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If You are African American and Suffered Farm Loan Discrimination by the USDA between 1981 and 1996,

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If you are the heir or kin of someone who died who fits this description, you may file a claim for a payment that would become part of the deceased person's estate. If you are not sure if you (or someone for whom you are the legal representative) are included, please call 1-877-810-8110. **You are not included if you received a payment in the original *Pigford* case.**

What does the Settlement provide?

You may be eligible for a substantial cash payment and USDA loan forgiveness from the Settlement. You will need to file a claim to be eligible for these benefits. The claims deadline may be as early as **February 28, 2012**. The Court has appointed lawyers to help you file a claim under the Settlement. You do not have to pay them or anyone else to help you with the claims process. These attorneys will ask the Court for fees and expenses of between 4.1% and 7.4% of the Settlement Fund, and the Court will decide how much they are paid. You may hire your own lawyer, if you wish, at your own expense. If you have questions or need more information, call 1-877-810-8110.

What else should I know?

The Court will hold a hearing on **September 1, 2011** to consider whether to approve the Settlement and a request for attorneys' fees and expenses. If you want to object to or comment on the Settlement or appear at the hearing, you need to file a letter with the Court by **August 12, 2011**. If the Court approves the Settlement, you will not be able to sue the USDA about your farm loan discrimination claims in the future.

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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

From Amador to Tanzania: Quite a career path

Andrea McNees will leave later this summer for Tanzania to spend the next nine months with farmers in the small sub-village of Kwakiliga to help them improve their harvests. A 2000 graduate of Amador Valley High School, McNees prepared herself for a career dealing with social and poverty issues at UC Davis, where she earned a master's degree in International Agricultural Development. The program was only one of four in the U.S. that focus on agricultural development at the scientific level to provide long-term results, including how to combine development theory with effective applications in third world countries where people might be resistant to western technologies.

McNees took a job with a watermelon distribution company in Yolo County to learn how it handled national and global sales. Melons from California farms and those shipped in from Arizona, parts of the East Coast and Central America required special and quick processing to markets everywhere and was done so with an eye to quality and profitability. It's these skills that she hopes to teach the "subsistence" farmers in Kwakiliga who know how to plant crops and harvest them but not how to market them beyond local markets nor how to adjust their expenses to last through the part of the year when Tanzania lacks rainfall. Mainly, these farmers grow corn and specialty products such as peppers, tomatoes and occasionally pineapples. But without an education, financial skills and often basics such as electricity and indoor plumbing, they are among the poorest in Tanzania where local government help is sparse.

McNees will be working with two other women as part of the 2Seeds Network, a Washington, D.C.-based organization dedicated to fighting extreme poverty in Africa by investing in what it calls the "human potential." Instead of using U.S. dollars to provide subsidies, 2Seeds puts people on the ground to teach, train and work with the poor to help elevate their standards and provide real-world opportunities. In one Tanzania community, a local school sat on 2 acres of choice farmland. Some students brought lunches to school; others couldn't and had to watch their classmates eat. Often the lunches came from farming families who had to give up



Andrea McNees travels on the Day River to the Perfume Pagoda outside Hanoi, Vietnam, in August 2010.

their own meals for the children. 2Seeds worked with the community to seek volunteers to raise crops on the school property with so much success that both the food raised and the profits now provide free lunches year-round for the school.

As project coordinator, McNees' goal is to tweak the Kwakiliga farmers into working more cooperatively in planting their crops, mixing what's raised with market needs, and pooling their profits to provide long-term investments and savings to add more acreage, better storage facilities and family savings. She plans to start a micro-loan investment plan with interest on their investments that will give them a chance to move out of their poverty status over the longer term.

2Seeds Network, a nonprofit that was co-founded by Stanford and Harvard graduates two years ago, saw the need during their own work in Africa of shifting development priorities to projects within the poor communities from those that were being imposed on them by Western-centric agencies with few long lasting benefits. By involving people like McNees in a community project's inception, execution and management, the farmers and their families should be able to sustain what McNees' group will bring them with good results.

First, though, on McNees' priority list is to learn Swahili, no easy task in the U.S. where there are no teaching centers. She plans to meet her future 2Seed partners during the summer to study together, and then get a head start in London and the larger cities in Tanzania before settling in with one of the farming families in Kwakiliga. Every two weeks while she's there, the group will travel to a nearby city that has electricity. There, she plans to plug in her laptop, link to the Internet, and send us reports on how she and her team are doing. We look forward to hearing from her.

For more information on the 2Seeds Network's agricultural development projects, send an email to donations@2seeds.org. ■

About the Cover

Carnival rides light up the night in Pleasanton during the Alameda County Fair and the midway is still a favorite draw for many folks, especially the young. Photo courtesy Alameda County Fair. Cover design by Kristin Herman.

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Marialisa Martinez
Student

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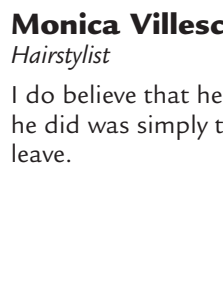
Katie Schneider
Teacher

I do think he should resign. What he did was disrespectful and dishonest, and that is not the kind of behavior that should be allowed of a person in a leadership position.



Diane Remedios
Retired

He should resign so that he is able to get the help he needs for his problem.



Monica Villescás
Hairstylist

I do believe that he should resign. What he did was simply too much. He needs to leave.



Ella Vonlms
Retired

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—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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DIGEST

Housing Element Workshop

The City of Pleasanton will host another community workshop focused on the Housing Element at 7 p.m. Monday at Thomas M. Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road.

This workshop follows three community meetings in March, and will provide an update on progress to complete the draft Housing Element. It will also have an opportunity to comment on sites being considered for rezoning to accommodate new housing.

For more information, go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Garage sale for cancer

Fifteen Foothill High students are holding a garage sale tomorrow to raise money for their Relay for Life team that is part of the Northern California event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, being held June 25 at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills.

"Relay for Life is an overnight event, which symbolizes the fact that cancer and the fight for a cure never sleep," said team captain Christopher Wen.

The garage sale will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 6326 Camino Del Lago in Pleasanton and will include SAT/AP prep books and other books, paintings, toys, clothes, games and household appliances. Last-minute items for sale are being accepted. Contact Wen at 963-8272.

The teens have raised \$400 so far for the cause.

Kudos for TVCTV

Tri-Valley Community TV has been awarded three STAR Awards by the States of California and Nevada National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.

The TVCTV awards were for:
■ Sports Event: Dublin High vs. Dougherty Valley High Football Game, which featured sportscasters Ian Bartholomew and George "Dr. B" Baljevich with field reporting by Anna Kagarakis. Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti provided commentary.

■ Sports Show: Tri-Valley Sports Final, a weekly review program hosted by Bartholomew and "Dr. B," which covers team and individual sports with footage and commentary. It also honors a Player of the Week.

■ Website: www.trivalleytv.org

The awards recognize excellence in government and community television programming in California and Nevada.

Pleasanton set to approve near-\$90-million budgets

Tax revenue slowly rising as recession ebbs, finance director says

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council is expected to approve a two-year operating budget Tuesday that shows municipal revenue slowly rising after taking a deep downturn in the recent recession.

Finance Director Emily Wagner said it's clear that the country — and Pleasanton — aren't out of the woods yet when it comes to economic concerns, but a slight uptick in sales taxes and continued strength in the city's diversified property tax base indicate revenue will keep increasing.

The two-year budget that takes effect starting July 1 totals \$87.3 million for fiscal 2011-12 and \$89.7 million for fiscal 2012-13. Even though the budget is planned through the next 24-month period, it is also reviewed once a quarter when changes can be made.

"If we see a double-dip recession heading our way, we can make whatever changes are neces-

sary," Wagner said.

Although the new budgets are higher than the estimated \$86.1 million in revenue expected to be collected by June 30 — and well above the lowest revenue receipts of \$84.7 million in fiscal 2009-10 — they are still considerably less than the record-high \$91.0 million Pleasanton claimed in fiscal year 2007-08.

"We see the California economy slowly emerging from the worst recession in more than 80 years, a recession that officially started in the second quarter of 2007," Wagner said.

"During this period, Pleasanton has been able to maintain fiscal stability, avoid furloughs and layoffs, and has maintained both its financial reserves and all of the services provided to the public," she said.

Hiring and wage freezes over the last two years — which will continue through these new budget years — also have kept payroll costs in

line, she said, along with a number of consolidations and reorganizations within the municipal government. Separate departments for planning, building and engineering were combined into the Community Development Department under a single director, Brian Dolan. The parks division was transferred from Community Services to the Operations Service Center, along with utility billing services. Business licenses were moved out of Finance to the Economic Development Department.

The city, which has reduced its payroll by more than 40 employees in the past two years, is now relying on contractors for cutting the grass in public parks and janitorial services. Even the issuance of dog licenses will soon be moved out of City Hall to be handled by the Valley Humane Society or the county animal shelter in Dublin.

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

Hoopin' it up

Fans kept warm with hula hoops and dancing to the music of Batch-22 at last Friday's chilly Concert in the Park. Tonight the Houserockers will perform rock 'n' soul. Concerts run from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays through Sept. 2 at Lions Wayside Park on First Street at Neal. See videos of last Friday's fun at www.PleasantonWeekly.com.

Questionable borrowing leads to a mountain of school debt

District cost: \$460,000 yearly average

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Cash-out bond refinancing done by the Pleasanton Unified School District will cost taxpayers more than \$9 million over 20 years, according to a consultant analysis.

The analysis was done by Government Financial Strategies (GFS) at the request of the school board, and preliminary results were released to a newly appointed citizens committee invited to offer feedback on the results.

The cash-out refinancing — which was ruled illegal in 2009 by then-Attorney General Jerry Brown — will cost nearly \$9.3 million over 20 years, according to the analysis. Of that, almost \$2.5 million is in interest, while nearly \$6.8 million was spent on projects, although the district has not released a list of where that money was spent.

GFS estimated that refinancing the school district's debt to take advantage of lower interest rates without the cash-out would have saved an average of \$460,000 a year over the 20 years. Documentation provided by GFS shows the bond debt, including the extra cost for the cash-out, grows significantly from 2006, rising to more than \$10 million in debt service in 2007 and topping out at about \$15 million in 2013.

The rise in debt service — money needed to pay off the principal and interest from borrowing — comes as the district's overall financial situation becomes more and more grim. Between 2013 and 2023, the debt service on district bonds is expected to shrink, dropping from its \$15 million peak to just below \$5 million by 2015.

In his 2009 decision, Brown compared cash-out refinancing to refinancing a mortgage, taking advantage of lower interest rates to generate additional funds for other purposes. In the decision, Brown cited California Education Code and the state's constitution in saying cash-out refinancing, which was done locally six times between 2003 and 2005 and in many districts

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Proposed Alameda County budget cuts 111 positions plus programs

Administrator predicts longer waits for county services

By JEB BING

Alameda County Administrator Susan Muranishi is proposing a \$2.5 billion budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year that closes a \$138 million funding gap through a variety of measures.

Among those steps are eliminating 111 positions and making some cuts to programs in health care, public assistance and public protection.

However, Muranishi hopes that there won't be any layoffs, as most of the jobs slated to be eliminated are currently unfilled. The county will try to shift employees in positions that will be eliminated to other jobs, she said.

"We have a budget that's been balanced responsibly," Muranishi told reporters at a briefing.

The proposed budget for the

new fiscal year beginning July 1 represents a 1%, or \$25 million, increase over the current budget.

She said the economy is picking up but only at a slow pace.

"There is a slight ray of hope but it's minimal," Muranishi said.

She said that after two years of declines, the county's property tax base grew, but only by 1%.

Muranishi said although her proposed budget is balanced, the county probably will have to revise it later in this year to deal with likely funding cuts by the state and federal governments, which are both dealing with serious budget problems.

Noting that half of the county's revenue comes from the state and federal governments, she said, "There's a lot of uncertainty."

Muranishi said that although this

is the third consecutive year that the county has had to deal with significant funding gaps, she is glad that, "We've been able to provide a basic level of services and not decimate them."

However, she said there is reduced staffing and there will probably be longer waits for county services.

Muranishi said she wishes that the county had more money to provide more services.

"There are some things we want to do that we aren't doing," she said.

Muranishi presented her proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors on June 9.

The board will hold public hearings on the budget on June 20, 21 and 22 and adopt a budget on June 24. ■



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Rotary's 18th annual Spirit Run set for Sunday, Father's Day

Popular family event raises money for Pleasanton high school scholarships

By JEB BING

More than 1,300 runners are expected to be downtown Sunday for the 18th annual Father's Day Spirit Run, an event hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Main Street will be closed from 5 a.m. until about 11 a.m. between Del Valle Parkway and Neal Street to accommodate the runners.

The Rotary's Father's Day tradition has continued to grow as runners, their children and families participate in either a 10K run or 5K walk or run, and the kids' challenge.

The 10K run will start promptly at 8 a.m. from a starting station under the Pleasanton Arch, followed by the 5K run at 8:20. The courses wind through Pleasanton neighborhoods, the Alameda

County Fairgrounds and on trails along the Arroyo del Valle.

Traffic also will be slowed by partial lane closures along the race courses, affecting part of Valley Avenue, Paseo Santa Cruz, Del Valle Parkway, Division Street and St. Mary's Street between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Three separate Kid's Challenge Races, for children ages 2-8, include a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, finishing right underneath the Arch.

Trophies will go to the top male and female finishers in designated age groups. Kids' Challenge participants will receive a finisher ribbon and a cookie from Mr. Cookie, himself.

Registration will take place in the Round Table Pizza parking lot starting at 7 a.m. Fees are \$35

for adults and high school students; \$25 for those in elementary and middle school; \$10 for ages 2-8 in the Kid's Challenge; and \$25 for each family of four or more.

Proceeds will go to support the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's scholarship program. In the last 12 years, more than \$344,000 has been raised for scholarships to deserving Pleasanton graduates who need financial help to attend college. This month, club representatives presented \$24,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at Pleasanton high schools during an awards ceremony.

The Spirit Run is sponsored by Sensiba San Filippo LLP, a Bay Area accounting firm with an office in Pleasanton. ■



Welcome home, Cpl. Klein

Councilman Jerry Thorne presents a proclamation from the Pleasanton City Council to Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Klein on Saturday at his home on Gerard Court where his mother Laura and brothers Matthew and Christian live. More than 75 people, including members of the Pleasanton Military Families organization, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as friends from his class of 2008 at Amador Valley High School, turned out to welcome Klein home from Afghanistan, where he was stationed in Helmand Province. He will report later this month to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina where he'll be stationed.

JEB BING

Wellness Fest to benefit ALS foundations

Main Street will host Fast & Furious in August

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

An all day wellness and lifestyle festival designed to bring the world of cycling and running together is being planned for Sunday, Aug. 7, along Main Street in Pleasanton.

Katalyst Events is partnering with the city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Downtown Association to host the inaugural Safeway Fast & Furious Festival Powered by Hill Physicians Medical Group to be held from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"Downtown Pleasanton offers competitors and spectators a wide variety of shopping and dining experiences before, during and after the event," said Katalyst Events co-founders Chris McCrary and Kevin Magna in explaining why the event

is being held in Pleasanton.

A portion of proceeds will be donated to the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. In 2010, McCrary's friend, Pete Zucker, an avid cyclist and triathlete, was diagnosed with ALS.

"Pete's fight has provided us with the inspiration and motivation to devote our efforts to a cause much bigger than the sport of running or cycling," said McCrary. "We are committed to raising funds and awareness about ALS. We are essentially no closer to a cure than we were more than 70 years ago when Lou Gehrig fought the disease."

Zucker completed the Ironman

Triathlon 70.3 World Championships in Florida in 2006; now he uses a walker to get around the house. Since his diagnosis, Zucker, a husband, business owner and father of two boys, has become one of thousands of PALS (people with ALS) hoping for a cure or effective treatment.

"We enjoy each day, we continue to laugh, we continue to have fun together, we are just a little more limited," said Monica Zucker, his wife. "We're still a loving family and we're dealing with the cards that were dealt to us."

Three ALS foundations have been chosen to partner with Fast & Furious: Augie's Quest, ALS TDI, and the Blazeman Foundation. ■



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New president for Las Positas College

By JEB BING

The search for a new president of Las Positas College ended this week with the announcement that Kevin Walthers, now vice chancellor of the West Virginia Community and Technical College System, has accepted the position.

Walthers, who holds a doctorate degree in educational leadership and policy from the University of Utah, was among three finalists introduced at a public meeting last month on the Las Positas College campus.

Las Positas has been without a president since DeRionne Pollard resigned a year ago to become the president and CEO of Montgomery College in Maryland.

"I am very excited about the future of Las Positas College under the leadership of Dr. Walthers," said Joel Kinnamon, district chancellor. "He is passionately committed to both the community college mission and to the students we serve."

Walthers, who also serves on the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, has been responsible for that state's financial aid program, which includes the Higher Education Grant Program and the PROMISE Scholarship. In addition, he oversees the West Virginia Network for Educational Telecomputing, the state's educational technology provider to K-12 schools, colleges and universities.

Prior to his time in West Virginia, Walthers was Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services at the College of Eastern Utah. In this position, he oversaw a portion of college operations including athletics, auxiliaries, facility management and financial

operations.

His career as an educator began in Texas as a high school teacher. He also served in policy roles with the Utah State Legislature and as a senior administrator with the Utah State Board of Regents.

Besides his doctorate degree, Walthers holds a master's degree in educational administration from Texas A&M University-Commerce, and a bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He began his college education at Eastfield College in the Dallas County Community College District.

Walthers is expected to take over the president's position at Las Positas College on Aug. 8.

Guy Lease, who has served as president of two colleges and as interim president for several others, has continued in that post at Las Positas since DeRionne Pollard resigned. Now retired, Lease said he had no interest in serving in the position full-time. ■



Kevin Walthers

DEBT

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across the state around the same time, should have gone to a vote.

GFS President Lori Raineri noted, however, that the board did the borrowing with the best interests of district children in mind, while the current committee is focused more on the cost to taxpayers.

"The cash-out didn't go home in anybody's pocket," Raineri said. "It was spent on facilities."

Raineri said other refinancings done by the district, ones that didn't involve additional borrowing but were done to take advantage of lower interest rates, were "very wise." She also pointed out the district did not borrow as much as possible through cash-out refinancing, and averaged less than other districts in the state.

Members of the new committee, headed by Beth Limesand, had a number of questions that GFS was unable to answer, but promised to resolve by next week, the second and final time the committee will meet before GFS presents its report to the school board.

Kay Ayala, for example, wondered why the process was rushed, with just two committee meetings before the GFS presentation to the board. Julie Testa replied that there was a delay before the consultant was brought in, and that the board now wants the report in time to get the information out before its summer break.

Anne Fox questioned GFS representatives about the length of the bond term, pointing out that the bonds were to have been paid off by 2020, not 2023, as is currently the case. She also asked for a list of fees paid by the district for each borrowing.

There was also discussion about the bond measures themselves, Measures A and B, because district officials were unable to locate the language included in Measure A.

Ayala also questioned why the oversight committee formed as required by the bond measure didn't question the cash-out refinancing in the first place. Jack Dove, the only member of the original oversight committee on the new committee, noted that the original group only met twice.

Kathleen Ruegsegger criticized the lack of transparency regarding the bond measures, pointing out that the community isn't aware of how much the district added to its debt through the cash-out refinancings.

"You have to expect that the staff understands what they're committing the public to," she said.

Some of the questions posed by the committee may not be answered under the scope of GFS's work, which is to examine the practices by the school board regarding bond purchases. Testa wanted a list of projects the cash-out money was spent on, a question she said she's been asking for years.

"I was asking how they were building projects that were not in the blue book (which detailed the projects to be done under the bond measure), and I was asking, 'Where is the oversight committee?'" she told Raineri.

Raineri said while her group may not be able to provide the answer, it would likely be able to tell Testa where to look.

Testa also questioned the need for the district to hire a consultant in the first place, pointing out she thought Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, should be able to answer financial questions.

"I don't think anybody asked for this committee or this consultant. None of us asked for this expense," she said. Testa added, however, that she thought GFS had done a good job so far.

The committee members, who also include Jan Batcheller, were invited to email GFS with any additional questions they hoped to have answered by the next meeting, set for June 20. Despite the three-hour meeting, which ran an hour longer than scheduled, and a commitment by GFS to answer all the questions it could, Testa seemed to remain unsatisfied.

"I don't think this will ever be over," she said. "I just hope that there will be 'best practices' put into place." ■



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Construction starts on retirement community

Multi-million-dollar project is first of major Staples Ranch developments

By JEB BING

Bulldozers and a long row of giant earth movers began preparing part of Pleasanton's 124-acre Staples Ranch on Tuesday for construction of a multi-million-dollar upscale retirement community being developed by Continuing Life Communities (CLC).

The 635-unit continuing care community, which will open to residents as buildings are completed over the next two years, is the first of several major developments planned for Staples Ranch, a site recently annexed into Pleasanton that is located at the southwest corner of I-580 and El Charro Road.

Troy Bourne, vice president of planning and development for CLC, said an official groundbreaking event to celebrate the actual start of building construction will be held later this year.

Stoneridge Creek, the first new continuing care retirement community of this scale to be built in the East Bay in decades, is also the first in the area to feature single-story homes as a component of a campus-oriented design.

The community will offer a comprehensive package of housing options, services and amenities geared toward healthy living for those 62 and older. Approximately two-thirds of the homes in Stoneridge Creek's first phase have already been reserved.

When completed, the community will include up to 635 homes with nearly 20 different floor plans ranging from 700-square-foot apartment-style homes to 2,500-square-foot, single-story "villas" with attached garages. Homes will be offered with one-, two- and three-bedroom options, all with full kitchens.

Bourne said that a key component of the new community will be its state-of-the-art health center located next to the main Stoneridge Creek campus. The health center, with 68 assisted living apartments (including a dedicated memory support area) and 73 skilled nurs-



SKETCH BY AL FORSTER

Single story homes at Continuing Care Communities on Staples Ranch in Pleasanton will be connected by walking trails and amenities that include golf practice areas.

ing beds, will be licensed by the state's Department of Health Services and Department of Social Services and will be open to the general public as well as Stoneridge Creek residents.

In addition, the new community will offer residents several restaurant venues ranging from casual to fine dining, a library, billiards and card rooms, as well as a computer lab and business center. The gated community will include indoor/outdoor maintenance of residences, regular housekeeping and linen service, landscape maintenance, scheduled transportation to shopping, local medical offices and places of worship, a 24-hour emergency response system and most utilities.

Residents will have access to a host of social, recreational and educational activities, as well as numerous outings to sports and cultural events in the Bay Area.

Other onsite amenities include a spa and fitness center offering various services, treatments and exercise programs with an indoor open-air pool, steam room and spa terrace. Those living there can also enjoy a short-game golf course, dog park, bocce and croquet courts, garden center, and walking and cycling trails. Stoneridge Creek will also include a performing arts theater for various musical and theatrical performances and lectures, a state-of-

the-art movie theater, an art studio and a woodworking shop.

An information center for Stoneridge Creek, open Monday through Saturday, is located at 5698 Stoneridge Dr. For more information, call (800) 849-0023 or visit the website at www.stoneridgecreek.com.

Based in Carlsbad, Calif., Continuing Life Communities, established in 1991, is the owner/operator of several continuing care retirement communities throughout California, including award-winning communities of La Costa Glen in Carlsbad, Morningside in Fullerton and University Village in Thousand Oaks.

CLC will occupy 46 acres of Staples Ranch with plans already approved for Hendrick Automotive Group to build a new auto mall on its 37-acre portion of Staples, next to the 580-El Charro Road junction.

Plans for Staples also include 11 acres set aside for future use as a retail center, about 17 acres identified as parkland, and 10 acres tentatively earmarked for a two-story, four rink facility to be built by San Jose Arena Management, a subsidiary of the San Jose Sharks.

Directly across El Charro, a 160-plus store outlet mall has been approved by Livermore, with construction there expected to start later this year or in 2012. ■

when their contracts are negotiated in the coming months. Those contributions would reduce the city's budget obligations by an additional \$2.5 million.

In their separate budget proposals, department managers showed major reductions in their personnel and costs since fiscal year 2009-10 when city revenue dropped significantly. Police Chief Dave Spiller said the department now has 81 police officers, compared to 87 in 2007-08 and that overtime pay has been cut by \$102,800. At the same time, reports of criminal activity in Pleasanton have dropped considerably since 2008.

Librarian Julie Farnsworth said her budget for 2011-12 will show a 20% reduction from 2007-08. She also pointed out that with 30,200 square feet of library space, Pleasanton's is now smaller than many of those in other Bay Area cities its size, topping only Dublin and San Ramon. Livermore, for example,

she said, has 59,600 square feet of library space with Fremont boasting more than 82,000 square feet.

Only Dolan was unable to cut 5% from his proposed budget for the coming year, as requested by City Manager Nelson Fialho.

Dolan said the department's resources are being stretched currently by demands to complete a Housing Task Force recommendation on affordable housing, required by a court order, as well as work required to complete a Climate Action Plan.

"We have a lot to handle right now," Dolan said, "including work on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan, Staples Ranch developments and the new Safeway and Clorox facilities."

Councilman Matt Sullivan agreed.

"Some people say we are close to build out so why do we have all these planners," Sullivan said. "But there's been much to do this year. You guys have done a great job with a lot of high profile projects." ■

TAKE US ALONG



Friends on vacation: Beverly Buckley and Sue Johnson view their Weekly with Auckland, New Zealand, in the background. They've been friends since high school.



Football fans: Patty Chew and her daughter Sarah show their Weekly to the bust of John Madden at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, last June.



Frat brothers enjoy the Indy: Bob Scott and his Weekly attend the 2010 Indianapolis 500, along with a group of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers from Indiana State University.



Steps on the steppe: Jon and Kathleen Kalb catch up on hometown news while sitting on the Potemkin steps in Odessa, Ukraine, while on a Black Sea cruise in September.

BUDGETS

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Bike licenses, once handled by city staff, must now be obtained online at a national registry.

Still, there wasn't universal euphoria when the budget numbers were reviewed at a recent City Council workshop. Bart Hughes, a frequent critic of the unfunded pension liability facing Pleasanton, said he thinks more could have been done to pay down that liability and to impose higher pension contribution rates for employees.

As it is, the budget includes a new 2% contribution agreed to by Pleasanton City Employees Association, the union that represents 227 city workers, which will increase to 4% in July 1, 2012. The budgets for 2012 and 2013 factor in those contributions, but not similar ones that will be asked of the police and firefighters unions

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

All over the map

Pleasanton's five years of fame as a city nationally known for its hometown Democratic Congressman Jerry McNerney may soon come to an end with a citizens' commission recommending that the 11th district he represents be moved farther east. Instead, Pleasanton would become part of the 13th Congressional District, long represented by Congressman Pete Stark (D-Fremont).

As troubling as that seems to many in Pleasanton who have come to know (and vote for) their local congressman, it may actually be one of the few changes proposed last week by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission that might stick. Many others, including those affecting Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, have already been altered or soon could be as voters, politicians, city councils and county boards chime in with their own redrawn political boundary maps and suggestions. San Franciscans are upset that they may lose one of their two congressional districts. Marin County could soon share representatives with sparsely populated counties all the way to the Oregon boarder instead of San Francisco just across the Bay. Fremont leaders are upset that part of their city will be split into two state Assembly districts with a sizeable chunk being combined with a larger political base in San Jose. Districts in Southern California, and particularly largely Hispanic communities in the Los Angeles area, claim they are being disenfranchised by newly drawn congressional and state senate and assembly boundaries.

Early on, the maps first presented by the Redistricting Commission had State Sen. Ellen Corbett's 10th district staying mostly intact. That was fine with Pleasanton. Although this city represents only a small part of the 10th, Corbett is a former assemblywoman from the 18th Assembly District that includes Pleasanton. She's in our city frequently and, as a former mayor of San Leandro, understands municipal issues and supports the Tri-Valley. A newer map, however, moves Pleasanton into a district with Livermore currently represented by Mark DeSaulnier, a former Contra Costa County supervisor who is unknown in local political and business circles.

The newest redistricting map also juggles the already confusing state Assembly boundaries here. Currently, Pleasanton is split into three districts: Joan Buchanan's 15th, Mary Hayashi's 18th, and Bob Wieckowski's 20th. That's made no sense from the start and seldom helped Pleasanton when key state issues affecting this city were at stake. The city councils and mayors of Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton and San Ramon petitioned the redistricting commission to put their cities into a single state Senate and state Assembly district. For a few days, that seemed to be what the commission did, realigning these three districts to push Hayashi's west of Pleasanton to the Bay, Wieckowski's south into Fremont and San Jose, and expanding Buchanan's 15th to include all five cities.

No more. The newest map sends Buchanan back north to include San Ramon and Danville and then a huge swath of population in Contra Costa County. Curiously, Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore got their wishes, at least for the time being. The newest redistricting map creates a new, yet unnumbered state Assembly district just for these three cities. That's good while it lasts, but stay tuned. Public comment, hearings and more map drawings are yet to come. ■



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ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

A PLEASANTON TRADITION SINCE 1912

TWO WEEKS OF FUN INCLUDES NEW FOODS AND OLD FAVORITES

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A lot has changed since 1912 when the Alameda County Fair made its debut. Horse racing was the staple from the beginning as the idea for holding a county fair on that property came from the businessman who had purchased the Bernal family racetrack. Other features of the first fair also live on, such as the judging of farm stock, fruit preserves and embroidery.

The "modern fair" began in 1939, according to "Celebrating Family Fun at the County Fair," written by Pat and Bob Lane to celebrate the 90th birthday of the fair in 2002. That year the fair included a carnival, with four rides, 20 games and concessions.

But let's talk food. The first fair may have featured cotton candy, which was sold at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair as "Fairy Floss" for 25 cents a box. But corn dogs didn't show up in the United States until the 1920s and didn't become popular until the '40s.

No matter what was served in the earliest days of the Alameda County Fair, the fare continues to evolve in many ways, including international foods, burgers made with yak, llama or alligator, and hot grease put to increasingly good use as cooks deep fry everything from Oreos to Twinkies. This year, add deep fried jelly beans and deep fried butter.

New exotic foods for sale will include antelope sandwiches, chocolate covered scorpions, ants and crickets, python and raccoon on a stick. Jungle George was chosen from food vendors all over the West Coast as the purveyor.

"We select the vendors based on a list of criteria, however, the uniqueness of the menu is definitely a consideration," said Marketing Manager April Mitchell.

If the scorpions and llamas don't call to you, show up June 2 to see the creation of



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Left: Fair eats will include old favorites and new exotica such as chocolate covered scorpions, ants and crickets, and python and raccoon on a stick. **Right:** Festival Square is always a good place to have a seat and relax in the shade as it features entertainment, dancing and ethnic food demonstrations throughout the Fair. See the schedule at www.alamedacountyfair.com.

what could be the Largest Hamburger in the World. It will be grilled fresh and served at 99 cents a bite, in keeping with this year's "99" theme since 2011 is 99 years after the first Alameda County Fair in 1912. Proceeds will go to the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

The goal for the biggest burger is 625 pounds, which is 2,500 quarter-pounders and has 1,375,000 calories, enough to feed one person for one year and 10 months. It will be trimmed with 50 pounds of cheese, 20 pounds of onions, 12 pounds of pickles and 30 pounds of lettuce and placed on a 110-pound bun, and will take 10 hours to cook with a crew of 10 from Juicy's Outlaw

Grill working on it. A crane will be required to flip the burger.

International food is a feature, too, with Festival Square welcoming Spice of India Weekend on June 25-26, and a Hispanic celebration July 9-10. Other food features are the ninth annual BBQ and Chicken Cook-off from June 30-July 4 and the third annual Gumbo Cook-Off on July 2. Farm Fresh Thursdays will be all about urban gardening, featuring local produce and demonstrations.

"Fairs are a great place in offering unique food that you just can't get anywhere else. It's just part of the fun of going to the county fair," Mitchell said.

"Fairs have a tradition of showcasing the new and unusual," she added. "Eli Whitney's cotton gin was first introduced at a fair."

From a complete schedule of events, go to www.alamedacountyfair.com. ■





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Left: During last year's Horsing Around event, Susie Bowers (left) and Ruta Rudisill prepare to dine before the Best Hat contest. **Right:** Horseracing is even more exciting when you've placed a bet. Learn how to wager at the Horsing Around event to benefit Axis Community Health.

Horsing Around: An afternoon of fun at the races

Enjoy a Saturday afternoon at the races and benefit a worthy cause. The Foundation for Axis Community Health invites everyone to an afternoon of Horsing Around with a catered buffet lunch, a "Best Hat" contest, drawings and a silent auction, and a no-host bar, in addition to the full schedule of horse races. Fair staff will conduct a wagering orientation for those unfamiliar with placing bets.

"Last year's event was such a good time for all who attended," said Foundation Board President Becky Yeffa. "In addition to enjoying the races, we awarded

some wonderful auction items. This year's event promises to be all of that and more."

Foundation events are intended to help close the budget gap at Axis Community Health as the need rises for its medical care, mental health services and substance abuse counseling.

Horsing Around takes place noon-6 p.m. July 9 at the Trackside Terrace, race track grandstand. Tickets are \$50 per person and include admission to the Fair; they may be purchased at www.axishealth.org or by calling 201-6017. ■



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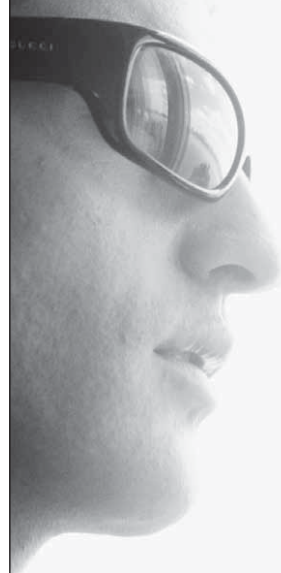
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Author Visits

'TWO KISSES FOR MADDY' Author Matt Logelin will be discussing his book, "Two Kisses for Maddy, A Memoir of Loss and Love," at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 19, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Towne Center Books will sell "Two Kisses for Maddy" at the event. Call 846-8826 for pre-sale information.

Class Reunions

AMADOR VALLEY 1981 CLASS REUNION Class of 1981's 30-year reunion will be July 29-31. To be on the mailing list or get more details about the reunion weekend, follow them on Facebook at Amador Valley 1981. Go Dons!

Classes

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THE NATURAL ARTS Explore the natural world and then create some of your own works of art with shells, leaves, seeds and feathers...a few of the ingredients that nature has so generously provided. The class is from 1-2 p.m., Sunday, June 26, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Rd. Ages 3 and up. Cost \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Call 931-3485 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

Clubs

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American Revolution, Jose Maria Amador Chapter meets the first Saturday of the month. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For meeting time and location, call Ann at 510-507-5509 or email anar-ciso@comcast.net.

EAST BAY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION The East Bay Executives Association is a non-profit organization for helping businesses network with other businesses. It meets at 7:15 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays monthly at Shari's, 3360 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley. Call 600-7342.

GNON (GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING) The group meets once a month after work at various locations throughout the Tri-Valley. The networking event runs from 5:30-8 p.m. Visit www.gnontrivalley.com for upcoming dates and locations or call 487-4748.

KIWANIS CLUB The Kiwanis Club meets at 11:45 a.m. Fridays at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St. For information, call 1-800-Kiwanis.

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

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

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

SOCRATES CAFE The Socrates Cafe discusses modern philosophical questions using the Socratic method, on the first and third Tuesday of every month from

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TRI-VALLEY EXECUTIVES' ASSOCIATION Established in 1984, the Tri-Valley Executives' Association helps business owners and managers develop resourceful relationships in a fun and progressive format. The club meets from 7-8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201-A Main St. Membership is open to businesses that are not in competition with a current member of the association. Call 736-4522 or visit www.trivalleyexecs.com.

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Concerts

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ART UNDER THE OAKS Pleasanton Community Concert Band presents its Art Under the Oaks Concert from 2:30-4 p.m., Sunday, July 24, at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Ln., Livermore. This concert is free, but donations are appreciated. Call 846-5897 or visit www.pleasanton-band.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK The Pleasanton Downtown Association presents live concerts throughout the summer from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First and Neal streets. Enjoy Rock & Soul music by The Houserockers on June 17, then come back June 24 for Latin Reggae World Music by Ruckatan Latin Tribe.

CONCERT FOR HOMETOWN HEROES The newly formed Pacific Masterworks Chorus will honor 25 police, fire, military and community hometown heroes at its concert on Saturday, June 18, "From Barber to Barbershop: A Tribute to 9/11 and Hometown Heroes." The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. with a color guard and the ringing of a fire bell, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Visit www.pacificmasterworkschorus.org.

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ALVISO ADOBE TOURS Learn about what happened in the past on the site that is now Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Rd., from 3-5 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 28. You'll also hear about opportunities to be part of the volunteer team. Call 931-3485 or visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

CANCER SURVIVORS' CELEBRATION OF LIFE Cancer survivors will gather for the 19th annual Celebration of Life to honor those who have shared their path toward health and healing, from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, at Fazz

Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Road. A distinguished panel will tell stories from the heart about their experiences as cancer caregivers. Dessert reception will follow. Reserve before June 17 at 734-3319 or e-mail mpriшти@valleycare.com.

PEACEFUL WAR PROTEST Pleasantonians 4 Peace has an ongoing peaceful war protest from 5 to 6 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at First and Neal streets. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or kdowning@pacbell.net. Visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

SPIRIT RUN More than 1,300 runners are expected to participate in the 18th annual Spirit Run on Father's Day. Race-day registration will be accepted starting at 7 a.m., Sunday, June 19, at the Round Table Pizza parking lot on Main Street. The 10K run will start at 8 a.m., followed by the 5K run at 8:20 a.m. Register online by going to www.spiritrun.com. Online pre-registration closes at midnight June 15.

Exhibits

'A DIFFERENCE OF PERCEPTION' The Harrington Gallery will display surrealistic works of three prominent artists from June 9 through July 7, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The exhibit showcases the artwork of Bill Weber, Bill Sala and others, along with a new collection of hyper-realistic renderings by Ron Norman. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. A donation of \$2 is suggested. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT The HopYard Ale House will be hosting its 18th annual HopYard Golf Scramble on Monday, June 27 at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle. Barbecue lunch provided and prepared for Vince McNamara of McNamara's Steak & Chop House. The barbecue steak dinner is provided and prepared by Tony Macchiano & Pleasanton Garbage Service. Proceeds to benefit the ValleyCare Health Library & Ryan Comer Cancer resource Center. For more information, call 373-4560.

HORSING AROUND The Foundation for Axis Community Health invites the community to an afternoon of fun at the races from noon-6 p.m., Saturday, July 9, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Activities will include, in addition to the full schedule of horse races, a catered buffet lunch, a "Best Hat" contest, prize drawings and silent auction, and a no-host bar. Tickets to the event are \$50 and include admission to the Fair. Call 201-6017 or visit www.axishealth.org.

PLEASANTON HERITAGE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SALE Pleasanton Heritage Association's annual yard sale will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, June 18, at 303 Neal St. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, toys, tools, linens, dishes, kitchenware and much more will be on sale. PHA is a nonprofit group, working to preserve and enhance the Pleasanton Historic District. Call 846-3859.

RELAY FOR LIFE The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Pleasanton, which takes place at 10 a.m., Saturday, July 23, is a "celebration of life" that brings the community together in a united effort. Teams are being organized now to take turns walking around the track, and fundraisers are being held. Visit www.relayforlife.org/pleasantonca.

RELAY FOR LIFE GARAGE SALE Students from Foothill High School are holding a garage sale to help support Relay for Life. The sale is from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June

18, at 6326 Camino Del Lago. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

Health

CANCER SURVIVORS PRE-RELAY FOR LIFE MEETING Sue Schepers, Survivor Chairperson of the 2011 Pleasanton Relay For Life, will welcome cancer survivors from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at Chevy's, 5877 Owens Dr. There will be appetizers, soft drinks and dessert. All cancer survivors in the community are invited to attend the meeting. Call 833-2699.

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program of Alameda County offers free counseling about Medicare each month. Must be 65 and older. The appointments begin at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. To schedule your appointment, call 556-4511 by the prior Monday.

Kids & Teens

LADYBUG GIRL DAY Have your photo taken with Ladybug Girl from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 18, at Golden Apple Learning Store, 4807 Hopyard Rd. Hear about her adventures with her sidekick Bingo and friends, the Bug Squad. Free prizes, picture fun, art fun, story fun, projects and more. Grand prize drawing at noon. Call 460-5163 or visit www.goldenappletoys.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

ACE THE INTERVIEW: GET THE JOB! Empower yourself for your next job interview! This workshop will discuss what employers love to hear, control and self-care, and questions you must ask. The workshop is at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 25, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more information, contact Jane at 510-828-0442.

Live Music

DAVE ROCHA JAZZ BAND The Dave Rocha Jazz Band will perform selections composed by jazz trumpet greats such as Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Clifford Brown, Freddie Hubbard and Lee Morgan, at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 26, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Concert is free. Call 931-3405.

Miscellaneous

'LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY' Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month to give free 15 to 20 minute consultations, in a program co-sponsored by the Alameda County Bar Association. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30-5:45 p.m.; names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. and people must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Call 931-3400, ext. 7.

Political Notes

'RANKED CHOICE AND INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING' TriValley Democratic Club will host guest speaker, Steve Chessin, of Californians for Electoral Reform, who will talk about "Ranked Choice and Instant Runoff Voting," at 7 p.m., Monday, June 20, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Learn why this method is more democratic. There will be a Q&A and refreshments will be served. Visit www.trivalleydems.com.

Seniors

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS Dublin Senior Center offers different programs and activities including "Tattle Tales" which helps seniors write their life story from 12:30-3 p.m., on the first and third Monday of every month; a Reading Group that discusses new books every month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month; and the Needle Arts Group that enjoys quilting, sewing and knitting from 1-4 p.m. every Monday; all at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Cost is \$1.25 for each activity. Call 556-4511.

FREE MEMORY SCREENING FOR SENIORS Caring Solutions is sponsoring free memory assessment on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511 for a 30-minute appointment. Preregister by the Monday prior to reserve an appointment. Informational materials are available at the Senior Center.

LUNCH PROGRAM The lunch program sponsored by Spectrum Community Services is from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Lunch is served at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.25. Reservations required a day in advance by 1 p.m. Call 931-5385.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings; and 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday monthly.

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Spiritual

ASL WORSHIP TRANSLATION The deaf community is invited to worship from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Sunday at First Presbyterian Church the corner of 4th and L St., Livermore. ASL translation will be provided.

MEDITATION STUDY GROUP Practice new meditation methods, based on teachings of Shinzen Young, using audio, video and handouts at 7:15-8:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. Study group will meet at Tri-Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. 7:15-8:30 p.m.

NEW CHURCH ROCK BIBLE CHURCH Been meaning to find a casual, compelling, community church but Sundays are your day to sleep in? Pastor Scott Berglin and his wife Julie, longtime Pleasanton residents, are offering service from 5-6 p.m. at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct. He has 20 years ministry experience committed to scripture. Call 519-3169 or visit www.rockbiblechurch.com.

REIKI GROUP The Japanese systems of Reiki is a spiritual practice which uses meditation, chanting, visualizations, and hands-on energy group work so that you can connect to their true nature. No prior Reiki experience is necessary. Classes are from 10-11:45 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at Tri Valley Unity's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin. Contact Gayle at gstaehle@comcast.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., offers Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 a.m.; Worship at 10:30 a.m.; and Children's Church at 11:15 a.m. Women's Bible study takes place 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Call 846-8650 for weekly programs.

WEEKLY LDS BIBLE STUDY Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts a weekly bible study from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Refreshments served. For information, call 305-9468.

Sports

MORNING GROUP RIDE - CYCLING A group ride starts at 8:30 a.m. every Saturday from Cycle Pros Bike Shop, 728 Main St., meeting in the parking lot. The ride breaks into groups based on skill and distance. The regular ride usually covers 25-40 miles at speeds of 14-18 mph. The long ride covers 35-60 miles at a brisker pace. Routes vary each week. On Sundays mornings, there is a group ride for everyone, same time, same place, broken down into levels based on ability and distance. Call 400-4336 or visit www.thecyclepros.com.

Support Groups

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from

7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 East Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit www.valleycare.com. 7:30-9 p.m. Free

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem-solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month, and from 7-9 p.m. at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP Overwhelmed by clutter? Learn how to deal with it by attending this support group, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Rm. 7. Call 200-1943 or visit www.clutterless.org.

DEPRESSION & BIPOLAR Depression Bipolar Support Alliance, DBSA, is a support group for people who live with depression, bipolar and other disabilities. They can help each other navigate the ups and downs of life! A place where you can be yourself and feel safe. The group meets from 7:15-8:45 p.m. every Wednesday, at St. Claire's Episcopal Church, Classroom 1, 3350 Hopyard Rd., although it is not affiliated with the church. No charge for meetings. Call 462-6415 or visit www.dbsalliance.org/pleasanton.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Rd. Call 487-5706 or e-mail galexplor@comcast.net.

HOPE HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS Hope Hospice offers ongoing grief support services for adults, teens and children including a Transitions Support Group; Tragic Loss Support Group; individualized grief support; caregiver support; on-site support for schools; youth organizations and the workplace; community support services; a resource library; and more. For more information or to register, call 829-8770.

INTEGRATED MIND AND BODY GRIEF SUPPORT This comprehensive set of grief support services is offered at the Hope Hospice Grief Support Center from 5-7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Ste. 100., Dublin. Services include various forms of gentle touch as well as guided imagery, meditation and stress management. Restore the energy depleted by grief. No charge. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly

meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY The Catholic Community of Pleasanton is offering bi-monthly meetings to help grieving people deal with their loss. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays now through Aug. 25 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Call Mary at 846-5377.

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS & ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS Tri Valley Support Group for Fibromyalgia, Lupus and all forms of Arthritis meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Tri Valley Support, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. They are in need of volunteers to help. Call 875-0960.

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Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS PUBLIC BLOOD DRIVE A blood drive will take place from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, June 18, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the gymnasium, 6101 Valley Ave. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: eagle949.

BARTON READING PROGRAM Tutor training begins in September. No experience needed, they will train you, all materials provided, ongoing support. For more information contact Christina Clark at 596-0292 or email christina.clark2@comcast.net.

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POLICE BULLETIN

\$1,000 in damage from park bench vandals

Vandals caused \$1,000 in damage by overturning three 2,000-pound park benches last weekend, a police report said. The parks department received an anonymous call about the vandalism June 10, and the incident was reported to police June 13, although the report notes it was likely to have occurred June 10. A portion of one bench was broken when it was overturned and that bench will have to be replaced, the report said.

In other police reports:

A 15-year-old had a \$175 Airsoft pellet rifle stolen from him in a June 11 incident in the 4700 block of Canary Way. The victim was walking with two friends when they were approached by a group of 12 to 15 people. A male walked out of the group, demanded the rifle, and the youth turned it over. Police arriving at the scene were unable to locate any suspect.

Tools were stolen from different locations around the city recently. In a June 8 incident, \$500 in drill bits, a \$300 air compressor, and bins with \$200 in fittings were stolen from a locked trailer between 7:45 and 7:55 a.m. in the 4200 block of Mirador Drive. The trailer's door was broken and a lock was stolen in that incident.

A \$2,000 Honda generator was stolen from a vehicle between 4:30 p.m. June 2 and 7 a.m. June 7.

In a third incident, which occurred between 10:15 and 11:35 a.m. June 2, a \$1,000 paint sprayer was stolen. That theft was reported June 8.

An auto burglary in the 1800 block of Tanglewood Way netted a \$1,500 laptop computer, \$100 in new girl's clothing, games valued at \$100, a \$105 Lowes gift card, two flashlights valued at \$100, and a \$50 laptop bag. The theft occurred between 10 p.m. June 13 and 7:30 a.m. June 14.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing to consider the 2011-2012 annual assessments for the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) for Oak Tree Farm, Moller Ranch, Laurel Creek Estates (The Preserve, Oak Hill Estates and Kolb Ranch Estates), and Lemoine Ranch Estates
- Public Hearing to adopt resolutions approving 2011-2012 annual assessments for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance Districts 1984-1 (Ponderosa); 1993-1 (Windsor); 1993-2 (Bonde Ranch); 1994-1 (Oak Tree Farm); and 1995-1 (Moller Ranch)
- Joint City Council and Pleasanton Library Board of Trustees Public Hearing to consider a resolution approving the 2011/12FY and 2012/13FY Operating Budgets and the 2011/12FY Community Development Block Grant Program
- Adoption of the Four Year Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years 2011-2012 through 2014-2015
- Adoption of Draft 2010 Urban Water Management Plan

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PGPA 17, City of Pleasanton**
Consider the Preliminary Draft Housing Element Submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Energy & Environment Committee

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Update on city projects / events
 - a. CEC Large Residential Energy Program
 - b. California Youth Energy Services (CYES)
- New Road Surface Research Video
- Climate Action Plan
- Committee status update – 2011 focus areas

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

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available. Under the law, those charged with offenses are considered innocent until convicted.

June 6

Identity theft

- 4:16 p.m. in the 7800 block of Driftwood Way

Burglary

- 9:59 a.m. in the 3600 block of Bingham Court

Battery

- 12:38 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 10 a.m. in the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive

June 7

Theft

- 8:34 a.m. in the 4600 block of Klamath Court; petty theft
- 9:52 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; petty theft
- 9:59 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft
- 4:53 p.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road; petty theft

Drug/alcohol violations

- 5:27 p.m. at the intersection of Touriga Drive and Tawny Drive; driving with marijuana
- 6:14 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Rd; possession of a controlled substance, under the influence of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

June 8

Theft

- 8:45 a.m. in the 4200 block of Hopyard Road; petty theft
- 12:17 p.m. in the 1000 block of Sycamore Creek Way; identity theft
- 3:09 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; grand theft
- 3:32 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 6:36 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft
- 9:52 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft

Burglary

- 10:54 a.m. in the 2000 block of Palmer Drive

Auto burglary

- 7:55 a.m. in the 4200 block of Mirador Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:32 a.m. in the 4700 block of

Harrison Street; public drunkenness

- 1:16 p.m. at the intersection of Pimlico Drive and Santa Rita Road; driving with marijuana
- 4:34 p.m. in the 4300 block of Payne Road; DUI
- 8:56 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of a controlled substance, public drunkenness

June 9

Theft

- 7:58 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; mail theft
- 12:49 p.m. in the 3500 block of Whitehall Court; auto theft
- 12:23 p.m. in the 400 block of Los Rios Court; identity theft
- 2:53 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Rd; petty theft, possession of a prescription in another's name
- 8:21 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; petty theft

Alcohol violations

- 1:45 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Pickens Lane; DUI
- 2:44 a.m. at the intersection of N. Glacier Court and Valley Trails Drive; public drunkenness
- 3:53 a.m. in the 5800 block of Arthur Lane; public drunkenness
- 4:18 a.m. in the 4200 block of Muirwood Drive; DUI
- 5:51 p.m. at the intersection of Pimlico Drive and Santa Rita Road; paraphernalia possession

June 10

Battery

- 1:45 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

Prank calls

- 9:56 a.m. in the 5100 block of Johnson Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:51 p.m. at the intersection of Johnson Drive and Stoneridge Drive; possession of a prescription in another's name
- 5:21 p.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 7:37 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 10:28 p.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive; public drunkenness
- 11:14 p.m. at the intersection of Dougherty Rd and Dublin Blvd; DUI

June 11

Theft

- 4:24 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Dr; grand theft, identity theft
- 4:48 p.m. in the 1300 block of

Stoneridge Mall Rd; petty theft, battery

- 4:54 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft
- 7 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft

Auto burglary

- 10:18 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Alcohol violations

- 10:22 p.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue; DUI
- 11:14 p.m. in the 3400 block of Ruby Hill Dr; public drunkenness, vandalism

June 12

Theft

- 1:07 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; auto theft
- 1:18 p.m. in the 4700 block of Sutter Gate Avenue; petty theft
- 7:51 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; possession of stolen property

Burglary

- 3:14 p.m. in the 5000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:25 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Morganfield Road; DUI

June 13

Identity theft

- 12:54 p.m. in an unknown location
- 3:07 p.m. in the 5000 block of Owens Drive
- 4:26 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue; grand theft
- 5:48 p.m. in the 3500 block of Helen Drive; auto theft
- 6:17 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; petty theft
- 7:44 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft
- 9:58 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; grand theft

Threats

- 6:55 a.m. in the 6800 block of Via Quito

Vandalism

- 8:52 a.m. in the 3400 block of National Park Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1 a.m. in the 2000 block of Palmer Dr; underage drinking on private property
- 5:10 p.m. in the 4200 block of Bevilacqua Court; possession of a prescription in another's name
- 8:53 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness

OBITUARIES

Nancy Lea Freedom

The family of Nancy Lea Freedom, who died Saturday, is holding a Celebration of her Life, from 5-7 p.m. tomorrow at Ridge View Community Center, 5200 Case Ave., Pleasanton. Friends are invited to come and share their favorite memories. Refreshments will be served.

Georgia Patricia Knowles Bridley

Patricia (Trish) Bridley died May 9 at the age of 68 surrounded by

her family and friends, after a brief illness.

She was born June 9, 1942, in Amarillo, Texas, graduated from Amarillo High School, and worked in Amarillo until moving to New Windsor, N.Y., in early 1966. There she married U.S. Air Force Capt. Charles A. (Chuck) Bridley. They lived in various parts of the United States, ending up in Dublin when Chuck retired from the Air Force in 1982. Trish studied photography for several years and created exceptional pictures. She also was an early computer expert, initially work-



ing with companies to convert from manual accounting systems to early computer systems. While working at West Point, she developed a program she called the Key Word Index that later was used as a model for an early database program.

Ms. Bridley was predeceased by her brother Wayne Knowles. She is survived by her husband Charles; daughter Cathy; Aunt Mary Gentry; sister-in-law Sharon Knowles; sister-in-law Mary Ann (Bridley) Szporluk and her husband Roman Szporluk; and nephews and nieces. A memorial service was held May 28 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Donations may be made to the St. Clare's Christian Preschool Rain Campaign or a charity of choice.

Fathers' Day

Lars HoTseung just 'gets it'

FATHER

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By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

Lots of men qualify for World's Greatest Dad — if the coffee mugs are right, anyway — but one Pleasanton father has not only earned that title from his family, he's earned it from other dads, too.

Colin "Lars" HoTseung Jr. is like many local fathers. He's active in the lives of his two children, Colin III, 13, and Lauren, 12, but according to his friends, other fathers and the executive director of the YMCA, HoTseung takes it a step farther.

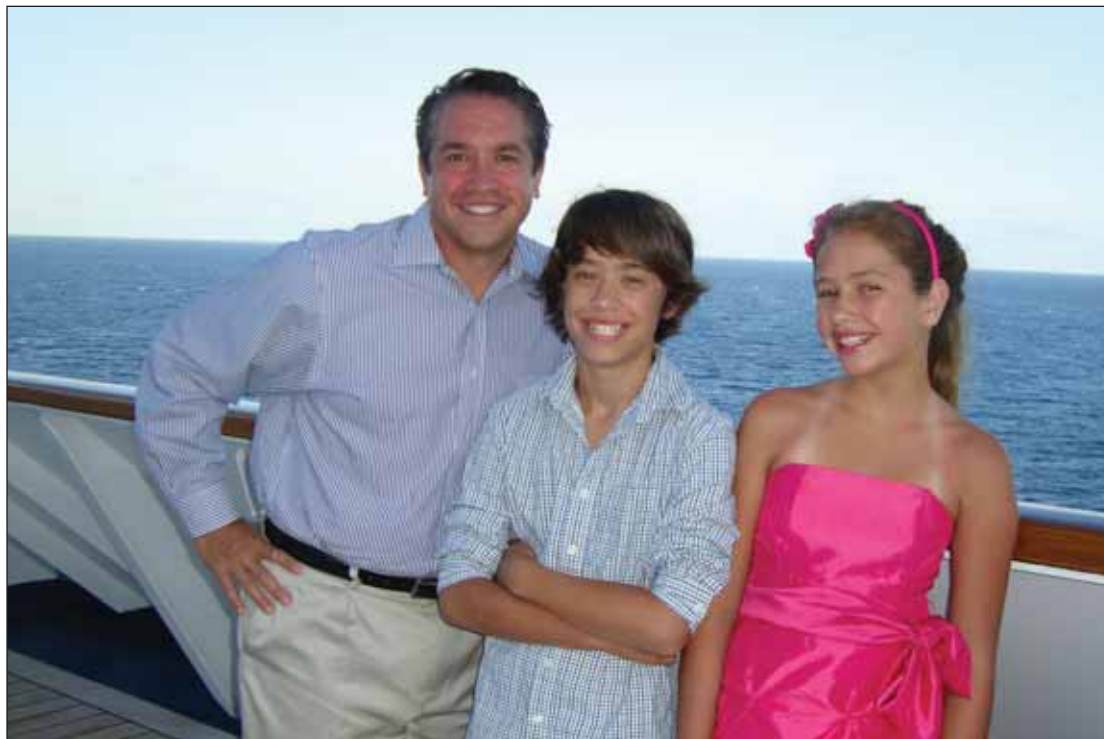
"He's not only really committed to his kids, he's a great leader in the YMCA's Guides and Princesses programs," said the Y's Kelly Dulka. "I just see him constantly putting his kids first, before his job, and before his friends. ... He's even taken his kids on business trips."

Peter Hoopes spent time with HoTseung while they both had kids in the Y's father-daughter Indian Princess program.

"He wasn't just in the program, but he volunteered to be Tribe Chief, Assistant Nation Chief, then Nation Chief. Now he is on the YMCA board," Hoopes said. "He went out of his way to guide and recruit other dads like myself to take leadership roles and set an example for our kids."

Hoopes said HoTseung just "gets it." It, for Hoopes, is the knowledge that life lessons for children are best taught by their parents.

"He knows there is only so much time when it comes to the formative years with our kids. When our kids are young it's also when we have the most pressure to perform in our careers," Hoopes said. "It's too easy to get caught up with work and overlook the special opportunities we have to be there for our kids. Once we're past these years you



can't get them back."

He added that his friend probably doesn't know "how contagious his charismatic attitude and humble leadership is."

"The light went on for me when Lars was going to come over to my house for a weekend BBQ but when another kids organization that he was involved with needed some last minute help with building stage props he elected to help them out and work late into the evening building stage props," Hoopes said. "His kids will grow up with great memories of what he did for them."

In addition to the Y's programs, longtime friend Mark Sanchez said HoTseung finds time to coach softball games for his daughter and golf with his son.

"He always seems to be there for these special times," Sanchez said. "He actually owns his own printing company. They do special order label printing. Running the company it's amazing he still finds time to spend with his family."

And while middle school is usually the time kids start to pull away from their parents, that doesn't seem to be the case for HoTseung's children.

Colin, for example, said his father gives great advice and is supportive of whatever he might want to do in life.

"I told him I wanted to be a pilot many years ago, and since then he has been a great supporter to make sure that happens," Colin said, adding, "He gets involved with the things in my life such as my school grades and work, sports and outside activities like my band, and things I do with my friends. He is always on top of things, and if I do bad on a homework assignment or test, as any good responsible dad would do he asks me why it happened and how I could prevent it from happening again."

Colin said his dad isn't afraid to show his love, either.

"I really feel like I can tell him anything in my life that may be bothering me like school or friends, and he will be there caring, and willing to take what I have into consideration."

Lauren said she appreciates that her father works as hard as he does but still finds time for her and her brother.

"My dad used to travel every week for work, but he decided to quit his job so that he could spend time with our family," she said. "I was in many musicals when I was younger and my father worked backstage for my show. It wasn't the most fun job, staying up till 11 every night, but he was there to help. Since I liked doing musicals, he would too!"

Lauren said any good dad has a fun side to him, and that her father is fun to be around, and not just for her.

"In the Indian Princess program he seems to make little kids laugh and is so sweet to them," she said. "It makes me smile because I was once that little and he just seems like he cares a lot about kids and family."

HoTseung's wife, Kristen, said her husband just seems to have a nurturing side.

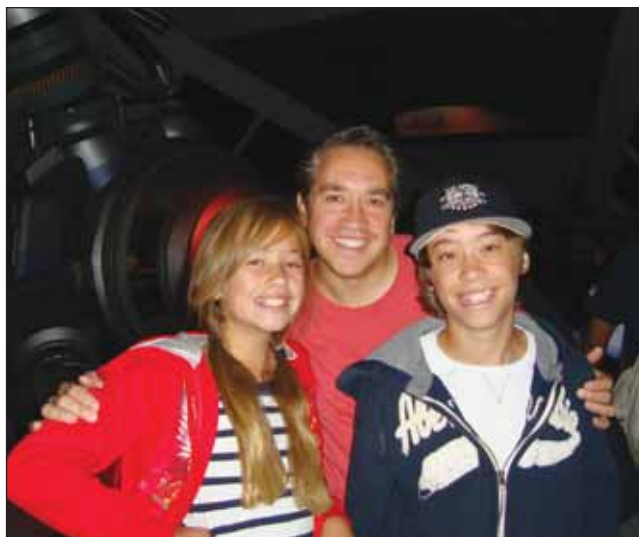
"When we met he was 25 years old, coaching a soccer team and running a Sunday school program for 4 year olds. I knew from the beginning, he was going to be a great father. And that he is!" she said. "His children are the most important thing to him in his life. Whatever they are involved in he becomes involved in as well."

She added that HoTseung is protective of his kids and watches to see that they make good life choices.

"He stays very firm with the children on what he expects of them entering these teenage years. Because of that I feel comfortable knowing that his expectations are always going to be guiding them," she said. "One day, I asked my daughter, 'Do you think Dad is too strict on you guys?' She responded, 'No, I like it.' I'm really lucky to have such a great a role model father for my children."

Colin said his father may have learned how to be a great father from his grandfather, but Lars' dad said his son is just a kind and generous soul.

"Lars asked me one day if I would like to play golf with Yogi Berra," the elder HoTseung said. He and a friend of his arranged it and we all had a big thrill. I knew that Lars did this because he knew how happy it would make me, not because it meant so much to him but what it meant to me." ■



Above, Lars HoTseung with his son Colin and daughter Lauren on a 2010 cruise; far left, the family on a visit to Disneyland last summer; right, Lars and daughter Lauren in a 2006 production of "South Pacific."

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Ponderosa planning celebration for new Village at Ironwood clubhouse

Gated community now selling Phase 6 of its homes

By JEB BING

Ponderosa Homes, the developer of the gated community off Valley Avenue called The Village at Ironwood, will open the two-story Village Club Saturday, July 2.

The clubhouse is designed to serve as a year-round focal point for social events and recreation for those who live in the enclave. It includes a pool, spa, fitness center, library, game rooms and indoor and outdoor social spaces. Residents can also use the club for family barbecues, card games, book club meetings and bocce ball tournaments.

The grand opening celebration will coincide with the hours model homes are open at The Village: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the Independence Day weekend.

Already selling its Phase 6 single-family detached, one- and two-story homes, The Village at Ironwood is attracting those active adults in search of spacious, innovative lifestyle-centered designs and the reassurance of a gated environment.

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the surrounding area," she added. "Their favorite shopping, dining, medical and business services and a clearly classic California hometown are all part of the environment."

"A recent article in "Builder Magazine" cited the growing demand of the 55-plus market for quality new home choices," Douglas said. "In their Economic and Market Forecast webinar, presenter Peter Dennehy of John Burns Real Estate Consulting said their survey of 10,000 active adults indicates that 89% believe now is a good time to buy in an age-restricted community, and 55% indicated they will move when they retire."

In the same report, Paul Emrath, vice president of survey and housing policy research for the National Association of Home Builders, said they've found that active adult communities are among the best performing in the nation. Moreover, he reported they've held their value better versus other primary communities and have far outsold them.

The four model homes that will be open during the clubhouse celebration features designs of up to four bedrooms and four baths. Detached designs range from approximately 1,900 to 2,900 square feet and were built to meet "Build It Green" green point-rated standards for efficiency and long-term savings.

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California distressed housing market improves in April

Bargain hunters, investors join in spring buying season

By JEB BING

The share of distressed homes sold in California dropped for the second consecutive month in April, the California Association of Realtors reported last week.

"The share of sales of non-distressed properties increased during April, as bargain hunters and investors were joined by home buyers who are timing their buying decisions to coincide with the start of the spring home buying season," said CAR President Beth L. Pearce.

She said the total share of all distressed property types sold statewide declined in April to 48%, down from 51% in March and down from 49% in April 2010.

Non-distressed sales made up the remaining share at 52% in April, up from 49% in March and up from 51% in April 2010.

Of the distressed properties sold state-

wide, the total share of REO (real estate-owned) sales was 28% in April, down from 31% in March, and down from 30% in April 2010.

The statewide share of short sales also dropped in April to 19%, down from 20% in March but unchanged from 19% in April 2010.

April pending home sales in California declined from March, according to CAR's Pending Home Sales Index (PHSI). The index was 114.3 in April, down 11% from March's revised index of 128.4, based on contracts signed in April.

The index was down 19.2% from April 2010, when the presence of housing tax credits played a strong role in home sales. Pending home sales are forward-looking indicators of future home sales activity, providing information on the future direction of the market. ■

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Alamo

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 212 Austin Ln \$1,199,999**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111
- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 1016 Kirkcrest Lane \$1,399,000**
Sun 2-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 855-4000
- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 225 Hemme Ave \$2,095,000**
Sun 2-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 855-4000
- 6 BEDROOMS**
- 300 Livorna Heights Rd \$1,292,000**
Sun 2-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 855-4000

Danville

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 1470 Greenlawn \$399,999**
Sat/Sun 2-5 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333
- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 737 El Cerro Blvd \$799,000**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 855-4000
- 147 Gerbera St \$725,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 1250 Country Lane \$1,599,950**
Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
- 214 Pinewood Ct \$1,159,000**
Sun 1-5 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

Livermore

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 833 El Rancho Dr \$369,000**
Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 1452 Naples Ct \$629,000**
Sun 1-4 Kathy Westernoff, Re/Max Accord 577-2600

Pleasanton

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 6026 Acadia Ct \$600,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200
- 5082 Crestwood Ct \$685,000**
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111
- 219 Birch Creek Drive \$575,000**
Sat 1-4 Earl Rozran 858-4198
- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 2438 Silver Oaks Ln \$1,388,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Roger Manning 290-8399
- 23 Silver Oaks Ct \$1,493,600**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Brad & Ann Walker 290-8399
- 4476 Tosca Ct \$1,299,995**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200
- 5801 Arthur Dr \$775,000**
Sat 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200
- 6329 Corte Esperanza \$949,950**
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
- 5680 Stonecliff Vista Ln \$915,000**
Sun 1-4 Bernard Laffer, Golden Pacific Realty 216-4799
- 3147 Lansdown Ct \$848,000**
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- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 837 Clara Lane \$1,999,950**
Sun 1-4 Jennifer Branchini 577-6113

San Ramon

- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 109 Mediar Ct \$1,149,950**
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc. 648-5300
- 21 Gait Ct \$749,000**
Sat 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc. 280-8500
- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 909 Bentley Oaks Ct \$1,189,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 2011

Dublin

- 5704 Amberglen Street** C. Lowe to R. & S. Bodapati for \$620,000
- 4827 Brannigan Street** Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to E. Colon-Maysonet for \$540,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #670 D.** Wantland to B. & A. Yeung for \$220,000
- 8601 Edenberry Place** J. Carlson to M. Li for \$390,000
- 7060 Elba Way** Pearson Trust to J. Nair for \$437,000
- 3420 Finnian Way #104** Toll Dublin Limited to A. & J. Abdullah for \$428,000
- 2828 Lochgreen Way** C. & J. Gamboa to T. & C. Katz for \$950,000
- 4536 Mirano Court** S. & B. Brannon to L. Bourdakis for \$611,000
- 2535 Ravello Way** GTIS-HOV Positano Limited to S. & E. Chang for \$719,500
- 11288 Rolling Hills Drive** B. Davis to J. & L. Sanfilippo for \$709,000
- 3693 Whitworth Drive** P. & A. Seth to S. Panneerselvam for \$355,000
- 4909 Winterbrook Avenue** N. Palma to N. Chidambaram for \$650,000

Livermore

- 1185 Alison Circle** Downey Savings to R. & R. Allvey for \$510,000
- 25 Alysia Court** Parker Trust to J. & L. Herman for \$570,000
- 3883 California Way** Kliss Trust to A. Dehope for \$348,000
- 2054 College Avenue** N. Goodacre to S. Harwood for \$285,000
- 775 Del Mar Avenue** W. Shepperd to Patrick Lyman & Associates for \$290,000
- 5294 Felicia Avenue** C. Davis to H. & R. Day for \$535,000
- 1539 Frederick Michael Way** T. & J. Pratt to Bishop Trust for \$850,000
- 883 Geraldine Street** Gresho Trust to K. & J. Duprel for \$435,000
- 542 Hanover Street** R. Elvidge to D. & J. Murray for \$440,000
- 3825 Harvard Way** JP Morgan Chase Bank to T. Tanihara for \$306,000
- 2988 Kennedy Street** J. & M. Kelly to T. & A. Micu for \$250,000
- 5289 Kisa Court** W. & J. Boutwell to A. & A. Aguirre for \$455,500
- 5248 Lilac Avenue** F. & A. Moufarrej to T. & A. Ferrick for \$275,000
- 15 Meritage Common #202** Banc of America Funding to K. & L. Coon for \$246,000
- 949 Mocho Street** J. Feldman to S. & T. Cunningham for \$485,000
- 1068 Norfolk Road** A. & A. Coffey to J. & E. Fernandes for \$328,000
- 5686 Oakmont Circle** Aurora Loan Services to D. Soares for \$280,000
- 1830 Pine Street** R. Shectman to E. Fajardo for \$300,000
- 4146 Pinon Way** L. & L. Coppa to M. Saric for \$299,000
- 1246 Rolling Hills Court** S. & D. Carr to M. & J. Newman for \$475,000
- 6154 Sunnybrook Way** M. Papedis to T. & G. Williams for \$366,500
- 105 Turquoise Way** Wells Fargo Bank to S. Zhang for \$425,000
- 2233 Tuscan Circle** Felker-Newmark Trust to Kurtzer Trust for \$950,000
- 2340 Vintage Lane** T. & P. Nigg to R. & B. Witherspoon for \$1,245,000
- 350 Wood Street #206** V. Alvarez to J. Flores for \$299,000

Pleasanton

- 2506 Arlotta Place** Heppner Trust to A. & S. Cheng for \$1,375,000
- 5107 Bianco Court** S. & G. Wise to S. & K. Bhatawadekar for \$590,000

- 7860 Canyon Meadow Circle #G** A. Olwin to E. Demaciel for \$312,000
- 3947 Churchill Drive** Keegan Trust to S. Kennedy for \$633,000
- 3650 Locke Court** J. & K. Rowland to J. & J. Rowland for \$1,110,000
- 2832 Longspur Way** Languemi Trust to S. Parker for \$887,500
- 3715 Oak Brook Court** C. & C. Carlson to K. Mills for \$555,000
- 4446 Seminole Way** Apex Real Estate Investment Fund to K. Miller for \$313,500
- 431 Trebbiano Place** Hickock Trust to A. Krasnoriatsev for \$999,000
- 7505 Trotter Way** Johnson Trust to R. Marathe for \$727,000
- 3631 Vine Street** R. & R. Hempy to M. & Q. Welpott for \$477,000
- 733 Vineyard Terrace** R. & C. Daoust to J. & K. Pennella for \$1,245,000

San Ramon

- 3172 Ashbrook Lane** A. & R. Narducci to Z. Han for \$855,000
- 3288 Barons Lane** R. & A. Masilang to T. Ha for \$710,000
- 7116 Briza Loop** E. Chan to S. England for \$438,000
- 9623 Camassia Way** Bank of America to Y. Wang for \$548,000
- 2252 Camino Ramon** Vineyard Christian Fellowship to Canyon Creek Korean Church for \$2,000,000
- 5078 Champion Drive** J. & I. Deyong to S. Tenneti for \$810,000
- 226 Canyon Creek Court** C. Zavala to F. Pulido for \$500,000
- 2135 Canyon Lakes Drive** Kish Trust to B. Smith for \$625,000
- 1335 Canyon Side Avenue** Walsh Trust to Rowe Trust for \$648,500
- 206 Canyon Woods Way #C** Integrity Investment Group to Lee Trust for \$275,000
- 319 Caraway Court** S. & J. Berg to D. & S. Pan for \$879,000
- 30 Centennial Way** Pruett Trust to P. & J. Mendonca for \$650,000
- 43 Centennial Way** M. & K. Stapley to E. & L. Yousenasna for \$640,000
- 108 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to M. Mozahhabian for \$383,000
- 53 Dos Rios Court** K. Dunn to E. Wong for \$723,500
- 2559 Dos Rios Drive** Solutions 4 Real Estate to K. & K. Anderson for \$550,000
- 20 Eagle Lake Place #31** Sax Trust to Greenland Trust for \$520,000
- 2601 Fountainhead Drive** Department of Housing to D. & B. Singh for \$260,000
- 3236 Glencoe Circle** K. & T. Kelley to S. & S. Gadam for \$1,020,000
- 206 Knightsbridge Court** T. Nguyen to Y. Liu for \$925,000
- 2004 Lemonwood Court** Shapell Industries to T. Nikolskaya for \$963,500
- 3747 Norris Canyon Road** Chevron Credit Union to G. Bellini for \$370,000
- 2532 Piccadilly Circle** S. & B. Dalton to D. & E. Fowler for \$873,000
- 2628 Shadow Mountain Drive** S. Fleming to D. & G. Glantz for \$310,000
- 216 Stone Pine Lane** K. Bradley to S. Amin for \$275,000
- 2103 Watermill Road** R. & S. Korinke to P. & A. Parikh for \$575,000
- 14 Winding Creek Way** US Bank to H. & V. Vansosen for \$1,180,000
- 33 Winslow Place** Harvey Trust to S. & K. Dameron for \$490,000
- 772 Winterside Circle** Snider Trust to M. & V. Buggle for \$470,000
- 2801 Yosemite Avenue** H. Kim to R. & K. Cushing for \$400,000

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Pleasanton Market Update – Pending Sales Surge in May

Shrugging off the negative national news on real estate, the Pleasanton real estate market surged in May. Pending sales of single family detached homes skyrocketed in May to the highest level here since July 2005, making up for the dip we saw in April. Homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million lead the way with a 300% increase in pending sales. Sales of homes priced under \$1 million also showed strength, with a 50% increase over April. Inventory was mostly stable across market segments.

Overall, there were 85 pending sales in May, an 81% increase (38 units) over April's 47 pending sales. Inventory increased by only four units, from 188 in April to 192 in May. The strong sales gains drove relative inventory down. There was 2.3 months of inventory available relative to pending sales in May, compared to 4.0 months in April.

Pending sales of homes priced under \$1 million posted very strong gains in May. There were 57 pending sales in this seg-

ment in May, compared to 38 in April, an increase of 50%. Inventory increased by seven homes, or 6%, from 114 at the end of April to 121 at the end of May. Inventory relative to pending sales fell to 2.1 months in May, from 3.0 months in April. This segment accounted for 67% of pending >> **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**



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\$1,700,000's



COMING SOON!
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\$700,000's



COMING SOON!
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\$600,000's



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\$1,785,000



JUST SOLD!
Fabulous estate home with 6 BR + loft & office/rec room, 5 BTH, 4 car garage, stone flooring, dream kitchen, and 1.1 acre lot with pool, sports court, outdoor kitchen and views!
\$1,840,000



JUST SOLD!
Fabulous luxury single story home with 4 BR, 2 1/2 BTH, 3 car garage, hardwood floors, upgraded kitchen, and fabulous flat .57 acre lot with pool, spa, and detached guest house & wine cellar.
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1549 MAPLE LEAF DRIVE, PLEASANTON
Highly upgraded four bedroom, plus bonus/teen room, three bathrooms. Approximately 2,541 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinets & stainless steel appliances. Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, upgraded carpet & remodeled master bath. Newer interior paint. Three car garage. Completely re-landscaped private rear grounds with built-in BBQ/kitchen, custom fire pit/sitting area, slate patio, garden and play areas. Tile roof. Convenient to downtown, neighborhood park and award-winning schools! **OFFERED AT \$919,000**

FOOTHILL KNOLLS



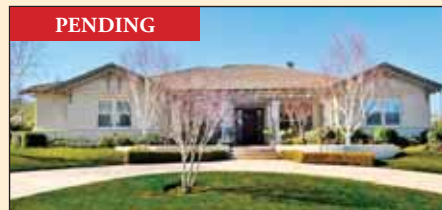
7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON
Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2150 square feet. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinetry and high end European appliances. Hardwood flooring, French doors, vaulted ceilings, newer windows, newer tile roof. Master suite includes custom built-in closet/dresser area, French doors to rear grounds, private bathroom with dual sinks. Very private professionally landscaped rear grounds, with no rear neighbors. Recently re-plastered and tiled pool/spa with new equipment. Built-in kitchen/BBQ island with refrigerator. Mature trees, patios and lawn areas. **OFFERED AT \$949,000**

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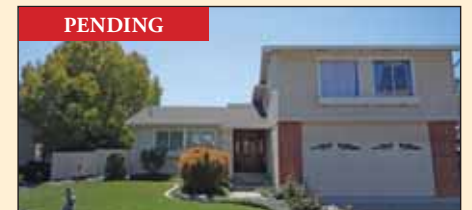
4355 CAMPINIA PLACE, PLEASANTON
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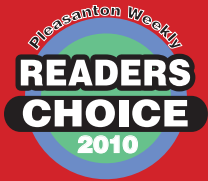
SAN RAMON



215 KITTELY PLACE, SAN RAMON
Excellent quiet court location. Four bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2008 square feet. Spacious kitchen, large living room & family rooms. Lots of picture windows for viewing & natural light, vaulted ceilings. Spacious master suite with retreat and his & hers closets. Newer roof. Large rear yard with two patios (one covered), covered side yard access. Large 6,958 square foot lot. Walk to Walt Disney Elementary, Pine Valley Middle School, California High School and great neighborhood parks. Great curb appeal. **OFFERED AT \$549,000**

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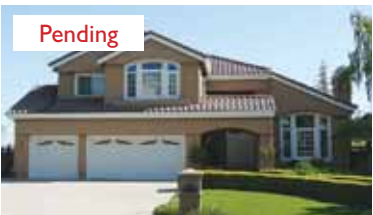


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Pending

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