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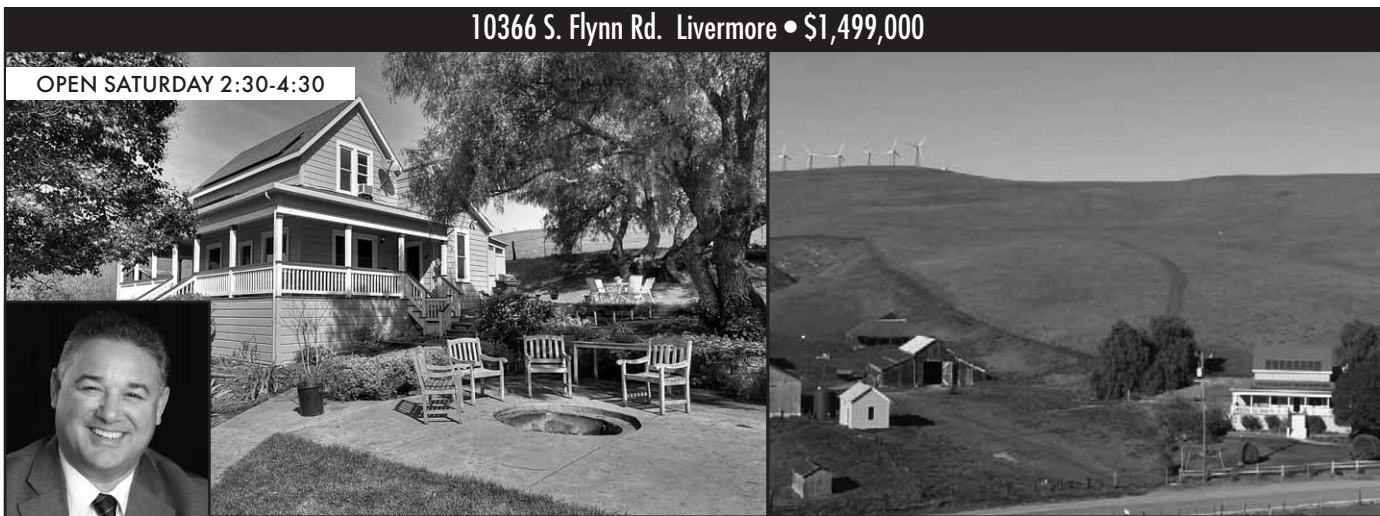


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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Say goodbye to the Utos at Farmers Market tomorrow

Come downtown to the Farmers Market tomorrow to say goodbye to Sue and Ikuo Uto who are closing out 25 years of providing colorful flowers from their Salinas nursery. The Utos have been selling freshly picked flowers here and at the Danville Farmers Market since both opened. Sue, with her granddaughter Kaitlyn as a helpmate, manages the Pleasanton stand while Ikuo with daughter Janet La Cruz handle the Danville stand. Their customers number in the thousands and many signed farewell cards last Saturday when word spread that the Utos were leaving.

Sue Uto was born in 1944 in an interment camp near the Oregon border where her parents, along with other Japanese Americans, were sent during World War II. The parents were released in 1946 and settled in Sacramento where she attended school. Ikuo immigrated from Japan in 1962 when he was 26 years old, met Sue and they married. An agricultural major at a leading Tokyo university, he first learned English and became a citizen as he and his new wife worked as gardeners in the Sacramento area. In 1972, they bought 10 acres of farmland outside Salinas, built greenhouses and the Uto Nursery was in business.

Thomas Dorn, who manages the Pleasanton Farmers Market, said the Utos have operated their flower stand here since the market opened 21 years ago and have been even longer in Danville. At one time, they also sold flowers at farmers markets in Jack London Square and other locations, but gradually retrenched to focus on the two markets in the Tri-Valley. Dorn said he and John Silveira, director of the Pacific Coast Farmers Market Association, plan to honor the Utos tomorrow.

La Cruz said her parents have been hard workers during the last 41 years that they've operated the Salinas nursery, which is located on Spence Road outside of Salinas and employs 10 workers. They pick the flowers during the week, prepare them in bunches for sale, refrigerate them in a storage cooler and then take them to Pleasanton and Danville before those markets open at 8:30 a.m. Her father is up at 3:30 a.m. to load the vans, and the rest of the family joins him at



THOMAS DORN

Flowers given by Thomas Dorn, manager of the Pleasanton Farmers Market, seem like appropriate farewell gifts for (from left) Ikuo and Sue Uto, their granddaughter Kaitlyn and their daughter Janet as the family closes its flower stands in Pleasanton and Danville after 25 years of providing freshly picked flowers to Bay Area shoppers from their greenhouses in Salinas. After 41 years, the Utos are retiring tomorrow.

7 for the trip north. He helps set up the Pleasanton stand and then drives on to Danville.

Tomorrow, La Cruz and her father will close down the Danville stand first, then come back to Pleasanton for the final farewell about 2 p.m. That will also end the Utos' flower business. Everything will shut down this weekend with the greenhouses emptying out. La Cruz hopes to help her parents relocate into the city of Salinas near her family where they can find some reprieve after a lifetime of hard work in the fields and at the farmers markets. Their retirement also comes at an opportune time for granddaughter Kaitlyn, an accomplished dancer who turns 16 this summer. She will be president of her junior class in the coming school year at North Salinas High School with a heavy load of advanced placement courses to keep her busy on Saturdays on her own. As for the parents, La Cruz knows it will be hard for them to adjust to a more relaxed life in the city with no worries about farming, broken water pipes, bad weather and more, "but they deserve a break."

Dorn said Sunrise Nursery and an orchid grower will continue selling at the Pleasanton market and more may come to replace the Utos. The Pacific Coast Association manages 71 farmers markets throughout the Bay Area, including Danville and Pleasanton. Established in 1988 in Emeryville, it was one of the first in the state. Currently, 37 farmers sell at the Pleasanton market with another 19 stations of food purveyors, selling bakery goods, fish and even rotisserie chickens. ■

## About the Cover

A group of teens is urging everyone to give up their cell phones and other technology Sunday and rediscover the joys of socializing in person and focusing on the moment. Photo by Dolores Fox Ciardelli. Design by Lili Cao. Vol. XIV, Number 18

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## Do you worry about earthquakes happening in our area?



**Prerna Gupta**  
Software engineer

I don't really worry about earthquakes. We have lived here since 2000 and there has not been a major one in all of that time, so I feel the probability of a major earthquake happening here is pretty remote.

### Yayoi da Costa

Operations manager, Valley Humane Society

I do worry about it, because if an earthquake struck here and did damage to the shelter, we would have to find temporary homes for all of our cats and dogs. There are a lot of them at the shelter, so that would be a really major endeavor.



**Scott Nicholas**

College student/Yosemite ranger

Oh yeah, I'm very concerned about an earthquake occurring in our area because I've seen the kind of destruction an earthquake can cause and I'd hate for that to happen in Pleasanton.

**Shirley Vong**  
High school student

I worry about it a little because everyone makes it seem like earthquakes are no big deal. So if we ever actually have one here, I feel like no one would be prepared for it.



**Bruce Figler**

Owner, media production company

I am just a visitor to this area but have spent at least part of my vacation thinking about the possibility of an earthquake occurring here because that's California's reputation, and I believe we are not too far from a fault zone.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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

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## DIGEST

### Cut days cost district

Senioritis is in full force as 12th-graders at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools continued the tradition of "cut days" with unauthorized absences. Foothill's took place May 25 — the Monday after the school's senior ball — with 273 excused and 122 unexcused absences. Amador's was May 18, with 269 excused absences and 159 unexcused.

The district loses \$51.54 in state Average Daily Attendance money for every day students don't attend school, for a total of just over \$42,417 for both senior skip days. The district has a general request that parents pay for any day a child misses school.

### Goodbye to Principal Dwyer

The AABC school boosters club, Foothill Athletic Boosters and Band Boosters invite everyone to come say farewell and thank you to Foothill Principal John Dwyer at a going-away party from 6:30-8 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle. A \$10 cover charge at the door will cover a glass of wine, beer or soda and appetizers; RSVP by May 31 to gilholmes@sbcglobal.net. Note: No jeans are allowed at Castlewood.

### Pancakes in the park next week

Enjoy a free pancake breakfast at Delucchi Park on First Street from 8:30-11:30 a.m. next Saturday, June 8, courtesy of the Pleasanton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, American Legion Post 237 and other service clubs plus several Boy Scout troops.

The event will raise donations for the Pleasanton Military Families Support Group, which organizes and packs 180 care packages three times a year for local service members deployed overseas. Each box costs about \$15 to mail, and goods and money are needed.

### Free First Fridays at Firehouse

Firehouse Arts Center is hosting special events the first Fridays in June, July and August that are free and open to the public. They include an open mic night in the theater each month with different guests; Harrington Art Gallery exhibits; art demonstrations by noted collage, mixed media, paint and fiber artists; and children's art projects.

Firehouse Arts Center, which is in its third season of shows, exhibitions and arts programming, is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. For more information, visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), or call 931-4848.

## Tri-Valley cities to keep consultant San Ramon drops

Thorne says lobbying trips vital to secure funds

By JEB BING

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne said last week that he and other Tri-Valley mayors will keep working with a consulting group to plan lobbying trips to Washington, D.C., despite the decision by San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson and his City Council to bow out of the annual effort.

Earlier this month, the San Ramon Council voted to cancel a contract with Jordan Associates, the consulting group that arranges the Tri-Valley mayors' lobbying trip.

For years, mayors from Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville have traveled together to Washington in January to meet with select members of the California Congressional delegation and key federal agencies to seek funds for Tri-Valley projects. These trips are considered unique since few senators and members of Congress see groups

of mayors joining together in a unified effort to visit their offices.

The meetings are arranged by Jordan Associates as part of a yearly contract the Washington-savvy consulting firm has with each of the five cities. It works with the cities to identify mutual needs and federal funding opportunities on such issues as transportation, housing, water conservation and environmental programs, and then sets up meetings with the appropriate elected officials and agencies.

But San Ramon City Manager Greg Rogers said that since (Congressional) earmarks have been eliminated from the federal budget, "the bang for the buck has changed." On his recommendation, San Ramon cut the \$20,000 that was its share of support for Jordan Associates and opted out of the program.

"That's their decision and San Ramon has every right to make that decision," Thorne said.

"But my own view is that because earmarks are gone, our contact with the various federal agencies is even more important and Jordan Associates excels at making those contacts.

"Obviously San Ramon's decision is going to cost each of the other cities in this coalition a little bit more, but we'll continue on with the four cities in planning our January trip," Thorne added. "Four cities won't be as effective as five, but we can still do the job."

Thorne said various agencies administer funds for a wide range of programs that can help the Tri-Valley, including freeway extensions, better mass transit, affordable housing and air and water quality improvements.

"When you meet with these agencies one-on-one as the Tri-Valley mayors have been doing, these agencies listen and they remember us when they have funds to distribute," Thorne said. ■



JEB BING

Color guard made up of members of Pleasanton posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars carry the flags to the front of Monday's Memorial Day ceremony.

## 6,000 who died in Iraq, Afghanistan wars honored on Memorial Day

Legion commander says fewer than 1% serve in today's all-volunteer military

The commander of the Pleasanton American Legion post said Monday that fewer than 1% of the 300 million Americans serve in the military forces today and that fewer than 5% even know a military family.

In remarks made at the Pleasanton Memorial Day ceremony in the gardens of the city's Senior Center, Rich Ghera said more than 6,000 of these all-volunteer military men and women have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and more than 50,000 have been wounded.

"We gather here today to honor our military members who have paid the ultimate price serving our nation and must never forget the sacrifice they have made to preserve the freedoms that we have today," Ghera said.

Several hundred attended the ceremony, a Pleasanton tradition held each Memorial

Day and sponsored by the American Legion Post 237 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, which have their headquarters in the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street.

The colorful ceremony included presentations by Mayor Jerry Thorne, and remarks by Maj. Gen. David Baldwin, commanding general of the California National Guard. Also participating were the U.S. Air Force R.O.T.C. unit from UC



JEB BING

Rich Ghera

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## PUSD declines smaller second-grade classes

Board members refuse to add agenda item as parents request

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

With their successful campaign for smaller class sizes in first grade behind them, about 10 parents came back to the Pleasanton school board Tuesday night, this time asking for smaller second-grade classes.

The new campaign was begun by Emmeline Chen, one of six parents who asked for an agenda item addressing second-grade class size reductions. As in their last campaign, parents cited studies that show smaller class sizes are among the biggest factors in student success.

Parent Sharolyn Borris said she's had two children who had very different experiences after class sizes were raised to 30-1. Borris said with larger classes, there's no room for things like a cash register that her older child and classmates used for educational play.

"It is a disservice to these children to have larger class sizes," she told the board.

Chen has raised \$34,720 from 84 individuals and families for smaller second-grade classes, but the request made by her and other parents didn't fly with the school board. No one on the board requested the item be added to the next agenda, set for June 4.

Earlier this month, the school board contributed \$112,000 on top of \$213,000 donated by Pleasanton Partnerships in Education to shift class sizes for first-graders from 30 students per classroom to 25.

In other items Tuesday night, the board heard a budget update that shows the district stands to get an extra \$2.5 million from the state to help pay for Common Core, standards that are being implemented across the country. Common Core focuses on depth of knowledge and requires students to do more critical thinking, and was designed so that students could transfer to any other school in the country without difficulty and so that all high school graduates will be college ready.

The district also may receive \$976,000 for energy efficient projects, and, according to Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares, will probably not have to do short-term borrowing as it has in

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## Serious crimes down, some others see slight jump

Theft and auto thefts both increase

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

Crime had a slight uptick in Pleasanton last year, largely because of thefts, and auto thefts in particular.

Both thefts and auto thefts climbed in 2012, with a category called larceny/theft going from 951 in 2011 to 998 last year, and auto thefts spiking from 85 to 119, according to the Pleasanton Police Department's annual report.

Violent crimes continue to trend downward, though, with 49 of the most serious crimes — homicide, rape, aggravated assault and robbery — reported in 2012. That's the lowest number in five years.

There was one homicide last year: 13-year-old daughter Ainsley Freeman died at the hands of her mother, who then took her own life at their home on Stacey Court. That occurred May 7.

Another homicide, that of a young woman whose body was found inside a trash can along Dublin Canyon Road on May 24, did not occur in Pleasanton and wasn't included in the annual report. After months of investigation, the woman was identified as Ana Flores-Pineda, 25, of Stockton; Javier Prado Sandoval, 30, also from Stockton, was arrested for the slaying. Stockton police Officer Joe Silva said the two

had a relationship and the motive was domestic violence.

Not counting the single homicide, every other one of the serious crime categories either remained the same or dropped.

There were four reported rapes in Pleasanton last year, a rate that's been steady since 2008, when six rapes were reported. Rape is a broad category covering both violent sexual assaults and sex with someone who has not reached the age of consent; studies show many women do not report sexual assaults, so it is impossible to determine if the numbers reported are accurate.

"All we can report is what's reported to us," said Pleasanton police Capt. Craig Eicher.

The number of aggravated assaults and robberies have dropped, and both have generally decreased over the last five years.

Aggravated assaults are more serious than simple assaults and generally a weapon is used. There were 26 aggravated assaults in Pleasanton last year, down from 31 in 2011 and nearly half of the 51 reported in 2009. The number has been dropping steadily since.

Robbery requires the use of force or a threat of force. There were 18 robberies in Pleasanton in 2012, down from 26 in 2011 and the low-

est number in the last five years.

There were 1,287 property crimes in 2012, according to the report. Property crimes include arson, auto thefts, burglaries and larceny/theft — a category that includes shoplifting, theft from autos, grand thefts and certain types of fraud, Eicher said.

Motor vehicle theft made the biggest jump, from 85 in 2011 to 119 in 2012.

"It has been going up and that's something we've been looking at," Eicher said. "The interesting fact is that when auto thefts go up, our auto theft recoveries go up as well."

Eicher said some auto thefts may be from gang-related groups outside the area.

"They may steal a car in San Jose, drop that off and steal a car here, then go back to San Jose," Eicher said, although he noted he was just using San Jose as an example.

"Most of the time, it's either joy-riding or they're using a car to commit a crime," he explained, such as shoplifting from the mall, where they might not want their car seen.

Larceny/thefts are up, too, from 951 to 998, but still down from a high of 1,188 in 2008. Police have said the majority of felony thefts take place at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

In 2012, 149 adults — 103 females and 46 males — were ar-

### 2012 serious crimes compared to surrounding cities

	Pleasanton	Dublin	Livermore	San Ramon
Population	71,269	46,785	82,400	74,378
Homicide	1	0	1	0
Rape	4	4	13	3
Aggravated assault	26	59	254	29
Robbery	18	20	32	13
Burglary	165	138	310	147
Larceny/theft	998*	530	1,319	633
Motor vehicle theft	119	54	176	70
Arson	5	7	8	9
Totals	1,336	812	2,113	904

\*309 of 998 (31%) of larceny/thefts occurred at Stoneridge Shopping Center

rested for thefts, large and small, at the mall, as were 111 juveniles — 66 females and 45 males. The number of arrests for each was up from 2011, when 98 juveniles and 133 adults were arrested for thefts.

The report says there has not been a statistical increase in crime at the mall since the BART station opened there.

Last year at the mall, 32 adults — 13 females and 19 males — were arrested for other offenses, and six juveniles — four females and two males — were arrested for other crimes.

"What we're showing is at the mall the vast majority of our offenses are theft-related," Eicher said.

The number of property crimes is up from 1,223 in 2011, but lower than any of the five years included in the report.

The number of burglaries dropped from 182 in 2011 to 165 last year, the fewest since 2009, when 136 were reported, and the second lowest in the last five years.

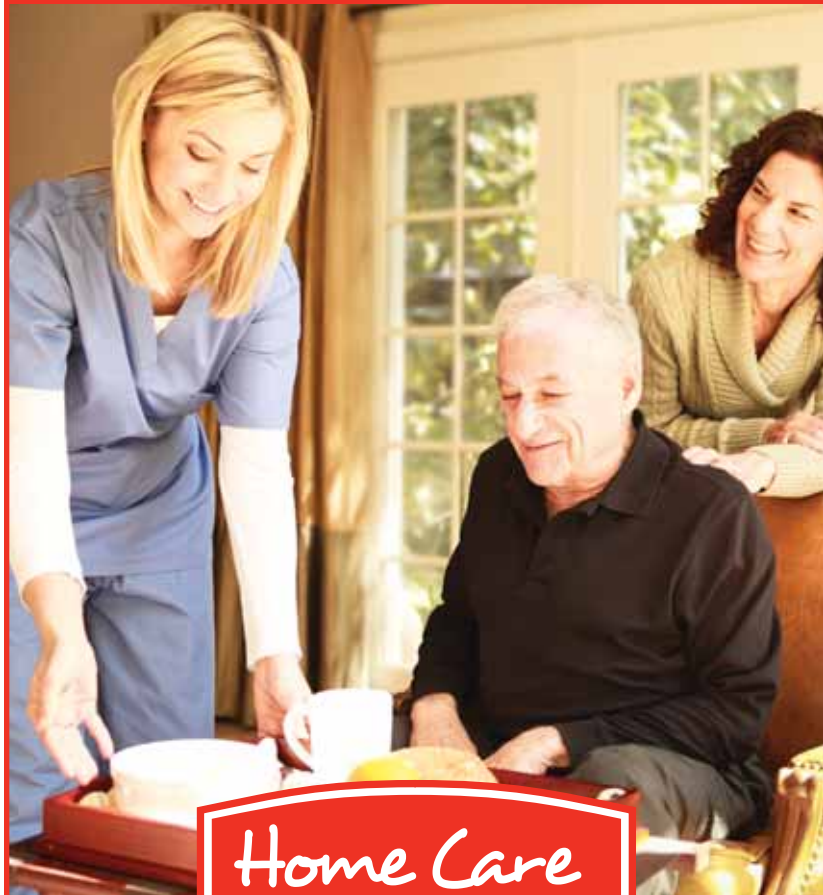
The number of arsons has remained relatively consistent over the last five years, with five reported in 2012, 2011 and 2009. Six arsons were reported in 2010, and there were four reports in 2008.

Pleasanton police also show a higher clearance rate — the number of crimes solved — than both the state and national averages.

"We actually do relatively well between the national and the state," Eicher said. "Law enforcement agency clearance rates (in California) are approximately 27%. When you look at the federal level, it's

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## Main Street welcomes 'Joyful Empowerment'

The latest piece of Pleasanton public art, a bronze statue by artist Angela Mia de la Vega called "Joyful Empowerment," was unveiled last Thursday in front of the Museum on Main. Bob and Marilyn Athenour, who donated the sculpture to the city, worked with Nancy and Gary Harrington through their program, "Another Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You." At the dedication, Nancy Harrington said the art piece symbolizes the impact educators make on the lives of children and noted it was the perfect gift from the Athenours, since Bob taught for many years and Marilyn has a love of children and learning.

## MEMORIAL DAY

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Berkeley, local Boy Scouts and the color guards of both the American Legion and VFW posts.

A special Memorial Day poem was read by Diane Groome, the regent of the Jose Maria Amador chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, with the Gettysburg Address recited by Ann Collins, another Pleasanton Memorial Day ceremony tradition.

A wreath commemorating the sacrifices of military men and women was placed in front of the gathering by Lisa Rosales and Gloria Stahlnecker of the VFW's Ladies Auxiliary.

Patriotic music was provided by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band under the direction of Bob Williams.

After the ceremony, the two veterans' organizations hosted a free barbecue at the Veterans Memorial Building where the two students who won the Patriotic Essay contest were recognized with the VFW's "Voice of Democracy" award. They were Sricharana Muppidi, a senior at Amador Valley High School who was also on the school's "We the People" civics team that won second place in national competition last month in Washington, D.C., and Nathaniel Wong of St. Joachim School in Hayward.

—Jeb Bing

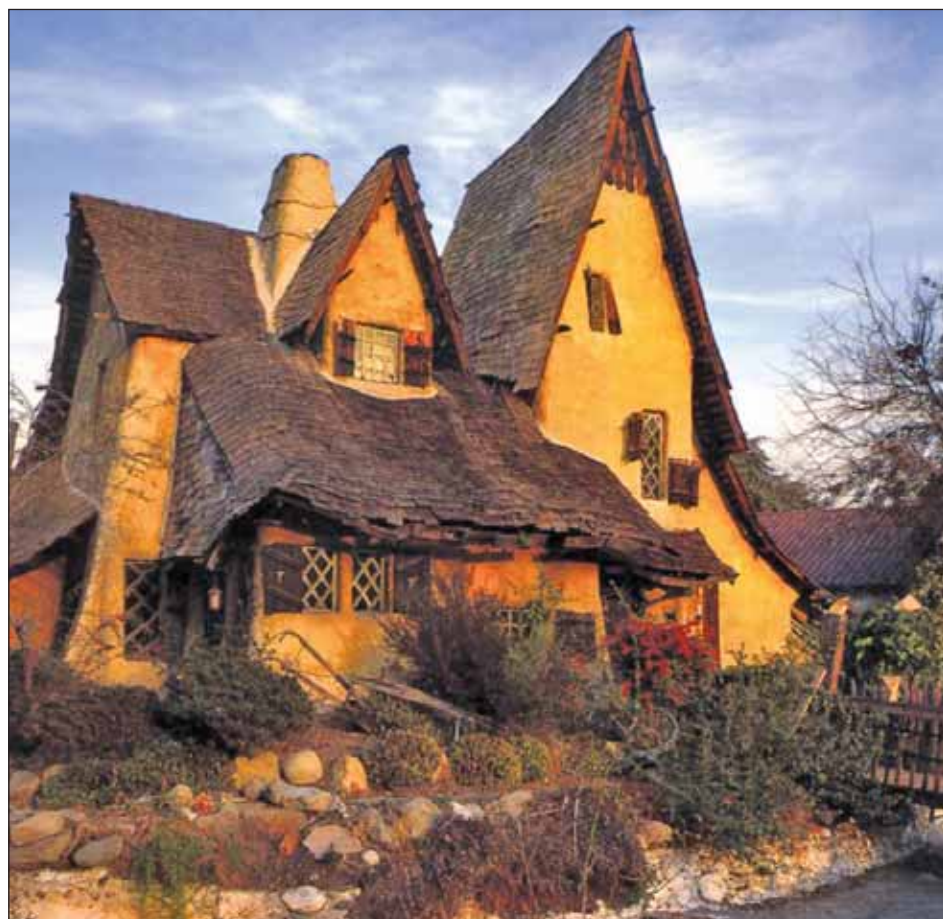
# DOWNTOWN Historical Preservation

Next Tuesday, a hard-working citizens taskforce is scheduled to present its recommendations to the Pleasanton City Council for modifications, and then as intended, voted into law as downtown's new "Historical Preservation Plan." Sounds good to me. Character is downtown's most valuable asset, and character is what old buildings do best, so I believe there should be rules measuring the value of old buildings to the community. However, let's not lose sight of the fact that downtown already has rules and policies relating to historical preservation. How are those working out? Depends on one's value of old buildings and history.

**Let's take a tour.** Drive over to the corner of Pleasanton Avenue and St. John Street and what most will see is a large, well designed and built home sitting on a beautifully landscaped site. That's value! But if you're a "local" what you won't see is the much smaller, well designed and maintained 1896 "Elsnab" home sitting there on the same beautifully landscaped site. That's history! We even pictured this old home in the "Historical Preservation" section of our current Downtown Specific Plan *"as a fine example of period revival cottage style architecture"* and that *"it offers real value to the community."* Then we tore the old place down. Some see value in the way things were, others in the way things could be.

**Downtown's current policy** is that "scale" or "mass" is very important to historical preservation — that new buildings should not overpower the presence of old buildings in the neighborhood. Sounds good to me. Now, drive up to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and view the new streetscape created by the large house being built there. Some will say, *"I'm OK with this,"* others might add, *"Yeah, but not in my neighborhood."* But I think most will say *"What the \$#@%?"* Either way it really doesn't matter because these decisions are made down at city hall "on a case by case basis."

**Me, I look at it this way.** Downtown is



not a "Project Planned" community of common sized parcels, developed during the same time period under the same rules. Downtown already existed. It evolved over 150 years into what it is today, and mostly without rules. Some pieces were altered or added to, others replaced. Few pieces are like the next. There are no consistencies. Therefore, if there are no consistencies, and each piece is unique in its own way, then it seems to me the only logical solution would be to do exactly what we are doing now — addressing each situation on a case-by-case basis.

**But then** with this solution we've been ripping down real historical homes in one old town neighborhood while in another you can't even mess around with a garage. In one neighborhood the owner was required to glue 2 inch PVC pipes together up in the air so everyone could see the exact outline of the small home he wanted to build for his family. He lost!! Yet a block and a half away a mini-mansion rises from the debris of another old town bungalow without a whimper.

**Okay smarty-pants,** what's the solution to the solution? Darned if I know! Depends on one's value of old homes and history. What I do know is that any plan with rules based on case-by-case decisions by whoever happens to be in charge at the time is, in real effect, no plan at all. And no plan at all only works when you have a good dictator. Otherwise, voluntarily handing over control of one's life, property and money to others offering to "fix the problem" they created in the first place is like swallowing a placebo — it really didn't do any good, but you feel better for a while anyway.

**Now I don't know about you,** but I think I'd feel better if after all the bureaucrats, power brokers and their paid *"what do you want me to say"* experts are finished, we end up with a "Historical Preservation Plan" with rules where citizen's "intent" cannot be misunderstood or ignored. Folks, it's either that or a good dictator.

Robert W. Byrd

## REPORT

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down to 22-24% annually."

Pleasanton police cleared about 31% of serious crimes, which include homicide, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny/theft, auto theft and arson.

"I think we're very effective at resolving cases," Eicher said. "We're very effective at investigating criminal cases, which results in a higher-than-average clearance rate for the Pleasanton Police Department."

The department cleared 77% of the aggravated assault cases reported last year, and 56% of the robberies and 50% of rapes reported in 2012, although it did not clear any of the five arsons reported, and its clearance rate

for burglaries is 9%. The clearance rate is down slightly from 2011, when it was 33% and also down from its recent peak, in 2010, when 39% of its cases were cleared.

Also down slightly is the department's response time for emergency calls. It dropped from 4 minutes to 4:07, but its overall response time, including non-emergency calls, dropped to 18:40 from 20:03 in 2011.

The rate of serious crimes has seen a nearly steady decline over the last 20 years or so, with a peak in 1994 of 39.8 crimes per 1,000 population. It now stands at 18.7 per 1,000, less than half of 1994, although up slightly from 2011, when there were 18.2 serious crimes per 1,000. ■

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### Seeing through the new mural

A new mural at Foothill High inspired by New York artist and activist Keith Haring is in its final stages. Junior Yandi Wu, 16, (left) lobbied the school to get permission for the Mural Club to paint it, and junior Kate Oh, 17, (center) designed the mural.

Oh said she specifically chose the four portraits, of Ghandi, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa and Nelson Mandela, because everyone can associate themselves with one of the four. Wu and Oh are being helped by fellow Mural Club member Kevin Hong, 18, a senior.

The quote, "It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what," is from Atticus Finch, a character in Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," which all high school students are required to read.



GLENN WOHLTMANN

### PUSD

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recent years when the state delayed distributing money that was due to schools.

The board also heard a lengthy report on possible development on the city's east side, near the chain of lakes by El Charro Road. Brian Dolan, the city's director of community development, outlined four scenarios for growth that ranged from 1,000 housing units, mostly single-family homes, to 1,700 housing units, largely multi-family housing.

Dolan wanted school board members to consider whether the district would want reserve space for an elementary school in the area, and if so, where it should go and how long the city should hold the parcel.

Board Member Chris Grant ran through some quick numbers and came up with 738 potential new students, based on the average number of children per household and the

average of about 1,300 homes in the area under consideration.

"That would create the need for a new elementary," Grant said, adding he'd like to see an update of the school district demographer's report, due out in mid June.

"I think we need to look at a new school site," he said, with general agreement by other board members.

Board President Jeff Bowser pointed out there's no immediate need, since the housing wouldn't be built all at once.

"It's all dependent on how many units are built," Bowser said, "As we go through this process, I think we can come to a reasonable conclusion."

Other board members questioned whether a developer could be persuaded to donate land to the district, as has been done in the San Ramon Valley school district.

The board also named new vice principals for elementary and middle schools. Jessica Brooks from Amador Valley High School will spend half her time as vice principal and the other half as teacher, both at Hart Middle School.

Jill Butler, from Pleasanton Mid-

dle School, will be a fulltime principal, dividing her time between Harvest Park and Pleasanton middle schools.

Jake Berg of Lydiksen Elementary, Julie Berglin of Fairlands, and Elias Muniz Rodriguez of Valley View will each become fulltime elementary vice principals, although which schools they'll be at has yet to be determined.

The board also accepted two \$18,000 matching grants from Google to participate in a program designed to help close the achievement gap and get minority and poor students on track to take more advanced classes. One grant will go to Amador and be used in the 2014-15 school year. The second will go to Foothill, beginning in 2016.

The grants, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said, are "just to find kids that are capable and supporting them."

Both grants will also focus on middle school students who should be in tougher classes.

The program will include, among other things, outreach to parents after specific students are identified. ■



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### Mayors talk Tri-Valley

Tri-Valley TV30 films a special one-hour edition of "Mayors Report," on location at Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe Community Park with (l-r) moderator Tom Morrison, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne. It airs at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday. Topics included the economic outlook, working together, summer youth activities, and what's new in each city. For a schedule, visit [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org). "Mayors Report" also may be viewed via Video on Demand and streaming live on TV30's website.

## Goodguys plans 20th Summer Get-Together

High school teams to compete in tearing down, rebuilding V8 Chevy engine

The Goodguys 20th Summer Get-Together will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, sponsored by Specialty Sales Classics of Pleasanton.

The show will feature American-powered show cars of all years, makes and models.

Headlining the activity will be the all new Hot Rodders of Tomorrow "Engine Challenge." Held for the first time ever at a Goodguys event, the Challenge is a timed competition between two six-member high school teams to see which one can tear down and rebuild a V8 Chevy engine the fastest using only hand tools.

Livermore High School's ROP department will field two teams. Santa Clara's Wilcox High School will also field a team represent-

ing Northern California. Katella High, Rancho Alamitos and Calabasas High will represent Southern California. In addition, two teams, Thomas County Central and Peach County high schools, will come from Georgia to compete in the two-day competition.

Joining the mechanical competition will be live music from the Diablo Valley College's "Rhythm, Rock & Blues Review." The live stage performance features 25 bands comprised of music students from the college with rock, jazz, Motown, doo wop and country music. The bands will play live from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Other special attractions during the weekend include a special Muscle-Palooza exhibit inside the Young California building, featuring

various styles and genres of Detroit Muscle Cars from the 1960s through contemporary favorites. Inside the Hall of Commerce building will be a special exhibit of custom handmade bicycles from the South Bay's Behind Bars Inc bicycle shop with more than 50 hand-crafted bicycles of all shapes and sizes on display.

Out on the black top, engines will scream during the fast and exciting Goodguys AutoCross competition. Hundreds of cars will compete on the timed course during the weekend in five different competition divisions.

Also new to the event this year is the "Good Beer" garden serving craft beers from local and domestic breweries.

The two-day festival is expected to attract over 2,500 cars as well as



As many as 10 high school teams will battle it out in the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge at the Goodguys 20th Summer Get-Together this weekend at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

a crowd in excess of 50,000.

The Goodguys 20th Summer Get-Together presented by Specialty Sales Classics runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$17,

with youths from 7-12 admitted for \$6. Fairgrounds parking is \$8.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.good-guys.com](http://www.good-guys.com) or at the event. For information by phone, call Goodguys at 838-9876. ■

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# Opinion

## LETTERS

### Stealth end-run around voters

Dear Editor,

Environmentalists fear that Pleasanton officials are trying to pull a fast one to avoid public debate, environmental review of development on the hillsides, and avoid a public vote in order to undo hillside and ridgeline protections that over 18,000 voters enacted four years ago with Measure PP. By doing an end-run around the voters with municipal code revisions, some of Pleasanton's most scenic ridgelines and hillsides will open up for development.

The city's proposed Rising Ridgeline/Last Peak provision, a poison pill that limits which ridgelines are counted as protected ridgelines, must be rescinded. According to their new definition "...the end of the ridgeline shall be the last peak on each end of the landform at which the eleva-

tion of the ridgeline no longer rises in elevation, and only decreases in elevation." Does that mean with Pleasanton Ridge, as it descends from its peak toward Sunol and the southeast hills, that its ridges are no longer considered protected "ridgelines"? No one knows because there has been no environmental review.

Next, city officials have decided to allow construction of ridgetop roadways, roadways within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline and steeply sloped streets by adding an exemption for street construction from voter enacted hillside regulations. This contradicts what was included in the voter pamphlet when PP was passed.

I'm disappointed that three City Council members would attempt an end-run around 18,000 voters, and I hope they withdraw their municipal code poison pill revisions.

Anne Fox

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Pension reforms bode well for Pleasanton's future

The Pleasanton City Council is likely to ratify a new three-year agreement Tuesday with the union representing 220 regular city employees that will raise individual pension contributions and reduce floating holiday hours while also granting a modest wage increase over the life of the new contract, the first pay increase these employees have had in three years. Overall, the new agreement conforms to sweeping pension changes that are already in place for unionized police and firefighters and those made last year by Governor Jerry Brown that reformed pension benefits for public employees hired after Jan. 1. That change raised the retirement ages from 55 to 67 and trims their pension benefit from 2.7% to 2.5%. Additionally, for those employees hired after Jan 1, the city changed retirement medical benefits from two-party coverage to one-party coverage, with an additional sunset at age 65 when the employee becomes eligible for Medicare. These changes move the city closer to long-term pension sustainability as "legacy" employees eligible for benefits under the pre-2013 plan retire from the system.

It's not a perfect solution to the city's concern of unfunded liability for both the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) and retiree medical benefits that total \$131 million or \$162 million depending on the formula used. The \$131 million follows the required reporting for accounting purposes in accordance with the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the \$162 million is based on the market value of the assets. But it continues the City Council's recognition of the growing pension problem caused by both overly generous benefit awards by councils in the 1980s and an overly optimistic CalPERS that pegged its assets on every-increasing interest rates and assets. The 2008-09 stock market collapse and housing bust exposed the structural vulnerabilities of California's public pension systems and the risky political behaviors that led to the growing retirement obligations for the state and local governments, including Pleasanton's, the scale of which are now recognized and being addressed.

Pension benefits promised to retirees are irrevocable, as are the promised benefits that current workers have accrued since their employment began. So employees should be credited with agreeing to boost their individual pension contributions. Doing nothing could cost public employees everything since a pension cannot grow without a job attached to it. Although Pleasanton continues to be fiscally strong with sizable reserves, other cities are already seeing diminishing resources as their pension costs soar. The Little Hoover Commission in its study of California public pension systems warned that government budgets are being cut while pension costs continue to rise and squeeze other priorities.

Arguably, some will say that Pleasanton is not doing enough to reduce its unfunded pension obligation. But with city employees contributing a full 8% of their wages starting Dec. 31 and police and firefighters agreeing to contribute 9%, the city is moving in the right direction toward a retirement system that, coupled with reduced obligations for new employees, can eventually be sustainable. Much also depends on CalPERS and its ability to make realistic assumptions and a state legislature that will hold the line on pension formulas now in place to trim both payroll growth and continue the two-tiered pension reforms both Pleasanton and the governor have made. ■



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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Woman claiming AIDS threatens security officers with needle

A San Francisco woman was arrested May 25 for felony and two misdemeanors in an incident that began as a simple shoplifting at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Security officers attempted to stop Vanessa Marie Delapaz, 29, at about 7:42 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road in a theft of \$148 jeans from Macy's Men's. Delapaz, however, pulled out a hypodermic needle, yelled she has AIDS and brandished the needle, holding the officers at bay while she attempted to get away, according to a police report.

Pleasanton police were called in for assistance. Delapaz was in the parking lot trying to get away when police arrived and she was taken into custody after dropping the needle. She was arrested for misdemeanor theft, brandishing a weapon and possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance. It could not be confirmed if Delapaz has AIDS.

#### In other police reports:

- A woman who was apparently the slowest of a group of grab-and-run

thieves at the mall was arrested May 21 after police were called to two separate mass shopliftings.

Macy's Women's called police to report that seven or eight suspects involved in a group grab-and-run were running from the store. At around the same time, police were called from Victoria's Secret about a similar theft there.

Loss prevention officers spotted the suspects, described as a group of black males and females, leaving the mall. Officers gave chase in the parking lot, but the suspects ran off in separate directions.

Brandy Denise Windom was arrested laying on top of or near the items recovered, but the other suspects got away. Windom, 18, of San Francisco was arrested at around 7:07 p.m. for burglary and receiving stolen property.

Twenty jackets and 22 pairs of jeans valued at \$4,023 from Macy's were recovered, along with bras and underwear valued at \$654 from Victoria's Secret.

It's the third time in about five weeks that area stores were hit by shoplifting gangs. The first occurred April 20, also at Victoria's Secret, with lingerie worth more than \$1,800 taken in a grab-and-run robbery

by six to eight suspects, including two black males and four to six black females. Forty-four brassieres were stolen in that incident.

On May 24, a gang of thieves pulled off a similar heist, taking thousands of dollars worth of jeans from the True Religion store at Livermore's Premium Outlets. Witnesses described the 10 suspects as four black men and six black women, all in their 20s. They escaped in a red 1980s Toyota Corolla and a silver car similar to a Ford Taurus. A spokesman for True Religion said the thieves made off with about \$5,000 in merchandise; the designer jeans can run up to \$400 a pair.

- Toni Lew Fanfa, 46, of San Leandro was arrested for burglary and probation violation in a May 22 burglary at Sears in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. Fanfa hid a number of items, including a \$159.99 drill bit sharpener, three sets of speakers worth a total of \$150, a \$40 purse and a \$20 battery charger.

Fanfa later returned and attempted to leave the store; she was taken into custody by security officers.

- Thomas Myatt, 54, of Pleasanton was arrested at his home in the 2600 block of Vista Diablo Court on a felony warrant from Solano County for selling a controlled substance, a DUI and a hit-and-run accident.

- There are no suspects in a May 25 theft just outside Tommy T's in the

5100 block of Hopyard Road. The victim parked his motorcycle on the sidewalk in front of the business at about 11 p.m. leaving his helmet on his handlebars. When he came out about 25 minutes later, his custom saddle bags, worth about \$4,000, were gone, along with a \$300 black leather vest, a \$250 motorcycle helmet, \$80 gloves, a \$30 sweatshirt and a \$25 mask.

- A burglary at Cycle Gear in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive netted a \$500 jacket, cameras worth \$399.99 and \$299.99, and a \$279.99 jacket. Entry was through a rear door that was smashed between 5:50 and 6:10 a.m. May 24.

- A resident of the 500 block of Cento Court reported two unauthorized charges were made on credit cards that he thinks were stolen from his wallet at a Livermore restaurant. One, for \$1,900, was made at Home Depot in Tracy and another for \$1,300 was made at a

Home Depot in Manteca. The charges were reported at about 10:49 a.m. May 26.

- An overnight auto burglary May 22 at Enterprise Rental Car in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive yielded two tires valued at \$1,000. The theft took place between 6 p.m. May 22 and 7 a.m. May 23 and a window of the car was broken at the same time, but nothing from inside the vehicle was stolen.

- A resident of the 4100 block of Cristobal Way reported an identity theft at about 2:46 p.m. May 24 in which fraudulent accounts were opened with his information. After it was reported, a suspect attempted to make a deposit at a US Bank branch in San Mateo to deposit money. The clerk became suspicious and the suspect left the bank. A Nordstrom account was opened as well, but there were no charges on that.

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

## Armed robbery at Golden Chopsticks

On late Wednesday afternoon, Pleasanton police were on the hunt for a man who held up Golden Chopsticks at gunpoint earlier in the day.

The restaurant robbery in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road took place at about 2:06 p.m., according to a police news release. The gunman is described as about 18 to 20 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, with a thin build, wearing a hat and carrying a backpack.

He was last seen driving east on West Las Positas Boulevard in an older silver four-door Toyota Camry.

### Lasting Memories

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## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### May 22

#### Commercial burglary

- 7:48 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto burglary

- 7:39 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### May 23

#### Child abuse

- 5:24 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Auto burglary

- 7:02 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

#### DUI

- 1:42 a.m. at the intersection of Arthur Drive and Virgil Circle

- 11:48 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road

### May 24

#### Theft

- 8:35 a.m. in the 1000 block of Bernal Avenue

- 2:46 p.m. in the 4100 block of Cristobal Way; fraud

#### Burglary

- 6:10 a.m. in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive; commercial burglary

#### Vandalism

- 11:59 a.m. in the 6300 block of Johnson Drive

### May 25

#### Shoplifting

- 3:31 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto burglary

- 10:11 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 11:25 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Vandalism

- 1:39 a.m. in the 4800 block of Harrison Street

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:36 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

### May 26

#### Theft

- 2:06 a.m. in the 6800 block of Prospect Court; auto theft

- 10:49 a.m. in the 500 block of Cento Court; fraud

- 7:58 p.m. in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court; auto theft

#### Battery

- 3:05 a.m. in the 400 block of Main Street

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 3:33 a.m. in the 5500 block of Northway Road; DUI

- 4:17 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Touriga Drive; DUI

- 5:34 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of methamphetamine

### May 27

#### Theft

- 4:48 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### DUI

- 7:40 p.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Court

### May 28

#### Vandalism

- 8:00 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

- 8:37 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: PUD 84 04 07M, Hai Huan Du-Lund, Tranquil Massage Center – Consider an application for a PUD Major Modification to the approved PUD (PUD 84 04) governing the Meadow Plaza Shopping Center to allow massage establishments where three or fewer massage technicians provide massage services at any one time as a permitted use and massage establishments where four or more massage technicians provide massage services at any one time as a conditional permitted use at 3112, 3120, and 3128 Santa Rita Road
- Continued from May 21, 2013 - Public Hearing: P12 1820, Stoneridge Properties, LLC (Simon Property Group) – Consider an application to amend the Development Agreement for an additional five years regarding an approximately 362,790 sq. ft. expansion to the Stoneridge Shopping Center located at 1 1700 Stoneridge Mall Road
- Review of the Two-Year 2013/14 and 2014/15 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program
- Approve Revised Council Committee Assignments
- Reaffirm City Council Priorities
- Review of the Historic Preservation Task Force status report
- Continued Second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 2066 amending Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to create Chapter 18.70, Ridgeline and Hillside Protection and Preservation \*\*On introduction Brown voted no\*\*

### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, June 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of the Civic Arts Program and Facilities

### Youth Master Plan Oversight Committee

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Gingerbread Preschool, 4333 Black Avenue

- Receive and Comment on the Youth Master Plan Oversight Committee Year in Review.

### East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view the agenda for this meeting.

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)

# Take a **BREAK** from technology

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Teens want everyone to spend Sunday socializing — in person

**P**eople meeting for coffee or a meal on Main Street. Teens talking on the phone or gathering at today's equivalent of the malt shop. Everyone loves hanging out with their friends.

But more and more, socializing is taking place in the virtual world.

“To keep in touch with old friends, instead going to meet at a coffee shop, it's over video chat, text messaging, and facebooking,” said Taylor Sowers, 12, who will be vice president of Pleasanton Middle School next year. “I mean what happened to the old-fashioned ‘hang out?’”

Not only are interactions less often face to face but people want to communicate instantly.



Preparing to give up their cell phones and other technology for a day are (l-r) Troy Maxoutopoulos, Taylor Sowers, Kaitlyn Malie and Kortnie Maxoutopoulos. They are looking forward to having fun with friends — in person.

## PLUG INTO LIFE

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
Bike ride	Marilyn Kane Trail	9-11 a.m./3-5 p.m.
Picnic in the park	Mission Hills Park	1-3 p.m.
Basketball/football/baseball	End of Sports Park	1-3 p.m.
Volleyball/basketball/tennis/badminton	Tennis Park	1-3 p.m.
Pleasanton Ridge Hike	Staging area on Foothill Road	9-11 a.m./3-5 p.m.
Board & card games	Pleasanton library	1-5 p.m.
Ice cream social	Meadowlark Dairy	2 p.m.
Swimming	Shadow Cliffs Lake	1-4 p.m.
Fishing	Shadow Cliffs Lake	8-10 a.m.
Golf, 9 holes	Pleasanton Fairgrounds/pre-call	10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Walk your dog	End of Sports Park (bring leash)	2-5 p.m.
Charades (bring blanket & dinner)	Mission Hills Park	5-7 p.m.

"The world has lost its idea of what socializing, making plans, and playing is and what it can be," said Troy Maxoutopoulos, 17, a student at Amador Valley High. "Now it is all about instant responses and re-tweeting other people's ideas. Kids are losing their sense of self."

"Recently I realized cell phones, computers and watching TV can easily consume someone's life and be distracting," he continued. "It's difficult to live in the moment, enjoy the company of others, and appreciate nature when you are constantly waiting for a text, tweet or uploading something."

"People over use social media to inform the world they are doing things of extremely little importance, i.e., 'just stepped on a ladybug #omg #poorguy.'"

Taylor, Troy and some other Pleasanton teens have targeted Sunday, June 2, as a time for everyone to turn off their cell phones, televisions and computers and instead to Plug Into Life. The important thing about the day is to socialize in person rather than over an electronic device, and the teens are planning activities that range from fishing to sand volleyball to board games to eating ice cream.

Troy's sister Kortnie, a sophomore at Texas Christian University, held a similar event three years ago when she was a senior at Foothill, but this one has had more advance planning.

"Initially the idea was suggested by my mom (Terri), but I could not agree more with the objective," Kortnie said. "It makes me realize how consumed society is by their phones today, myself included, and therefore we all miss out on the ability to experience and appreciate what is occurring in the present moment."

"We most certainly take face-to-face relationships for granted and instead rely on our technology relationships to fulfill us, but way more times than not I realize people ultimately feel much less satisfied and even lonely."

The no-technology day was considered by the Pleasanton Youth Commission but its term was ending so the members continued on their own.

"One day during one of my local Youth Commission meetings, Terri Maxoutopoulos came across and shared her event with us," Taylor remembered. "I was really excited about it, and I really wanted to help. Personally, one day would be really nice without my phone, laptop and TV."

She designed a flier, which was printed on super bright paper, and helped draft announcements to run over the PA systems at schools this week.

"I feel that everyone, all the time is on their phones. Nobody really has face-to-face conversations anymore," Taylor explained. "I love this idea because it's not forcing you to put your phone down for a lifetime, but just for one day. Just to enjoy one single day. This is going to be great for our community because just like everyone else, we are all way too technology savvy."

The teens handed out 800 of the 2,000 bright fliers, printed for free by AlphaOmega, at the May 1st Wednesday Street Party downtown. They've continued to visit businesses on weekends to ask merchants to post the message in windows, hoping to reach everyone.

Terri noted that the day is not just for teens. She said most people accept the fliers happily but several have refused them, saying there is no way they will give up their phones, even for a day. They are often in the middle of a cell phone conversation as they communicate this, she said.

Lori Franklin, a parent on the Youth Commission,

is also helping with the Plug Into Life event. She said her son Tyler, 13, a student at Hart Middle School, has a phone, a computer and an Xbox but probably just over-uses the latter.

"I love my cell phone but I am not on it all the time," Lori said. "I do have to say I get very annoyed, not so much with people talking but what bothers me most about cell phones is when people are not paying attention to what's around them, like when they're driving. I've been hit a couple of times."

As a member of the pre-computer generation, she recalls when things were different.

"I hope a lot of people get outside and enjoy what Pleasanton has to offer because I love it," Lori said. "They have to see their neighbors, see the wonderful park down the street — even for a couple of hours."

Katie Olmo, 17, a student at Amador Valley, is also looking forward to Sunday.

"I think I overuse my phone and it will be nice to have a day with no electronic devices distracting me," she said.



Colorful fliers urge everyone to Plug Into Life. They also list special activities for Sunday.

Katie said she feels the world is both better and worse with all the new technology.

"With cell phones I know I feel safer knowing that help is just a phone call away, however it distracts me from school work," she said.

Kortnie said she recognizes the irony in using technology to plan the no-technology day and agrees that phones are often used for valid reasons, to connect with friends in other places.

"But other times, especially those in younger generations use social media sites and indirectly develop a standard they must meet in how cool their lives are compared to all the other amazing things others are doing out there," she said.

"Time simply gets so wasted away obsessing with the cool things others are doing or trying to show off what you are doing that people miss out on what is actually happening in the moment."

"The experience goes a little more something like this," she explained. "'Oh it's great to see you! Let's get a picture for instagram...' 'Ahhh that is so funny, wait, repeat that so I can put it in on twitter.'"

"As much as I try to detach from my phone every once in awhile, it can be difficult to jump start the process," Kortnie admitted. "I believe if the whole community became involved it would give everyone a reason to come together and appreciate the relationships and friendships that are present right here in this great community." ■

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## ARCHEOLOGISTS IN ACTION AT ALVISO ADOBE

EXHIBIT OPENS NEXT WEEK ON 'UNEARTHING THE PAST'

Alviso Adobe Community Park was developed as a historic site, and discoveries are still being made.

Tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. is a chance for the public to observe an archeological dig taking place on the site as students from the Anthropology Department of California State University East Bay are about to conclude a field study. It's also a chance to ask them questions.

The park contains acres of interpretive grounds containing archaeological significance dating from early Native American occupations (beginning around 3000 B.C.) through the 20th-century Meadowlark Dairy operation. The college's field method class has been at the site each week to focus on the park's centerpiece, the Alviso Adobe, which spans the period from 1848 to the 1880s. It was built in 1854 by Francisco Alviso for his wife and 10 children.

This project, directed by Professor Albert Gonzalez, focuses on the Alviso household and explores the nature of the relations between the Alviso family and its neighbors. The focus of the excavation is on sampling a modest number of excavation units placed throughout the garden area.

Artifacts recovered from the site have been cleaned, cataloged and entered into an artifact database.

Next week, Saturday, June 8, marks the grand opening of the exhibit "Unearthing the Past," of excavated artifacts such as ceramic shards, metal, bone fragments and even recovered litter in the "Garbology" display.

The grand opening runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will also have a slide show and refreshments. The exhibit will be displayed in the milking barn and is free to the public.

Alviso Adobe Community Park operating hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Parking is in the lot near Old Foothill Road and also along Old Foothill Road. ■



COURTESY CITY OF PLEASANTON

Anthropology students from Cal State East Bay look for artifacts near the Alviso Adobe, which was built in 1854 by Francisco Alviso for his wife and 10 children.

## Kitten season comes in like a lion

TVAR in urgent need of foster homes

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Kitten season came late this year and all the cats became pregnant at the same time — resulting in a kitty crisis.

"The East County Animal Shelter is raining kittens and we really need fosters to save them," said Rosalyn Simon, kitten program coordinator for Tri-Valley Animal Rescue in Dublin, which adopts out more than 650 kittens and cats each year. "Right now the shelter is bursting at the seams."

The season generally begins in March and ends in December, Simon explained, affected by temperatures and the moon cycle.

"As you can imagine, this means TVAR needs a large number of kitten fosters," she said. "We get our kittens from East County Animal Shelter."

Kittens go to the shelter as young as 1 day old, surrendered by their owners or found in parking lots, yards or gardens and picked up by Animal Control. Some come with their mothers and the family may need a foster home.

"The shelter can't keep them, period," Simon said. "They don't have the facilities to do that."

Often the baby kittens come to the shelter without their moms.

"The mother can be scared off," Simon explained. "She's frightened, she's not going to take an aggressive stand."

Really young kittens need to be bottle-fed at their foster homes, but beginning at 5 weeks they can eat on their own. They all need homes that provide love, nurturing and socialization as well as food, drink and a dirt box.

"TVAR has an amazing bottle baby and kitten core foster base though a large part of each season's fosters come from volunteers who foster just one or two litters and never foster again," Simon said. "This means TVAR is always in need of many, many kitten fosters though our current need is very immediate as the shelter is too full



with kittens and they cannot keep them for long as they know more will come almost each day."

A small room separate from the rest of the family's living space, such as a bathroom or small bedroom, is the perfect place to keep kittens being fostered, said Simon. TVAR provides everything needed, including a litter box, bedding, toys and medical care.

TVAR can also supply a "kitten condo," actually a large cage, to contain the kittens in a family room or other space if there is no other dedicated room available.

Kittens cannot be adopted out until they are spayed or neutered when they weigh 2 pounds, which is at about 9 weeks of age. TVAR arranges the surgery along with vaccinations and de-worming.

When the kitten is ready to find a home, fosters bring them to adoption events. Again, TVAR can help with the logistics.

"We could easily use another 30 fosters," Simon said. "As summer approaches, people start going on vacations, and it's hit and miss."

Some fosters have doubled up and taken two litters in the current emergency.

"Our need is right now," Simon said.

For more information, visit [www.tvvar.org](http://www.tvvar.org) or email [kittenfosters@tvvar.org](mailto:kittenfosters@tvvar.org). ■

## Tri-Valley's top chorus holding auditions

Singers celebrating 50th anniversary season

The Valley Concert Chorale is holding auditions Monday for new members to perform special works planned for its 50th anniversary season, which includes a performance of "Carmine Burana" at the Bankhead Theater in March.

"The chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music," said spokeswoman Heidi Massie. "The chorale performs a wide variety of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz."

Auditions will be held Monday, June 3, as well as in August and September, at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth St.

The 50th anniversary concert season will feature the following performances and events:

■ October: The Best of the Best — The Top 10 Choruses, featuring those by Handel, Bach, Brahms, Mozart and more.

■ December: Winter Wonderland, featuring Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" and familiar holiday songs.

■ March 2014: A Choral Spectacular, featuring "Carmina Burana" at the Bankhead Theater, and a performance on the peninsula in collaboration with the Masterworks Chorale of San Mateo.

■ May 2014: A Morten Lauridsen Festival with Morten Lauridsen, featuring two performances, one at Pleasanton's Amador Theater and the other in San Francisco at Mission Dolores Basilica, of all-Lauridsen choral selections and choral workshop that will include local high schools and colleges led by Lauridsen.

Valley Concert Chorale has been conducted by John Emory Bush since 1998. He holds a master's degree from the Juilliard School of Music and is also music director and conductor of the San Francisco Concert Chorale. Learn more at [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or by calling 866-4003.

The chorale also has an educational outreach program, Music in the Schools, which presents original performances at Tri-Valley primary school assemblies. Individuals and corporations are invited to contribute; call Pam Grove at 462-4205. ■



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Clubs

**SPEAKER ERIC GOLUB AT TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED DINNER** Humorist and author Eric Golub will speak at the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 13, at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Cost is \$26 members, \$30 guests. Contact Phyllis Couper at [coupclan1962@pacbell.net](mailto:coupclan1962@pacbell.net) or 462-4931.

Concerts

**'SONGS OF RIVER AND SEA'** Baritone Kurt Haller and pianist Daniel Lockert will present a program of "Songs of River and Sea" featuring John Masefield's maritime verse, from 4-5:30 p.m., Friday, June 2, at St. Claire's, 3350 Hopyard Road. Reception will follow. Contact Margaret at (415) 722-0488 or [margaret.secour@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.secour@gmail.com).

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK: OTR** Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concerts in the

Park presents OTR, Classic Rock, 7-8:30 p.m., Friday, June 7, at Lions Wayside Park, on the corner of First and Neal streets. Free. The CoolTones Big Band will perform June 14.

**JUICE NEWTON AT FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER** "American Girl" and "Angel of the Morning" artist Juice Newton brings her trio show to Pleasanton at 8 p.m., Friday, May 31, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Cost is \$40-\$50. Tickets available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or 931-4848.

**STARS OF THE FUTURE: HARP COMPETITION WINNERS RECITAL** The winners of the prestigious Northern California Harp Competition will be in concert with special guest artist Seika Dong from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, June 2, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Cost is \$10-\$20. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

Events

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING IS TURNING 5** Join the fun as GNON celebrates 5 years, from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, June 4, at Girasole Grill Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Road. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. RSVP by June 1 to [gnoners@gmail.com](mailto:gnoners@gmail.com). Visit [www.gnontrivalley.com](http://www.gnontrivalley.com).

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

Film

**MAKE 'EM LAUGH: "ANNIE HALL"** Las Positas College presents "Annie Hall" with film historian Dr. Candace Klaschus at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 6, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. See you at the movies!

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**CELEBRATING OUR STARS GALA**

**AND AUCTION** Join Hospice of the East Bay for the Celebrating Our Stars Gala and Auction at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 1, at Diablo Country Club, 1700 Clubhouse Road, Diablo. For more information, visit [hospiceeastbay.org](http://hospiceeastbay.org).

**FIREFIIGHTERS FOUNDATION HOOK AND LADDER RUN** Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will host the Hook and Ladder Run on Sunday, June 2, at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The event benefits the Burn Foundation and other charities in the Tri-Valley. Cost is \$37 adults, \$15 kids. Go to [www.ony-ourmarkevents.com](http://www.ony-ourmarkevents.com).

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Miscellaneous

**FREE WINE TASTING AT NEW LEAF** New Leaf Community Market hosts a different winery each week in the Wine Department from 5-7 p.m. Fridays starting May 31. Come taste and educate your palette at 3550 Bernal Ave. For ages 21-plus. Call 621-7660, ext. 120.

**STORE TOUR: NEW LEAF COMMUNITY MARKETS** Take a guided tour of New Leaf Community Market from 6-6:45 p.m., Tuesday, June 4, at 3550 Bernal Ave. Learn about each department and enjoy samples along the way. Discover fresh, organic produce, nutrition and body care, and more. Call 621-7660, ext. 120.

Support Groups

**STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Join bi-monthly and begin your healing journey, at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays, June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25; and Aug. 8 and 22, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Sessions open to all. Call Mary Hagerty at 846-2377.

**TRAGIC LOSS** Hope Hospice is providing drop-in support groups for adults to explore grief in a safe and supportive environment. Sessions 6:30-8 p.m., on the 1st Monday of the month, at 6377 Clark Ave., Ste 100, Dublin. Call 829-8770.

**TRANSITIONS** Hope Hospice is holding 8-week sessions to explore grief in a safe and supportive environment. Sessions will be held 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, May 7-June 25, at 6377 Clark Ave., Ste 100, Dublin. Call 829-8770.

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File No.: 478548  
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# Real Estate

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## Luxury home sales soar again in April

By JEB BING

The East Bay's luxury housing market continued its rally in April with home sales surging 67% compared to a year ago, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

The figures are based on Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold for more than \$1 million last month in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A total of 222 homes sold for more than \$1 million in April, up from 133 transactions in April 2012. Sales were also up 37% from March, when 162 luxury sales were recorded.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury home last month dipped 2% from a year ago to \$1.25 million. On a monthly basis, the median edged down 4.1% from March.

The upper end of the market showed particular strength in April with 16 sales of more than \$2 million, up sharply from the 10 multi-million-dollar transactions at the same time last year.

All other key indicators for the luxury market improved last month from the previous month and a year ago. Homes on average sold in fewer days, and sellers

received a higher percentage of their asking price.

"The luxury housing market in East Bay, much like the overall market, remains red hot as these numbers indicate," said Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "The market continues to be driven by a large number of qualified and determined home buyers who want to purchase while interest rates are still low and home values are still quite attractive."

Some key findings from this month's Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage luxury report:

- The most expensive sale in the East Bay last month was a five-bedroom, eight-bath approximately 8,400-square-foot home in Fremont that sold for \$3.9 million;
- Fremont boasted the most million-dollar sales with 26, followed by Oakland with 25, Pleasanton with 20, and Danville, Lafayette and Orinda with 16 each;
- Homes sold in an average of 26 days, down from 41 days a year ago but up slightly from 25 days the previous month; and
- Sellers received an average of 105.1% of their asking price, up from 99% a year ago and 103.5% the previous month.

The East Bay Luxury Housing Market Report is a monthly report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, a specialist in high-end real estate sales. ■



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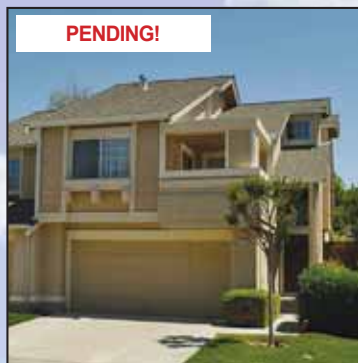
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**3552 Capella Ct \$599,000**  
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**3023 Badger Dr \$679,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**456 Cabonia Ct \$1,235,000**  
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

**6828 Corte Salcedo \$775,000**  
Sat 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

**4746 McHenry Gate Wy \$825,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Krista McCoy 399-8121

**1006 Kolln St \$785,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

**2604 Camino Segura \$999,950**  
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#### 5 BEDROOMS

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**EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY \$355,000**  
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**1026 Mccaluley Rd**  
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### FREMONT

**Open SUN 1:30 - 5 41615 Carmen St**  
**MISSION SAN JOSE RANCHER \$898,888**  
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### LIVERMORE

**Open SUN 1-4 4086 Loch Lomand Way**  
**GREAT OPEN FLOOR PLAN \$765,000**  
4 BR 3 BA Formal Living & Dining Rm. Entry w/ high ceilings. 2 wood burning fireplaces. A Must See! 925.847.2200

### PLEASANTON

**2415 Pomino Way**  
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### JUST LISTED



**6828 Corte Salcedo, Pleasanton**  
This single story gem is located on a quiet court in "Del Prado." It has 4 bedrooms and 2 baths, and just under 2000 sq. ft. Enjoy a great layout, with a beautifully landscaped back yard with a large deck off the family room/kitchen. **LISTED AT \$775,000**



**1598 Bluebell Drive, Livermore**  
Charming home in "Springtown" in great condition. The upgraded 2 bedroom & 2 bath home offers 1280 sq. ft. with a nice back yard. Lot size is 6000 sq. ft. **LISTED AT \$429,000**

### PENDING



**1844 Chestnut St, Livermore**  
1062 sq. ft. 5000 sq. ft. lot. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, with upgraded roof, windows, kitchen. **PRICED TO SELL AT \$299,000**



**7109 Valley Trails, Pleasanton**  
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, a play room, and \$75K in upgrades, with an amazing back yard retreat. **LISTED AT \$749,000**

### RECENTLY SOLD



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



**7131 Valley Trails Dr, Pleasanton**  
Single story, 4 BR, 2 BA, 1549 sq. ft. Newer roof, windows, paint. **SOLD FOR \$720,000 — \$70K OVER ASKING PRICE**



**1485 Chianti Ct, 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**



**2573 Secretariat Dr, Pleasanton**  
3 BR duet with master loft. 1421 sq. ft., upgraded features throughout. Walk to downtown. **SOLD FOR \$590,000**



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



**28 Pinkerton Ct, San Ramon**  
Large family home on court in "Inverness Park." 4 BR, 3 BA, 3367 sq. ft. Fully upgraded. Park like back yard. Never hit MLS. **JUST SOLD FOR \$875,000**

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Family looking for swimming pool, with a 4 bedroom home, updated, prefers West Pleasanton, up to \$1.6 million

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**4639 Third Street, Pleasanton (shown at right)**  
Approx. 3235 sq. ft. Craftsman-style home on 11,000 sq. ft. Downtown lot. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths + den & 400 sq. ft. basement/wine cellar & 5-car garage. Walk to Main Street fine dining, cafes, shopping, Farmers Market and Concerts in the Park! Prior to 7/15, buyer can choose floors, cabinets, paint, counters & appliances. **\$2,248,000**

\*Option for additional 1075 sq. ft. finished 2nd floor. Space for 3 rooms + full bath, could include media room, gym, additional bedroom(s).\*



**753 Kilkare Rd, Sunol**  
Single-story, approx. 2800 sq. ft. 3br, 3ba + office/den & 3 car garage on 5 private acres! Call for more info.  
**Approx. \$1,480,000-\$1,569,000**

**1125 Orchid Pl, Livermore**  
Approx. 3377 sq. ft. 5br, 4ba Spanish-style home, with 1br, 1ba down + Loft + 2nd master/bonus rm. for au pair/in-laws. 3 car garage. Approx. 12,000 sq. ft. landscaped lot!  
**\$958,000**

### Available — Bring Offers!

Open Fri 10-1, Sat 1-4

**3112 Joanne Circle,  
Pleasanton**

Ideal 1-story Parkside home with major curb appeal and many recent upgrades! Approx. 1675 sq. ft. 3br, 2ba with hardwoods, granite/stainless kitchen and much more! Walk to Sports Park, trails, area shopping and dining. **\$729,000**



**264 Spring Street,  
Pleasanton**

Office, retail & res. uses allowed! 1128 sf front bldg. Currently used as an office w/ lrg. reception area, 3 private offices, kitchen + bath + sep. 150 sf office @ back. (Can be poss. 3+br, 1ba home.) 600 sf 1br/1ba rear rental unit w/ carport (\$1350/mo), includes 2 add'l parking spaces + 300 sf storage. Just 1/2 block of Main Street. **\$1,049,000**



### My Pleasanton Pendings in May

*All Over Asking, w/ Multiple Offers!*

4307 2nd St ..... \$989,000  
380 E. Angela St ..... \$619,000  
843 Division St ..... \$304,000  
4002 Moselle Ct ..... \$689,000  
1465 Irongate Ct ..... \$1,549,000  
2847 EL Capitan Dr ..... \$619,000  
1418 Groth Cir ..... \$496,000  
1541 Trimmingham Dr ..... \$598,000

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193+/- acre privately owned land, known as Blessing Ranch, offers privacy and amazing views. Close to 580/680 interchange. Options for development are possibly a handful of single family residence homes or a large estate.

**OFFERED AT \$4,000,000**



**CONTINGENT**

**7755 COUNTRY LANE**  
PLEASANTON

4 BD + Office, 4.5 BA + .5 in Pool House, 4,496+/- sq. ft. on a 38,194+/- sq. ft. lot. Recently updated kitchen, new carpeting and move in ready! This exquisite custom home sits on just under an acre of land. Offering vaulted open beams ceilings, hardwood floors and sky lights.

**OFFERED AT \$1,850,000**



**PENDING**

**3806 PICARD AVENUE**  
PLEASANTON

5 BD plus bonus room, 3.5 BA, 3,525sf. on a 19,554sf. lot. Built in 1996 with a bedroom and full bath on main level. Large side yard access, pool/spa and large patio with arbor.

**OFFERED AT \$1,450,000**



**JUST SOLD!**

**5185 SPRINGDALE AVENUE**  
PLEASANTON

3BD / 2BA 1,760sf. on a 7,532sf. lot. Single level with an open floor plan. Expanded master suite with walk-in closet and views of back yard. Located close to 580/680 interchange.

**OFFERED AT \$660,000**

**SOLD FOR \$674,000**



**PENDING!**

**4254 FITZWILLIAM ST.**  
DUBLIN

3 BD, 3 BA with Patio. 1,679sf of living space. Located in the Courtyards at Dublin Ranch. This Napoli model offers a 2-car side by side garage. Convenient location near BART, 580/680 interchange and the ACE train.

**OFFERED AT \$525,000**



**JUST LISTED!**

**1006 KOLLN STREET**  
PLEASANTON

4BD + Loft, 3BA, 2,402sf. on a 7,189sf. lot. Updated and Expanded throughout. 2 Master suites, one on main level. Open floor plan with expanded kitchen and large island. Back yard offers pebble tech pool/spa, BBQ island and private patio.

**OFFERED AT \$785,000**

## Pleasanton Market Update — Is it a Good Time to Buy?

Unless you have been sleeping under a rock, you are certainly aware that the Pleasanton & Tri-Valley Real Estate Market is really hot right now. I mean really hot. And if you are in the process of attempting to buy a home, you definitely know this to be true. Wild stories, often true, of homes getting dozens of offers and buyers paying well over asking price are making the rounds right now. It is encouraging for homeowners and sellers, but it can be deflating and discouraging for potential buyers who have to navigate this market.

So is it a good time to buy? If you are a buyer who won't pay asking price for anything ever, or if you like to be in control, the answer will be no. You might be well served to wait for market conditions to change back to a buyer's market. The only problem is determining how much higher home prices will go before the market shifts again. You may end up paying even more when the market finally does change. But if you are determined to buy a home, there are several reasons it is a good time to buy right now:

**1. You have company.** As much as everyone wants knows it is smart to buy a home when no one else is buying, it is a scary proposition. It is easier and more reassuring when there are lots of buyers and lots of interest in homes. Rightly or wrongly, there is safety in numbers. At least other buyers

have the same opinion about the market.

**2. Low interest rates.** With rates at record low levels, the cost of home ownership is extremely low right now. If you have a long term perspective, it is a great time to lock in the low interest rates and corresponding low payments. And if they get lower (not highly likely), you can refinance and lower your payments even more.

**3. Prices still below peak.** Yes, home prices have surged in the last few months. But for most markets and price ranges they are below the peak of 2007. So some will say there is still some appreciation left right now, although as we all found out there are no guarantees.

**4. Pent up Demand.** There is strong demand from home buyers, which points to >> [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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**PENDING SALE!**

Luxurious single story home in the Castlewood area featuring 4 BR, 4 BTHs, gourmet kitchen, 7+ car garage, and a private almost 3 acre lot with sweeping views! **979 Oak Manor Way**



**JUST SOLD!**

Custom home on Incredible 70 acre site on top of the Pleasanton ridge with sweeping views of oak studded canyons. 3 BR, 2.5 BTHs, guest house, 7 car garage, and more! **\$2,620,000**



**JUST SOLD!**

Stunning Sycamore Heights former model home with 5 BR, 4.5 BTHs, spacious granite/stainless kitchen, custom wood work & trim, and private yard with panoramic views of the Pleasanton Ridge! **\$1,729,000**



**JUST SOLD!**

Fabulous 4 BR, 3.5 BTHs 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 BR plus bonus room, 4 full baths, pool, gated entrance, sweeping views, 3 car garage, hardwood floors, and more! **\$1,425,000**



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### SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

**SOLD!**



#### 5731 DAKIN COURT, PLEASANTON

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

### DANVILLE

**SOLD!**



#### 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, side yard access and three car garage with extra workshop area. Upgraded gourmet kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Remodeled bathrooms with custom tile flooring. Spacious family room, living room and master suite. Separate studio in rear yard with sink. Beautiful views of the ridge and a ten minute walk to Downtown. Great schools!  
**SOLD FOR \$1,300,000**

### DEL PRADO

**JUST CLOSED!**



#### 1416 CALLE ENRIQUE, PLEASANTON

**Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this charming townhome.** Two bedrooms and one bath with a two car garage, 941 square feet. Newer paint and carpets throughout home. Hardwood floors in living area and laundry in two car attached garage. Private enclosed patio and large community pool and clubhouse. This home offers a great location convenient to downtown and parks! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$400,000**

### 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 FOR \$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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**BY APPT**



**PLEASANTON \$2,149,000**  
Beautiful Castlewood, remodeled 2011, Craftsman style, 14th fairway, great view, custom metal fencing, amazing gourmet kitchen. Landscaping with rear yard fire feature reminiscent of Sunset Gardens. 15 FAIRWAY LN

**LINDA GOVEIA & PAT GELLMAN**

**BY APPT**



**PLEASANTON \$1,998,800**  
Beautiful executive home, 5,000+/-sf, true old world Italian style villa, 5bd/4.5ba, attached studio apt, covered porches, surrounded by Cabernet & Chardonnay grapes. 3601 PONTINA CT

**WALLY MOXLEY**

**BY APPT**



**PLEASANTON \$1,090,000**  
Unique, one of a kind home, open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, full bed and bath downstairs, spacious rooms, spectacular views and more! 5877 SAN JUAN WAY

**LINDA FUTRAL**

**BY APPT**



**PLEASANTON \$950,000**  
Eichler style custom home near downtown with unbelievable views! You'll want to see this one quick as this street rarely has a neighbor move. Very retro and ready to move in. 825 ABBIE ST

**MOXLEY TEAM**

**BY APPT**



**PLEASANTON \$950,000**  
4 bd, 3 ba 2,637 on 6,000sf. lot. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen with new appliances and breakfast bar. Downstairs bed/bath. Private yard w/ pool, spa and covered patios. 1766 NURSERY WAY

**MOXLEY TEAM**

**SAT & SAN 1-4**



**PLEASANTON \$785,000**  
4BD, 3 BA 2,402+/-sf home situated on a 7,189+/-sf lot. Expanded w/2 master suites, open floor plan, upstairs loft/office. Wood flooring, granite counters, gas cooking in kitchen. Corner lot, pool/spa, outdoor kitchen. 1006 KOLLN

**JULIA MURTAGH**

**BY APPT**



**PLEASANTON \$775,000**  
This won't last long, a 4 bedroom, 2 bath, single story home, just under 2000 sq. ft. Situated on a quiet court in the "Del Prado" neighborhood. This home has an amazing park like back yard. 6828 CORTE SALCEDO

**JO ANN LUISI**

**BY APPT**



**LIVERMORE \$600,000**  
Investors welcome. Beautifully expanded 4 bedroom home with pool. Currently leased until April 2014 at \$2550 per mos. 825 DAKOTA CT

**JULIA MURTAGH**

**SUN 2-5**



**LIVERMORE \$429,000**  
Wow, cute home in "Springtown," with nice upgrades. This home is 1,280+/-sf. 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. Home has a very nice backyard. 1598 BLUEBELL DR



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