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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## High-speed rail loses a key supporter

Gov. Jerry Brown's continued support for an 800-mile-long high-speed rail line to connect San Francisco and Sacramento with San Diego, approved by voters in a \$10 billion bond measure six years ago, is farther off the tracks than ever now that Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom has pulled his support of the project.

Newsom adds to the opposition that has intensified, led by Republicans, Central Valley farmers and communities where train tracks would be laid first. Cities on the Peninsula that would be impacted are also opponents, as are a growing base of voters who now see they were duped by a bond measure that today would cover just a fraction of what the project could actually cost.

Long ago, Pleasanton and other elected officials in the Tri-Valley successfully won their battle to stop high-speed rail planners from considering a spur from the Central Valley's mainline west along the Union Pacific Railroad corridor. Those plans once touted by the California High Speed Rail Authority to have trains running at speeds of more than 200 miles an hour through the Altamont and zipping past Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore have long since given way to different routes after objections by these three cities. Similar objections have come from Palo Alto and other Peninsula cities as the high-speed rail advocates push a plan to plow new rail lines through their neighborhoods.

High-speed rail was a popular idea in 2008 when voters approved a \$10 billion bond measure to help pay for it. But costs have increased nearly sevenfold to \$68 billion, other funding sources are iffy at best, and Republicans are starting to use the project to score points against Brown in his re-election bid.

Various proposals have envisioned a high-speed rail system that would span the U.S. much like those seen in Europe, Japan and most recently in China. California High Speed Rail Authority's plan would have trains operating at speeds of up to 220 miles per hour, connecting all of the state's major urban centers, including Sacramento, the Bay Area, Los Angeles and San Diego. The project would generate 100,000 construction-related jobs over the first five years and nearly 1 million economy-wide jobs over the life of the project. The project was intended to be wholly funded through voter-approved state bonds, federal funding grants

and local funds.

However, an analysis by the Reason Foundation showed that besides the lack of sufficient funds now to even get the rail line project started, the system would lose more than \$124 million to \$373 million a year once it opens.

Voters approved the system after being promised that a bullet train would transport passengers from Los Angeles to San Francisco in two hours and 40 minutes. But the Reason Foundation study found that the system's fastest non-stop trip would take almost four hours, and most trips would take closer to five hours.

The Rail Authority would share tracks with freight trains in some locations, which would limit speeds to 100 to 150 miles an hour but would make up for those lower speeds by traveling at 220 miles per hour, a speed that no train in the world has reached.

Voters were also promised that tickets would cost about \$50 per person, but tickets are now expected to cost \$81. Increased travel times and ticket prices will affect ridership, which the authority has already downgraded. In 2008, ridership was estimated between 65.5 million and 117 million riders in 2035 but now it predicts ridership between 19.6 million and 31.8 million riders in 2035. Even if California's high-speed rail system equaled European ridership levels, the system would hit just 7.6 million rides a year. Thus, ridership in 2035 is likely to be 65% to 77% lower than currently projected.

The lower ridership and increased travel times and ticket prices mean that the California high-speed rail system will not be delivered at the cost promised to taxpayers and will not generate the profits taxpayers expected.

Newsom has occasionally been outspoken on major issues and often out of sync with fellow Democrats and the governor. Back in 2004, he irked many in his party and most California conservatives by backing same-sex marriage, and more recently endorsed legalized marijuana. He even was an early supporter of the bullet train.

But again, citing Chronicle political writer Carla Marinucci, Newsom has changed his mind. It's not the same system that was being promoted when it first came before voters in 2008. The state has more pressing problems, such as water. The costly high-speed rail is something that would be nice to have, but it's not a "must have."

### About the Cover

The spring allergy season got underway as early as February in Pleasanton this year. The most common allergy culprits are pollens from a variety of plants. Cover design by Shannon Corey.

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### Rotary Clubs, Meetings & Annual Youth Programs

#### Pleasanton, Bob Brown, Pres.

Hap's Original, Thursday, 12:15 p.m. - [www.pleasantonrotary.org](http://www.pleasantonrotary.org)  
Sponsors: 75 Interact students at Amador Valley High School  
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#### Tri-Valley Evening, Carol Vander Meulen, Pres.

Castlewood Ctry. Club, Thurs. 6 p.m. - [www.trivalleyrotary.org](http://www.trivalleyrotary.org)  
Supports hundreds of local youth through our coat drive and distribution each December, speech contest, and Interact club at LVCP High School. We also support international projects serving children and their mothers in India. Join us Thursday evenings to learn more.

#### Pleasanton North, Frank Hanna, Pres.

Hilton Hotel, Fri. 12:15 p.m. - [www.pnr-rotary.org](http://www.pnr-rotary.org)  
Supports nearly 400 students with financial aid, leadership, and mentoring. Activities include participation of 120 students in Rotary Interact Clubs that serve as their gateway to community service, college and RYLA leadership camp scholarships, international youth exchanges, high school mock trial competitions, and 4H community farming.

Rotary youth leadership programs for ages 12 to 17 and 18 to 35 are essential aspects of Rotary. At the heart of the programs is Rotary's motto Service Above Self. Since 2007, more than 8,000 South and East Bay young leaders raised and donated over \$500,000 and 120,000 volunteer hours for vital local and global service projects.



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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Given recent rapid technology changes, what do you expect phone communication to look like in the future?



**Ariana Rodriguez**  
College student

Well, we've seen how fast communication has evolved over the years, so I would say that we'll never know for sure and should just be happy to play it by ear because things usually get better, not worse, as new technologies develop.



**Carlos Giraldo**  
College economics instructor

I think that in the future, communication will be easier. A common problem that I've found is that calls drop easily and smartphones crash too often. I'm sure the companies that make these products are aware of these problems, and are developing ways to minimize calls being dropped and phones getting all locked up.



**Christina Vickers**  
Attorney

Mobile devices will come in two-packs, so when you inevitably break one, you have another one ready and waiting. No, I'm just kidding. I think in the future, mobile devices will somehow become rechargeable on-the-go and without the need for any recharging cords.



**Ali Fateh**  
High school student

I think mobile phones will become sturdier, more resistant to water damage, and will not break so easily. I've broken two phones just in the last year. Ouch.



**Abigail Hornik**  
Designer

I think people's house phones will become a flat TV screen on the wall, just like on "The Jetsons." With FaceTime and Skype, it seems like we are already almost there.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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## DIGEST

### Lookalike contest

With Mother's Day right around the corner, the Pleasanton Weekly is launching its annual Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest. First-place prize is \$50 cash, and second-place prize is \$25 cash.

Send digital photos only to [contest@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:contest@pleasantonweekly.com) by 6 a.m. April 24. The photo 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. Photos entered in previous contests are not eligible.

Weekly staff 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 9 print edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.

### Property tax deadline

The tax collector's office has issued a reminder that the second installment of the 2013-14 Alameda County property tax that was due Feb. 1 must be paid and postmarked no later than midnight Thursday, April 10.

The notice is for homeowners who pay their property taxes directly to the county each year and have not yet paid the full amount due on their 2013-14 taxes.

After the April 10 deadline, the county will add a delinquent penalty of 10% and a delinquent cost of \$10.

Information about individual tax obligations can be found on the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Alameda County Tax Payment webpage or by phone at (510) 272-6800. Taxes can be paid by mail or online using eCheck or credit card.

### 'Lobby Day'

Members of the East Bay Housing Organization (EBHO) and affordable housing advocates will meet with local elected officials today to discuss affordable housing opportunities in their communities.

EBHO spokesperson Jean Cohen said the meeting will be organized into teams comprised of affordable housing professionals, residents and faith leaders.

She said team members will discuss and advocate for important policies and issues critical to EBHO's mission to preserve, protect and expand affordable housing opportunities. Topics will include Housing Element updates, regional planning and post-redevelopment legislative alternatives.

To learn more about local "Lobby Day," contact Cohen at (510) 499-3660 or [jean@ebho.org](mailto:jean@ebho.org).

## Races set for June primary election

### Officials certify candidates for federal, state and local seats

By JEREMY WALSH

With the election less than two months away, candidate lists are set for federal, state and local positions to be contested during the June 3 primary.

State election officials last week certified the catalog of hopefuls who qualified for the June ballot in a variety of races in districts that cover Pleasanton, including the U.S. House of Representatives, State Assembly and Alameda County posts.

#### Congress

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) faces foes from both major political parties in the race to represent the 15th Congressional District, which includes Pleasanton.

Swalwell, a 33-year-old former Dublin City Councilman, is seeking his second term in Congress.

Democratic State Sen. Ellen M. Corbett, who lives in Hayward, is running to unseat Swalwell. Corbett, who represents the 10th Senatorial District, is being termed out of the State Senate this year.

Hugh Bussell, a Livermore resident and technology manager/educator, was the lone Republican to file for the 15th Congressional District seat. Bussell is vice chair of the Alameda County Republican Party.

#### State Assembly

Four people are running to represent Pleasanton and the rest of the 16th district in the State Assembly. Incumbent Joan Buchanan

(D-Alamo) has reached her term limit.

Three of the candidates are Democrats from councils within the district: Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, Orinda City Councilman Steve Glazer and Danville Town Councilman Newell Arnerich.

Attorney Catharine Baker is the only Republican in the race. Baker works for the law firm Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel, which has an office in Pleasanton.

The Assembly district also includes the communities of Livermore, San Ramon, Lafayette, Moraga and Walnut Creek.

#### Alameda County

Several elected county officials are running unopposed in their bids for another term. They include Sheriff-Coroner Gregory J.

Ahern, District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley, Treasurer-Tax Collector Donald R. White and Assessor Ron Thomsen.

The most crowded county-wide contest is the one to fill the seat of retiring Superintendent of Schools Sheila Jordan.

Pleasanton school board member Jeff Bowser is one of five candidates for the post. Also running are Naomi Eason (executive director of the non-profit Building Educated Leaders for Life), San Lorenzo school board member Helen K. Foster, Alameda County associate superintendent Karen Monroe and San Leandro City Councilwoman Ursula Reed.

Two people have filed for the race to become the county's newest auditor-controller/clerk-recorder: busi-

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The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce recently honored individuals, organizations and businesses for representing excellence in community leadership last year.

## Chamber recognizes 6 for community leadership

### Awards ceremony fills Firehouse Arts Center

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has recognized individuals, groups and businesses that demonstrated excellence and community leadership in 2013.

The six awards were presented at the chamber's annual Community Services Awards celebration held at the Firehouse Arts Center with a reception and two-hour program that filled the auditorium. Since starting the program in 1962, the chamber has recognized 80 non-profit organizations, 102 individuals and 103 businesses.

"Community leaders come in many different forms," chamber president Dave Stark said. "The chamber has honored these leaders for more than 50 years."

The awards this year went to Turman Commercial Painters, Hop-

Yard American Alehouse & Grill, Pleasanton Military Families, Greg Thome, Sarah and Claire Williams, and Hacienda.

Hacienda won the chamber's Green Business Award for its ongoing promotion of sustainable environmental business practices for the benefit of employees, customers and the community.

"With more than 11 million square feet of mixed-use space occupied by some 550 companies that locally employ approximately 18,000 people, Hacienda and its 875 acres is the largest development of its kind in Northern California," Stark said. "It represents the best and the brightest of contemporary corporate America."

Hacienda has been involved in numerous efforts with direct air quality benefits, including the nation's first transportation demand

ordinance and being an active participant in the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Tri-Valley Air Quality Resource Team.

It has participated in a number of waste reduction efforts and has helped sponsor several special recycling events that have helped divert everything from paper to e-waste.

"Hacienda's efforts have received national recognition for providing various levels of environmental quality, which is why the chamber proudly recognizes Hacienda for its trailblazing green practices," Stark told Hacienda general manager James Paxson, who accepted the award.

The chamber's Distinguished Individual Youth Service Award went to Sarah and Claire Williams for creating and conducting programs to help improve the lives of foster

## School board honors Donlon's Ruth Highstreet

### Secretary becomes district's 1st-ever Classified Employee of the Year

By JERRI PANTAGES LONG

Walk into the Donlon Elementary School office and chances are you will be greeted by the friendly smile of Ruth Highstreet, the school's administrative secretary since 2010.

If you are a Donlon student or parent, Highstreet probably can call you by name.

Those are among the many reasons that Highstreet was honored by the Pleasanton school board March 25 as the very first Classified Employee of the Year. "Classified" refers to the district's 470 support staff members, including secretaries and administrative assistants, other clerical staff, custodians, maintenance workers and groundskeepers.

As noted by Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, the classified team provides essential support for the work of nearly 900 certificated teachers, counselors, nurses, psychologists and administrators.

The nomination for Highstreet was written by principal Lynette Chirrick and Betsy Finney "on behalf of all the teachers at Donlon."

In her praise of Highstreet, Finney said, "Mrs. Highstreet is the glue that holds Donlon together. Through many administrative and staff changes, budget cuts and the daily surprises that are a part of the school day, Ruth handles everything with the best interest of the children in mind."

"We all depend on her and appreciate her devotion to all parts of our school community. Ruth is

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## Joan Garofalo

December 31, 1941 – March 29, 2014

Loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Joan Garofalo, entered into eternal life on Saturday, March 29, 2014. Joan died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loving family after a long battle with cancer. She was 72. The daughter of John and Jane Agnew, Joan was born December 31, 1941 in Memphis, Tennessee. Joan spent the majority of her life growing up in Northern California, and graduated from San Lorenzo High School in 1959. Joan met her husband Bert in 1958. They were married in 1963 and made their home in Castro Valley where they welcomed three daughters. In 1977, Joan and Bert moved their family to Pleasanton. Joan loved growing roses, genealogy, and traveling with Bert in their RV. Above all, she loved spending time with her family. Joan is survived by her husband of 50 years, Bert, her brother Joel, her daughters, Tiffany, April, and Linda, her grandchildren, Auston, Kira, Sam, Olivia, and Tory, and her great granddaughter Gemma. Joan was generous and loving and touched the lives of many people in her 72 years. The family is comforted by their wonderful memories of time spent with their "Grammy" celebrating the deep love she shared and modeled for her family.



Funeral services will be held Saturday April 5, at 11AM at Callahan Mortuary in Livermore.

The family asks that donations to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of the East Bay be given in lieu of flowers.

<https://donate.cancer.org>  
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## CHAMBER

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children, and to help children with reading and comprehension skills. Their programs, started while they were students at Amador Valley High School, benefited thousands of children.

"Both women are now in college, but the programs they founded continue to grow and help children in need," Stark said. "In fact, what's so special about this award is that Sarah and Claire's great grandmother, Lilly Fiorio, received a Community Service Award from the chamber in 1980."

Claire Williams was also honored with a Pleasanton Weekly Hero Award in 2012.

The Distinguished Individual Service Award went to Greg Thome for his service to the Pleasanton community for more than 30 years. He has worked with the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CYO) as its basketball and track program as a coach and as co-athletic director for over two decades, until recently retiring from administrative responsibilities.

Over the years, he served hundreds of community volunteers and thousands of players and families.

While serving as a member of the Amador Boosters organization and through his CYO responsibilities, he supported major events for Special Olympics by providing and coordinating 60 to 80 volunteer referees for the event held last month

in Pleasanton. He also participates on committees ranging in topics from school site size to year-round school schedule evaluations.

Stark presented the chamber's 2013 award for Business Philanthropy to Turman Commercial Painters (TCP), a company owned by longtime Pleasanton resident Dave Theobald.

"(Theobald) followed the lead of a philanthropist he once encountered and instituted TCP's own \$2 'People's Stimulus Package' whereby he disbursed thousands of dollars in packets of \$2 bills to his employees and encouraged them to spend the money stimulating the local economies where they lived and worked," Stark added.

In addition, last October, Theobald launched a company-wide campaign calling upon his employees nationwide to find and meet charitable needs in the communities where they do business.

"Locally his charitable activities included supporting a Valley View (Elementary School) family who lost everything in a fire, a contribution to Doctors Without Borders on behalf of a local teen killed by a drunk driver, support for two women for a year at Shepherd's Gate, financial support for Team Delaney and bikes for foster care teens in our valley," Stark told the audience.

The chamber's Excellence in Service Award went to the Pleasanton Military Families (PMF) and its co-chair Pat Frizzle.

"PMF was organized to provide support and comfort to Pleasanton

families whose loved ones are in active military service, especially those deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq," Stark said.

The group, which meets monthly, sponsors a variety of events, including two to three "pack outs" each year where personal comfort and care items are bundled, boxed and shipped to as many deployed members of the armed forces as they can possibly reach. It also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street.

"There's nothing greater than the safe return of loved ones, and as that happens, Pleasanton Military Families are on hand to help make that return special in every way possible," Stark said.

The chamber's final award for 2013 was for Excellence in Business and went to The Hop Yard American Alehouse & Grill for being a Pleasanton business that made a positive impact in the community through its achievements within the scope of normal business activity.

Eric "Otis" Nostrand, Barry Mori and Rob "Hilde" Hildebrand opened the bar and restaurant 20 years ago. Over the years, they have hired many local young adults, giving them valuable part-time work experience. The ownership group's other community contributions includes its annual Hop Yard golf tournament that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Ryan Comer Cancer Research Library and more recently, Eric's Corner. ■



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# Zone 7 cuts flows into Pleasanton's arroyos

Groundwater won't be replenished during cutoff

By JEB BING

Expect to see the arroyos in Pleasanton drying up this month after the Zone 7 Water Agency shut off all releases to save limited supplies for delivery to customers.

Artificial releases to Arroyo Mocho were reduced March 21 from 9 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 6 cfs, and on Arroyo Del Valle from 5 cfs to 4 cfs. They were ramped down further last week,

and on March 27 were shut off completely. A residual flow was expected to last for three to five days, but some stretches dried up before others.

Zone 7 representatives said that due to the continuing drought emergency, it is being forced to conserve every drop coming into the Livermore-Amador Valley from the State Water Project.

Over the past week, the Califor-

nia Department of Water Resources (DWR) gradually reduced flows to the local arroyos that normally help replenish the local groundwater basin.

During normal rainfall years, Zone 7 releases some of its imported State Water Project supplies down the arroyos to augment natural flows. This water is Sierra Nevada snowmelt that has been captured by the state project

in Lake Oroville and then conveyed through the Delta to be exported to other parts of the state, including the Livermore-Amador Valley.

Water in the arroyos seeps into the groundwater basin, and this percolated water replenishes the groundwater basin and helps maintain ground water quality.

But these are unprecedented times, Zone 7 officials said. The state is in a third consecutive dry year, and calendar year 2013 was the worst on record in many parts of California, including Zone 7's service area. In January, there were declarations of state and local drought emergencies.

DWR has set a 0% allocation for state project water this year, mean-

ing Zone 7 will have to rely on stored or unused water from last year, which was also dry.

In response, Pleasanton residents and businesses have been asked to reduce water use by at least 20%. As the dry year continues, this number is likely to increase. Using drinking water for outdoor watering may not be possible this summer.

By gradually reducing releases into the arroyos over a week's time, instead of immediately, Zone 7 hoped to mimic the drying-out period that would happen naturally in a low rainfall year. The idea is to make release reductions slowly, consistent with a natural rain event, to allow species to adjust as well as possible. ■

## Lenten concert comes to Pleasanton Saturday

Lynnewood church to offer special concert in original German

Bay Area Classical Harmonies (BACH) will perform sacred music in the Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton starting at 7 p.m. this Saturday.

The concert will include two full cantatas and a motet by J.S. Bach. Andrew Chung will conduct the chorus, orchestra and soloists, in-

cluding Sepp Hammer (bass-baritone) and Michael Kim (tenor).

Chung is the founder and conductor of BACH, a group of young musicians in the Bay Area. Hammer is a graduate of Livermore High School and UC Berkeley who

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## 'Here's Johnny!'

Benefit to feature Johnny Orenberg and AVHS Jazz Band

Song and dance man Johnny Orenberg returns to his hometown of Pleasanton next month to help raise money for school programs dear to his heart. His dream has been to give back to the community that gave him so much.

Orenberg and the Amador Valley High School Jazz Band will present "Here's Johnny!" beginning at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 10, at the Firehouse Arts Center to benefit Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment (PSEE) Foundation, which funds the district's Elementary School Band and Strings program.

The evening will include song, dance and humor, with tunes such as "The Way You Look Tonight," "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You" and other Broadway favorites.

Orenberg will showcase songs from his Disney and New York experience, backed by the award-winning Jazz Band. A product of the Pleasanton schools' music and art programs, Orenberg was a founding member of the Pleasanton Middle School drama group, Panther Players. At Foothill High,

he was a stand-out in the spring musicals and choir programs.

After high school, Orenberg attended Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music in Cleveland, Ohio, receiving his bachelor's degree in musical theater. He moved to New York soon afterward and was cast in the Emmy Award-winning "News in Revue," a political satire performance troupe.

In time, he joined the Walt Disney World Company, and, most recently, he starred in "Pal Joey" at the 42nd Street Moon theater, based in San Francisco.

"In the title role, Johnny Orenberg gives an excellent, nuanced performance in the difficult part of a young, crude punk. His singing and dancing is outstanding," wrote the San Francisco Examiner.

Throughout his successes, Orenberg hasn't forgotten where he came from or the people who helped him each step of the way, according to Mark Aubel, orchestra, jazz and choir director at Amador Valley High School.

"Johnny has done workshops with my students from our district musical and rehearsed with my jazz band. It is great for the



Johnny Orenberg

students to learn from somebody who has had such success as a professional actor and singer," Aubel said.

He noted that Orenberg is a firm believer that music is a universal language which every child should have the right to experience.

"Being able to share this experience with my former teacher Mr. Aubel and the students from my hometown is going to be one of the highlights of my career," Orenberg said.

Fremont Bank, which gave a generous donation to help PSEE, is also sponsoring the benefit concert on April 10. Tickets cost \$15-\$32; visit [www.firehousearts.org/](http://www.firehousearts.org/) events. ■

## SCHOOL BOARD

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humble about her contributions, but we all know she is the steel behind much of Donlon's strength," Finney added.

The principal agreed, telling the board, "As Donlon school has had a number of administrative changes, (Ruth) has been a constant, ensuring consistency for the entire Donlon community."

Chirrick added, "She is also a trusted adviser to administration, always working toward what is best for students. The school would be lost without her energy, enthusiasm, warmth and presence."

Prior to coming to Donlon in 2010, Highstreet was part of the support staff at Amador Valley High School, plus Walnut Grove and Lydiksen elementary schools.

Also March 25, the school board:

- Approved a 1% wage increase for all employees, retroactive to July 1, 2013. This increase was made possible by increased funding from the state. Classified employees also received a 1% increase in their health and welfare benefits. Stipends for teachers with master's degrees, doctorates or national certification were increased from \$500 to \$750.
- Learned more about the Smarter Balanced Field Test, which many Pleasanton students will be taking between April 7 and May 16.

Assessment coordinator Nicole Steward said this is a "test of the test," with no scores being given to students, schools or the district this year. Rather, the test will provide the opportunity to practice questions other than "selected response" (multiple choice), including "con-

structed response" and "technology enhanced" questions, as well as questions based on "performance tasks" by groups.

Pleasanton schools are part of a 25-state consortium "working collaboratively to develop next-generation assessments that are aligned to the Common Core State Standards and that accurately measure student progress toward college and career readiness."

Steward said parents are invited to the last of a series of hands-on information nights about the new tests from 7-8:30 p.m. April 9 at Harvest Park Middle School.

- Heard a progress report on how schools at all grade levels are working to comply with the state mandate that 75% of all special needs students be in general education classes, which is "the least restrictive environment" for 75% of the time. Several schools are using collaborative classes, in which the resource specialist becomes a second teacher in a general education class, thereby benefiting all students.

- Adopted the administrative regulations of Policy 0410, nondiscrimination of pupils in educational programs, activities and services, and held the first reading of policies about students dealing with food allergies/special dietary needs; suspension and expulsion/due process; freedom of speech/expression; questioning and apprehension by law enforcement; married/pregnant/parenting students; and at-risk students.

- For the first time in recent memory, had zero requests to speak during the community input section of the agenda — a section that sometimes takes up to an hour of meeting time. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Bear of a time:** Ellen Holmgren stopped by the Fortress of the Bear, a nonprofit education and rescue center in Sitka, Alaska with a habitat for orphaned Alaskan brown bear cubs. The fortress was just one of the memorable experiences for Holmgren and the Weekly on her trip — her cruise to Alaska also let her see her son, John Holmgren, performing the tenor and alto sax aboard the Oosterdam.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com). Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.



## New Eagle Scouts honored

Four members of Pleasanton's Troop 908, sponsored by St. Clare's Episcopal Church, received scouting's highest honor earlier this month, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Christopher Azuma, Isaac Shaughnessy, Brett Walsh and Kevin Wiener were recognized for their achievements during a combined ceremony March 2 at the Amador Recreation Center.

Wiener's Eagle Scout project focused on restoring native plants at Alviso Adobe Community Park. He guided teens and fellow scouts as they planted four trees and 60 other plants while being careful not to disturb the natural habitat.

Shaughnessy directed an environmental cleanup project for the city of Pleasanton — an effort also aimed at preventing flooding at

Foothill High School. He oversaw the removal of 50 cubic yards of silt, green waste and trash while adhering to federal, county, city and school district requirements.

Walsh earned the Eagle Scout rank by planning and supervising a construction project to benefit the Pleasanton Police Department and Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The customized rolling storage cabinet and work area will be used at the law enforcement practice shooting range.

Azuma's Eagle Scout project involved planning, coordinating and painting the Amador Valley High School swim team's shed.

Troop 908, currently led by Scoutmaster Kelly Overgaard, has seen more than 110 boys attain the rank of Eagle Scout. ■

## Eagle Scout Austin Greth

Austin Greth of Pleasanton received his Eagle Scout award, the Boy Scouts of America's highest award, at an Eagle Court of Honor on March 23 in Pleasanton. Greth, 17, a junior at Amador Valley High School, has earned 25 merit badges, and served in his troop as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, bugler and librarian. Highlights of his scouting include weeklong camping trips to Catalina Island, Camp Wente in Willits and Camp Marin Sierra. For his Eagle project, he designed and constructed landscaping of a large area in front of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton, which included installing a drip irrigation system, plants and a stone path.



Greth is a percussionist in several Amador Valley music programs including Wind Ensemble I, and the school's top jazz band, Jazz A. In the fall, he plays snare drum in the 302-member marching band. In December, Greth performed with the AVHS Wind Ensemble I at the Midwest Clinic, an international band and orchestra conference in Chicago. ■

## Park steward to discuss coping with drought

Ranger Lewis Reed, steward of the Bodega Marine Reserve, will talk about California's climate and outdoor opportunities at a free public lecture Tuesday (April 8) at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave.

The lecture, "Boom or Bust: Coping with California's Dynamic Climate," is being hosted from 7-8:30 p.m. by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD).

In light of one of the driest winters ever recorded in California, coping with drought and its consequences is important. The same mild winters and warm, dry summers that have attracted so many people to this state have shaped the evolution of many unique species that are found nowhere else on earth.

Reed will discuss how plants

and animals have adapted to the state's our variable climate and how people can adapt to it as well.

Then, on April 12 at 9 a.m., the LARPD will sponsor its annual Breakfast with Bunny, also at the Community Center. Children can hop along a trail outside to find breakfast items such as cereal, fruit, granola bar and yogurt, then go with their families back inside to have coffee, hot chocolate, milk and juice.

Children will also have opportunities to make crafts during the event. Families can bring a basket if they like and a camera to take photos with the bunny. Tickets are \$8 and must be purchased in advance by calling 373-5700 or in person at the Community Center.

— Jeb Bing

## ELECTION

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ness executive Kathleen Knox and chief deputy auditor Steve Manning. Incumbent Patrick O'Connell, who was first elected in 1986, chose not to seek another term this year.

Pleasanton residents will also get to vote for four at-large positions on the Zone 7 Water Agency

Board of Directors. The candidates are incumbents John Greci, AJ Machaevich, Sarah Palmer and Bill Stevens, and challengers Alfred A. Exner (a senior financial analyst), Jim McGrail (a vintner and attorney) and Matt Morrison, who did not list a profession.

For more election information, visit the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office website, [www.acgov.org/rov](http://www.acgov.org/rov). ■

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## 6 community leaders join Sunflower Hill board

Nonprofit works to provide residences for those with special needs

By JEB BING

Six community leaders have been named to Sunflower Hill's first advisory board.

The East Bay nonprofit organization seeks to create an intentional residential community for individuals with special needs.

The six members of the new board are:

- Alan Cerro, president, Land Planning & Development for Dutra, Cerro, Graden, a Dublin-based commercial real estate, development and consulting company.
- John Sensiba, managing partner of Sensiba San Filippo, LLP, a Pleasanton-based firm providing



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accounting, business consulting and tax advisory services to businesses throughout California.

- Sblend Sblendorio, a shareholder with Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, a San Jose-based law firm with offices in Pleasanton.
- Dr. Lynne Mielke, physician and the founder of Optimal Health Spectrums, Developmental Spectrums Medical Clinic and the Optimal Brain Center, which are Pleasanton-based medical clinics specializing in biomedical solutions for individuals with autism spectrum disorders.
- Vicki Obree, executive director of Bittersweet Farms, an 80-acre intentional community for adults with autism in Whitehouse, Ohio that serves as a nationwide role model for similar communities under development.

• Dr. Glenn Petersen, a board-certified physician in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine and critical care medicine and the chairman of Pharmacy and Therapeutics at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley.

The advisers will work with Sunflower Hill's board of directors on the development and execution of the organization's strategic vision and goals.

Sunflower Hill is one of 79 organizations nationwide focusing on creating an intentional, sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs. Designed to be akin to senior living, the community would offer lifelong residency, along with vocational and social opportunities and community partnerships.

For more information, visit [www.sunflowerhill.org](http://www.sunflowerhill.org). ■

## Kasten named new marketing VP at Visit Tri-Valley

Background includes broadcasting, publications, fashion

Emmy Kasten has joined Visit Tri-Valley in the newly created position of vice president of marketing.



Emmy Kasten

Kasten will be responsible for leading all marketing and communications aspects of Visit Tri-Valley.

"The next step for Visit Tri-Valley to fulfill its role as the destination marketing organization for the region was to have

a strong and creative marketer leading the team," said Barbara Steinfeld, president of the travel organization.

"Emmy has an amazing background in marketing, PR and digital media, which is exactly what we were looking for," Steinfeld added. "We were impressed by her insights and her desire for a challenge."

Kasten grew up in the Bay Area and is a graduate of Clayton Valley High School in Concord and UC Irvine.

She launched her marketing career at the Orange County Performing Arts Center and later became the first marketing director for Geffen Playhouse in Los Angeles. Soon after, she joined Red Bull energy drink as director of com-

munications and the brand's chief spokesperson for North America.

In addition, Kasten spent seven years as editor-in-chief of multiple regional luxury lifestyle publications (Item, 944 and Modern Luxury Hawaii). She recently returned to the West Coast after living in New York City, where she oversaw public relations globally for video game giant Rockstar Games.

Kasten is also the founder of the internationally celebrated fashion event Little Black Dress. For four years, she was the on-camera fashion expert on the KTLA Morning News, a Southern California morning news program.

Kasten lives in Dublin with her husband and their two children. ■

—Jeb Bing

## PPD: Local stores deny tobacco to teen decoys

Sting operation finds 40 tobacco retailers comply with law

By JEB BING

Sometimes no news is good news.

Pleasanton police and underage decoys conducted undercover operations last week of 44 establishments to see if the stores would sell tobacco products to the underage decoys.

Four of the locations were

closed, but of the 40 shops actually visited, all refused to sell tobacco products to the decoys who asked to buy.

Police Sgt. Maria Munayer said that while visiting each establishment, officers inspected the premises to ensure they were in compliance with mandatory posting of signs regarding the prohibition

of tobacco sales to people younger than 18 years old. Officers also checked the businesses to make sure they had valid tobacco retail licenses.

In an effort to ensure ongoing compliance with the law, Munayer said the Pleasanton Police Department would conduct similar operations in the near future. ■

## CONCERT

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went on to study voice at the New England Conservatory and sings classical music in the Bay Area.

The music will be sung in the original German with written translations in the program. "Himmelsk'nig, sei willkommen" uses the text for Palm

Sunday, written by Bach for his church in 1714. "Christ lag in Todes Banden" was composed by Bach for Easter, 1707.

Music aficionados said this is a rare opportunity to hear Bach's music performed in a church as it would have been performed in the 18th century in Germany during the season of Lent.

Tickets at the door will be sold for \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. A reception will follow the concert with an opportunity to greet the performers.

Lynnewood Methodist is located at 4444 Black Ave. in Pleasanton. For more information, call the church office at 846-0221 or email [office@lynnewood.org](mailto:office@lynnewood.org). ■

## Pleasanton to offer free E-Waste collection

Drop-off to occur April 18-19

By JEB BING

As one of its signature Earth Week events, the city of Pleasanton will host free E-Waste collection days on April 18-19 at the city's Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road.

Pleasanton residents can drop off items starting at 9 a.m. both days, and until 5 p.m. April 18 and 3 p.m. April 19. The event is free only to those who live in Pleasanton and people should be prepared to show identification to confirm their residency.

Among the items that will be accepted for recycling are com-

puter components, digital cameras, power cables, cell phones, video game consoles, MP3 players, keyboards, televisions, DVD and VCR players, and other electronic items as well as batteries and fluorescent light bulbs.

A complete list of items that will be accepted and not accepted can be viewed at <http://noewaste.com/calendar.php>. Among items that will not be accepted are large appliances, kitchen appliances and packaging of those items.

For more information, call toll free (866) 335-3373. ■



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

### • PUD-98 & P13-2518, CarMax Auto Superstores

Applications for PUD Development Plan and Sign Design Review to construct an automobile dealership consisting of an approximately 11,783-square-foot sales and presentation building, an approximately 45,000-square-foot service building, an approximately 3,930-square-foot quality control building and non-public car wash, vehicle sales display area, project signage, and related site improvements on approximately 19.66 acres of the Auto Mall site at Staples Ranch.

### • P13-2070, Radha Sharma/AT&T

Application for Design Review approval to construct a roof-mounted personal wireless service facility for AT&T behind a new, approximately 11-foot, 8-inch tall faux third-story building wall on a portion of the building located at 3589 Nevada Court.

### Library Commission

Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- City Capital Project next steps
- Foundation next steps
- Commission outreach plan

### Youth Commission

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Operations Services Center, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Parent Education Series Review and Advise for 2014-15
- Project Teen Friendly Status Update

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# PG&E's arrogance shows again

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) agreed this week to hold off on implementing its plan to cut down hundreds of trees, including 390 along major thoroughfares in Pleasanton, as part of its robust effort to improve natural gas pipeline safety. The agreement came after Mayor Jerry Thorne and City Manager Nelson Fialho met with other elected East Bay officials and Eric Figueroa of the League of California Cities to coordinate and consolidate strategy to fight the tree-cutting plan.

PG&E's plan came to light when representatives of the utility, appearing as the new sheriffs of the East Bay, walked into the Pleasanton planning department to obtain permits to start their tree-cutting work. Among those to be uprooted were trees on First Street, Sunol Boulevard, Foothill Road and Stanley Boulevard, including some designated as heritage trees and some 100 years old. PG&E says it needs to clear-cut its large distribution pipeline corridor along the streets to provide good sightlines for aerial surveys and to protect its 50-year-old pipeline from possible penetrations by tree roots.

Besides Pleasanton, the PG&E tree team sought permits in Walnut Creek (where more than 700 trees are slated to be cut, including many along Locust Street downtown), in Hayward (where more than 1,000 trees would be removed), and also Danville, Concord and Livermore — 15 East Bay cities in all.

Trees — regardless of age, height or type — are on PG&E's tree-cutting chart if roots are within 10 feet of the pipeline. A precise list of sites affected isn't yet known because cities don't know where the pipeline was buried 50 years ago, and PG&E so far has refused to provide a map, worried that terrorists might get hold of it.

PG&E first met with Pleasanton city staff at the utility's request to discuss pipeline maintenance, but instead used the time to announce its intentions to start cutting down the trees. PG&E provided very little information on what trees needed to be removed and why. Nor were its representatives there to answer any questions.

According to Thorne, they seemed intent on letting Pleasanton know that PG&E has the absolute authority to preempt any and all local processes and proceed with tree and brush removal absent any local input or review. Further, they stated that they wanted to start "soon" and to complete the tree removal project within the public right-of-way by June. They also said they would be starting immediately to remove trees located within easements on private property. They told other cities the same thing.

PG&E's agreement to hold up on the tree cutting only applies to the cities involved. The utility plans to forge ahead on private properties and has sent notices to those property owners that it will start immediately. Not so fast, Pleasanton staff has said and has sent its own notices to the same owners advising them of the city's intent to fight the tree-cutting plans, in court if necessary. Property owners who have received notices should contact City Engineer Steve Kirkpatrick for more information.

There's no question that Pleasanton and all other cities where PG&E's large distribution pipelines are buried want the best protection and maintenance possible to protect the population. Given the gas pipeline explosion in 2010 in San Bruno, gas pipeline safety is foremost in everyone's mind.

It's also no doubt a top priority for PG&E, which faces billions of dollars in fines and penalties based on a criminal indictment issued this week.

But it's also fair to ask how trees with fairly shallow roots, with the possible exception of oak and palm trees, threaten a pipeline buried 8-12 feet down. Also, many of the trees targeted by PG&E are much older than the pipeline, which was installed 50 years ago next to the trees that were already there.

In the criminal indictment of PG&E this week, PG&E's failure to document maintenance and repair procedures over the years had a major influence on the grand jurors who voted for the charges. The utility's claim here over possible tree root intrusion and its obstructionist attitude in answering basic questions by Pleasanton and other East Bay city leaders adds to our suspicion of an arrogant operations structure once again.

## LETTERS

### New street lights too bright

Dear Editor,

After living in Pleasanton for 30 years with a welcoming street light in front of our two-story house, we find the new LED lights very harsh and glaring, and they brightly light up our bedroom at night.

The street light shines in an eerie green/white circle by our house and all three upstairs front bedrooms are lit up now, with my white car

parked in front illuminated like a neon sign. The rest of the street is dark, however, with neighbors commenting that there is no light by their houses. Others say they can't walk or jog at night now, as it is too dark.

The old street light gave out a nice, glowing but diffuse light to the entire street. The new glaring spotlight is awful! We have called the city to complain.

Cathy Moran

## YOUR TURN

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## Clubs

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB MEETING** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Patrice Hanlon, garden manager at Heather Farms will speak on "Shade Gardening in the Valley." Visitors are welcome. Call 485-7812 or go to [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB** The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court. The dinner fee is \$10. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

## Concerts

**BACH PERFORMS J.S. BACH AND GLENN GOULD** Bay Area Classical Harmonies performs J.S. Bach's Cantatas No. 4 and 182, "Jesu, meine Freude" and more at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors and students. Call (510) 868-0695 or go to <http://www.bayareabach.org>.

**BO BICE RETURN TO COUNTRY VALUES TOUR** Bo Bice, the 2005 American Idol finalist now has gold records, a chart-topping single, an amazing personal journey, and a passion for giving back with his music. Don't miss this country boy at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$35-\$45. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**DAN ZEMELMAN GROUP AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY** The stellar Dan Zelman Group will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 6 at the Pleasanton Library. Don't miss this hour-long program of superb jazz! Call 931-3405 for more information.

**OL' BLUE EYES AND FRIENDS: A SALUTE TO FRANK SINATRA AND HIS RAT PACK** This nationally acclaimed show will feature Jonathan Poretz and guest star Suzanna Smith with the best-loved songs made famous by Frank, Dean, Sammy, Bobby and Tony. The show will be from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$12-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to <http://www.firehousearts.org>.

**PERGOLES 'STABAT MATER'** As one of Pergolesi's most celebrated sacred works, the "Stabat Mater" has been described as the most perfect and touching duet to come from the pen of any composer.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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### 'OL' Blue Eyes and Friends'

"A Salute to Frank Sinatra and his Rat Pack" is coming to the intimate setting of Pleasanton's Firehouse Art Center at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 13, as Jonathan Poretz, backed by his mini big band trio, performs songs made famous by Frank, Dean, Sammy, Bobby and Tony. Special guest star Suzanna Smith will sing duets as well as Peggy Lee and Keely Smith classics. Tickets are \$15, \$20, \$25; children \$12; seniors \$22, with group discounts available. Call 931-4848, go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), or visit the box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. The show is part of the Cabaret Series at the Firehouse.

Soprano Margaret Secour, contralto Katherine McKee, organist Michael Secour and the Amador Valley High School String Quartet will perform this piece at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 6 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church. Free will offering. All are welcome. Call (415) 722-0488.

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# STAYING HEALTHY

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## Allergies: nothing to sneeze at

**A**pril's showers bring May flowers, but they also bring on sneezing, runny noses and watery eyes for some of the 50 million Americans with allergies. The spring allergy began in Pleasanton as early as February and will last into the summer months.

The most common spring allergy culprits are pollens from a variety of trees and grasses, as well as mold, according to the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI).

"Because there can be millions of pollen particles and mold spores in the air, finding allergy relief can seem nearly impossible for some," said allergist Dr. Michael Foggs, ACAAI president. "But by knowing what triggers your allergy symptoms and how to avoid these allergens, you can be on your way to a sneeze-free season."

Knowing more about the spring allergy season can also help people fight symptoms. ACAAI allergists have put together a list of the five things everyone should know about spring allergies.

**Allergies are on the rise.**

Every year more adults and children are diagnosed with allergies. There are several speculations about this increase, including climate changes and increased allergy awareness. Studies have also shown pollen counts are gradually increasing. Even if you've never had allergies in

### Five things to know about spring allergies



The most common spring allergy culprits are pollens from various plants.

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the past, you can develop them at any time. That lingering cold may be allergies, and you should see an allergist for testing and treatment.

**It matters when you medicate.**

If you fall victim to spring allergies annually, you should begin taking your medication two weeks before symptoms typically begin. Keep an eye on the pollen counts in your area. Even if the temperature doesn't feel like spring, there could already be pollen circulating in the air. To be better prepared, you can track your symptoms with MyNasalAllergyJournal.org.

**There isn't a cure, but there is something close.**

Unfortunately, there is no cure for spring allergies. However, immunotherapy (allergy shots) provides symptom relief while modifying and preventing disease progression. Immunotherapy can also be tailored for an individual's needs. So if you're allergic to pollens, dust

and pets, allergy shots can provide you with relief from these allergens.

**Symptoms can be severe.**

Runny noses, itchy eyes and sneezing aren't the only symptoms of spring allergies. If you are coughing, wheezing and have trouble breathing, asthma might be one of your allergy symptoms. In fact, an estimated 75-85% of asthma sufferers have at least one allergy.

Asthma attacks can be life-threatening. Aside from avoiding allergens, you should also be under the regular care of an allergist and use medications as prescribed.

**When in doubt, get checked out.**

Not every cough is due to a respiratory infection. And colds shouldn't be blamed for every runny nose. If you find yourself battling unwanted symptoms for more than two weeks, it is likely time to see an allergist to get tested, diagnosed and treated.

Allergies and asthma are serious diseases and that's "nothing to sneeze at." Misdiagnosis and inappropriate treatment can be dangerous.

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# Five easy exercises

No gym necessary for great results

**M**ost people don't think that exercise can be easy, but it can be — you just need to utilize the right exercises for the best results. Here is a list of five easy exercises that can yield great results, as compiled by fitness experts at bistroMD.

## Squats

"If you are just a beginner, or if you aren't quite ready for weights, you can still do a simple beginner squat," said Sean Wells, a certified strength and conditioning specialist. "Squats are a great exercise because it is a simple activity that can really sculpt your leg muscles."

Use two sturdy chairs as support. With your feet shoulder-width apart, squat down by bending at the knee and keeping your back straight, and your chest up. Follow through with a count of 10 seconds, holding for two seconds at the maximum tension point and then returning to the starting position. Repeat this exercise three times in a row for better results.

## Side planks

"Side planks are great for strengthening your abdominals, your back and your shoulders," Wells said. "It's a beneficial exercise that you can do almost anywhere."

The proper technique is to start out by lying on your side, with your legs extended and with your left arm resting in front of you. Lift up your body by firmly placing your right forearm against the floor. Make sure to breathe, and exhale as you lift your hips off the floor, balancing your body weight on your forearm.

Hold for 30 seconds, and then switch sides.

## Abdominal crunches

"If you just want to focus on getting your abdominals into shape, abdominal crunches are one of the easiest, most effective ways to do this," according to Wells.

Start out by lying on your back with your knees up and your arms against your sides, with your feet planted flat on the ground. Slowly lift your head and then your shoulder blades, contracting your abdominal muscles. Pull forward until you are halfway to your knees.

Hold this position for about five seconds, and then release. Repeat four times.

## Leg lifts

"Leg lifts are a very easy exercise, and a great way to tone your abdominals and to

work your front and inner thighs," Wells said.

Start out by lying on your back with your palms down and with your hands under your feet. Lift up your legs from the ground -- about 2 inches. Continue to lift, and keep your abs tight so that your shoulder blades are off the ground. Be sure to keep your abs tight with your chin up, and make sure to breathe slowly and in a good rhythm as you lift through for a count of about 10 seconds.

Repeat this exercise three times.

## Toe reaches

"If you want to firm and tone your abdominal muscles, toe reaches are also another great exercise," Wells said. "Toe reaches

can also help increase core muscle strength, but if you've had previous back problems, you need to check with your physician first before doing this activity."

To do a leg fit, begin by lying on your back with your legs crossed and your feet flexed. Raise your legs to a 90-degree angle (as best as you can), and then extend your arms while keeping your chin up.

Make sure to breathe slowly as you crunch up, and reach toward your toes through a count of 10 seconds. Hold yourself at the maximum tension point for a minimum of two seconds, and then lower your legs back down.

Repeat three times.

—bistroMD



## Add your health to your spring cleaning to-do list

**S**pring is a season for dusting, washing and polishing the home, cleaning up the yard of any winter debris and even cleaning the storage on the computer or laptop. Spring also should be a time to clean up your health — adding small habits to your lifestyle that can result in big changes to your well-being.

From making simple changes to your oral care routine to finding a way to make exercise fun, the following small lifestyle changes are courtesy of Dr. Natalie Strand, the director of integrative medicine at Freedom Pain Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz. She has worked closely with the Juvenile Diabetes

Research Foundation, American Diabetes Association and dLife to promote exercise and healthy living among people living with diabetes.

### • Relax, don't just rest

Stress is a huge contributor to poor health, but many people don't know how to manage it. People often mistake resting for relaxing, but it's not the same. Learn some stress-reducing techniques such as progressive muscle relaxation or meditation.

### • Focus on mouth health

You may already be brushing your teeth once or twice a day, but consider switching to a more in-depth oral-care regimen that

features more consistent brushing, flossing and mouthwash use. Such changes could help eliminate 15 times more bacteria than a non-bacterial control regimen as well as fight germs, fortify enamel and improve gum health.

### • Make exercise fun

Spring is the perfect time of year to combine exercise with social activities. Be creative to get endorphins pumping and think of things to do with friends such as taking a salsa class, archery lessons or an evening walk around the neighborhood.

### • Get a spring tune-up

Doctor's appointments are im-



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Spring can be a good time to refocus time and energy on mouth health.

portant, but often pushed to the wayside. Make a list and schedule all your appointments at once: yearly check-ups, dental exams and cleanings, eye exams and the like.

### • Get seasonal

Check out your local farmers market. Buy seasonal foods

and try to incorporate them in your meals every day. Seasonal produce is more flavorful and densely packed with nutrients.

With these small lifestyle, you can upgrade your health and help make a better you this spring, and beyond.

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# Teens need annual checkups, too

Regular exams allow for discussions on weight, vaccines, stress



**D**uring cold, flu and allergy seasons, sick teens and their parents are more likely to make time to see the doctor. However, these visits tend to focus on a specific illness rather than the teen's general health and well-being.

Annual checkups, on the other hand, can provide an opportunity for teens and their doctors to discuss important health topics, such as weight, sexual health, vaccines and stress-related conditions.

Statistics show that as children get older, they are less likely to get an annual checkup. As many as 25-30% of teens may not be getting an annual checkup, despite the fact that they are recommended for adolescents by the American Medical Association and other professional societies.

In a national online survey conducted by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases and Pfizer, 85% of parents surveyed believe that annual checkups are important for children before age 5, while 61% of parents believed the same is true for teens. The survey included 504 teens aged 13 to 17 years, 500 parents of teens aged 13 to 17 years and 1,325 healthcare professionals, and was fielded by Harris Interactive between Dec. 27, 2012 and Jan. 23, 2013.

Many parents may not even realize how important staying healthy is to teens. The same national online survey found that more than six out of 10 teens surveyed say they worry a lot or a great deal about staying healthy, but only three out of 10 parents surveyed think their teens worry about it.

Teens who do not get annual checkups and forgo the opportunity for preventive care may be at increased risk for short- and long-term health problems.

The teen years are also an important time of physical and emotional development. Even if teens look or feel healthy, they are going through many changes, and an annual checkup can give them the opportunity to ask questions and have a confidential conversation with a doctor about topics such as height and weight, alcohol and drug use, recommended vaccines and sexual health, including screening for sexually transmitted infections.

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# Examining health myths

## Research facts before buying into hype

For as long as there have been urban legends, there have been health myths bogging our minds and adding confusion to the already confusing world of healthy eating.

“Diet, health and exercise can be scary enough,” said Christy Shatlock, one of the lead dietitians for bistroMD. “When you add in myths that predict doom and gloom if you eat certain foods or do certain things, getting healthy just gets more confusing, which leads to more frustration.”

To help people avoid the pitfalls of flinging themselves into despair over detrimental diet claims, Shatlock is aiming to put to rest some of the biggest health myths out there, and offering tips on what to know to avoid being tricked by the all of the misinformation.

### You crave certain foods because your body needs them.

“This is definitely a myth,” Shatlock said. “Cravings are associated more with emotional feelings rather than with what your body actually needs. In fact, many times, cravings are caused by eating too much of the wrong foods. We develop a dependence on

these foods, and when we change our eating habits to exclude them, we feel an emotional detachment. This is why so many people are unsuccessful at dieting.”

Rather than giving into the health myth craze of cravings, Shatlock recommends slowly incorporating some of the foods you neglect when you diet into your current weight loss plan.

The next time you get a food craving, just remember: It’s all in your head.

### Eating smaller meals throughout the day is better than eating fewer, larger meals.

“As long as your body is getting the proper amount of nutrients and calories to promote effective weight loss, it doesn’t really matter if you eat larger meals, or smaller, mini-meals throughout the day,” Shatlock said. “Ideally, you need to make sure that all of your meals contain an essential balance of protein, carbohydrates, and healthy fats to stimulate your metabolism.”

If you choose to eat larger meals and are worried about cravings during the day, eat snacks that contain protein in between each meal. These snacks will provide your body with needed energy, and will also keep you feeling fuller for a longer period of time.

### Eating calories at night is more fattening than eating calories during the day.



Part of this myth is true, according to Shatlock

“There is a reason why many health experts say that you shouldn’t eat right before you go to sleep,” she said. “During sleep, our bodies rest after supplying needed nutrients to the rest of our body all day, so digestion slows down. If you eat right before you go to sleep, your body will have a hard time distributing the nutrients from your food to the rest of the body, causing acid reflux and heartburn. This slowdown in digestion also makes it easier for your body to turn this food into excess stored fat.”

The bottom line: Know your bedtime, and eat your last meal at least three hours before you wander off into dreamland.

### More protein means larger muscles.

“People should realize that protein actually gets stored in muscle, but doesn’t develop your muscles naturally on its own,” Shatlock said. “In order to get big muscles, you have to specifically perform muscle and strength-training exercises. High-protein foods and

protein supplements don’t do this for you alone. It requires a lot of effort through exercise.”

While protein is essential for maintaining a stable weight, it won’t help your muscles get big on their own. Only specific exercises can do that.

### Carbohydrates make you fat.

The important thing to remember when it comes to this myth is that there are two different types of carbohydrates. There are bad carbohydrates, and then there are good carbohydrates.

“Bad carbohydrates are found in foods that contain a ton of sugar, like pastries and cakes, and also foods like french fries and cheeseburgers,” Shatlock said. “These are the foods that you should avoid, and these are carbohydrates that will cause you to gain weight.”

On the other hand, she added, “Good carbohydrates are actually needed to stimulate your metabolism to burn fat, and they provide your body with needed energy.”

Also known as complex carbohydrates, they don’t contain simple sugars, and provide your body with long-lasting energy. These “good” carbohydrates can be found in foods like fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Healthy weight loss cannot be achieved without carbohydrate intake, according to Shatlock. Low carb diets, and those that suggest removing them altogether, are potentially damaging to your health and should be avoided at all costs. Similar weight loss results can be achieved using a more healthy and sustainable diet of balanced nutrition.

The next time you are faced with a nutrition fact, do your research before buying into the hype.

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## Callippe Preserve selects Saito as head golf pro

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Callippe Preserve Golf Course recently named local resident Jake Saito as its new head golf professional.

Saito, who has worked at Callippe Preserve for nearly a decade, had previously served as the course's assistant golf pro.

"Jake's commitment to customer service and his specific knowledge of the local golf market is invaluable to Callippe," general manager Mike Ash said.

Saito grew up in Fremont, where he attended Washington High School and played football in addition to golf. He went on to play four years of college golf, beginning at Chabot community college before finishing his collegiate run at California State University, East Bay.

Since joining the Callippe Preserve team in 2005, Saito has gained the reputation of being one of Northern California's top left-handed golf instructors, according to Ash.

"I am so grateful and excited to be taking over the golf operations," Saito said. "I look forward to making a positive impact on the facility and taking Callippe to the next level for our local golfers." ■



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## Eckel selected to Pacific Swimming camp

Caroline Eckel, shown with Pleasanton Seahawks coach Greg Connell, was selected to the Pacific Swimming 11/12 AA+ swim camp at the Winter Junior Olympics in Morgan Hill. The camp was held at the Frank Fiscalini International Swim Center at Independence High School in San Jose on Feb. 22-23.



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## Gymnasts compete in Elk Grove

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy athletes (l-r) Sara Ling, Nicolette Barbosa and Abigail McKeag at the Byers Invitational in Elk Grove last month. McKeag, in Level 6 older, placed third on vault with an 8.850, sixth on bars with 8.050, tied for first on floor with a 9.3 and placed eighth in the all-around with a 34.425. Barbosa, Level 7 younger, tied for second on vault with a 9.175. Ling, Level 8 younger, finished tied for third on vault with a 9.0, fourth on floor with a 9.250 and fifth all-around with a 35.850. Megan Quinton, Level 8 older, completed her meet with a 32.500 all-around.



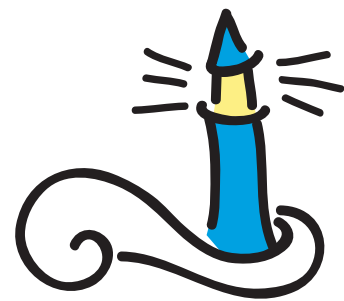
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## NAHB: Clean Water Act expansion not right answer

Builders' group warns measure would 'delay or impede construction projects'

By JEB BING

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposal to expand the reach of the Clean Water Act would increase the cost of new homes without a corresponding benefit to America's lakes, rivers and other water bodies, the National Association of Home Builders said this week.

While NAHB has long asked for the rules, EPA's proposal goes too far, the builders' group said.

"EPA was told to make changes to the rule so that everyone understands exactly when a builder needs a federal wetlands permit before turning the first shovel of dirt," said Kevin Kelly, NAHB president and a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del.

"Instead, EPA has added just about everything into its jurisdiction by expanding the definition of a 'tributary', even ditches and man-made canals, or any other feature that a regulator determines to have a bed,

bank and high-water mark," Kelly added. "It's a waste of taxpayer resources to treat a rainwater ditch with the same scrutiny as we would the Delaware Bay."

According to the NAHB, expanding federal authority under the Clean Water Act would greatly increase the number of construction sites required to obtain appropriate permits, which would also result in the delay or impede construction projects.

Moreover, additional permits would burden the current exorbitant backlog of permits ranging between 15,000 to 20,000, NAHB said.

Enacted in 1987, the Clean Water Act continues to be a source of confusion for regulators and those subject to regulation, as well as just what land should fall under federal permitting authority, as opposed to state or local jurisdiction, Kelly explained. It was originally designed to provide federal protection to navigable waters and those used for

interstate commerce, but the limits of that protection were never clear.

Kelly said the new definition doesn't just affect home builders. Farmers and ranchers could also feel an impact on their business practices. Even home owners could need wetlands permits before doing landscaping projects if regulators determined their land included a 'tributary' and thus subject to federal oversight.

"It's clear to us that this new proposal is not at all what Congress intended when it told EPA to clarify its jurisdictional reach," Kelly said.

"The agency needs to go back to work on this," he added. "We need to protect the environment with a carefully crafted rule, not this hurried, catch-all attempt. Adding this layer of regulation makes the land development process more expensive and time consuming. That's bad news for home buyers and for the economy." ■

## New home sales drop in stormy East, Northwest

Average for first months of 2014 is same as where 2013 left off

Sales of newly built, single-family homes fell 3.3% across the country to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 440,000 units in February, according to newly released figures from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Census Bureau.

"There is no doubt that the persistently bad weather (in much of the country) took a toll on sales in February,"

said Kevin Kelly, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Wilmington, Del. "However, builders continued to increase their inventory of for-sale homes, indicating they still anticipate a relatively strong spring buying season."

"We still expect 2014 will be a strong year for housing," said NAHB chief economist David Crowe. "The

first two-month average of 2014 is exactly in line with where 2013 left off. If not for the unusual weather, we would easily be ahead of last year's pace. We also continue to see household formations and pent-up demand driving sales forward."

Regionally, new-home sales activity fell 32.4% in the weather-battered Northeast, 1.5% in the South and 15.9% in the West. The Midwest posted a gain of 36.7%, stemming from an unusually low January figure.

The inventory of new homes rose to 189,000 units in February, a 5.2 month supply at the current sales pace.

—Jeb Bing

## Scholarships available for real estate-related study

By GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

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## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during March 3-17

### Dublin (March 3-7)

**Total sales reported:** 8  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$412,500  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,300,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$792,250

### Livermore (March 3-7)

**Total sales reported:** 19  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$399,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,049,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$618,816

### Pleasanton (March 3-7)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$265,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$935,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$675,500

### San Ramon (March 7-17)

**Total sales reported:** 19  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$320,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,575,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$881,658

Source: California REsource

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 3-17

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**717 Bonita Avenue** Pifer Trust to M. Mane for \$908,000  
**2884 Garden Creek Circle** Hunter Trust to M. Selvaraj for \$711,000  
**4064 Jensen Street R. & D. Goss to M. & T. Siegling** for \$570,000  
**3660 Kirkcaldy Court R. & J. Koerlin to A. & S. Villanueva** for \$805,000  
**4105 Morganfield Court** David Trust to K. Saini for \$885,000  
**1969 Paseo Del Cajon D. Harris to Z. Huang** for \$935,000  
**5262 Riverdale Court** Robinson Trust to S. Martin for \$565,000  
**3303 Rosada Court** Cargile Trust to F. Ling for \$486,000  
**6232 Roslin Court B. Barasch to Y. Strizhkova** for \$625,000  
**2255 Segundo Court G. & K. McKee to V. Atluri** for \$265,000

### San Ramon

**128 Adams Place J. & S. Curtis to V. Kumar** for \$821,000  
**8985 Alcosta Boulevard #181 S. Cito to A. Wierda** for \$335,000  
**3534 Ashbourne Circle P. & M. Motekaitis to M. & K. Amigh** for \$1,575,000  
**9453 Broadmoor Drive K. & N. Conti to S. Popudesi** for \$741,000  
**525 Byer Court S. & K. Depenbrok to J. Zhang** for \$948,000  
**505 Cashew Court** Collins Trust to N. & E. Milin for \$735,000  
**12 Century Oaks Court S. & D. Emery to A. & N. Khan** for \$1,049,000  
**175 Elisha Lane R. & S. Meghani to L. & J. Delowe** for \$928,500  
**1016 Hoskins Lane S. & H. Lee to R. Padiseti** for \$1,065,000  
**2 Indigo Lane** Ferree Trust to J. Ponjavic for \$810,000  
**3101 Lakemont Drive #4** Thornton Trust to A. & L. Daluyaya for \$590,000  
**1060 Lakeridge Place H. & J. Kwon to Y. Tian** for \$725,000  
**216 Lakeridge Way R. Jacks to R. & T. Widmer** for \$842,000  
**3803 Mandy Way** National Residential to R. Kavuri for \$1,355,000  
**506 Montrose Court** Granite Ranch Opportunities to R. Yarlagadda for \$925,000  
**809 Pradera Way** Waters Trust to R. Saini for \$1,219,000  
**25 St. Benedict Court C. Gavrilu to M. Nukala** for \$718,000  
**3753 Stonehenge Way C. & W. Jimenez to H. Chau** for \$1,050,000  
**2525 Twin Creeks Drive** Esparza Trust to R. Narayana for \$320,000

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## Brentwood

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**1000 Royal Tern Court \$688,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 934-1111

## Castro Valley

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**25706 Secret Meadow \$839,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel, Realtors 251-1111  
**4291 Arcadian Drive \$829,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111  
**15282 Cull Canyon Road \$2,550,000**  
 Sun 1:30-4 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

## Danville

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**216 Fairway Drive \$1,299,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 837-4100

## Dublin

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**5090 Piper Glen Terrace \$998,900**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 837-4100

## Livermore

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**2856 Carmen Ave. Call for price**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Diane Sass 699-9508  
**3 BEDROOMS**  
**6436 Tiffany Common \$499,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Barbara Choy 216-8667  
**3290 Dyer Road \$1,137,500**  
 Sun 1-3:30 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

**590 Selby Lane Call for price**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Cindy and Gene Williams 918-2045

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**523 Bernal Ave. \$470,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Nancy Valett 251-2536

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**2324 Wedgewood Way \$1,474,950**  
 Sun 1-4 Jim Tropp (415) 676-1073

## Pleasanton

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**1561 Trimmingham Drive \$680,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000  
**3683 Woodbine Way \$449,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Rebecca Bruner 577-8802

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**6365 Paseo Santa Maria \$1,149,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**4116 Creekwood Court \$1,275,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457

**803 Bonde Court \$1,019,500**  
 Sat 12-3/Sun 1-4 Blaise Loffland 846-6500

**6 BEDROOMS**  
**8161 Regency Drive \$1,650,000**  
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Janna Chestnut 876-6105

**7 BEDROOMS**  
**4625 Second St. \$2,575,000**  
 Fri/Sat 10-1, Sun 1-4 Blaise Loffland 846-6500

## San Ramon

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**400 Old Ranch Court \$999,998**  
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**OPEN FRIDAY, 4/11 FROM 10AM-1PM,  
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**COMING SOON**

### 4625 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON

This Expanded Remodeled Custom Victorian Home on a Double Lot Provides a Unique Opportunity to Both Own and Enjoy Classic Queen Anne Architecture on Historic Tree Lined Second Street, and still be able to enjoy the Conveniences of a Large Remodeled Modernized Family Home in the Heart of Downtown Pleasanton!

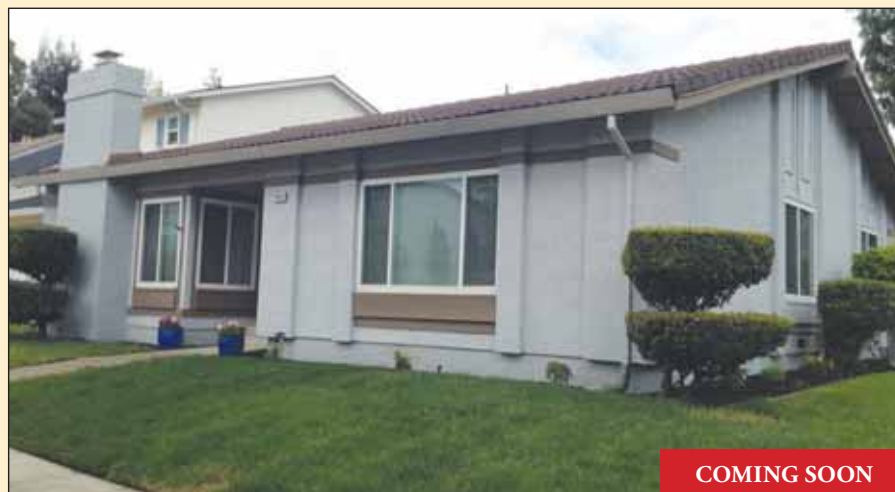
**OFFERED AT \$2,575,000**

### OAKHILL

### 7413 ASPEN COURT, PLEASANTON

Description: Beautiful single level close to Schools & the Pleasanton Ridge! This three bedroom, two and half bedroom and been completed updated throughout including new carpets, fresh paint, new granite counter tops and lighting fixtures throughout!

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**COMING SOON**

### DOWNTOWN



**JUST LISTED**

### 803 BONDE COURT, PLEASANTON

Upgraded and Remodeled Throughout! Panoramic views! Countless improvements have been made to this property since just 2012! The beautiful 11,220 square foot lot offers a backyard that has been upgraded with new stone walkways and professionally landscaped with Pinot Noir vineyard. The interior of this four bedroom, two bathroom, 2,056 square foot house, has been upgraded with custom hardwood floors (refinished in 2014), crown molding, upgraded baseboards and it is freshly painted! Remodeled kitchen and bathrooms! Master bathroom in 2014 with Travertine natural stone shower & floors, custom cabinetry, new sinks & hardware, etc. Quality upgrades with no detail spared in this premium location near Downtown with easy access to southbound 680 commute and just a short walk to Main Street!

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**OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4PM**



**New Listing! 215 Brushwood Place, Brentwood**

4 bed/2.5 baths Huge lot!! Private backyard. Beautifully remodeled!  
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**ANOTHER PENDING SALE**



**6718 Menlo Court, Pleasanton**  
Splish Splash! You will love this sparkling pool and the beautiful home that comes with it! 3 bdrm, 2 bath with almost 1500 sq ft. Wonderful kitchen with breakfast bar! **\$695,000**

**COMING SOON!**



Beautiful one level Pleasanton home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and a wonderfully expanded family rm with vaulted ceilings new carpet and paint!  
**Priced in the mid \$700,000's**

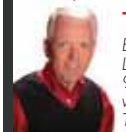


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**Reduced | Sunday 1-4**



**400 Old Ranch Ct., San Ramon**  
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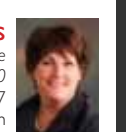


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**New Listing | Sunday 1-4**



**4116 Creekwood Ct., Pleasanton**  
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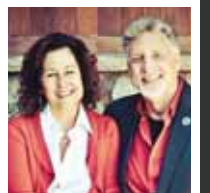
**590 Selby Lane, Livermore**

2012 sq ft, 3 bedroom 2.5 baths. Shea home built in 2013. Gorgeous home with many special upgrades and lovely views of the vineyards! Kitchen has slab granite, glass-tile backsplash, stainless steel appliances, custom-made shutters & hardwood floors downstairs. It's a must see!! Call for Private showing at 925.243.0900

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**Pleasanton Valley- Miramar Model**

4bd/2.5ba 2,088+/-sq.ft, 6,500+/-sq.ft lot  
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**COMING SOON!**

**Stoneridge Townhome, Pleasanton**

3bd/2.5ba. 1,630+/-sq. ft., vaulted ceilings,  
private patio with Greenbelt views, 2-car  
garage, HOA includes community pool,  
tennis courts, playground.

CALL FOR DETAILS



**PENDING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS**

**565 Sycamore Creek Way, Pleasanton**

4bd/2ba, 2,167+/-sq. ft. on a private 1/2 acre lot,  
with 450 sq. ft. detached office/bonus room,  
Brazilian Cherry floors, Maple kitchen,  
remodeled baths, plus a 3-car garage.

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**SOLD WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS**

**748 Saint Michael Circle, Pleasanton**

4bd/2.5ba, 1,611+/-sq. ft., Granite kitchen  
and remodeled baths, dual pane windows,  
Hardwood floors, inside laundry,  
new stamped concrete, detached garage.

SOLD FOR \$590,000



**SOLD!**

**15 Winterhaven Court, San Ramon**

2bd/2ba, 960+/-sq. ft., newer Corian kitchen and baths,  
Oak floors, dual pane windows, newer roof, & HVAC system,  
large backyard with hot tub & storage shed, HOA  
includes - pool, clubhouse, gym, lawn bowling & more.

SOLD FOR \$554,900



**SOLD BEFORE GOING ON MLS**

**4166 Hall Court, Pleasanton**

3bd/3ba, 2,042+/- sq. ft., Tiger hardwood floors, Granite/  
Alder kitchen, remodeled baths, dual pane windows, RV  
parking, private backyard with gated pool, on a child  
friendly cul-de-sac.

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**PLEASANTON \$1,829,000**  
Panoramic views! Custom 5 BD, 4.5 BA, 4,748 sqft. home on an 18,084 sqft. lot. Full BD & BA on 1st floor. Expansive rear yard w/ pool & spa, outdoor BBQ entertainment area, large patio & lawn area! 3750 SMALLWOOD COURT

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**PLEASANTON \$1,750,000**  
5 BD, 5 BA, 4,000 Sq.Ft. Custom, single level at end of a private road & w/ views of the valley. Chef inspired kitchen w/ granite counters, custom built cabinets, large island. Open living design. 733 VINEYARD TERRACE

CAROLINE BARNES BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$1,695,000**  
Stunning ~ open living concept, massive kitchen, great room, 5bd,5ba, 4,480+/-sf, new backyard, swimspa, firepit and more! Full Au Pair suite, own entrance, outstanding finish work! 727 VINEYARD TERRACE

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**PLEASANTON \$1,650,000**  
Stunning Laguna Oaks Home! 6bd + plus office, 3.5ba, 2,096+/-sf. Tropical paradise for a backyard pool & spa, outdoor BBQ area, pool room, bathroom. Please visit: <http://8161regencydrive.com> for additional information. 8161 REGENCY

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Executive Custom 5 bedroom, plus Den, 4150+ sq ft home in one of Livermore's finest neighborhoods. 2324 WEDGEWOOD WAY

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**PLEASANTON \$1,105,000**  
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Highly upgraded and remodeled single level within distance walk to Downtown Pleasanton! 803 BONDE COURT

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**PLEASANTON \$899,950**  
Great location next to Hansen Park and schools. 4bd/2.5ba, master downstairs. Beautiful hand carved hardwood floors downstairs, remodeled kitchen, sparkling pool, covered patio, large side access. 2286 CAMINO BRAZOS

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



**PLEASANTON \$875,000**  
4 BD, 2 BA, 1,923 Sq.Ft. on 7,214 Sq.Ft. lot. Formal living, dining & family room. Kitchen w/ large nook, recessed lighting & opens to dining room. Master w/ retreat & large closet & remodeled bath. 2018 FOXSWALLOW ROAD

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4bd/2.5ba, newer roof, redwood fencing, AC & furnace - very well maintained, just needs renovating & updating, close to parks, K-12 & downtown. Please call Tim McGuire for info 925.462.7653 COMING SOON

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Close to downtown!, 4bd/2.5ba, 2,012+/-sf + detached 400+/-sf in-law unit, large & private yard with creek, open beam vaulted ceilings, large redwood deck overlooking yard and more! 437 AMADOR COURT

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Great location, large corner lot, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large country kitchen, sparkling pool, spa, walk to 2 great schools and more! 5290 RIDGEVALE WAY

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**PLEASANTON \$680,000**  
Sharp 3bd/2.5ba, duette in Danbury Park. New carpet, sunny updated kitchen, vaulted ceilings, spacious living room, cozy fireplace, luxurious master suite, private yard w/deck & patio. 1561 TRIMMINGHAM DRIVE

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Home Sweet Home! Wonderful remodel, oak wood floors, dual pane windows, spacious eat in kitchen with designer touches, side yard access and more! 862 ALEXANDER ST

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Expanded remodeled custom victorian home on a double lot! Unique opportunity of modern and downtown convenience meet in the heart of Pleasanton! 4625 2ND STREET

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**LIVERMORE \$499,000**  
Plantation shutters throughout, gourmet kitchen, rich oak cabinets, professionally landscaped backyard w/patio, breakfast island, spacious living & dining rooms, short distance to school and pool. 6436 TIFFANY COMMON

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