Prudential California Realty invite all women to come to the fabulous GNON Trade Show, 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, at Prudential California Realty, 4725 First St. Cost is \$10-\$15. RSVP by April 22 to gnoners@gmail.com or 487-4748.

**GUN SAFETY NOW! WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN IN LIVERMORE** Please join us in downtown Livermore for a candlelight vigil to honor the victims of SandyHook, Aurora, and all the casualties of gun violence in our country, 6:30-8 p.m., Saturday, April 13, at Lizzie Fountain Park, 2248 First St, Livermore. Call 895-6145.

**HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON** The Widow and Widowers of Northern California would like you to join us for Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, April 18, at the Sheraton Hotel, Pleasanton. RSVP to Marge at 828-5124 by Tuesday, April 16.

**MEETING/BIRTHDAY LUNCH IN SAN RAMON** The Widow and Widowers of Northern California will have a general meeting and April Birthdays Lunch at noon, Sunday, April 14, at Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Contact Marsha at 830-8483 or hskoog@comcast.net.

**POLICE SPEAKER SERIES FOR PARENTS** The Pleasanton Police Department has two more events in its free speakers 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.

## Exhibits

**FRESH WORKS III EXHIBIT** Fresh Works III: Annual Open Juried

Exhibit will run Wednesday, April 24-Saturday, May 25 at Harrington Gallery, 4444 Railroad Ave. Admission free, donations appreciated. A public reception and awards ceremony will be 1-3 p.m., Saturday, April 27. Call 931-4849.

## Film

**MAKE 'EM LAUGH: "THE PRODUCERS"** Las Positas College presents "The Producers" with film historian Dr. Candace Klaschus at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 2, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. See you at the movies!

## Fundraisers

**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

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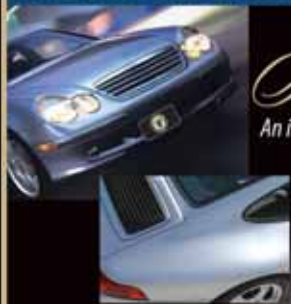
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**FUNDRAISER AT CASA OROZCO FOR AVHS CIVICS TEAM** Enjoy a meal at Casa Orozco on Sunday, April 14, and a portion of the proceeds will go to help send state champions Amador Valley High School Competitive Civics Team to compete in the national finals. 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.

**GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's annual Plant Sale will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at the Amador Valley High School parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Rd. Garden club members will provide expert advice. Call Bev at 485 7812.

**HABIT BURGER FUNDRAISER FOR FHS BAND AND GUARD** Dine at The Habit Burger Grill, 6770 Bernal Ave, from 4-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 17, and a portion of proceeds will go to support the Foothill band program. Print a flyer at <http://www.foothillfalcons.org/apps/events/2013/4/17/1445021?id=0> to give to the cashier.

**HIKE FOR HOPE 2013** The Hike for Hope is a memorial hike and fundraiser, taking place this year from 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 4, at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore to support the work of Hope Hospice. Gather family and friends or come solo to hike for a good cause. Cost is \$25. Register today at [TheHikeForHope.com](http://TheHikeForHope.com). For information, call Carolyn Siegfried at 829-8770.

**JUST LIKE NEW FUND - SPRING FLING BOUTIQUE** The Spring Fling Boutique will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton. New arrivals for spring and Mother's Day include garden art, home decor, decorative pillows, fashion accessories and animal-themed gifts. Drawings for gift baskets. Benefits the Just Like New Fund, a Valley Humane Society medical fund for community animals. Contact Cindy Ferrin at 323-8517 or visit [ValleyHumane.org](http://ValleyHumane.org).

**TIME FOR JEWELS** Come to the Discovery Shop for a fantastic Jewelry Event and help raise funds for cancer patients, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 19-21. Come to American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 1987 Santa Rita Rd. Call Monda Wiseman at 462-7374.

**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](mailto: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, which affects 50 million men, women and children living with arthritis. 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](mailto:bmiller@arthritis.org). Visit [www.TVArthritisWalk.kintera.org](http://www.TVArthritisWalk.kintera.org).

**GOLF FITNESS FREE SEMINAR** The Sports Performance Institute at San Ramon Regional Medical Center invites you to a free seminar on Golf Fitness from 7:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, April 17. Preregistration required. Contact Ask.SRRMC@tenethealth.com or call (800) 284-2878. San Ramon.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND** Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

## Kids & Teens

**6TH ANNUAL LADYBUG RELEASE** Find out how ladybugs can help keep your garden healthy and safe at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 24, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Ages 2-6. Cost is \$9. Preregistration required at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) using the code 54772 or 54773. Call 931-3483 for details. Pleasanton.

**FIFE & DRUM CORPS** Pleasanton-area youths (ages 8-17) are invited to join the 1776-era Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps of Pleasanton. This 3-year-old band has performed at more than 30 events. Visit [www.youngamericanpatriots.com](http://www.youngamericanpatriots.com).

**WHAT ABOUT WEAVING** Come learn about the history of the loom and how it was used during the California Mission period, at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 20, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Ages 8-14. Cost is \$5. Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) using code 54777. Contact 931-3483 for details. Pleasanton.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**'JEWISH LIFE UNDER ISLAMIC RULE'** Professor Fred Astren will present "Al-Andalus and the Muslim Conquest of Spain: Jewish Life Under Islamic Rule," a historian's view of the relationship between Jews and Muslims during the Middle Ages, 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, at Congregation Beth

Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Cost is \$10. Call 931-1055. Pleasanton.

**FORMER AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN ON PAPAL ELECTION** Ray Flynn, former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican, will be sharing his insights on the recent Papal election at May's Catholics@Work monthly breakfast, 7-8:15 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, at Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake Drive, Danville. Cost is \$20-\$25. Contact 525-0272 or Info@CatholicsAtWork.org.

**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.

#### HOW TO SET UP A LINKEDIN

**ACCOUNT** Attend this free workshop on how to get "Linkedin" 1-2 p.m., Monday, April 15, at A Hand 'n Hand Career Training Center, 5980 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 110. Contact Sharon at 523-3594 or svanbrunt@ahandnhand.org.

**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., Monday, April 15, at Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue. Contact Joy at 400-5744.

#### PARENT EDUCATION EVENT

"Encouraging Push vs. Demanding Shove: Helping Families Balance Life Pressures" is designed to help parents and children deal with the pressures of 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.

## Miscellaneous

#### 15TH ANNUAL ARTISTS' FLEA

**MARKET** Come to the 15th annual Artists' Flea Market from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at DeLucchi Park. A great place to buy paintings, frames, canvas, art books, bargain art, pottery seconds and inexpensive supplies for kids. For details or to ask about your own booth space, call Gail at 846-8960.

**FREE JOB SEARCH COUNSELING** The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., offers free, 20-minute consultations with an employment recruiter. Receive help with resume writing, finding employment websites, and learning how to get help with online applications. To make an appointment, call the Reference Desk at 931-3400, ext. 7.

**VFW-AL COFFEE AND DONUTS** Every Saturday morning from 7:30-9 a.m., the VFW and American Legion host coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. All veterans are welcome. Visit [www.vfwpost6298.com](http://www.vfwpost6298.com).

## On Stage

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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### Let's Go to the Hop

Dancers at Amador Valley High School's Junior Prom in 1959 do the bunny hop, one inspiration for the Museum on Main's newest fundraiser, "Let's Go to the Hop!" that will celebrate sock hops of the 1950s. The CoolTones Big Band will play live music at the event, from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. Guests will enjoy music from the 1950s, fun games, contests and photo ops in a '50s vintage automobile. Costumes are encouraged. Tickets to the event are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call 462-2766 or visit the museum at 603 Main St.

Chaconne, Katchurian's Masquerade and new pieces by Leroy Anderson and Arthur Sullivan. 7 p.m., Saturday, May 25, and 2 p.m., Sunday, May 26, at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Cost is \$25 adults, \$12 students. Call 373-6800. Livermore.

**LAS VEGAS CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATER** Known for its passion, energy, and fluency in the language of dance, the Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theater will perform 8 p.m., Saturday, April 13, at Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. Tickets can be purchased at [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com).

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

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### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

Stoneridge Creek Retirement Living FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 476247  
The following person(s) doing business as: Stoneridge Creek Retirement Living, 3300 Stoneridge Creek Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Continuing Life Communities Pleasanton LLC, 1940 Levonte Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009 and is registered in Delaware. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 2/1/2013 Signature of Registrant: Richard D. Aschenbrenner, Member of Continuing Life Communities Pleasanton LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 3/18/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19 2013)

Creekview Skilled Nursing Assisted Living FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 476248  
The following person(s) doing business as: Creekview Skilled Nursing Assisted Living, 2900 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Continuing Life Communities Pleasanton HC, LLC, 1940 Levonte Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009 and is registered in Delaware. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 2/1/2013 Signature of Registrant: Richard D. Aschenbrenner, Member of Continuing Life Communities Pleasanton HC, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 3/18/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19 2013)

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GRAND TECHNOLOGY GROUP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 476426  
The following person(s) doing business as: Grand Technology Group, 130 Raccoon Ct., Fremont, CA 94539, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ying-Chi K. Wei, 130 Raccoon Ct., Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 03/01/2013. Signature of Registrant: Ying-Chi Wei. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/22/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26 2013)

WHITE HOUSEBLACK MARKET #3585 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 476276  
The following person(s) doing business as: White HouseBlack Market #3585, One Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner: White HouseBlack Market, Inc., 11215 Metro Pkwy., Fort Myers, FL 33966. Business registered in FL. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Kevin R. Schockling, Vice President-Tax. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/19/2013 (Pleasanton Weekly, Apr. 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2013)

## Pending home sales up, but down from year ago

Equity sales in February accounted for 2/3rds of all California home sales

By JEB BING

Pending home sales in California rose in February from the previous month but were lower than year-ago levels.

Meanwhile, equity sales rose to their highest level in nearly five years, the California Association of Realtors reported this week.

CAR's Pending Home Sales Index (PHSI) rose 8.7% from a revised 101.4 in January to 110.2 in February, based on signed contracts. Pending sales were down 8.2% from the 120 index recorded in February 2012. Pending home sales are forward-looking indicators of future home sales activity, providing information on the future direction of the market.

The share of equity sales, or non-distressed property sales, now makes up more than two-thirds of all home sales for the first time since April 2008. The share of equity sales in February increased to 67.1%, up from 64.4% in January. The February level marked the highest level since April 2008, when the share was 67.3%. Equity sales made up less than half (46.7%) of all sales in February 2012.

The combined share of all distressed property sales dropped to 32.9% in February, down from 35.6% in January and down from 53.3% in February 2012.

Of the distressed properties, the share of short sales was 19.9% in February, down



from 21.5% in January and down from 24.8% a year ago.

The share of REO sales decreased from 13.7% in January to 12.6% in February and was down from 28% in February 2012.

The available supply of REOs remained tight in February, with the Unsold Inventory Index for REOs remaining unchanged from January at 2.0 months. The February Unsold Inventory Index for short sales was 3.3 months and 3.8 months for equity sales. ■

### SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (Feb. 28-Mar. 1)

**Total sales reported:** 14  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$400,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,060,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$647,857

Livermore (Feb. 28-Mar. 1)

**Total sales reported:** 27  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$100,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$800,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$416,852

Pleasanton (Feb. 28-Mar. 1)

**Total sales reported:** 9  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$393,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,800,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$858,611

San Ramon (Mar. 16-21)

**Total sales reported:** 22  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$225,000  
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3273 Novara Way,  
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include Brazilian Cherry  
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Open Sat/Sun 1-4

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This updated 4 bdrm, 3 bth home w/ 23 acres of lush wooded property has access to 100s of acres riding trails with views of the entire East Bay & much more! **\$1,495,000**

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OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



3298 Monmouth Ct., Pleasanton  
Just listed! Beautiful 4 bdrm, 3 bath home in Pleasanton Meadows. Energy efficient home with solar panels to eliminate your electric bill! Beautifully updated, quiet court location, walking distance to school, parks and community pool! Priced in the mid \$700's

UPCOMING LISTING



4 Grey Eagle Court, Pleasanton  
Breathtaking views from custom estate. 4BR/4.5BA, two dens, a media rm and 5000+ sqft. Marble entry, hardwood floors, iron staircase and handcrafted woodwork throughout. Granite slab kitchen with two pantries. Master suite with stunning views, dual fireplace, pedestal tub, oversized shower and heated floors.



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5102 Bianca Way, Livermore  
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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 28-Mar. 21

Dublin

- 5638 Bellevue Circle** I. Thomas to X. Chen for \$775,000
  - 3708 Central Parkway** Refuerzo Trust to B. & E. Lundgren for \$589,000
  - 4332 Central Parkway** Frazzano Real Estate to T. & K. Sidhu for \$750,000
  - 7389 Dalmally Lane** E. & R. Cespedes to R. & S. Malhotra for \$485,000
  - 4103 Doak Court** R. & S. Chun to T. & L. Ma for \$630,000
  - 3275 Dublin Boulevard #108** Sawyer Trust to P. Lotfi for \$400,000
  - 3245 Dublin Boulevard #419** I. & M. Kamei to C. Cheung for \$410,000
  - 2966 Innisbrook Way** Citibank to HPROF Limited for \$806,000
  - 3360 Maguire Way #134** J. & C. Derickson to Y. Fu for \$440,000
  - 3259 Ridgefield Way** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to A. Kaushal for \$790,000
  - 6610 South Mariposa Lane** KB Home to J. & C. Ha for \$594,500
  - 7156 Stagecoach Road** Vote Trust to M. Hall for \$520,000
  - 4676 Valley Vista Drive** Brookfield Mariposa to J. Radhakrishnan for \$820,500
  - 5662 West Cog Hill Terrace** A. Rivera to Y. Wang for \$1,060,000
- Livermore
- 389 Andrews Street** T. Lemay to M. & D. Codioli for \$315,000
  - 1375 Aster Lane** R. Moraghebi to A. & J. Froke for \$450,000
  - 4135 Bishop Pine Way** R. & E. Wilkinson to T.

- Hemenway for \$445,000
- 2152 Buckskin Road** J. Burke to M. Haines for \$415,000
- 448 Cedar Drive** Z. & H. Crawford to K. Qi for \$415,000
- 273 El Caminito** Wilmington Trust to CEO America for \$410,000
- 1730 El Padre Drive** G. & S. Manley to D. Mamsa for \$360,000
- 1361 Flanders Way** Gsr Mortgage Loan Trust to R. Bueno for \$491,000
- 2142 Hall Circle** Ligan Trust to L. & B. Hua for \$775,000
- 556 Heligan Lane #1** Shea Homes to K. Wan for \$489,500
- 173 Heligan Lane #11** T. Hemenway to R. & B. Hardman for \$427,000
- 173 Heligan Lane #7** S. & D. Norman to Salsman Trust for \$456,500
- 1443 Hudson Way** M. & C. Atkin to J. & L. Feally for \$627,500
- 1223 Kings River Road** W. & L. Manley to A. & D. Williams for \$800,000
- 423 Laguna Court** R. Janitz to R. Goodale for \$527,000
- 1976 Locomotive Lane #103** Signature at Station Square to L. Tipton for \$455,000
- 1087 Murrieta Boulevard #131** Z. Fang to D. Francis for \$168,000
- 975 Murrieta Boulevard #15** M. Alvelais to C. McKean for \$100,000
- 4623 Nicol Common #102** D. Ferreira to C. Tedesco for \$217,000
- 170 North N Street #108** Signature at Station Square to M. & V. Packard for \$369,000
- 143 Northwood Commons** S. Braun to S. Lewis for \$415,000
- 1763 Paseo Laguna Seco** A. Agurs to Barnes Trust for \$200,000

- 2131 Shetland Road** M. & M. Ibarria to J. Valdivia for \$415,000
- 386 South P Street** RWW Properties to P. Rosso for \$380,000
- 1173 Spring Valley Common** R. Williams to J. Smith for \$250,000
- 158 Turquoise Way** D. & K. Komush to APIK 3 Limited for \$487,500
- 1005 Wynn Circle** E. & K. Shofstall to G. & D. Beck for \$395,000

Pleasanton

- 5648 Belleza Drive** M. McArthur to S. Ganapathy for \$400,000
- 5895 Black Avenue** Mathews Trust to X. Fu for \$755,000
- 3079 Bolero Court** P. Hultz to L. Ware for \$426,000
- 1485 Calle Enrique** J. & M. Heid to D. Horowitz for \$393,500
- 10 Castlewood Drive** R. & P. Rinetti to R. & M. West for \$1,050,000
- 3422 Isle Royal Court** Department of Housing to K. Salah for \$473,000
- 301 Lone Oak Drive** L. Liao to S. & N. Rizvi for \$635,000
- 3393 Muscat Court** R. & M. West to S. Aeka for \$795,000
- 1789 Terra Court** Herb Trust to B. & E. Hindson for \$2,800,000

San Ramon

- 9555 Alcosta Boulevard** Kleve Trust to ARG Services for \$615,000
- 3056 Bernard Avenue** Giacoma Trust to T. Nguyen for \$546,000
- 1324 Canyon Side Avenue** M. Frias to J. Wang for \$660,000
- 300 Cardona Circle** S. & K. Beckerman to R.

- Agarwal for \$760,000
- 617 Carrington Court** S. Chu to M. & A. Chal for \$905,000
- 206 Compton Circle #D** K. Siler to E. Nicholson for \$225,000
- 1304 Dawn Court** C. Voyne to J. Lee for \$495,000
- 706 Derry Court** P. & R. Chandy to R. Bhakat for \$903,000
- 3400 Lanai Drive** E. Segur to Murphy Trust for \$785,000
- 120 Laredo Court** M. Hall to S. & G. Chua for \$685,000
- 52 Longwood Court** M. Smith to S. Wijesekara for \$785,000
- 221 Majorca Drive** T. Kennon to C. Morriss for \$670,000
- 6251 Murdock Way** S. & D. Dulepet to K. Bodhireddy for \$980,000
- 518 Riviera Place** F. Staedel to B. & C. Beck for \$820,000
- 530 Riviera Place** KMA Real Estate Properties to S. & N. Manapragada for \$931,000
- 9548 Sandpoint Drive** Urteaga Trust to J. Hsu for \$775,000
- 5301 Sherwood Way** A. & S. Jackson to G. Chen for \$675,000
- 302 South Overlook Drive #121** PK Properties to C. Franklin for \$409,500
- 926 Springview Circle** Hackler Trust to C. & M. Wong for \$575,000
- 42 Terraced Hills Way** V. & S. Patel to R. Kodical for \$725,000
- 133 Victory Circle** Birtley Real Estate to M. Vonanacker for \$499,000
- 785 Watson Canyon Court #251** Gage Trust to R. Zhang for \$361,000

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 Open SUN 1 - 4 **7709 PEPPERTREE ROAD**  
**CHARMING WEST DUBLIN HOME \$549,900**  
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**LIVERMORE**  
 Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **382 ANNA MARIA ST**  
**BEAUTIFUL SOUTH LIVERMORE HOME \$498,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA Cute Remodeled home w/granite & Hardwood. Gorgeous Pool, close to desirable Smith School. 925.847.2200



**SAN RAMON**  
 Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **2655 MARSH DRIVE**  
**GORGEOUS SAN RAMON HOME! \$499,800**  
 3 BR 2 BA Remodeled Kit. w/Granite Counters & Stainless Steel Appliances. Updated Baths. 2 Car Garage. 925.847.2200

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

Open SUN 1 - 4 **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 Rm. 5 Stall Barn & raised garden 925.847.2200

**DUBLIN**  
**3723 BRANDING IRON PL**  
**GORGEOUS TOWNHOME! \$495,000**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA Upgrades: Hrdwd flrs, Gourmet Kit w/SS Appliances, Surround Sound Speakers. Open Flr Plan. 925.847.2200

**3245 DUBLIN BLVD #104**  
**BEAUTIFUL DUBLIN RANCH! \$445,000**  
 2 BR 2.5 BA The Terraces. Open Flr Pln. Dual Pane windows. Formal Liv. w/fireplace. Kit. w/granite. Mstr 925.847.2200

**FREMONT**  
**4397 JESSICA CIRCLE**  
**CORNER LOT IN ARDENWOOD! \$750,000**  
 4 BR 2.5 BA Award Winning Schools. New carpet, tile, appliances, light fixtures, dual pane windows and more 925.847.2200

**LIVERMORE**  
**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

Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **339 ENCINO DR**  
**GORGEOUS REMODEL! \$519,000**  
 3 BR 2 BA Kit w/cherry cabs, granite counters/SS appliances. Newer roof, heat & A/C, windows. Great Yard 925.847.2200

Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **571 COVINGTON WAY**  
**SUMMERSET COMMUNITY \$480,000**  
 4 BR 2 BA Updated-Dual pane windows, Energy Efficient Dual zone heating & Air, Kit-Granite Counters. 925.847.2200

**944 LISBON AVE**  
**GREAT FLOOR PLAN! \$448,888**  
 3 BR 2 BA Updated Kit & Baths. Central Heating & Air. Cozy Fireplace in Liv. Private Bckryd. Large Lot! 925.847.2200

**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

**1334 MAPLEWOOD DR**  
**CHARMING HOME! CALL FOR PRICING**  
 3 BR 2.5 BA Formal Dining & Living Rm. Vaulted Ceilings. Eat-In Kit. Side yard access for RV/Boat. 925.847.2200

**SUNOL**  
**12058 GLENORA WAY**  
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**912 Arrowhead Terrace, Clayton**  
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**3014 Badger Drive, Pleasanton**  
Pending • \$599,000



**3639 Central Parkway, Dublin**  
Sold • \$635,500



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**3110 Half Dome Drive, Pleasanton**  
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**HOME SALE OF THE WEEK**

1479 IRONGATE CT., PLEASANTON, \$1,285,000



This newly constructed 3,182 sq. ft. home is located in Ironwood Estates. The 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bathroom home features an open floor plan and raised ceilings throughout. The living room offers wall to wall carpeting, recessed lighting and breathtaking views of the rear yard. The gourmet kitchen is any cook's dream offering granite counters, cherry wood cabinetry, prep island with sink, commercial appliances including a sub zero refrigerator and Wolf gas stove, a double oven, central vacuum and more. The master suite offers bright and peaceful views of the rear yard. The master bath boasts an oversized jetted tub, separate stall shower, towel warmer, and large walk-in closet in addition to extra cabinet storage. Escape to the rear yard that features a plethora of fruit trees, custom storage shed, bountiful planter boxes, and relaxing spa. Sold by The Moxley Team at Alain Pinel Realtors (925) 600-0990.

**OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND**

**Alamo**

**2 BEDROOMS**

**325 Alamo Sq \$528,000**  
Sat 12-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

**Danville**

**4 BEDROOMS**

**1610 Fountain Springs Circle \$779,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

**4072 Westminster \$999,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Prudential Ca Realty 249-1600

**548 Everett Dr \$828,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

**5 BEDROOMS**

**1250 Country Lane \$1,299,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**Dublin**

**2 BEDROOMS**

**4366 Fitzwilliam St \$429,990**  
Sun 1-4 Mike D'Onofrio 463-9500

**7422 Oxford Circle \$439,950**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Kathy Westernoff 577-2600

**3 BEDROOMS**

**7709 Peppertree Road \$549,900**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**5 BEDROOMS**

**5771 Moorjani St \$1,089,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 397-4326

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**2 BEDROOMS**

**545 Heligan Lane \$485,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain PinelRealtors 251-1111

**3 BEDROOMS**

**285 Bellington Common \$449,950**  
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**1611 Broadmoor Ct \$395,000**  
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**339 Encino Dr \$519,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**4 BEDROOMS**

**2946 Lusitana Ct \$1,149,995**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 J. RockcliffRealtors 251-2500

**554 Starling Ave \$450,000**  
Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

**571 Covington Way \$480,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**Pleasanton**

**3 BEDROOMS**

**2859 El Capitan Dr \$550,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

**500 Pine Hill Ln \$785,000**  
Sat 10-2/Sun 12-4 Fred Hempy 437-5830

**4 BEDROOMS**

**3560 Ovella Ct \$1,425,000**  
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

**2577 Arlotta Pl \$1,478,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Cindy Gee 963-1984

**3298 Monmouth Ct \$759,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

**554 Montori Ct \$1,030,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

**776 Gamay Ct \$825,000**  
Sun 1-4 Jim Lavey 846-3755

**5 BEDROOMS**

**5731 Dakin Ct \$1,729,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**San Ramon**

**3 BEDROOMS**

**2655 Marsh Dr \$499,800**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**Downtown Pleasanton hilltop custom with BIG views**



**OPEN SAT 10-2 & SUN 12-4**

**500 Pine Hill Lane, Pleasanton**

This hillside Tahoe-inspired custom has location plus a recent remodel that includes a new kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and distressed walnut floors. A wooded 1/3 acre lot provides a secluded, vacation feel while emphasizing a modern living space with soaring windows and ceilings. This beautiful home has 2234 square feet of living space and features a downstairs master as well as 2 more spacious bedrooms upstairs. This might be one of the very few homes where the laundry room even has a view of Mt. Diablo! Offered at \$785,000



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**2573 Secretariat Dr, Pleasanton**  
3 BR Duet with Master Loft. 1421 sq.ft of living space, with upgraded features through out home. Walking distance to downtown.  
**SOLD FOR \$590,000**



**5204 Iris Way, Livermore**  
Single level home, with major upgrades. Sellers spent 40k, solar, new roof, new windows etc. Just under 1300 sq. ft.  
**SOLD FOR \$380,000**



**7131 Valley Trails Dr, Pleasanton**  
Single story home in Central Pleasanton. 4 BR & 2 BA, 1549 sq.ft. Newer roof, & windows, whole house painted inside and out.  
**LISTED AT \$650,000**



**1485 Chianti Ct, Livermore**  
Wonderful home in Livermore, 3126 sq. ft. 4 BR/3 BA on 16,000 sq. ft. lot. Huge backyard with custom pool and spa.  
**JUST SOLD FOR \$925,000**



**1938 Clover Ct, Pleasanton**  
Stunning home, in "Golden Eagle" Estates. 5 BR/4.2 BA, 5784 sq. ft. stunning views, on just under 1 acre.  
**JUST SOLD FOR \$1,830,000**



**28 Pinkerton Ct, San Ramon**  
Large family home on a large court in "Inverness Park." 4 BR, 3 BA, 3367 sq. ft. Fully upgraded. Park like back yard. Never hit MLS. Call Julia for more information.



**4718 Pheasant Ct, Dublin**  
4 BR/2.5 BA, 2390 sq. ft. Built in 1997, fantastic location, good condition.  
**SOLD FOR \$701,000 — \$51K OVER THE ASKING PRICE**



**6221 Detjen Ct, Pleasanton**  
Beautiful home on 1/2 acre in Preserve, 5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms.  
**SOLD FOR \$1,510,000**

## BUYERS NEEDS

Family looking for home with pool, prefer West Side up to 1.5 million

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Mia Teetsel

**3591 Central Parkway – Dublin – \$ 699,000**  
Amazing highly upgraded home in the Siena neighborhood in Dublin Ranch! Flooring is rich dark stain hardwood and upgraded carpet and pad. Kitchen is expansive with gorgeous granite slab countertops and stainless steel appliances. Two master suites and large bedrooms. This home is a must see!



Linda Newton

**8346 Ferncliff Ct. – Dublin – \$625,000**  
BEAUTIFUL Expanded & Updated 5 bedroom home in a nice court location! Flowing floor plan, crown molding, dual paned windows, recessed lighting, skylight, hardwood floors, solar heated in-ground pool, expanded driveway, and MORE! Lovely curb appeal! You won't be disappointed! Traditional Sale.



Open Sun 1-4

Mike D'Onofrio

**4366 Fitzwilliam St. – Dublin – \$429,990**  
Desirable "Courtyards" location at Dublin Ranch Villages. 2 BR, 2 full baths. Modern kitchen features upgraded cabinetry, granite counters/breakfast bar and walk-in pantry. Private Master retreat with walk-in closet. Amenities include; pool and spa, recreation room & neighborhood park! Minutes to BART, Emerald Glen Park, top rated schools, shopping & restaurants!



Andrea & Earl Rozran

**54 Meritage Cmn. – Livermore – \$400,000**  
Beautiful panoramic View of Livermore Valley from property balcony. All Living Space on One Level. Granite in Kitchen plus Refrigerator, Washer & Dryer included in sale. Corner Unit with attached garage. Laundry area inside unit.



Katie Moe

**6000 Old School Rd. – Danville – \$9,550,000**  
Nestled in Tassajara Valley awaits 145 acres of beauty and privacy. The property includes a 3544 custom home and a 2462 ranch home. Also features indoor/outdoor arena, 67 stall barn, paddocks and more. Minutes from top schools & shopping! Best of country living!



John Manos

**7149 Pitt Ct. – Dublin – \$530,000**  
Court location with poss. side access (two sides), updated Kitchen features stone counter tops, dual pane windows throughout. LR features bay window, step down FR with fireplace, plus hardwood floors. Rear yard has deck and spa. School nearby, easy access to I-580/680, BART, & Dublin Sports Fields.



Kelly Franco

**2198 Ponderosa Dr. – Livermore – \$549,000**  
You are sure to fall in love with this charming & spacious 1700 sf home on ginormous lot. Expanded floor plan, cozy FP, recessed lighting, dual pane windows, newer appliances, large MB suite. Great curb appeal, backs to open space, superb views. Backyard is the epitome of privacy & entertainment.



Mia & Beverly Team

**5020 Shapleigh Ct. – Dublin – \$985,000**  
Amazing home in Verona at Dublin Ranch. Huge lot with no rear neighbors on a court. This home has incredible upgrades including hardwood flooring, upgraded carpet and pad. Bright and spacious kitchen with stainless appliances, granite countertops walk in pantry. Large bedroom and full bath downstairs.



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### SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

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5731 DAKIN COURT, PLEASANTON

Just Listed! 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**

### DANVILLE

COMING SOON!



752 TURRINI DRIVE, DANVILLE

Remodeled, upgraded single level on a premium .35 acre lot with in ground pool and outdoor kitchen. Four bedrooms, three baths, 3,114 square feet and three car garage. Large gourmet kitchen with granite counters, spacious family room, living room and master suite. Beautiful views of the ridge and a ten minute walk to Downtown. Great schools!

**PRICED UNDER \$1,200,000**

### STONERIDGE PARK

JUST CLOSED!



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.

**SOLD FOR \$712,000**

### 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**

### 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**

### 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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**Pleasanton Market Update - Low Inventory Dampens Sales**

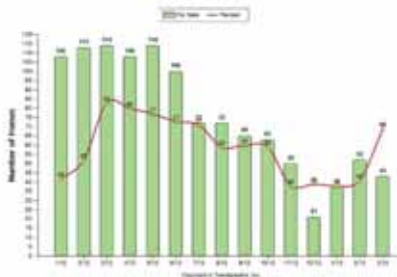
The Pleasanton real estate market remained very hot in March, especially for homes priced under \$2 million but historically low inventory level took its toll on sales. While pending sales of single family detached homes jumped 68% from February, they remained below the level of a year ago. Inventory fell in March, after increasing for the past three months. Homes priced under \$2 million accounted for the entire drop in inventory and made up just over half of all inventory at the end of March. That mix has been closer to 90% historically. Median home prices are increasing also and that trend is not likely to change unless we have a big increase in inventory.

Overall, 69 sales pending during March, up 28 from 41 during February. That was still 20% below the 83 sales that pending during March 2012. Inventory fell by nine units to 43 at the end of March, 38% of the inventory level of a year ago. That cut inventory to about 2.5 weeks relative to pending sales, from more than five weeks at the end of February. We have not seen inventory levels this low in over a decade.

Pending sales of homes priced under \$1 million increased 61% to 45 in March from 28 in February. 61 sales pending in this segment a year ago. Only 11 homes were for sale in this segment at the end of March, down six

from 17 at the end of February. Those 11 homes represent about one week of inventory relative to pending sales, less than half the level at the end of February. Only 26% of Pleasanton's inventory was in this price range at the end of March, compared to a year ago when it accounted for 63% of inventory. 65% of Pleasanton's pending sales during March were homes sold for less than \$1 million.

The \$1 million to \$2 million price range was almost as hot, with pending sales increasing 90%, from 10 during February to 19 during March. Inventory >>Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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**JUST LISTED!**  
Custom home on Incredible 70 acre site on top of the Pleasanton ridge with sweeping views of oak studded canyons. 3 BR, 2 1/2 Bths, guest house, 7 car garage, and more! **\$2,699,000**



**JUST SOLD!**  
Fabulous 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath luxury home backs to open space with hardwood floors, granite & stainless kitchen, soaring ceilings, and private 1/3 Acre lot with pool & spa! **Sold for \$1,300,000**



**SOLD!**  
Gorgeous Castlewood home with upgrade finishes throughout! 4 Bedrooms plus bonus room, 4 full baths, pool, gated entrance, sweeping views, 3 car garage, hardwood floors, and more! **\$1,425,000**



**SOLD!**  
Fabulous remodeled one story with 4 BR plus huge bonus room, luxurious stone master bath, walk-in closet, hardwood floors, skylights, granite & stainless kitchen, and large end of cul-de-sac lot!! **\$910,000**



**SOLD!**  
Prime West Pleasanton home with 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, granite kitchen, outdoor BBQ, hardwood floors, luxurious master suite, and more! **\$1,075,000**



**SOLD!**  
Stunning luxury home with 4 BR plus office & bonus room, 4 1/2 baths, exquisite granite & stainless kitchen. Luxurious master suite, and private 1/3 Acre lot backing to vineyards with views! **\$1,444,000**



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**PLEASANTON \$1,729,000**  
Private backyard, panoramic views! 5BD, 4.5BA, activity room, 4,021sqft. Custom woodwork. Highly upgraded gourmet kitchen- granite & SS appliances. Large master suite. Professionally landscaped! 5731 DAKIN COURT

GELLMAN AND GOVEIA SAT&SUN 1-4



**PLEASANTON \$1,030,000**  
Ruby Hill, Premia. Great court location! 4 bed/3bath, 3 car garage, 2680+/- sf of living space and more! 554 MONTORI

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$950,000**  
4bd/3ba, 2,637+/-sf situated on a 6,000+/-sf lot, open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen w/breakfast bar, downstairs bed/bath, private yard, pool, spa, covered patio and more! 1766 NURSERY WAY

DAN GAMACHE, JR. BY APPT



**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 BY APPT



**LIVERMORE \$499,000**  
Beautiful & spacious townhome with many upgrades. Lots of natural lighting. Upstairs loft offers extra living space. Larger and private backyard backs up to open space, decks with views and more! 945 WAVERLY CMN

JOANN LUISI BY APPT



**LIVERMORE \$485,000**  
Tasteful upgrades, entertainers delight! Spacious living space, premium tile floors, vaulted ceiling, comfortable patio, elegant dining area, kitchen w/breakfast bar, upgraded appliances and more! 545 HELIGAN LANE #1

WALLY MOXLEY OPEN SUN 2-5



**LIVERMORE \$450,000**  
4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1930+/-sf home situated on a 6,080+/-sf lot, 2 car garage, sparkling pool and more! 554 STARLING AVENUE

LINDA FUTRAL 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. Many upgrades including plantation shutters, etc. 285 BELLINGTON COMMON

JOANN LUISI BY APPT



**LIVERMORE \$315,000**  
Gorgeous 3bd/2.5 ba, 1500+/-sf, dark hardwood floors, cherry cabinets, granite counters, neutral carpet attached 2 car garage, great location. NOT FHA approved. Investors ok. 6159 FORGET ME NOT

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



**PLEASANTON**  
Coming Soon! Lovely end unit townhome, just blocks from downtown. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Gorgeous patio, community pool. 4107 STANLEY BLVD.



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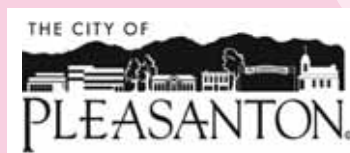
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