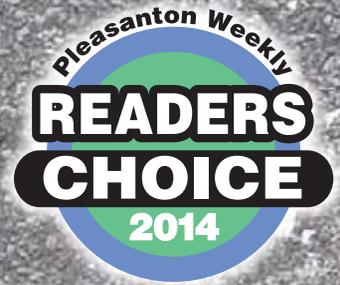


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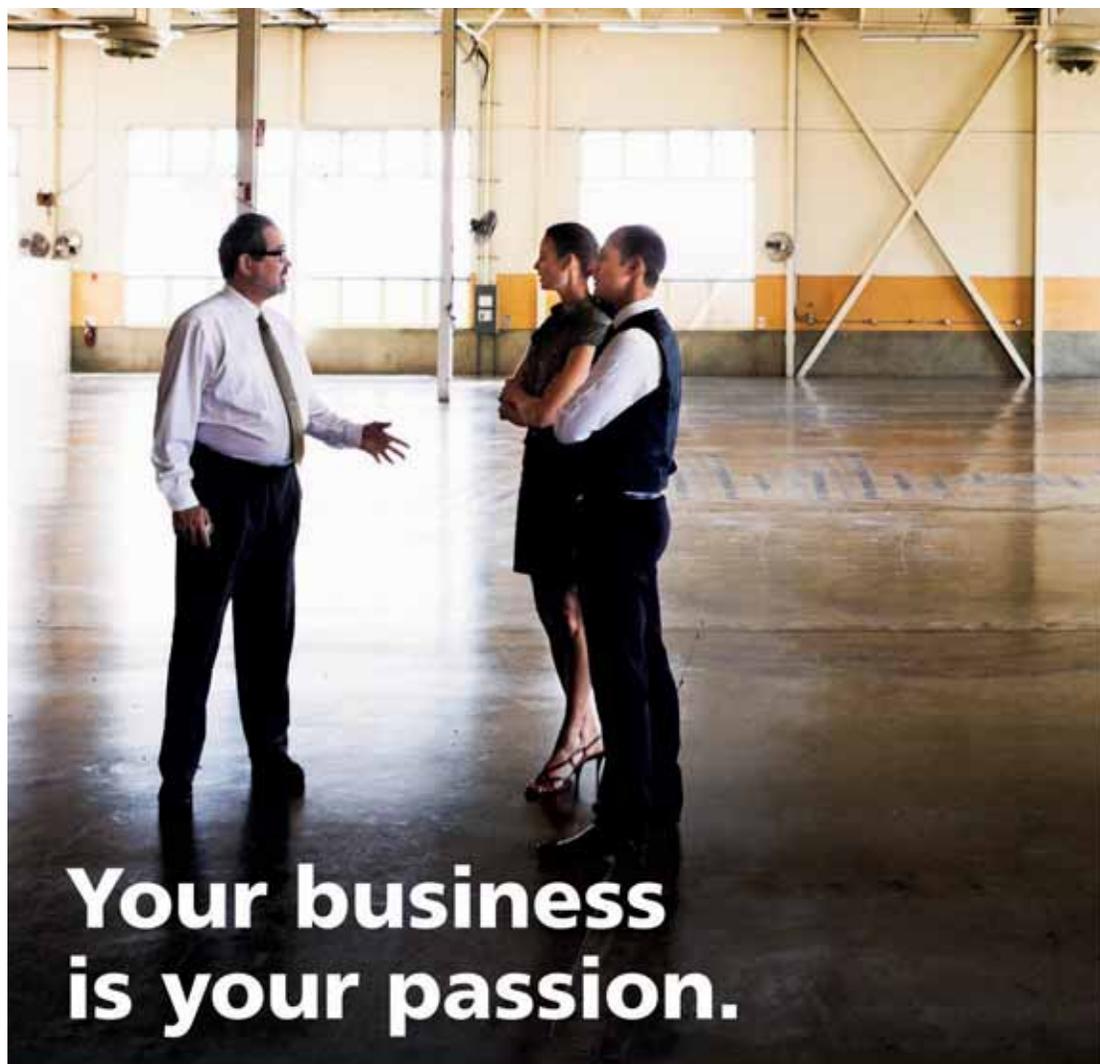


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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



MIDPEN HOUSING

Architect's sketches show the main three-story apartment complex (above) and single-story cottages (right) planned as part the expansion of Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens.



At last, better housing for city's low-income seniors

For our low-income seniors living in Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens, there's better housing in the offing. After more than 10 years of debate and hundreds of hours of public hearings, study groups and task force meetings, the Pleasanton Planning Commission last week gave its unanimous approval to a \$62.8 million plan to tear down both apartment complexes in phases and replace them with new structures that will double the size with 185 units upgraded to today's building standards.

Under the agreement, MidPen Housing Corp. and city staff are working together to obtain the necessary financing, drawing \$10 million from the city's affordable housing funds, grants and federal funding. MidPen expects to receive approval next month from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which currently owns Kottinger Place, to demolish that center. It received approval from the Pleasanton Housing Commission Feb. 20 for its rebuilding plans, which will also need final approval from the City Council once the project is ready to proceed. That's expected within the next couple of months, with formal action on an ordinance to allow the project to proceed next year.

The redevelopment plan has been under study since 2004 when the Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force was established. For 10 years, the task force held numerous public, neighborhood and resident meetings before reaching a consensus to rebuild and expand Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens.

MidPen is a Foster City-based developer that is the owner and manager of more than 90 proper-

ties with 25% of them senior communities. Here, MidPen will own, finance and manage the newly named Kottinger Gardens development, while the city of Pleasanton will retain ownership of the land the buildings will occupy.

The MidPen project calls for building 131 apartment homes on the site now occupied by Kottinger Place, and 54 where Pleasanton Gardens is now located, replacing the two aging, subsidized affordable housing developments with single-, two- and three-story apartments for seniors to continue living independently. Tenants, who range in age well into their 90s, will be able to stay in place during the reconstruction or move to temporary housing nearby at the developer's cost.

The new Kottinger Gardens will help meet an ongoing and rising need for subsidized housing for Pleasanton's low-income seniors. There are so many applications that managers at both sites now only accept new requests every several years, typically for a single day.

The apartments will have far more kitchen, bathroom and closet space than current units have and will feature upgrades in electricity and plumbing, and perhaps most important for its elderly residents, air conditioning. Also, with a single management team, social services and other senior-focused amenities should be better and more efficient.

Along with members of the task force who have met regularly over the years, Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian also deserves praise for championing the project with detailed explanations about the plans, security issues and other concerns that gained everyone's support. ■

About the Cover

Brooke Sanders, 6, enjoys creating flowers in chalk on the street at last year's Big Draw, a celebration of art that offers many ways for folks to participate. This year the event, which is also a fundraiser for Arts in the Schools, is May 10. Photo courtesy Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. Cover design by Shannon Corey.

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If you could have any job in the world, what would your dream job be?



Glen Johnson

Construction project manager

I would love to build titanium mountain bikes for a living. The idea of understanding the mechanics behind these incredibly intricate bicycles, and then using that knowledge to create mountain bikes for others to enjoy, would certainly have me wanting to go to work every day.



Jessica Johnson

College student

I would love to become a news broadcaster and, in fact, am studying right now to go into that field. Being right on top of breaking news is fascinating, and I think it would be very gratifying to be sharing it with the public as it happens.



Eisha Ayyar

College student/Café Main food server

My dream job would be to become President of the United States. It would give me the opportunity to confer with all of the other world leaders in order to make the world a better place for everyone.



Andy Liss

Nursing student

I hope to someday become a certified registered nurse anesthetist. It pays well, and I would embrace the challenge of being responsible for a person's respiratory system and hemodynamics while they are under anesthesia, and for bringing them back to consciousness alive, well and free of pain.



Chelsea Jensen

Nursing student

I would love to be an independently wealthy philanthropist who could just research various charitable ventures all day long and then invest money in the charitable organizations I felt would have the greatest positive impact on all living beings, locally and globally.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Bras for the Cause

Organizers of the annual Bras for the Cause breast cancer walk, set for next weekend, hope this year to top the \$1 million mark in overall funds raised since the first walk nine years ago.

The 2014 event, produced by the nonprofit Tri-Valley SOCKS, is scheduled to take place in downtown Pleasanton May 10 at 7 p.m. Participants wear decorated bras and walk six miles through town to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer.

Proceeds will benefit four organizations: Axis Community Health, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center Breast Oncology Program and the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation Breast Cancer Program.

To register or learn more details, visit www.trivalleysocks.org or email walk@trivalleysocks.org.

EPA awards

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest region is looking for people in the Bay Area, the rest of California and other nearby states and territories to nominate a friend, peer or organization for its 2014 Environmental Awards program.

The program aims to recognize individuals and groups who made significant contributions to improve the environment. Anyone can be nominated, such as scientists, teachers, community activists, young people, organizations, business representatives, public officials and others committed to protecting public health and preserving America's natural surroundings.

The nomination period closes May 31. The winners will be notified this fall. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/region9/awards.

Candlelight vigil

Pleasantonians 4 Peace is sponsoring a candlelight vigil in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., on May 14 at 7 p.m.

Participants will reflect on the human and monetary costs of war, honor servicemen and servicewomen who have sacrificed, and develop ways of moving beyond military conflicts toward a more peaceful world, according to organizer Cathe Norman.

The group also plans to have a "peaceful war protest" May 28 from 5-6 p.m. at the corner of First and Neal streets. For more information, visit the P4P website, www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

Planners OK multimillion-dollar projects in Pleasanton

Business expansions to add jobs, tax revenue

BY JEB BING

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has approved two new development projects that would significantly expand the Lexus auto dealership on Rosewood Drive and would allow Workday to

build a new six-story office center between Stoneridge Mall Road and the I-580 freeway.

The projects, estimated to cost millions of dollars each, would bring new jobs to Pleasanton as well as boost the city's tax revenue.

In quick action, with almost no opposition, planners last week approved building plans by the

Hendrick Automotive Group and Workday, Inc.

Workday, a fast-growing software company with headquarters on Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton, plans to build a six-story glass and steel building that, when completed, would be Pleasanton's second tallest building, behind only the nearby Safeway corporate headquarters building that is a foot

higher than Workday's proposed structure.

The 430,000-square-foot office building is set to be built on a site that includes BART-owned property once designated for a 350-unit apartment house complex and retail center adjacent to the West Dublin Pleasanton BART station. That site,

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Amador team shines at nationals

Amador Valley High School's advanced civics team, pictured here after winning the California state championship, finished second among high schools nationwide in the "We the People" competition in Washington, D.C. on Monday night. (See Editorial, page 13).

4 selected for Community of Character award

3 people, Lynnewood Methodist Church chosen for honor at May 14 ceremony

Three individuals and Lynnewood United Methodist Church will be honored May 14 as this year's recipients of the Juanita Haugen Community of Character award.

The annual award is named for Haugen, co-founder of the Community of Character program and a longtime member of the Pleasanton school board, who died in 2007. The award recognizes citizens and a nonprofit organization exhibiting outstanding volunteer service in Pleasanton while also displaying the community-accepted traits of responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, honesty, respect and integrity.

Lynnewood Methodist is being honored for its Outreach Committee

that works with Open Heart Kitchen and Axis Community Health to serve those in need. Recently when a church member had overloaded lemon and orange trees, volunteers from the church picked 300 pounds of the citrus fruit and delivered them to Open Heart Kitchen.

In partnership with Axis, church members create "Bundles of Joy" supplies for newborns whose families are needy.

A recent project has been "Stop Hunger Now," which involved packaging 10,000 nutritious meals for hungry people around the world. Locally, church members have volunteered to sort food at the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

With other United Method-

ist churches, Lynnewood also has worked to renovate a Livermore thrift store to benefit Tri-Valley Haven, and also with Habitat for Humanity and the Greater Richmond Inter-Faith program.

Individuals who will receive the Juanita Haugen Community of Character award are Brad Hirst, Emily Scholz and Bob Williams.

Since moving to Pleasanton in 1967, Hirst has been involved in thousands of hours of community service. He helped Pleasanton celebrate its 75th anniversary and was instrumental in having several locations designated as historical sites, including the Pleasanton Hotel, the church on the corner of Second and

School board reviews Common Core progress

Graduation dates also announced

BY JERRI PANTAGES LONG

The Pleasanton school board reviewed new Common Core State Standards last week and also technology for instruction that will be closely intertwined in local classrooms.

Funding facility and technology needs also was a focus at the meeting April 22.

This is the second of a three-year "revolution" in how students are taught and assessed, not only in Pleasanton and California, but throughout the nation as CCSS are implemented.

During the 2012-13 academic year, the emphasis was on "building infrastructure, skill development for teacher leaders, and awareness for all teachers."

The board of trustees was informed of the process and content, and parent forums were offered.

An audit of each school site was conducted by the technology department to determine readiness for the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment that is taken on computers at all schools.

During the current school year, the focus became "instructional strategies, curriculum mapping, formative Common Core State Standards tasks and benchmarks."

The school board budgeted for instructional coaches in the areas of English language development, mathematics, technology and advancement via individual determination. The coaches are teachers freed from classroom assignments to assist their colleagues throughout the district in a non-evaluative way.

Those coaches, plus additional staff development days, were the key elements to bringing staff members on board the new train of thought in how to educate students for the 21st century.

Using technology for problem-solving and collaboration is the

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COMMON CORE

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new direction to engage students in greater depth of knowledge. This month, students at several grade levels “tested the test,” trying out for the first time the new computerized assessment.

“Change is hard,” said Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. “It’s a lot of work, and it takes time. What has worked well is the instructional coach model. We have exemplary coaches, and also parent liaisons.”

Ahmadi said other districts have inquired about how Pleasanton has gotten beyond “gadgets” to successfully integrating technology into all aspects of student learning.

One program that was launched in January is Sound Partners, a phonics-based literacy intervention program involving K-2 students working 3-4 times a week with trained volunteers in sessions of 20-45 minutes, depending upon grade level.

Heidi Burton, K-5 literacy instructional coach, reported that currently more than 125 students

are being served by over 170 volunteers, though more are welcome. Scripted lessons lead directly to application in reading. English learners and special needs students are benefiting from this program, as well as those in general education, she said.

In the upcoming school year, the CCSS focus will be “full implementation of formative assessments and/or benchmarks” to prepare for the first Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments that “count,” in spring 2015.

Those will be the first of the new assessments that will provide scores for individuals, schools and the school district. Staff development will continue in depth of knowledge, instructional strategies and data analysis.

In order to switch effectively from paper-and-pencil testing to computer testing, the technological infrastructure must be in place.

Chris Hobbs, director of technology, presented the school board an updated version of the district’s technology plan through 2017. The plan is based on the board’s strategic plan, which says the schools

will “optimize student learning by utilizing innovative technologies.”

The plan incorporates standards for students outlined by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE): creativity and innovation, communication and collaboration, research and information fluency, digital citizenship, and critical thinking, problem solving and decision making.

Lisa Highfill, instructional coach for technology, said technology can “transform learning from being teacher-centered, to being student-centered,” adding that students can connect not only with classmates, but with peers from around the globe.

Board members expressed particular interest and concern over the goal stating that “all students will have access to appropriate technology devices, Internet access and instruction regardless of their socioeconomic status.”

Trustees and staff members are aware of the so-called “digital divide” that separates those who have computer access at home from those who do not. Some loaner laptop computers are available to students, and the district has been working to get Internet access to students’ homes that lack it.

The updated technology plan calls for one computer lab per each of the nine elementary schools and the two alternative secondary

schools; two computer labs at each of the three middle schools; and five computer labs at each of the two comprehensive high schools. These physical labs are to be augmented with mobile device labs, using notebook, laptop, or tablet devices.

Teachers and administrators are to each get a laptop computer. The district has established a five-year “refresh cycle,” with the budget showing replacement of 60% of the devices in schools.

Additionally, the Facilities Master Plan has been divided into four categories, beginning with \$14 million needed for “maintenance, safety, and shell integrity,” what deputy superintendent Luz Cazares termed the “squeaky-leaky” items that should not be delayed.

The second phase includes technology upgrades and four new Career Technical Education projects for the high schools, among other things, for a \$99 million total.

The third phase would include building a new elementary school and other projects (\$204 million), and the fourth phase would include new classrooms, buildings for electives at the secondary level, and playing field improvements (\$188 million).

Also on the board agenda April 22, trustees:

- Honored four students who demonstrated the Community of Char-

acter trait of “Respect.” Eljay Schellenberger (Walnut Grove, kindergarten), Joshua Freeman (Vintage Hills, fifth grade), Nishaad Trivedi (Harvest Park, eighth grade) and Azelia Cordova (Village, 11th grade).

- Recognized four students from Pleasanton Middle School who were recipients of the 10th annual Alameda County African-American Student Achievement and Excellence Award: Madison Perez, Jovan Perez, Gary Pride and Mikyale Combs.

- Proclaimed May 5-9 as Teacher Appreciation Week and May 6 as Day of the Teacher.

- Heard concerns from three elementary PE teachers and two music teachers about their class sizes compared to teachers of other subjects.

- Agreed to issue layoff notices to eight classified employees whose hours this year were paid for by parent donations (campus monitor, library assistants, site technology specialists and special needs assistants).

- Announced graduation dates as follows: Horizon and Village high schools on June 11 at Amador Valley High School Theater, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., respectively; Amador Valley and Foothill high schools on June 13 on their own campuses, at 7 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively. ■

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Bike to Work Day coming Thursday

Sponsors urge commuters to ride to work or BART

By JEB BING

Hacienda has teamed up with other sponsors of Bike to Work Day in Pleasanton and the rest of the Bay Area on Thursday by hosting special events to encourage commuters to bike to work locally or at least bike to BART and ACE train stations and bus stops.

On May 8th, Energizer Stations will be set up all over the Bay Area to celebrate Bike to Work Day, including two in Pleasanton.

Hacienda is again hosting an Energizer Station at the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station in conjunction with the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton. Other hosts include the Alameda County Public Works Department, Alameda County Transportation Commis-

sion, American Diabetes Association, Dublin Cyclery and BART.

Cyclists who stop by the East Dublin/Pleasanton Energizer Station will receive free T-shirts, while sizes and quantities last; a free Cycling Commute Companion; a canvas tote bag filled with great cycling gear and more. Participating cyclists can also receive a free bike safety check courtesy of Dublin Cyclery.

Cyclists filling out a Bike to Work Day registration card will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win raffle prizes donated by local merchants.

At BART, the Energizer Station will be open from 6:30-9 a.m. in the plaza area just outside the turnstiles.

An Energizer Station also will be in operation from 7-9 a.m. Thursday at the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART stop.

Similar stations will also be op-

erating from 7-9 a.m. on Stanley Boulevard at the entrance to Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, and at the Pleasanton entrance to the Alamo Canal Trail on Johnson Drive at ClubSport Pleasanton.

The Foothill High School Earth Club and Leadership Class also will staff an Energizer Station in front of the school on Foothill Road, offering free T-shirts to riders. That booth also will be hosted by the Alameda County Safe Routes to School organization.

Those committed to riding their bike to work Thursday can enter their name in a raffle to win a bike and other prizes by registering for the event at www.youcanbikethere.com/user/register.

A number of bike-related events are occurring throughout the community over the next few months. A list can be found at www.ebbc.org/btwd and www.ebbc.org/calendar. ■

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Pleasanton Senior Center honors volunteers

'Commitment is truly amazing,' councilwoman says

BY GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

Close to 200 volunteers have been honored for offering more than 12,000 hours of service last year to the Pleasanton Senior Center.

The volunteers, who worked in various capacities, were recognized at a ceremony recognizing their contributions.

"They've created a center that has the vision and flexibility to anticipate the changing needs of our mature adult community," said Pleasanton City Councilwoman Kathy Narum. "Your commitment is truly amazing."

Raymond Figueroa, recreation coordinator at the center, presented the Nan Cohan Volunteer of the Year award to Bill and Carol Breen, who have donated

2,619 hours since 2006 and have served in the bingo program for 10 years.

'They've created a center that has the vision and flexibility to anticipate the changing needs of our mature adult community.'

Kathy Narum,
City Councilwoman

Other nominees, also chosen by their peers, were Dan and Yvonne Cevello, JoAnn Duncan, Regina Linse and Dee Meyers.

The award is named after Nan Cohan, who supervised the Senior Recreation Program from 1974 to 1996.

Other volunteers recognized were Ron and Sandy Volpa, Bev Giovanetti, Margaret McGee and Mary Tange. All have contributed thousands of hours at the center. Tange, alone, has contributed 5,078 hours since 2002.

The Community Partner of the Year award was presented to Mike Riesberg from Sears Optical Services. Since 2008, Riesberg has volunteered his services to make minor eyeglass adjustments and repairs. The service was so popular that the center added other service partners on the same day, including hearing aid cleaning services, pharmacy consultations and blood



GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

Recreation coordinator Ray Figueroa served as the master of ceremonies for the nautical-themed Smooth Sailing annual Community Partners and Volunteer Recognition event last week.

pressure checks.

The Senior Center celebrated its 20th anniversary last year, and this year has launched a 501(c)3 nonprofit arm called Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center. Donations can now be

made directly to the center and are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

To find out more about the center's programs or the nonprofit, call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasanton-seniorcenter.org. ■

Officials: Pleasanton students solicited for illicit images

Social media messages ask for pornographic photos

BY AMANDA AGUILAR

Pleasanton police and school officials are advising parents to monitor their children's social media use and to discuss internet safety after learning that several students received messages asking them to send pornographic pictures of themselves through Instagram, an app that allows users to take and share photos.

Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi declined to reveal the names of students or school locations because of the young ages of the students involved. She did say the messages

were reported to school administration by one student who had knowledge of the activity. From there, administrators were able to find the students who were solicited, and reported the information to Pleasanton police.

According to Sgt. Kurt Schlehuber, the Instagram messages occurred at one school and there are two reported victims.

Pleasanton police said in a statement that they have launched an investigation and are interviewing the students involved, but added, "These investigations are quite complicated and require a significant amount of time, effort and collaboration from social media outlets and the courts."

They have determined that the

Instagram activity began in January and February, but students only reported it recently. Police believe the culprit resides outside the area.

The school district sent an alert to parents last Thursday saying, "When events such as this happen, it is an excellent time to discuss Internet safety with your child."

Schlehuber said it's helpful for parents to know their child's usernames and passwords, especially if they have a social media account.

"The minute you post something on the Internet, it's there permanently," Schlehuber said, as an advisory to children and teens. "You can delete a post on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook; but just know someone out there has already seen it and shared it." ■

Fair contest entry deadline nears

General entries for this summer's Alameda County Fair exhibits, contests and competitions are due May 21. Some competitions are judged in advance and require earlier deadlines.

The adult and youth exhibits have a wide range of competition categories, such as culinary arts, garden and floral, and hand crafts. The youth division also includes a school projects category and talent competition. Depending on the category, young children through teens may participate in the youth division competitions.

Both adult and youth divisions have some categories designated for physically or mentally challenged participants.

In addition, there will be live contests for all ages such as the Diaper Derby, Cheesecake Contest, Kissing Contest and a Hot Dog Eating Relay.

For rules and more information, visit the www.acfairexhibits.com.

The Amateur Winemaking contest was an early-entry competition that has already been completed with the following announced as winners:

- Bryan Lucay of Brentwood: Best of Show White Wine, Chardonnay.
- Victoria & Damon Genetti of Livermore: Best of Show Red Wine, Petite Sirah.
- Fred Watkins of Hayward: Best of Show Dessert Wine, Tawny Port.

New hours for this year's fair also were announced.

The fair will be open from Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., starting on opening day June 18 and closing on July 6.

Admission will be \$10 adults (13-61), \$8 seniors (62+) and youths (6-12), and free for children younger than 6.

Early-buyer discounts, military rates, season passes and fun pack ticket packages are also available.

On opening day, admission and

rides will cost \$1. On June 24 and July 1, admission will be \$2. Seniors are free on Thursdays (June 19, 26 and July 3). Kids are free on Fridays (June 20, 27 and July 4).

On June 25, people bringing four non-perishable food items for the Feed the Need Food Drive to benefit the Alameda County Food Bank will receive free admission and rides will cost \$1.

Horse racing will take place Thursdays through Sundays during the fair.

Free concerts will occur nightly on fair days at 8 p.m., followed by fireworks and tribute videos at 9:45 p.m. The Blues Festival will be held July 4 from 1-9 p.m. and the "Fireworks Spectacular" is set to begin at 9:45 p.m.

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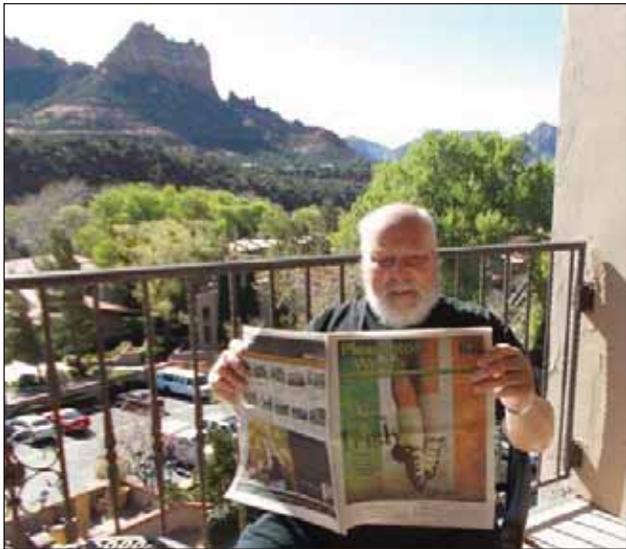
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PPIE contributes \$551,000 for schools

\$80,000 came from last month's Fun Run

BY JERRI PANTAGES LONG

Good news came to the school board last month in the form of a giant ceremonial check from the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation.

"This donation is a true example of what partnerships can do," said Bob Miller, president of the PPIE board, as he presented the school district with a bankable check for \$551,000.

Of that gift, \$80,000 came from the Fun Run for Education that PPIE sponsored earlier in April.

"Sometimes people forget how giving this community is," said Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. "The Pleasanton Unified School District has faced tremendous budget cuts for several years. Although we are grateful for a more stable state budget under the new funding model, the Local Control Funding Formula at its full implementation in 2020-21

will still not provide adequate funding for education."

"We are truly grateful for the support we have received from the community through the tremendous efforts by PPIE each year," she added. "In addition to supporting the Giving Fund through this year's PPIE fundraising campaign, parents continue to support their schools through each school's parent organizations."

Ahmadi thanked Miller and PPIE vice president Kelly French, who organized the second annual Fun Run, which attracted 1,000 more participants this year and raised \$22,000 more than the first run.

The superintendent also thanked Susan Hayes, the executive director of PPIE, for the fundraisers that augmented the Giving Fund to make PPIE's full wish list a reality.

The PPIE donation will help in the following specific ways.

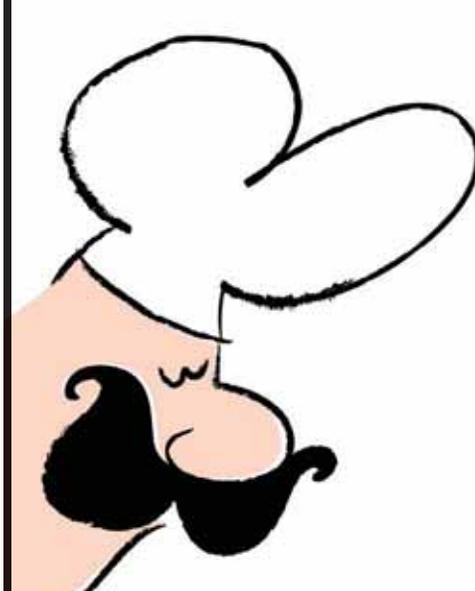
At the elementary schools, class

room for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten will be reduced to a ratio of 28-to-1 and a Chromebook will be purchased for each of the 230 classrooms.

Middle schools will divide \$95,000 on a per-pupil basis, with bonus amounts of \$1,500-\$5,000 based on each school's participation. Amador Valley and Foothill high schools will divide \$68,500 on a per-pupil basis, with the same kinds of participation bonuses, and Village/Horizon alternative high schools will receive \$5,000.

The four special needs preschool classrooms will receive \$500 each. In addition, the entire district will benefit by the hiring of an additional technology instructional coach at \$90,000.

The amount disbursed April 22 did not include PPIE grants to students and teachers, which soon will be announced. ■



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Shopping for a cause

Shoppers at Gene's Fine Foods in Pleasanton donated more than \$1,700 to benefit the Valley Humane Society from April 4-10 during the grocery store's two-year anniversary celebration. Store management matched all customer donations, resulting in the locally based animal-care nonprofit receiving \$3,420 from the weeklong fundraiser. Shown:



JEREMY WALSH

Gene's supervisor Casey Rodacker and VHS executive director Melanie Sadek, along with Sadek's adopted dog Buster, a dachshund-Jack Russell Terrier mix, during the check presentation last month.

Rotary clubs to celebrate 50th anniversary

'50 Years of Rotary in Pleasanton' theme of yearlong event

By JEB BING

Pleasanton's three Rotary clubs have announced plans for "50 Years of Rotary in Pleasanton," a yearlong event in 2015 celebrating their golden anniversary of community service.

Events will combine ongoing community service projects by some 170 current members of the three clubs: the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Rotary Club of Pleasanton North and Tri-Valley Evening Rotary.

These events will include:

- Historical exhibits from May 6 to August 2, 2015, at the Pleasanton Museum on Main
- An oral history of the three Rotary clubs compiled by Pleasanton Museum on Main staff

- Installation of a traditional street clock at Main Street and Vervais Avenue in Pleasanton

- The possible renaming of Main Street Green Park to Rotary Park or Rotary Plaza.

The celebration will be highlighted by a banquet at Castlewood Country Club on May 8 next year to celebrate the original charter award establishing the Rotary Club of Pleasanton in May 1965, which took place at Castlewood.

Also to be recognized will be the chartering to Pleasanton North in 1987 and the Tri-Valley Evening Rotary in 2002. All three clubs are affiliated with Rotary District 5170 in San Jose, and with Rotary International, a

global community service organization with 1.2 million members in 166 countries.

"The 50-year anniversary events are intended to draw public attention to the local Rotary clubs' contributions to the quality of life in Pleasanton and for thousands of people, both locally and globally, who have benefited from its initiatives," said Brad Hirst, chairman of the 50 Years of Rotary in Pleasanton steering committee.

A Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament next Friday at the Veteran's Memorial Guild will kick off the 50-year anniversary celebration.

For more information, visit www.pleasantonrotary.org or www.facebook.com/pleasantonrotary. ■

CHARACTER

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Neal streets, the former train station and the bandstand in Lions Wayside Park.

Hirst was part of Pleasanton's General Plan review in 1968, served on the planning commission from 1969-72, and on the Economic Development Committee from 1992-2000. He was chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in 1976, when the chamber's Foundation was created, and he has long been active in chamber activities and the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, where he is a member.

In 1995, Hirst received the Mayor's Award and for more than two decades, was on the board of directors for the George A. Spiliotopoulos Invitational (GASIT), which provided scholarships for local high school students.

Scholz will receive the Juanita Haugen Community of Character award for her volunteer work at the Valley Humane Society. She devotes 6-10 hours a week at VHS where she trains all front-office volunteers

and serves as an adoption counselor, helping match up people with pets available for adoption.

One specialty of Scholz's is writing grants. Due to her efforts, VHS has been awarded over \$50,000 this past year through a Maddie's Fund Treatable Program Grant.

"Without the unwavering dedication Emily embodies, nonprofits couldn't exist, and, frankly, our community couldn't survive," said Melanie Sadek, executive director of the Valley Humane Society.

Also receiving the Juanita Haugen Community of Character award May 14 will be Williams, who has conducted the Pleasanton Community Concert Band for 32 of its 39 years. He was one of the band's original horn players when the group was formed in 1975 for the 1976 United States Bicentennial Celebration.

The band performs 20 concerts each year for the public, free of charge, with the all-volunteer group practicing every Thursday at Pleasanton Middle School. Williams' home is the band's office and library.

He has personally invested in many of the 75 sets of sheet music

for more than 5,000 pieces, which he stores on a series of movable shelves, each weighing 750 pounds.

Williams completed his doctorate degree at Eastman School of Music, where he recently established a scholarship to help other aspiring musicians.

Losing his job as a high school music teacher in Oakland for 22 years because of budget cuts, he started a second career at the General Electric Vallecitos Nuclear Center, where he worked for another 17 years.

The Community of Character luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 14 at the Ruby Hill Golf Club. The cost is \$40. Table sponsorships for eight are available for \$500. The deadline for reservations is next Friday, May 9. To make reservations, register at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce website at www.pleasanton.org.

For more information, contact Heather Haugen Rizzoli at 321-6449 or sign on to the Community of Character website at communityofcharacter.org.

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PROJECTS

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once needed to satisfy Pleasanton's need for affordable housing, was never developed as planned and is no longer needed to meet state-required housing numbers.

The office building will have a three-sided shape featuring a layered architecture which creates a base, middle and top. The base will feature glass walls highlighted by the building entry features and a covered outdoor dining area.

The middle layer will feature continuous ribbon windows separated by horizontal bands. The top layer begins with recessed sixth-floor walls continuing up to a deep eave soffit with a simple band at the parapet and finishes with horizontally scored rooftop equipment screens.

The new building will accommodate a growing workforce. Found-

ed by co-CEOs Dave Duffield and Aneel Bhusri in 2005, Workday now has more than 1,750 employees and 400 customers.

Employees have gradually been moving from its leased floors in an office building on Stoneridge Mall Road into buildings a few blocks away in Stoneridge Corporate Plaza, which is being acquired by NPC Holdings, LLC, a wholly owned affiliate of Duffield. This was a strategic investment for Duffield and his venture, NPC, which is separate from Workday. NPC would continue to manage the space as a multi-tenant office, and Workday would occupy some of the space as an expansion of its corporate headquarters.

Two five-story parking garages also will be built as part of the project, and the Workday developer is considering a walkway from the BART station into the new complex.

Final action on the Workday project is expected at the City Council meeting on May 20.

The Hendrick Automotive Group also won the planners' approval to build an 83,300-square-foot new car showroom and service facility for its Lexus of Pleasanton dealership. The Lexus site at 4335 Rosewood Drive is one of four dealerships owned and operated by Hendrick, which include Volvo of Pleasanton, Infiniti of Pleasanton and Acura of Pleasanton.

Four buildings will be demolished in phases to make room for the expanded Lexus showroom and service center. The new building will include offices on the second floor with rooftop parking for service vehicles.

At one time, Hendrick planned to move its operations to an auto mall on Staples Ranch, where CarMax now has approval to build a regional used car center. ■

BUSINESS NEWS

Is high-frequency trading hurting or helping you?

Filling orders quickly at fair prices benefits all investors

By GARY ALT

News stories about high-frequency trading (HFT) have exploded since the discovery that some HFT traders are using technology to unfairly profit, leaving some investors wondering if the whole stock market is completely rigged against them.

In fact, HFT can both help and hurt investors.



Gary Alt

Efficient markets

To understand the impact of HFT, it's helpful to understand trading dynamics. When I started investing, stock trades were executed largely via "floor trading" — a group of traders standing in a circular pit on the floor of a stock exchange, shouting red-faced, hand-signaling prices and order sizes, and writing down completed orders on slips of paper — a manually intensive process prone to error.

Today, nearly all trades are completed electronically via computer

systems, eliminating floor traders and the inherent limitation of human capabilities. This improves "market efficiency," filling orders quickly and at fair prices, which benefits all investors.

What is HFT?

Using computerized algorithms and high-speed networks, HFT firms respond quickly to a stock's momentum to buy and sell at a profit. HFT firms trade thousands of orders every day (which actually improves market efficiency). Speed equals profits for HFT firms.

But in 2013, it was discovered that a few HFT firms profited unfairly from their speed advantage. When their computers saw a large buy order heading toward a stock exchange, it immediately sent the same buy order over its super-fast network to beat the original one, and then waited for the first order to come in and sell the shares at a higher price. It's like being able to see a line of cars speeding toward a pot of gold and then jumping in your NASCAR to beat them to it. It's this skimming of profits that's irking investors.

How does HFT affect me?

Though the prices paid might only be a few pennies higher per share, it's estimated that skimming brought millions of dollars in profit for these firms. Charles Schwab, founder and chairman of the brokerage firm that bears his name, recently said in a statement that "High-frequency traders are gaming the system."

However, Vanguard Group, the world's largest mutual fund company, in 2010 said, "We believe that a vast majority of 'high-frequency trading' is legitimate and adds value to the marketplace."

For the few bad apples who are skimming profits ahead of everyone else, the markets are already evolving to eliminate their unfair profiting. With the recent subpoena of a few HFT firms by the New York Attorney General's Office, we may see legal repercussions. Between the market changes and fears of dealing with the New York AG, I expect this form of skimming will soon become obsolete. ■

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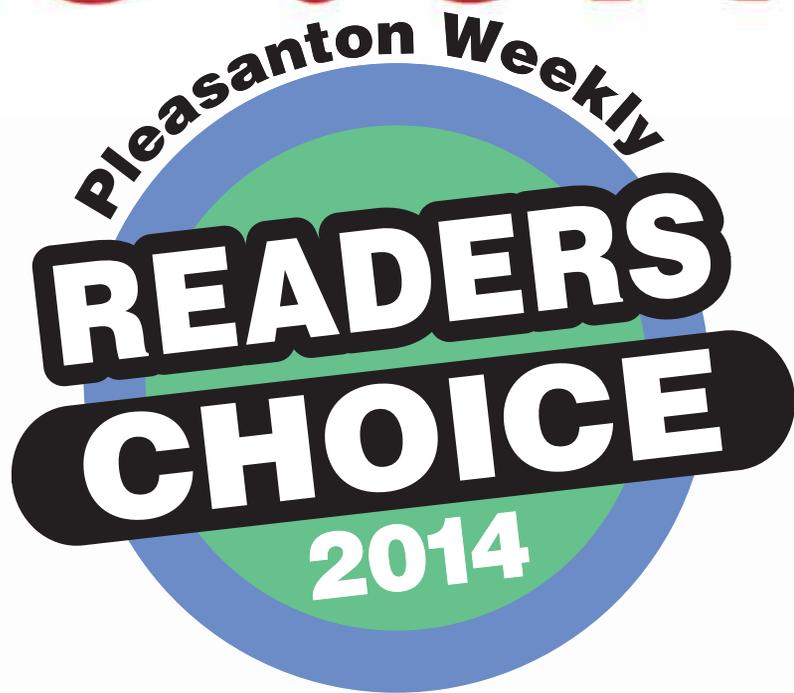


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James was born in San Francisco. He attended Sacred Heart High School and served in the US Army in Orleans France. He was a Ship's Clerk for 49 years at the Oakland pier. He has two loving daughters by his first wife, Joan.

He enjoyed golf, fishing, and travelling with his family. He respected and honored his family and friends.

His mass will be held at Saint Elizabeth Seton Pleasanton, CA. He will be buried at Pleasanton Catholic Cemetery. Instead of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Elizabeth Seton, Pleasanton, CA.

He is survived by his wife Kay, brothers William Donohue and Michael Donohue, daughter Shannon Lenz, granddaughters Chloe Lenz, Haley Lenz, Chelsea Lenz and Amy (Gary) Tetalman, Jessica (Troy) Pittman, grandson, Henry Warren and great grandchildren: Jake Lenz, Blake and Reagan Tetalman, Steven Brown, Karah and Tallon Pittman. He was preceded in death by his daughter Diane Russell and wives Joan and Lillian.



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POLICE BULLETIN

Man arrested in theft of alcohol, toiletries worth \$200+

A 71-year-old man is accused of shoplifting \$254.40 worth of items from Raley's in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard on April 26 at 7:10 p.m., according to police reports.

The items stolen included Just for Men Beard and Mustache color dye, toilet paper, tequila, vodka, toothpaste, Tums, bleaching gel, WD-40, shampoo and conditioner, hair remover and body wash, according to police.

Loss prevention officers allegedly watched Rober-to Alvarado Contreras of Sacramento walk up and down the aisles, and then past the cash register.

He was stopped outside by loss prevention officers, contacted by police in the Raley's manager's office, and ultimately arrested and booked for a shoplifting charge.

In other police reports:

- A report of shoplifting \$77 worth of items from Kohl's led to the arrest of two Bay Area residents for drug and warrant charges.

Sunglasses, shirts and underwear were reported stolen from the department store in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive on April 24 at 6:26 p.m., according to police reports.

That incident reportedly led to police contacting Jordyn Lynn Elliott and Michael Anthony Franklin.

Elliott, 22, of Dublin was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property and drug parapher-

nal, and petty theft. Franklin, 27, of Newark was arrested for outstanding warrants for being a parolee at large, assault with a deadly weapon and drunk in public, according to police.

Both were booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

- Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person "acting bizarrely" in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road on April 26 at 8:24 a.m., according to police reports.

When officers searched the person, identified as 32-year-old transient Andrew Eugene Barr, they allegedly found a syringe with liquid heroin.

Barr, who also allegedly had an outstanding warrant for criminal threats out of Fremont, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, according to police reports.

- Pleasanton police allege a Tracy man was caught trying to return a basketball hoop he'd just shoplifted from Walmart in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive on April 27 at 3:25 p.m.

David Douglas Edwards, 49, allegedly loaded a shopping cart with a basketball hoop and walked past the cash registers without paying. He then went to the customer service counter and tried to return the basketball hoop for \$203, according to police reports.

Edwards was arrested and booked at Santa Rita Jail.

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

— Amanda Aguilar

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The Pleasanton Police Department made this information available.

April 12

Theft

- 3:28 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:40 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure

April 13

Battery

- 4:33 a.m. in the 4200 block of Valley Avenue

April 14

Vandalism

- 7:45 a.m. in the 4200 block of Hayford Court
- 5:56 a.m. at the intersection of Hill and Muirwood drives
- 7:49 a.m. in the 400 block of Stonedale Drive
- 11:01 a.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court

April 15

Fraud

- 11:09 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 11:01 a.m. Street information withheld.

Drug violation

- 5:17 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue

April 16

Battery

- 11:54 a.m. in the 4500 block of Entrada Court

Fraud

- 11:10 a.m. in the 1300 block of Hopyard Road
- 5:21 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

April 17

Theft

- 3:27 p.m. in the 5000 block of Franklin Drive; theft from structure
- 5:22 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; bicycle theft

Battery

- 11:27 a.m. in the 3600 block of Vineyard Avenue

Fraud

- 4:40 p.m. in the 1000 block of Touriga Place

April 18

Commercial burglary

- 1:26 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Theft

- 10 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; theft from auto
- 3:10 p.m. in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

April 19

Fraud

- 4:13 p.m. in the 3200 block of Northampton Court

April 20

Battery

- 8:27 p.m. in the 2100 block of Laguna Creek Lane
- 8:36 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

April 21

Auto theft

- 7:09 a.m. at the intersection of Alameda Drive and Baywood Court
- 7:22 p.m. in the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive

Fraud

- 9:32 a.m. in the 3200 block of Pomace Court

Burglary

- 1:29 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

April 22

Domestic battery

- 3:31 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Residential burglary

- 10:55 a.m. in the 4300 block of Payne Road

Vandalism

- 2:46 p.m. in the 1700 block of Via Di Salerno

April 23

Theft

- 12:12 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 12:31 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft
- 2:46 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

Robbery

- 1:32 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Battery

- 9:22 p.m. in the 3400 block of Isle Royal Court

April 24

Residential burglary

- 4:36 p.m. in the 2900 block of Liberty Drive

April 25

Bicycle theft

- 2 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Battery

- 8:07 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

April 26

Battery

- 9:35 a.m. in the 4200 block of Nova Court

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Amador Valley High: 2nd in U.S. civics competition

Amador Valley High School's "We the People" team returned home this week to cheers and congratulations from parents and supporters, ending a six-day trip to Washington, D.C., where Amador placed second in the national finals out of schools from all other states and the District of Columbia.

The students, all part of the Competition Civics class, and social studies teacher and coach Brian Ladd deserve the community's thanks for their many hours of study, research and practice since last September, leading up to last Monday night's awards ceremony in Washington. Now it's back to the books in all their other courses as team members take Advanced Placement tests and final exams as their graduation days approach.

This was the 13th time Amador Valley has represented California in the We the People national competition. The school's team won the state championship last February and since has been meeting after school, on weeknights and weekends preparing for the national finals.

Amador won the nationals in 1995, but this year that top honor went to students from Lincoln High School in Portland, Ore. The competition results were announced at an awards ceremony Monday evening before an audience of more than 1,900 students, teachers, coordinators, judges and other program participants.

The students had just completed three days of simulated congressional hearings that tested their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. During the competition, students demonstrated their knowledge of the Constitution before simulated congressional committees made up of state supreme court judges, constitutional scholars, lawyers, public officials and We the People alumni. The first rounds of the hearings took place Saturday and Sunday. Monday, the top 10 schools competed in actual congressional hearing rooms on Capitol Hill.

Officially known as the "We the People: The Citizens and the Constitution," the program promotes civic competence and responsibility among the nation's upper elementary and secondary students. It enjoys active support from state bar associations and foundations, and other educational, professional, business and community organizations across the nation. Since its inception in 1987, more than 28 million students and 75,000 educators have participated in the We the People program.

Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-3rd District) perhaps summed up the value of the program best after spending a major portion of the weekend watching young constitutional scholars compete in the competition.

"It was an amazing experience watching these young men and women debating the fine points of our Constitution," he said. "It was fascinating to contemplate what was going on in the much broader context in terms of what this represented. Everybody was a winner: the student constitutional scholars, their dedicated coaches and teachers. Most important, America was winning."

Amador Valley seniors who made presentations in Washington (see photo on p. 5) were Bianca Bacaltos, Eric Chan, Naomi Chan, Alexandra Gonsman, Domnall Hegarty, Daniel Huang, Liana Huynh, Nisha Kale, Almas Khan, Kathryn Kitayama, Shilpa Krish, Emily Lu, Armin Mahini, John Malchar, Kaitlyn Mallie, Kabir Sethi, Lillian Sun, Jennifer Teitell, Kristina Vateva, Rose Wang, Jarry Xiao, Christine Xu, Jennifer Yip and Tandy Yuan.

In addition to Portland's Lincoln High and Amador Valley, the other 2014 We the People award winners, in order of placement, were: Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies in Virginia, Fishers High School in Indiana, Vestavia Hills High School in Alabama, East Grand Rapids High School in Michigan, Grandview High School in Colorado, Maine Township South High School in Illinois, Corona del Sol High School in Arizona and Highlands High School in New Mexico. ■



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation regarding Measure AA - Alameda County Healthcare Services Safety Net Reauthorization
- **Public Hearing:** Consider adopting a resolution declaring a Stage 3 Water Shortage and mandating a 25% reduction in water usage; a resolution proclaiming a local drought emergency; and introducing an ordinance to amend Municipal Code §§9.30.080 and 14.04.060 to prohibit outdoor irrigation during rain
- **Public Hearing:** PUD-98 and P13-2518, CarMax – Consider: (1) Introduction of an ordinance approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan 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, and related site improvements on approximately 19.66 acres of the Auto Mall site at Staples Ranch; and (2) Sign Design Review for related project signage
- **Public Hearing:**
 - (a) Approve the allocation of Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) and Community Grant Program Funds for the Fiscal Year 2014 Grant Funding Cycle (FY 2014-15)
 - (b) Approve the Annual Action Plan (FY 2014-15) for the Use of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds
- **Public Hearing:** Approve the submission of a \$1.25 million Section 108 Loan Guarantee application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide financial assistance to the Axis Community Clinic expansion project and authorize the City to enter into a Public Participating Jurisdictions (PPJ) agreement with the cities of Livermore and Dublin and the County of Alameda to repay the loan

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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

Library Commission

Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- History of Library Building Project
- Bernal Master Plan
- Foundation Next Steps
- Commission Outreach Efforts

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Selection of a Site for the Future Location of an Off-Leash Dog Park
- Old Vineyard Avenue Pedestrian Trail, Phase 1 – CIP No. 135044
- Request from the Rotary Clubs of Pleasanton to Re-Name Main Street Green
- Request to Re-Name the Pleasanton Sports and Recreation Community Park
- Approve the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.

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- Concerts in the Park (June 6-August 29)
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- Antique Faires (May 25 & October 12)

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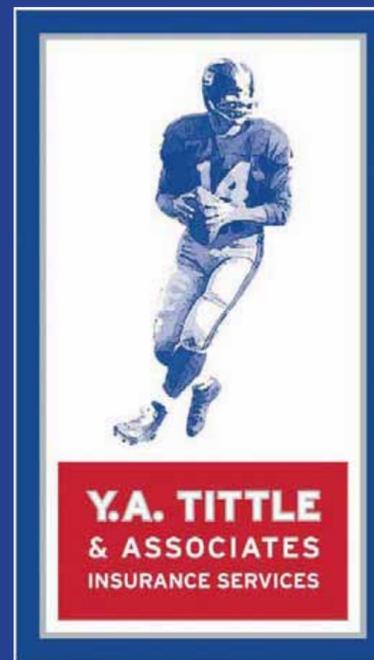
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Above: Richert Lumber sponsored artist Gary Winter, who created a visual manhole in the street for his wood figure to descend, attended by another worker with a motorcycle nearby. Right: Check out Main Street for this piano, newly painted by Courtney Jacobs, a featured artist at Studio 7 Arts.



JOHN LOLL

At last year's Big Draw, families purchased squares to decorate with chalk art in addition to the professional creations. Some people decorated a square for the next day, Mother's Day, then brought mom down for a viewing.

The Big Draw

Pianos on Main, chalk murals on Division: Downtown becomes an arts scene



PCAC

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Big Draw arts festival is returning to downtown Pleasanton for the second year, beginning tomorrow when four colorful pianos are placed at spots up and down Main Street.

Don't be shy: Take a seat and tickle those ivories.

"Nobody can pass those babies by without playing," said Big Draw organizer Jill Vellinger with a laugh. "Those pianos were played from morning until night by people of all ages. Men in suits sitting down and playing. Little kids, parents, singles, everybody; you just can't pass a painted piano and not play it."

Two of the pianos were creatively painted last year by students at Hart and Pleasanton middle schools. The two others are newly decorated this year, one painted by Courtney Jacobs, a featured artist at Studio 7 Arts, and the other by students of Rekha Joshi, a private art teacher in Pleasanton.

A new feature this year at the Big Draw are 12 Poetry Chairs, which will be clustered around the pianos. Each chair features verse by a local poet, including the adult and teen poet laureates. The poems were

interpreted by artists and painted onto the chairs.

"I'm excited about that because the Big Draw in a way is an evolution of the Poetry, Prose and Arts Festival," Vellinger said. "It's very hard to find ways for people to interact with poetry and literature, other than having them go off and read a book. We wanted to find ways people could come face to face with poetry and experience the emotions it generates."

Then from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 10, the Big Draw will take place in front of the Firehouse Arts Center and up Division Street to Main when chalk artists, professional and amateur, take to the asphalt to create their temporary masterpieces. The event is a fundraiser for Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council's Arts in the Schools Grants Program.

"Seeing it unfold, you're part of it," Vellinger said. "I think all the ways that the event was successful last year were the ways people got to participate in one way or another."

Vellinger said she was impressed last year not only by the chalk art done by the professionals but by how generous they



JOHN LOLL

This hummingbird was created by a mother-daughter team, Chris and Jess Pasadis, who travel around to Bay Area chalk festivals and create together. The hummingbird, dipping its beak into flowers (not shown) was the largest scale piece they had done to date.



PCAC

The four decorated pianos placed along Main Street were played from morning until night by people of all ages, part of the hands-on, temporary art that the Big Draw embodies.

were with their time.

“Cecilia Linayao would have little kids come into her area, and she’d be explaining what she was doing,” Vellinger said. “Mark Wagner, who was doing a dragon, took time to help a girl who was an aspiring artist, and he recognized this in her. Another one near him was having trouble executing an idea and he helped her.”

Besides the professional artists from out of town, businesses have sponsored local artists to create chalk art. On the day of the event, 2-foot-by-2-foot squares will be for sale for anyone to try their hand.

“Last year several people created a Mother’s Day square and brought their mother by the next day to see it,” Vellinger said. “We found that tons of people came and walked it on Sunday.”

They sold all 22 squares at last year’s event, she said, noting, “The nice thing about the street is you can add on.”

Since there are no matinee performances scheduled at the Firehouse Arts Center that day, its doors will be thrown open for the public to enjoy the distinctive building, designed around Pleasanton’s 1929 Fire Station No. 1, and its Harrington Art Gallery.

The gallery will have another new feature of this year’s Big Draw, called Artful Bouquets, which is based on a popular fundraiser at the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco. Four local floral artists are going to create arrangements interpreting art works in the current exhibit, Fresh Works IV; gallery director Julie Finegan chose the works of art, and Vellinger assigned the designers.

“One picture — ‘Squirrels Like to Sleep’ — is hysterical,” Vellinger said, adding that organizers hope the Artful Bouquets will help bring

people into the gallery. “One of our objectives is to have people be more aware of the Firehouse and to use it and realize what a great find it is.”

The Artful Bouquets will be on display at the gallery May 9-10.

Instead of repeating last year’s tag sale in front of the Firehouse Arts Center, the shady area will be a place where people can relax a bit, Vellinger said. They can also keep an eye on the community chalk mural as it unfolds.

“Anybody can grab a piece of chalk,” Vellinger said. “Of course there is a risk — even if you really feel you are creating a work of art, someone can create right on top of it.”

Booths will provide what Vellinger called “Etsy on the street,” referring to the popular website selling handmade items.

“Instead of having to look at a photo, you can see it and make sure it’s what you want,” she said. “Artists and artisans, fine arts and jewelry and different crafts. Nothing is going to break the bank. It’s perfect to pick up gifts for Mother’s Day.”

There will be something for everyone at the Big Draw, Vellinger said, including live musical performances on Railroad Avenue.

“With some of performing arts, you can sing along or dance or whatever,” Vellinger said.

She was also excited about two eighth-grade girls, Reya Shah and Mehda Prakesh, who are working on their silver badge for Girl Scouts and asked to set up an Indian cultural booth.

“It’s going to be interactive,” Vellinger explained. “They will have art work people can do, and they will be showing art from the different states of India. They will also be doing classical dance and

Bollywood-style dance that everyone can join in.”

The booth will feature henna painting for a charge, with profits going to the Big Draw.

Artist Debbie Wardrope will do a guided pastel project for children ages 8 and up from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Division Street. Participants will learn to color, create dimension and layer pastels to create shell paintings. The cost is \$15, benefiting the Big Draw. Space is limited to 12.

Last year’s Big Draw raised \$6,000 for the schools, to enable students to experience professional demonstrations, performances and field trips that otherwise would not be possible. Vellinger hopes to raise the same amount, although she pointed out that this year’s event will cost more because they were not able to receive the same grants, due to timing.

“PCAC is fronting the money,” she said, “and the city is a huge supporter — it wouldn’t happen without the city.”

The success of last year’s Big Draw, even with temperatures that climbed to 103 degrees, sparked PCAC’s enthusiasm for this year, Vellinger said.

“It’s very experiential, which leads to the success of the event. I always want to create more ways and opportunities to do things like that,” she continued.

“As you go through the event, we will have lots of vendors also providing art activities or the opportunity to do things. There is always something to do or engage in.”

They also found a way to include Pleasanton nonprofit groups, such as the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and the Valley Humane Society, by inviting them to work on the poetry chairs



JOHN LOLL

Division Street came to life with artists and chalk art at last year’s Big Draw, a celebration that had many ways for people to participate. “It’s very experiential,” said organizer Jill Vellinger.

to express their mission.

“We will silent auction off the chairs and the money goes to Arts in Schools, but we will split it if they did it with another nonprofit,” Vellinger said. “This is a great way to have people be aware of all these other organizations and a way for them to get involved and use art to communicate that.”

The Big Draw is about art, temporary art and creating just for the joy of it, Vellinger said.

“The idea is providing ways for people who want to paint or want to draw but don’t feel they are good enough for a gallery,” she said. “This is a chance for them to create

art and be seen by others.”

The pianos painted by the middle schoolers, for example, will be repainted every other year.

“The thought is that rather than have them repainted now, we let the art get to have exposure two years in a row,” Vellinger said. “The whole idea of temporary art is a unique idea and a hard one.”

To learn more or to reserve a spot for the pastel art class, visit www.the-big-draw.com. And be sure to mark your calendars.

“We want to show that art is not a passive experience — the art will be seen, felt, touched, enjoyed,” Vellinger said. ■

'Mother Daughter Me' author coming to town

Moving in mom proves
to be traumatic

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Mother's Day, which is fast approaching, may or may not be the time to ask: "What is our obligation to our parents as they age, particularly if they were far from perfect parents when we were children?"

Katie Hafner asked herself that question more and more after inviting her 77-year-old mother, Helen, to leave her home in San Diego and move in with her and her 16-year-old daughter in San Francisco.

"I was determined to do what I could to help my mother. I also held fast to a fairy tale view of our relationship that made us certain everything would work out fine," Hafner recalled. "We referred to our adventure as 'our year in Provence.'"

Instead of basking in Provence, Hafner found herself grimly sandwiched between her obligation to her mother and her love and responsibility for her teenager, who was particularly close to her since her father had died.

This experimental living arrangement led to her book, "Mother Daughter Me," and Towne Center Books is hosting Hafner in Pleasanton next week in conjunction with Mother's Day.

Hafner's childhood was not easy. Helen had a history of drinking, and Hafner and her sister were taken away from their mother by court order to live with their father when they were 12 and 10, respectively. Even years later, Hafner still had much anger and resentment toward her.

"I began acting out, in small, often cruel ways," Hafner said. "I rejected the things she brought with her into our cohabitation, right down to her kitchen knives, which I considered inferior to mine. If she needed me to do something for her, I did it, but grudgingly."

The "year in Provence" quickly turned into a "half-year in hell," and her mother moved out after six months.

Although Hafner was a professional



Author Katie Hafner

writer, she did not plan to write about her mother moving in with her.

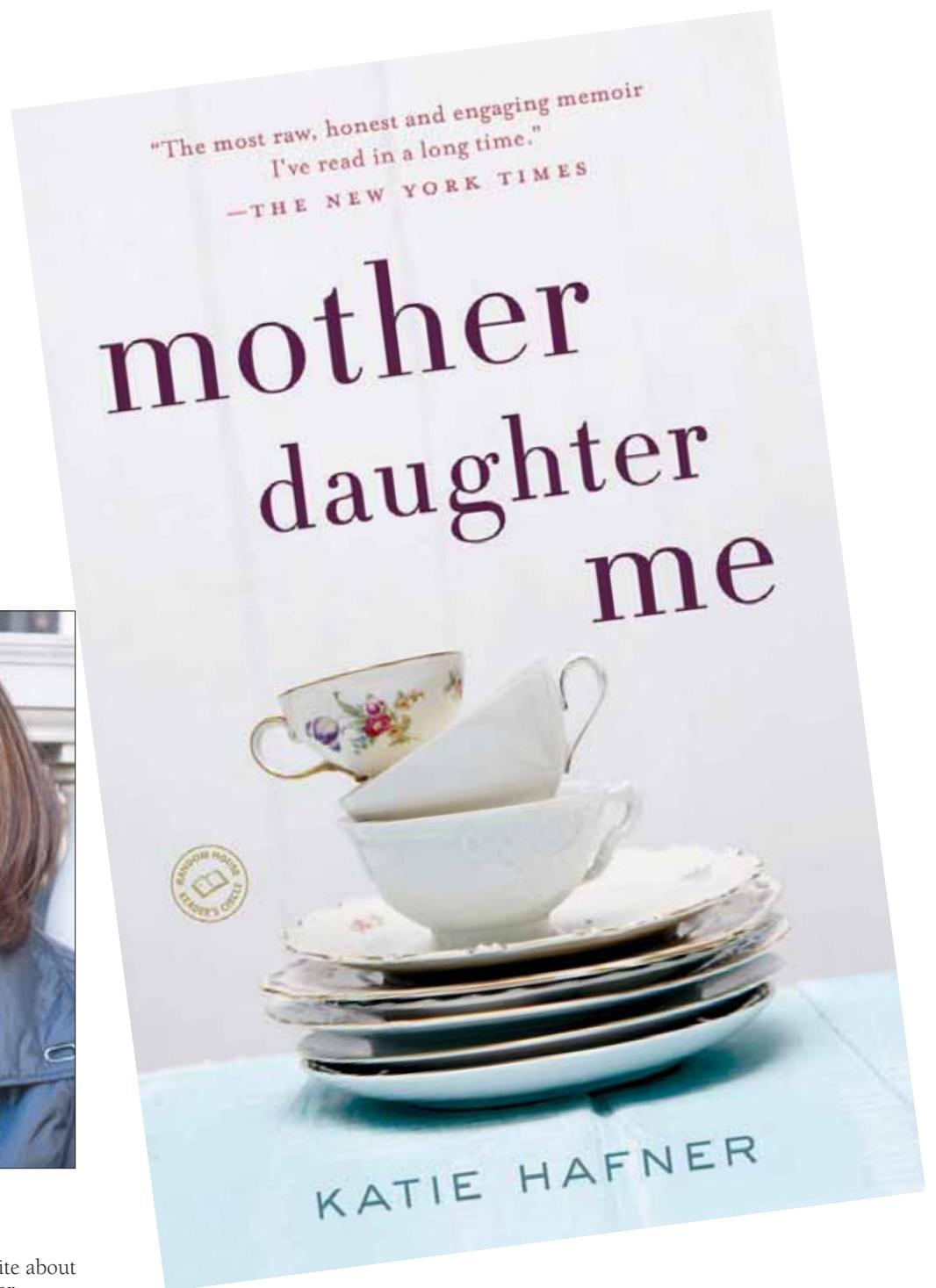
She worked at The New York Times for 10 years, writing on health care and technology, and also worked at Newsweek and BusinessWeek.

"I entered into the experiment in multigenerational living with my mother with no intention of writing a book," Hafner recalled. "But as it turned out, I wasn't over my feelings about my childhood, which had been, to put it mildly, less than ideal."

"I lay in bed at night confused, angry, sorry and tormented," she added. "One night, while in this state of mental anguish, I thought to myself, 'Either this experiment is going to kill me, or I will write about it.' I got out of bed and wrote."

In the end, Hafner came to admire her mother for the life she was able to make for herself in San Francisco. And critics have come to admire the book, which was published by Random House and last month came out in paperback.

KJ Dell'Antonia of The New York



Times called it, "The most raw, honest and engaging memoir I've read in a long time."

Abraham Verghese, author of "Cutting for Stone," said, "This brilliant, funny, poignant and wrenching story of three generations under one roof is quite unlike anything I have ever read. I love Hafner's prose, her humor, the images she conjures, her choices of what to tell and when, the weaving together of family threads to produce this luminous and lasting tapestry. The story lingered with me long after I read the last page."

Hafner said although the book is nonfiction, she approached the writing as one might a good novel.

"It's all in the storytelling," she explained.

She had written five nonfiction books before, on the origins of the Internet, computer hackers, German reunification and pianist Glenn

Gould. She said she thought "Mother Daughter Me" would be easier because it didn't require extensive research.

"It turned out to be the hardest of any book I've written because it was so emotionally wrenching," she said. "The first draft took a year to complete, and the subsequent drafts each took many months."

Her writing also has been in The New York Times Magazine, Esquire, Wired, The New Republic, The Huffington Post, and O, The Oprah Magazine.

For the release of the paperback, Hafner partnered with Mighty Leaf Tea so her appearance at the Towne Center Books event will include tea and treats with the idea that mothers and daughters may enjoy attending together. The event is at 11 a.m. May 7 at the atrium in the backyard of the Prim Boutique on Main Street. Call Towne Center Books at 846-8826 for more information. ■

Join the Hike for Hope

Hundreds take to the trail in memory of loved ones

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Just as Hope Hospice is there for 2,000 area residents dealing with end-of-life issues each year, hundreds of people join in the Hike for Hope to raise money for the organization and to remember loved ones.

This year's fourth annual Hike for Hope takes place the morning of May 10 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore beginning near the reservoir, which reportedly is full of water despite the low rainfall.

"One of our committee members went out there Easter Sunday, and said it's gorgeous," said Hope Hospice spokeswoman Patty Hefner.

The event is for individuals or groups, who sometimes dedicate the hike to the memory of a loved one, even carrying photos or mementos. Some companies like to compete against each other.

"The hike is pretty popular," Hefner said. "Last year we had about

700 people register, and we are hoping to have a similar number this year."

Starting times are from 8:30-10 a.m. and ending time is at noon. Various levels of hiking difficulty are offered, all with great views of the reservoir.

"The hike is for anybody, families, individuals, people who just want to stroll and take it easy or it can be more serious," Hefner noted. "People have taken kids in strollers."

There are two trails: One is 2.6 miles and the other continues for a total of 4.4 miles with a moderate incline that loops around and returns. The first half-mile of the trail is paved.

KKIQ will set up a booth with games and prizes, and there will also be drawings.

"It's a nice social event," Hefner said. "We're encouraging people to stay and bring a picnic. There are



The Hike for Hope drew 700 participants last year, to remember their loved ones and to raise money for Hope Hospice.

so many places to picnic. If it's nice, they can go for a swim."

Visit www.TheHikeForHope.com to register; cost was \$30 through April 24 then went up to \$40, which includes a T-shirt and healthy snacks. It is also possible to register the day of the hike.

The proceeds are used to care for the residents served by Hope Hospice, which is located in Dublin and serves people from Livermore to Hayward to Walnut Creek.

"We provide care for people regardless of their ability to pay although most services are covered

by Medicare or insurance," Hefner said. "We also provide grief support, whether they used hospice or not."

Hope Hospice has grief support groups for children, teens and adults as well as one-on-one counseling. For more information, visit hopehospice.com or call 829-8770. ■

Art Made Easy on display

Charlotte Severin helps students find their talent

BY STEFFI GROSS

The public is invited to the annual Art Made Easy Art Exhibit and reception 7-9 p.m. May 5 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Students of artist Charlotte Severin's Art Made Easy classes are celebrating 21 years of the watercolor classes, which Severin began in 1993 when the Senior Center opened. Classes are now held at the Firehouse Arts Center, which can accommodate the increasing number of students.

Each week is a different lesson in the class. Most recently the students painted en plein air (on location) at the Alden Lane Nursery, enjoying the burst of spring flowers.

Paintings in the exhibit, which will be open May 5-9, are from the fall, winter and spring classes and may be viewed during the Senior Center's normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, when the show closes.

Artists featured on the invitation are Betty Nostrand, Jeanne Tierney and Ginny Iverson. Nostrand began taking Severin's classes four years ago to better illustrate her personal journals. Tierney began painting with Severin after purchasing one of the paintings at her one-person show at Wente Winery. Iverson joined the class after attending many events at the Stanford Women's Club of the East Bay with Severin.

Cynthia Altman, who has a background in professional photography and writing, photographed the class painting at



CYNTHIA ALTMAN

Alden Lane. She shares in the art class with her 93-year-old mother.

Art Made Easy classes have something for everyone; even those who think they can't paint are pleasantly surprised by the talent they discover. Classes are for those just beginning to advanced.

Students come away with a real feeling of accomplishment while making new friends in the welcoming studio setting.

—Steffi Gross has been painting with Charlotte Severin for more than 15 years.

Art teacher Charlotte Severin paints a watercolor en plein air, enjoying the burst of colors at Alden Lane Nursery with her students.

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FRIDAY, MAY 9TH – 10 AM

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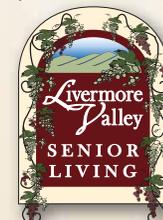
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AUDITION FOR 'AVENUE Q'

Audition for "Avenue Q" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, May 7 and 8 at Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101. Prepare 1 minute of a contemporary musical theatre song and a second selection as a back-up. Be prepared to work a Sesame Street Type puppet and to sing in a Sesame Street puppet voice. For more information contact KBreedveld@trivalleyrep.com or go to http://www.johnjmaio.com/resources/docs/AVEQ_Audition_Characters.pdf.

Author Visits

KATIE HAFNER AT TOWNE CENTER BOOKS

Katie Hafner, author of "Mother Daughter Me," an Oprah 'Book of the Week' will be at Towne Center Books at 11 a.m. on

Wednesday, May 7. For the release of the paperback, she partnered with Mighty Leaf Tea to provide tea and treats as a Mother's Day celebration.

Classes

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

The Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department is offering Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training, from 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-June 11 at the fire training tower located at the City of Pleasanton Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road. Registration required, space is limited. Contact 454-2361 or CERT@LPfire.org. Go to <http://www.lpfire.org>.

MICROSOFT EXCEL 7 CLASSES

Microsoft Excel is one of the hottest skills needed for job advancement. Gain skills for career

advancement! Beginner's Excel will be on Monday, May 5 and Intermediate/Advanced Excel will be on Monday, May 19 at the Pleasanton Library. Call 931-3400. Free and open to all.

Concerts

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 3 at the Farmer's Market, with a medley of tunes fit for a traveling experience through many towns in the United States and around the world. Contact Director Bob Williams at 846-5897.

VINTAGE BRASS QUINTET AT PLEASANTON LIBRARY

Come hear the melodic horns of the Vintage Brass Quintet, a group that has played together for over ten years, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 4 at the Pleasanton Library. Free parking, Free Music! Call 931-3400, ext. 4. For samples of the quintet's music, go to www.vintagebrassquintet.com.

Events

CITY OF DUBLIN COMMUNITY CAR SHOW

Enjoy a fabulous exhibition of classic, muscle, tuner, exotic, import and custom cars by local car enthusiasts from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at Dublin Heritage Park & Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Food available for purchase. Admission is free! Call 556-4500.

PLANT SALE AND FARM TOUR

SUNOL AGPARK Pick up your organic vegetable starts and tour the fields from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at the Sunol AgPark, 505 Paloma Way, Sunol. Farmers will sell directly to the customer and will be available to answer questions. Have fun with different activities including bicycle hay rides, a chicken petting zoo and making your own seed packets. Go to www.sagecenter.org.

PTSCA CINCO DE MAYO

CELEBRATION Join the Pleasanton Tulacingo Sister City Association for a Cinco de Mayo open house at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 4 at the Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Ave. There will be music, presentations, art, mementos and refreshments. Bring friends and family! Go to www.ptsc.org.

Exhibits

FRESH WORKS OPENING RECEPTION

Fresh Works is a new, juried installation featuring 68 artists using a variety of media including oil, watercolor, photography, drawing, sculpture and mixed media. A free opening reception with the artists will be held from 1-3 p.m., with awards presentations at 1:45 p.m., on Saturday, May 3 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Call 931-4849.

PET OF THE WEEK



MAGGIE'S FUND

Committed companion

Hi, I'm Audi! I'm the strong but silent type — ready to be your loving and loyal companion. Do you have room in your heart and home? Audi, a 1.5-year-old neutered male terrier mix, is available through Maddie's Adoption Program. All of the program's pets live in foster homes while awaiting a permanent home. For more information, contact pets@maddiesfund.org or call 310 5450.

Fundraisers

25TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

The Valley Pregnancy Center will hold its annual Walk-a-thon with the goal of raising \$100,000 to support their free services in the Tri Valley from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 3 at the Amador Recreation Center. There will be a live band, Carl's Jr. sponsored BBQ, Kid Zone activities, client testimonies, raffle prizes, bake sale and much more! Call 425-0414 or go to <http://www.ministrysync.com/event/?e=7438>.

CITY OF DUBLIN COMMUNITY CAR SHOW

The event will feature vehicles by proud local owners including classics, muscle, tuners, exotic, imports, customs, trucks and motorcycles. There will also be food trucks and a DJ. Join the fun from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at Dublin Heritage Park, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. The car show benefits the Youth Fee Assistance Program. Go to www.dublin.ca.gov.

PAWS IN NEED YARD SALE

Paws In Need will hold a one-day Yard Sale event on from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 in the side yard of Milfleur, 200 Ray Street, with new and gently used items such as home and garden décor, jewelry, and more. Proceeds go to Jackie Barnett's Just Like New Fund and the Spay/Neuter program. Contact Ellen at (510) 305-2553 or ellenmagnie@gmail.com.

PRIMAVERA DINNER DANCE

Branch #285 of the Italian Catholic Federation will host its annual Primavera Dinner Dance starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at St Michael's Church, 372 Maple St., Livermore. Dance to the live music of The Mellotones. Raffle and prizes. Tickets are \$35, reservations required by May 1. Proceeds go to Tri-Valley scholarship program and other charities. Call Anna at 484-1523.

Kids & Teens

CELEBRATING DIA! (DAY OF THE CHILD/DAY OF THE BOOK)

Hawaiian conch shells, Peruvian ocarinas, Tibetan singing bowls, an Australian didgeridoo? Join for

a special musical program of fun and amazing sounds to celebrate "Day of the Child/Day of the Book" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at the Pleasanton Library. A children's book raffle concludes the celebration. All ages welcome! Call 931-3400 ext. 3.

EXPLORING WITH MICROSCOPES

Discover the microscopic universe using scientific tools at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 3 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. You'll be in for some big surprises! For ages 5-11. Cost is \$3 for Pleasanton residents, \$5 non-residents. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com using code 56843.

Lectures/ Workshops

'DOORS TO THE FUTURE' SERIES Join the "Doors to the Future" miniseries for families of, and individuals with, developmental disabilities with a free program discussing Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and the Affordable Care Act, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7 at the Pleasanton Public Library. Call 931-5373.

On Stage

'THE MUSIC MAN' See "The Music Man," the beloved and funny story of small-town hopes and dreams, a fast-talking salesman and a quiet librarian, and a happy ending. The show runs at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays, May 2-18 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$17-\$38. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

PRISM: FOUR MOVEMENTS FROM

FOUR PERSPECTIVES Anastasis Ballet Company presents "Prism: Four Movements from Four Perspectives" at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 2 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 4 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Prism includes works from three different choreographers including former Oakland Ballet Company dancer, Omar Shabazz, and Resident Choreographer, Rachel Gustafson. Tickets are \$24-\$48. Call 373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran Church

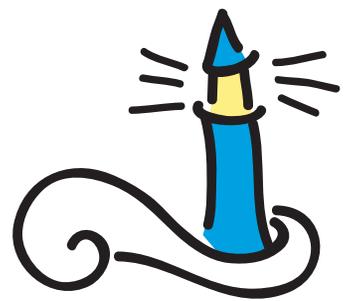
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Join us Monday, June 16 - Friday, June 20, 9:00 a.m. - noon for an epic adventure as Trinity Lutheran Church of Pleasanton hosts "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love is one-of-a-kind." This fun and educational Vacation Bible School (VBS) program is open to youth who will be 4 years old by 9/1/14 through youth entering 5th grade. The cost is \$60/child or \$120/family. To register, visit www.trinitypleasanton.org and click on the VBS button. It will take you to the registration and volunteer sign up forms. The website will give you more information about this great week of Vacation Bible School. It is being co-directed by Denise Fournier and Pastor Brian Deckinger.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 489504
The following person(s) doing business as: ZWIRL SPORTS, INC., 2371 GLORIA COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): RENWIN Corporation, 2371 Gloria Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 03/01/2014. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/21/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2014)

QUEST CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 490096
The following person(s) doing business as: QUEST CONSULTING, 1047 SERPENTINE LANE, #300, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cort Allen, 366 Christina Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 09/1984. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 04/08/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2014)

CENTURY 21 TOWER REALTY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 489652
The following person(s) doing business as: CENTURY 21 TOWER REALTY, 5980 STONERIDGE DRIVE SUITE 106, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Skynet Investment Corporation, 5980 Stoneridge Drive Suite 106, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 03/26/2014. Signature of Registrant: Steve Lee. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/27/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2014)

BUSINESS BABES; BUSINESS-BABES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 490091-2
The following person(s) doing business as: BUSINESS BABES; BUSINESS-BABES, 4128 PLEASANTON AVENUE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michelle Robinson, 4128 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Mandana Moshiri, 2269 St. Charles

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FUREVER YARNS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 490199
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 490195
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 490384
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Pleasanton Realtor recalls 40 years of selling

Mike Riley is veteran agent with Coldwell Banker

By JEB BING

Veteran Tri-Valley Realtor Mike Riley, who is celebrating 40 years in the real estate business this month, offers some sage advice to newcomers in the business: "Have a simple business plan that concentrates on the basics and allocate a set amount of time everyday for prospecting."

Riley has been serving home buyers and sellers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties since 1974 and has been a sales associate in the Pleasanton office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage since 2012. Prior to that he managed Coldwell Banker's Livermore office for six years. But his work as a real estate professional goes back four full decades.

In the 40 years since Riley's first sale in Fremont, which was a Stanley Davis home on Fremont Boulevard near the Cloverleaf Bowl for \$24,000, the industry has changed dramatically, and not just in terms

of prices. Today, that same home would sell for over \$400,000.

"We had a one-page listing agreement and a one-page purchase contract in 1974," he recalled. "Today, the California Association of Realtors purchase contract is 10 pages and the California Association of Realtors listing agreement is four pages all on its own."

Riley said that in 1974, listings were delivered to real estate offices and printed on 8.5-by-11 pages that were perforated with four listings per page.

"We would take the listings and put them in a file which, in some cases, was a shoebox," Riley said.

Fast-forward to today, and the MLS system couldn't be more different. Listings are received almost instantaneously over the Internet.

"Due to changes in technology, transacting real estate has become easier and much faster," he said. "Overall, this is a good thing, but I believe that the development

of strong personal relationships between Realtor and client, and Realtor-to-Realtor, may have been simpler before the advent of Web technologies and mobile applications."

Riley takes great pride in being able to help his clients achieve a higher quality of life for themselves and their families.

"For me, it all comes down to helping my clients make good financial decisions in buying, selling or exchanging a home with the highest level of integrity, professional service and knowledge," he said.

"I always provide the best service I can, so that I have clients for life," he added. "I have several families for whom I have assisted three generations in meeting their real estate needs. I take great pride in that."

"Mike is a wonderful real estate professional and a fantastic person," said Lynn Gyax, branch manager of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Pleasanton. "He has contributed greatly by sitting on various committees, including the Women's Council of Realtors and CAR. Mike is well-respected by his peers and clients alike."

Riley has served in leadership positions over the years with several real estate organizations. In 2001, he was recognized by the Bay East Association of Realtors as its "Realtor of the Year." ■



Mike Riley

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during March 10-April 9

Highest sale reported: \$1,338,500
Average sales reported: \$981,750

Dublin (March 10-27)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$390,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,322,500
Average sales reported: \$686,477

Dublin (March 28-April 1)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$312,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,800,000
Average sales reported: \$892,975

Livermore (March 10-27)

Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$265,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,465,000
Average sales reported: \$648,196

Livermore

(March 28-April 1)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$361,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,049,000
Average sales reported: \$621,625

Pleasanton (March 10-27)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$421,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,550,000
Average sales reported: \$910,850

Pleasanton

(March 28-April 1)

Total sales reported: 17
Lowest sale reported: \$310,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,890,000
Average sales reported: \$889,029

San Ramon

(March 28-April 2)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$227,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,350,000
Average sales reported: \$822,857

San Ramon (April 3-9)

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,934,000
Average sales reported: \$865,528

Sunol (March 10-27)

Total sales reported: 2
Lowest sale reported: \$625,000

Source: California REsource

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DUBLIN
Open SAT/SUN 12 - 4
WOW! NO REAR NEIGHBORS!
3 BR 2 BA Side Yard/RV Access. Updated kit, plumbing, AC, grge dr, base boards & trim. 2 Covered Patios!
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DUBLIN
11791 BETLEN DRIVE
BEAUTIFUL SINGLE STORY!
3 BR 2 BA Vaulted ceilings, remodeled bths, Hardwood & Italian porcelain tile, End of court location. Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.847.2200



FREMONT
41601 MISSION CREEK DRIVE
MISSION SAN JOSE HOME!
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PLEASANTON
3445 BEECHAM COURT
DESIRABLE COURT LOCATION!
4 BR 2 BA Huge bonus room, new carpet & paint. Court opens to Fairlands Park, close to Community pool. Karen T, CalBRE #09628800 925.847.2200

DUBLIN

11553 SILVERGATE DRIVE
RESORT LIVING ON BIG LOT!
3 BR 2 BA Newer carpet, paint, heating & A/C units. High ceilings, pool, spa, deck, fountain, garden!
Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

670 ALAMEDA DRIVE
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED!
4 BR 3 BA Vaulted ceilings, recessed lighting, custom interior paint, spacious driveway, near park.
Sean Leggat, CalBRE #01280186 925.847.2200

MOUNTAIN HOUSE

951 N. BRAMASOLE AVE
SPECTACULAR SHEA HOME!
5 BR 4.5 BA dwnstairs guest ste w/full BA, SS appl., granite & lrg island. Huge master ste. Kay Stromgren & Judy Holthe, CalBRE #00890085/01402178 925.847.2200

PLEASANTON

Open SAT 2-5/SUN 1 - 4
STUNNING HOME!
5 BR 3.5 BA 2 Master Suites. Upgraded kitchen. Granite Counters w/SS Appl, waterfall & gazebo
Nancy Sutorius, CalBRE #00628232 925.847.2200

Open SUN 1 - 4
CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN!
4 BR 3.5 BA Great loc for commuters, perfectly remodeled, contemp style, Mstr on first level! Corner lot! Larry & Kathleen Waelde, CalBRE #00473360/00885285 925.847.2200

5246 CRESTLINE WAY
JUST LISTED!
5 BR 2.5 BA Hdwd flrs, built-in shelves, Lrg eat-in dining, crown molding, upstairs laundry, garden John & Daisy Ng, CalBRE #00917356/01311067 925.847.2200

7777 OAK CREEK COURT
REMODELED HOME!
5 BR 3 BA High ceilings, Open kitchen/nook/family

combo, BD & BA downstairs, spacious deck, near park
Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.847.2200

SAN LEANDRO

1358 VISTAGRAN DRIVE
BAYOVISTA W/ SF VIEWS!
3 BR 2.5 BA Huge master ste. Family room with French doors, beautifully landscaped. Gardener's delight. Laurie Pfohl, CalBRE #00866660 925.847.2200

1430 142ND AVE
BACK ON THE MARKET!
3 BR 2.5 BA Updated kitchen. Detached garage. Close to shopping, transportation and BART
Laurie Pfohl, CalBRE #00866660 925.847.2200

SAN RAMON

381 BRIDLE COURT
GREAT CITY AND HILL VIEWS!
4 BR 3.5 BA Upgraded home w/detached casita. Single story w/views, stone frplces & gorgeous cabinetry. Tae Terry Kim, CalBRE #01363454 925.847.2200

5935 LANTANA WAY
VICTORIA MODEL HOME!
4 BR 3 BA 3 car grge, formal living, dine & fmlly rms, office w/ french doors, walk to Elementary School
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4630 Cochise Ct., Pleasanton

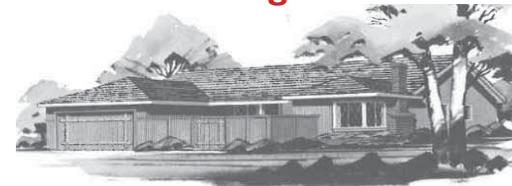
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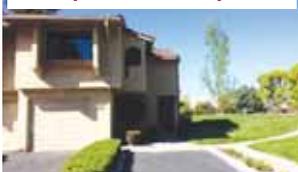
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CURRENT LISTINGS

PENDING



6826 Via Quito, Pleasanton

Del Prado single story home in a nice location. This home has 4 bedrooms and 2 baths with just under 1500 sq. ft. of living space. The home sits on a 7153 flat lot with mature trees, patios and lawn. There is a brand new roof, new windows, new front door and more.

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MARCH 2014**



2602 Calle Morelia, Pleasanton

4 bed, 2.5 bath on a 8343 sq.ft. lot.

SOLD FOR \$920,000

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WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS**

**JUST SOLD
MARCH 2014**



5766 Corte Libre, Pleasanton

5 bedroom, 3 bath country fair home with huge back yard, pool/spa & sport court.

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APR. 2014**



4123 Payne Road, Pleasanton

4 bedroom, 2 bath with upgraded kitchen, large back yard with deck & side yard

**SOLD FOR \$749,000
\$30,000 OVER ASKING PRICE**

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Brentwood

4 BEDROOMS
652 Norris St. **\$449,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

Danville

4 BEDROOMS
10 Crown Valley Court **\$1,135,000**
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 837-4100

5 BEDROOMS
25 Macomber Road **\$2,475,000**
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS
3679 Rimini Lane **\$995,000**
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

7316 Dover Lane **\$585,000**
 Sat/Sun 12-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
6302 Forget Me Not **\$445,000**
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

308 Garden Common **\$419,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

303 Garden Common **\$415,000**
 Sun 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457

4 BEDROOMS
2641 Tahoe Drive **\$925,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-5 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

1483 Darwin Ave. **\$829,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Futral 980-3561

5 BEDROOMS
2324 Wedgewood Way **\$1,474,950**
 Sun 1-4 Jim Tropp 251-1111

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
1123 Tiffany Lane **\$680,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Emily Barraclough 621-4097

3 BEDROOMS
4630 Cochise Court **\$473,500**
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

4 BEDROOMS
6106 Kavala Court **\$1,350,000**
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

1375 Briones Court **\$1,395,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

3036 Chardonnay Drive **\$874,000**
 Sun 1-4 Dorian Glanville 600-0006

1260 Harvest Road **\$859,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950

826 Grey Fox Circle **Call for price**
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5 BEDROOMS
12 Deer Oaks Drive **\$1,650,000**
 Sat 2-5/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

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 Sun 1-4 BHG Tri-Valley Realty 463-9500

7122 Woodbury Court **\$1,849,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

4574 Gatetree Circle **\$1,049,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

3536 Gresham Court **\$875,000**
 Sun 1-4 Tom Fox 872-1275

1642 Orvieto Court **\$2,350,000**
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

San Ramon

5 BEDROOMS
2716 Salisbury Way **\$1,055,000**
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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 10-April 2

Pleasanton

3583 Ballantyne Drive Farrell Trust to R. Chan for \$850,000
2849 Chocolate Street Y. Yi to S. Mittal for \$825,000

5766 Corte Libre Everett Trust to S. & A. Stokoe for \$1,400,000
575 Del Sol Avenue C. Hill to B. & C. Valcu for \$930,000

1311 Galanti Court Lommerin Trust to R. & S. Narang for \$2,550,000

871 Gray Fox Circle Branco Trust to M. Keshavarz for \$1,450,000

1805 Harms Drive Haydock Trust to A. Vo for \$632,500

3520 Helen Drive Clelland Trust to H. Zhou for \$775,000

4070 Jackie Court Poon Trust to T. Chappron for \$793,000

520 Junipero Street M. Finn to C. Ong for \$852,000

4131 Pleasanton Avenue A. & X. Gelb to X. Xiao for \$985,000

1537 Poppybank Court D. Wolfe to A. & N. Brahmachari for \$775,000

255 Rachael Place Killburn Trust to W. Loh for \$421,000

1808 Sinclair Drive K. & P. Doyen to C. Fiankan for \$747,000

5339 Springdale Avenue J. & B. Cort to M. Bosteels for \$651,500

403 St. Mary Street PGC Partnership to E. & J. Pestana for \$650,000

7283 Valley View Court M. & D. Shariff to M. & B. Reyes for \$675,000

3923 Vine Street M. Higgins to M. Wen for \$435,000

2672 Vista Diablo Court T. Myatt to Y. Aftab for \$900,000

4667 Whiting Street LLCool Homes to Raimondi Trust for \$920,000

Dublin

7694 Arbor Creek Circle S. & C. Clark to D. Ortiz for \$405,000

4739 Calcagno Court D R Horton to P. Rasiah for \$1,322,500

3291 Central Parkway Shea Homes to N. & C. Danson for \$751,500

3295 Central Parkway Shea Homes to K. Datta for \$685,500

7229 Cronin Circle C. Hwang to K. Boinapally for \$390,000

5501 De Marcus Boulevard #504 A. Uoo to D. & J. Mistry for \$440,000

7212 Dover Court Lewis Trust to 35 Investments for \$532,000

3385 Dublin Boulevard #240 M. Slagle to Z. Zeng for \$415,000

3275 Dublin Boulevard #402 Maybeck Trust to R. Filho for \$475,000

3420 Finnian Way #112 J. & G. Baveja to J. & S. Hernandez for \$480,000

11615 Manzanita Lane Buffleben Trust to M. & R. Pustelnik for \$827,000

6651 Maple Drive Wright Trust to J. Hoddick for \$656,000

5590 Newfields Lane K. Son to P. Mahavratayajula for \$1,090,000

1662 North Terracina Drive D R Horton to K. & S. Sirupa for \$1,259,000

4762 Persimmon Drive T. & N. Larder to M. Bellam for \$1,037,500

7213 Rosita Court Stutchman-Brooks Trust to E. Daszko for \$655,000

7597 Silvertree Lane Aiello Trust to J. & S. Eldridge for \$460,000

5860 Southbridge Way T. & N. Lavanakul to J. & L. Thomas for \$746,500

5941 Topsfield Circle Rahman Trust to S. Bansal for \$915,000

7771 Tuscany Drive Baytree Living to M. Kimura for \$405,000

7070 Utica Court M. Kerr to J. & C. Rivas for \$650,000

3628 Whitworth Drive C. & K. Peppel to A. & S. Yuen for \$505,000

Livermore

564 Andrea Circle J. & J. Ziagos to C. & J. Stranutu for \$715,000

446 Anna Maria Street Castro Trust to R. & C. Grant for \$540,000

1153 Apache Street J. & J. Heavenston to J. Cannizzaro for \$509,500

1482 Aster Lane Chappell Trust to D. & S. Labrado for \$465,000

570 Brookfield Drive M. & T. Taylor to C. & K. Schoening for \$665,000

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1123 Tiffany Lane, Pleasanton



Don't miss this charming duet home close to downtown. Three bedrooms (one is currently an office), 2 1/2 bathrooms with approx. 1708 sq ft of living space. Updated kitchen with granite counters, maple cabinets and stainless steel gas range. Side and back yard garden areas are perfect for private outdoor entertaining. Offered at \$680,000

Pending with Multiple Offers

11640 Luna Ct., Dublin



Beautifully remodeled and updated 4 bd/ 2 ba home in the desirable West Dublin Silvergate neighborhood with a court location! Remodeled kitchen and bathrooms, large walk in master closet, hardwood floors, crown molding, etc. Large private backyard is an oasis with gorgeous landscaping, pool, garden area, and casita w/shade arbor. Offered at \$699,000.

Sold -Represented Buyers

7021 Corte Blanca, Pleasanton



Desirable court location! Updated bathrooms, newer dual pane windows, newer paint, newer carpet, newer front door, newer interior doors and newer light fixtures. Beautiful kitchen includes granite and stainless appliances.

Sold for \$1,120,000





Just Listed in Pleasanton Heights

Offered at \$875,000

Katie Moe is proud to present 876 Bonita Ave located in the fabulous Pleasanton Heights neighborhood. Walking distance to schools, parks, shopping and downtown! Offering four bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and an open floor plan ideal for entertaining. A calming backyard with a pool and spa. Open Saturday and Sunday, 1-4pm. Contact Katie for additional details.



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Pleasanton Valley

4574 Gatetree Circle
5 BR, 3 BTH, shows like
a model home!
\$1,049,000

JUST LISTED



Sycamore Area

5 BR, 5 1/2 BTHS, Gorgeous
Cape Cod style home with
designer upgrades throughout!
\$1,719,900

PENDING SALE



Walk to Mohr School!

5 BR + Bonus Room, 3 Baths
Beautiful home with pool in
prime cul-de-sac location!
\$1,160,000

Recent Sales:

Moss Tree Way	Sold for \$1,745,000
Stony Brook Lane	Sold for \$1,325,000
Sycamore Road	Sold for \$2,150,000
Sunset Creek Lane	Sold for \$1,540,000
Tudor Ct	Sold for \$1,562,000
Sprucemoor Lane	Sold for \$1,317,000
Toltec Circle	Sold for \$961,000
Avocado Ct	Sold for \$625,000
Zenato Pl	Sold for \$1,250,000

What My Clients Say

"Doug's marketing really made our home stand out, and he expertly captured the essence of our home and packaged it in a unique and powerful way that made our home come alive. We highly recommend him."

— Russel M

When does "As Is" mean "AS IS"

One of the most misunderstood concepts in Real Estate is the concept of "as is". In it's truest sense, "as is" means the buyer is accepting the property in its present condition with no obligation for repairs from the seller. Not surprisingly, most sellers would love to sell their home "as is". In fact, I have seen many sellers light up with the mere mention of the word, like my 12 year old niece lights up at the mere mention of James Franco. The reality is that few homes are ever sold "as is". In practice, most of the time when a seller says "I want to sell it as-is", what they are saying is they don't want to be responsible for a long list of minor repairs. They are essentially saying I don't want the hassle of doing a lot of work. This is certainly their prerogative, and as long as the buyer is willing it can be done.

The standard CAR real estate contract used here in the Bay Area is essentially an "as is" contract. In standard practice, there is usually a stipulation that the seller will take care of any Section 1 items that are discovered as part of the Pest Inspection. These items would include any dry rot or infestation from termites or other pests. Other than that, there are typically no other repairs that are mandated, with the exception of water heater bracing and smoke detector installation. Recently, Carbon Monoxide detectors are becoming more and more the obligation of the seller.

But it is certainly possible to write a contract that is strictly "as is" with no obligation on the part of the seller. There are generally two situations where this is done.

The first situation is when the seller gets ALL INSPECTIONS AND DISCLOSURES completed prior to putting the home on the market. In this situation, the seller can provide copies of the inspection reports and disclosures to prospective purchasers before they make an offer. Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.

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DOWNTOWN 4625 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON



This Expanded 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

- Expanded Remodeled Victorian Home (\$600k in 2004)
 - Premium Downtown Location (1 1/2 blocks off Main)
 - Double Corner Lot (Corner Half Purchased in 1996)
 - Large Historic Custom Pleasanton Residence
 - Queen Anne Architecture
 - Current Design By Famed Architect Charles Huff
 - Design & Attention to Detail Supervised by Theresa Aimar
 - Classic Large Wrap Around Porch & Turret
 - Approximately 5,650 Square Feet*
 - Six Bedrooms
 - Plus Den/Office (Nursery/Guest-Off Master)
 - Five Full Bathrooms
 - Powder Room & Utility Room Off Kitchen
 - Three Fireplaces
 - Large Modern Gourmet Kitchen (Main)
 - Finished Full Basement (846 Sq. Ft.) -Includes Private Bath & Entrance
 - Optional in-laws/guest/Au pairs Quarters
 - Wine Cellar (Terracota Cooling Sleeves)
 - Root & Utility Cellar
 - Expansive 2nd Story Entertainment Deck (900 Sq. Ft.)
 - Views of Pleasanton Ridge
 - Private Rear Yard
 - Four Car Garage Parking (Finished 3-Car & Separate 1 Car)
 - RV Parking
 - Walk to Schools K-12!
- * (846 Sq. Ft. Basement is included in total square footage, but not official GLA-gross living area)

OFFERED AT \$2,575,000

KOTTINGER RANCH 3750 SMALLWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON



Beautiful panoramic views of Mt. Diablo & the Pleasanton Valley! This custom home built by Westbrook Homes is located on an 18,084 square foot private, elevated lot. This well designed, open floor plan offers a formal Dining Room, formal Living Room, as well as a full bedroom, adjacent bathroom & bonus room on the first floor. The remodeled gourmet kitchen offers stainless steel appliances, granite counters & a custom tile backsplash. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms total, this 4,748 square foot home also has 3 remodeled bathrooms & other upgrades throughout including, crown molding & new carpet! The expansive rear yard includes an in-group pool/spa, outdoor BBQ entertainment area & large patio & lawn area. Great home for entertaining! Neighborhood Community Center! Walk to Vintage Hills Elementary & Downtown!

OFFERED AT \$1,795,000



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BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$2,575,000
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

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$2,195,000
5 BD, 4.5BA, Office, 4,952 Sq.Ft. w/812 Sq.Ft. Carriage House - 1 BD, 1BA w/ kitchen. Office off entry & Guest Suite w/ full bath. Private yard w/ amazing views. Elegant pool, wading, spa large yard. 773 ROLLING HILLS LANE

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,795,000
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

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,719,900
5bd/5.5ba, gorgeous Cape Cod style home with hardwood floors, gourmet granite & stainless kitchen, designer carpeting situated on a private .38+/-acre lot in fabulous setting. 1023 SYCAMORE CREEK WAY

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,699,000
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

DAN GAMACHE, JR. BY APPT



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

JIM TROPP SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$1,474,950
Executive Custom 5 bedroom, plus Den, 4150+ sq ft home in one of Livermore's finest neighborhoods. 2324 WEDGEWOOD WAY

MOXLEY TEAM SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$1,395,000
Elegant single level. 4BD 3.5BA 3,182sf. on a 9,200sf. lot. Large kitcjen w/ island & bar open to family room. Master w/ large tub, 2 vanities & walk-in closet. Private yard with fire pit. 1375 BRIONES CT.

LINDA FUTRAL BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$1,275,000
South Livermore in the coveted Oaks Development. Huge 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms ~3400 sq on large private lot with phenomenal backyard oasis w/pool, side yard, etc. 2422 LAKESIDE CIR

DOUG BUENZ SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$1,049,000
Fabulous 5bd/3ba home in prime Pleasanton Valley location, upgrades galore, travertine tile flooring, new carpeting, cherry/granite/stainless kitchen, luxurious master suite, private shaded yard & more. 4574 GATRETREE CIRCLE

JULIA MURTAGH BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,018,000
Fantastic home in "Pleasanton Heights". This 4 bed, 2 bath, 2051 sqft home is charming from top to bottom. Enjoy Hardwood flooring, Beautiful kitchen, and wonderful Pool and Spa. 4393 MIRADOR DR

CHRISTINE STARK BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$875,000
Enjoy Country Living! Wonderful location only minutes to town. Great floor plan with lots of potential. Large barn with loft & cement floor. 7.8 acres. 3988 DYER RD

DAN GAMACHE, JR. BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$875,888
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

DORIAN GLANVILLE SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$874,000
An impeccable 4 BR 2 1/2 BA home on a large, forested lot with a lovely pool, patio, lawn, and views of Mount Diablo. Living room fireplace, family room wood stove, and a three car garage. 3036 CHARDONNAY DR

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$859,000
4bd/2.5ba, newer roof, redwood fencing, AC & furnace - very well maintained, just needs renovating & updating, close to K-12 Schools, Parks and Downtown. 1260 HARVEST ROAD

LINDA FUTRAL SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$829,000
Finally Sunset Home completely new inside and out! Custom cabinetry, granite, hardwood floors, SS appliances, new Landscape custom touches through out. Popular Silvertip model will not last! 1483 DARWIN AVENUE

EMILY BARRACLOUGH SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$680,000
Gorgeous updated kitchen, 3 bed/2.5 bath. Side and back yard garden for private outdoor entertaining. Close to downtown. 1123 TIFFANY LANE

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$875,000
4bd/2.5ba, 2,315+/-sq.ft on a 7,665+/-sq.ft lot, new paint, wood floors, eat-in kitchen, vaulted ceilings, 2-way fireplace, side yard access and in-ground pool. Walk to K-12 Schools, Parks and Shopping. 2434 SANDERLING DRIVE

DIANE SMUGERESKY BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$445,000
Beautiful end unit with lots of natural light. 3bd/2.5ba, 2 car garage, ss appliances in kitchen, laundry, close to freeway. Just move in and enjoy! 6302 FORGET ME NOT

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