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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

John Taylor, physical education teacher at Walnut Grove Elementary School, celebrates start of Fun Day, his program to keep kids physically fit while also having a good time.

Teaching P.E. one flashmob at a time

With obesity fast becoming one of America's major health problems, John Taylor, the physical education teacher at Walnut Grove Elementary School is trying to do something about it — at least locally. Last Friday, he single-handedly taught over 600 children in the first through fifth grades at his school the dance to Michael Jackson's song, "Thriller", and then pulled off the biggest surprise in the school's history.

As first-year Principal (and former Foothill High vice principal) Jon Vranesh walked onto the playground thinking he was to address a rally, the kids all dropped onto the tarmac. Then as Michael Jackson's "Thriller" boomed from the loudspeakers, they rose in waves of bodies and moved into a stirring flashmob performance that had been carefully choreographed and practiced in Taylor's PE classes for several weeks. More than 150 parents, many with video cameras in hand, applauded and recorded the 10 minute spectacle that was as good as they come.

That started the second annual Fun Day at Walnut Grove, where Taylor brings together his 90 minutes of PE time he has each week with Walnut Grove students into a daylong, costume event that has kids running laps for pledges and smiling all the way. Last year, the event raised \$50,000 for the school, which hopes more will be the result of last week's event.

Fitness is an obsession for Taylor who believes that if we can encourage elementary school-age children

to exercise and develop healthy eating habits, the dire predictions that 30-40% of Americans in the coming years will be dangerously obese might be avoided. He admits that he has an advantage at Walnut Grove where more than 80% of the kids are in soccer clubs, Little League, dance troupes and more. Still, as much as he hopes his healthy living messages get carried home, he finds many parents bringing cupcakes to school for birthday parties. Few children want to celebrate their birthday with a sliced apple, he laments.

Always physically fit himself, Taylor planned to pursue a career as a PE instructor when he graduated from San Ramon Valley High School in 1974. After spending a few years in sales, he returned to CalState Hayward (now CalState East Bay) for a teaching credential and PE certificate, joining the Walnut Grove faculty 15 years ago.

Kids weren't distracted by smart phones and Game Boys in those days with more of them heading outdoors for sandlot baseball. Even television sets were generally in the family room only. Now with cell phones, laptops and a laundry list of other technology options, he says many of his students spend more time "alone," punching iPhone keys even as they walk with friends. Except for organized sports, they're exercising less.

Besides teaching students about the need to keep their bodies physically fit, he also has a message he'll ask them to take home to the rest of their families when they leave school for summer vacation on June 8:

"Remember that you'll have to run 100 yards just to burn off the calories from eating just one M&M — not a package, just one." Now there's something for all of us to remember. ■

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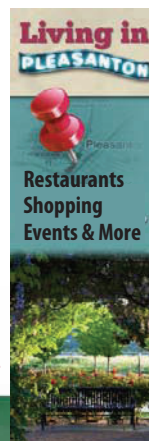
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Streetwise

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What made this a fun run?



Grace Lozano
First-grader

I ran 18 laps and I raised ten bucks for my school. We did a flash mob for Mr. Vranesh and I practiced for a long time. I told my parents that I needed to eat a big breakfast so that I was ready to run, so they made me oatmeal and toast. We decorated ourselves in our classroom. It was really fun.

Janet Grell

Fun Run co-coordinator/stay-at-home mom

Watching everyone show their school spirit and come together as a community to raise much-needed funds for our children made this a very fun run.



Christopher Reese
Fifth-grader

It's all about raising money and running together. I got a lot of exercise and more muscles. I've been excited about today for two weeks, and I loved coloring my shirt and making over \$200 for my school.

Kristy Palfalvi

Nurse

I really enjoyed the entire event. My kids' enthusiasm was contagious, and my husband and I have been almost as excited as they have been for weeks. The students were able to raise money for their school in a positive, healthy way, and it was great to see their proud faces at the end of the run. The Thriller flash mob was a great surprise.



Alex Stokoe
Third-grader

I liked dressing up and running around the track. I raised \$59 because I ran 19 laps. It was good for our bodies and fun to run with my friends.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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DIGEST

Just in time for Mother's Day

The 72nd annual Pleasanton Rose Show will be held Saturday at the Senior Center.

Pleasanton rose-growers will bring the best from their gardens to a community rose show to be enjoyed and judged.

The show dates back to the 1930s when banker Harry Harding gave his customers rose bushes in appreciation for their business, and customers would bring back blooms in the springtime for him.

That inspired Harding to start the Pleasanton Rose Show, which eventually outgrew the bank and moved to other venues including the Century House on Santa Rita.

The women, Leslie Faught, Marti Gilbert and Joyce Jones, are Alain Pinel Realtors, and that firm also sponsors the show. This year the city of Pleasanton has joined in.

Mamma Mia!

Village High School kids will turn the school's multipurpose room into an Italian restaurant on May 24 for the fourth annual pasta feed.

Village usually sells advance tickets for the meal, which includes lasagna, salad, garlic bread, cookies and lemonade. This year, meals will be sold at the door on a first-come, first-served basis, although takeout will be available for people who want to eat at home.

The money goes to support Village activities and student incentives and rewards.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for students, seniors and kids. Village also does a special delivery to senior citizens through the Pleasanton Senior Center. The event will be from 4 to 7 p.m. at the school, 4645 Bernal Avenue.

Housing seminar

The Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center (TVHOC) will provide information on free housing services available to employees of area businesses at a seminar from 9 to 11:30 a.m. next Wednesday in the Pleasanton Firehouse Arts Center.

The HOC has invited businesses and human resources professionals throughout the Tri-Valley to participate. The meeting is open to the public as well.

The TVHOC was established in 2005 as an outgrowth of more than a decade of collaboration on workforce and affordable housing issues by the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and the Town of Danville.

For more information, contact Milly Seibel, executive director, at info@tvhoc.org.

Investigation continues in shooting deaths

Autopsies inconclusive; lab results pending in deaths of mother and daughter

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The two victims in Monday night's shooting in the 3200 block of Stacey Court were shot once in the head, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Office.

Preliminary results indicate that 13-year-old Ainsley Freeman did not shoot herself. The coroner's report said it was "unclear" whether 37-year-old Amy Freeman Burton's wound was self-inflicted, adding, "that is not being ruled out."

The bullets recovered from both victims are consistent with those found in the handgun that was located near the two, one of two unregistered pistols found in a search of the home Monday night.

"Little was gleaned from the autopsy," said Pleasanton police Lt. Jeff Bretzing.

Lab results are needed to confirm whether the handgun found nearest the victims was actually involved. Police said those results and other key evidence may not be available until some time next week.

"Until that time, we are unable to determine the exact nature of the shootings and investigators will continue to follow up on all leads," a news release said. "Christopher Burton, the husband of Amy Freeman Burton and stepfather of Ainsley Freeman, remains cooperative in this investigation."

Christopher Burton told investigators they obtained the guns from his brother in Arizona.

A news release Tuesday said Burton told police his wife had recently become paranoid as a result of an incident regarding Ainsley. He said he and his wife reported to the Pleasanton Police and the FBI in February of this year that Ainsley was in communication via text messages with a suspicious male located in the state of Kentucky.

However, an investigation launched by the Pleasanton Police Department and the FBI re-

vealed the individual was a 16-year-old male and that the activity did not constitute a criminal violation.

"We have no reason to believe at this time there is any connection between this earlier report and the shooting deaths," Bretzing said.

Police received a call to the home at around 6 p.m., Bretzing said in his initial briefing on the double slaying Monday night.

"Officers, upon arriving, encountered 37-year-old Amy Freeman Burton who had a fatal gunshot wound," Bretzing said. "They also encountered her 13-year-old daughter, Ainsley Freeman who had also been shot. Ainsley was taken to Eden Trauma Center in Castro Valley, where she succumbed to her injuries."

A warrant was written so police could search the house and as of midnight Monday, the search had just begun.

The 13-year-old was an eighth grade student at Hart Middle School.

"Our hearts go out to the friends and family,"

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Amy Freeman Burton



JEB BING

More than 200 attended Monday night's City Council hearing in the Firehouse Arts Center on Walmart's application to open a Neighborhood Market here.

Sullivan again blocks final vote on Walmart grocery store

Procedural move at end of 3-hour public postpones vote to May 15 City Council meeting

By JEB BING

Pleasanton City Councilman Matt Sullivan single-handedly blocked a final vote Monday night on a measure that would have allowed Walmart to open one of its Neighborhood Markets at the site of the long-vacant Nob Hill supermarket on Santa Rita Road.

Using a procedural rule that allows any member of the council to postpone a vote until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Sullivan waited until the end of a three-hour public hearing in a crowded Firehouse Arts Theater auditorium to make his bid.

More than 200 attended the hearing, held at the Firehouse Theater because the council chambers at the Pleasanton Civic Center were considered too small to accommodate the expected large crowd.

A total of 49 from the audience addressed the council, with just under half supporting Walmart while many of the others wore "No to Walmart"

stickers. Some of those identified themselves as Safeway store employees who said a Walmart grocery store could result in less business for Safeway and other Pleasanton markets and cause employee reductions at those stores.

Although Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio, Cindy McGovern and Jerry Thorne supported Walmart, arguing the store had the right to re-open on the already-approved old Nob Hill site, they will have to wait until the council meeting on May 15 to actually cast their votes.

At that meeting, scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at 200 Old Bernal Ave., Hosterman is expected to re-open the public hearing. Comments could again be made at that meeting although it is possible that the process will move more quickly with a 4-1 vote to allow Walmart to open here, with Sullivan expected to cast the lone negative vote.

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Pentin to seek election to City Council

First to file in election that will replace two current council members, city's mayor

Pleasanton businessman and city Planning Commissioner Jerry Pentin announced this week that he will seek election to the City Council in the Nov. 6 municipal election.

So far, Pentin is the only candidate in an election when two council seats will be filled as both council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan complete eight years on the council and must step down.

Two other council members, Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne, are seeking election to the mayor's post, aiming to succeed Mayor Jennifer Hosterman who must also step down this year due to term limits.

Pentin is serving his fourth year on the Pleasanton Planning Commission and also is vice chairman of the city's Bicycle Pedestrian Trails Committee and is a member of the Downtown Hospitality Guidelines task force.

Pentin owns Spring Street Studios, a video production company that produces corporate videos as well as special videos for nonprofits. These have included videos for the Veterans Memorial Building and for the Firehouse Arts Center as well as numerous other videos produced for the community.

Pentin's wife Josine is an engineer who manages projects on the Knowledge Base Team at Juniper Networks. Their daughter Joi is a graduate of Amador Valley High School and currently attends UC Berkeley, where she is a member of the Women's golf team that recently won the Pac12 championship.

Pentin's volunteer work includes numerous community activities. He served as president of Pleasanton North Rotary; co-founded a Pleasanton-based charity of cyclists titled "Cycling for a Cause" that raises thousands of dollars for

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Jerry Pentin

Veteran prosecutor placed on leave for violating attorney-client privilege

Allegedly asked deputies to tape private conversation at Santa Rita Jail

An Alameda County prosecutor has been placed on administrative leave after allegedly violating attorney-client privilege at Santa Rita Jail.

The deputy district attorney in question has not been named by officials but a source has confirmed her as Danielle London.

"It was a homicide case that was assigned to this prosecutor. Apparently the assistant prosecu-

tor ordered that a conversation between the defendant and a defense expert to be taped. That act violated the attorney-client privilege," said Teresa Drenick, spokeswoman for the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Drenick said the matter was a personnel issue, which prohibits the name of the person involved from being released. She outlined a timeline of the events, explain-

ing that the prosecutor arranged for the conversation to be taped on April 19, and the trial began the following Monday, April 23.

"On Tuesday, the next day, in open court the prosecutor disclosed to the defense attorney, whose name is Jo Ann Kingston and to the judge that this conversation had been recorded and provided a copy of the recording," Drenick said. Kingston

"promptly and properly objected to the taping and the judge ruled the tape would not be admitted."

"The next morning the DA, Nancy O'Malley, learned of this taping," Drenick continued. "Her response was swift and appropriate. She immediately ordered the prosecutor to be removed from the case and to be placed on administrative leave."

Drenick said a new prosecutor,

one who hadn't heard the tape, was brought in to cover the case, and the tape was ordered sealed.

"By immediately removing her original prosecutor and by ordering the tape itself to be sealed, the DA's office was able to handle the case in a manner that protected the rights of the defendant, the victim's family and the public," she said. ■

—Glenn Wohlmann

SHOOTINGS

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Hart Middle School Principal Terry Conde wrote in a statement. "Using the example set by our students, it is important that we continue to come together as a Hart community."

Conde estimated that 50 students at Hart asked for counseling on Tuesday. Freeman was said to have been an excellent student at both that school and schools she

attended in Missouri, where the family lived before relocating here.

Amy Freeman Burton's mother, Linda Walp of Chesterfield, Mo., said her daughter and granddaughter had moved to Pleasanton late last year after Christopher Burton found a job.

Cyndy Bormann, a counseling secretary at Hart, said that all student counselors in the Pleasanton Unified School District will likely be there through the week as needed.

"We are focusing on taking care of our students, she said. "We will be providing grief counseling to all students. We have additional counselors on site."

Pleasanton Middle School Principal John Whitney said his school and Harvest Park Middle School sent counselors to help the three at Hart.

"Our counselors have all been dispatched to assist with the students and staff to help them get through this," Whitney said. ■

No busts in drug sweep

By Glenn Wohlmann

The first use of drug-sniffing dogs at Pleasanton high schools took place earlier this month at Foothill High and led to no arrests, but did turn up some drug paraphernalia, according to Principal John Dwyer.

"We swept part of the junior parking lot and the boys' locker room," Dwyer said.

The sweep took place during third period, between 10 and 11 a.m. on Friday May 4 and took about an hour. Although the dogs alerted several times, no drugs were found.

"We located a couple of pieces of paraphernalia (that was) actually found in a bush," Dwyer said. "I think it's already being a deterrent."

Dwyer also praised the police department for the way officers

handled the sweep.

"The police were fantastic. They were very professional," he said, adding that they kept the safety and respect for students in their minds.

Police can use the dogs to search parking lots and gym lockers but must keep the dogs from coming in contact with students, which Dwyer said was done.

The Pleasanton School Board approved drug detection dogs at the three high school campuses in January, although the board didn't approve its policy, which would allow the dogs to be used, until the end of February.

"We worked with the police department and the school district to determine dates that would be appropriate," Dwyer said. ■

Native American skull in limbo

It seems, for the moment at least, that no one is researching how a Native American skull landed at Pleasanton's recycling center.

The skull was found Friday morning. Pleasanton police received a call from the city's transfer station on Busch Road of a found human skull. Photos of the skull were forwarded to a forensic anthropologist after an initial contact with the corner's office, and it was determined to be Native American remains.

That led the Native American Heritage Commission to step in, and Pleasanton Police were told they had no jurisdiction in the case.

However, Debbie Treadway, an environmental specialist with the NAHC, said her organization isn't

investigating the incident either.

"We have the mandate to designate a most likely descendant when Native American remains are found," Treadway said. "We have asked somebody if they could pick up the skull and rebury it."

That leaves unanswered questions about how the skull came to be at the recycling center in the first place — whether it was intentionally or accidentally mixed with other items — and whether other remains are in the area.

Police said the skull likely came in on one of three recycling trucks on May 3, making pinpointing where it came from difficult at best.

—Glenn Wohlmann



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Some 20,000 Girl Scouts from across the world gathered at the Alameda Fairgrounds last weekend as the organization celebrates its 100th year. The sold-out event began with Friday's arrival of 4,000 campers; gates opened on Saturday morning for the one-day event, which was two years in the planning and drew 2,000 volunteers.

Girl Scouts are about more than cookies: Activities included a BB gun range, an archery range, an animal area and petting zoo, an obstacle course, rock climbing, a zipline and a ton of arts and crafts.

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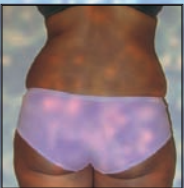
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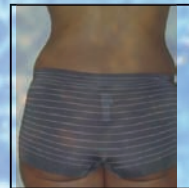
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PUSD reaches deal with teachers union, issues layoffs

Deal might help restore programs cut from 2012-13

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

The same night the Pleasanton School Board recognized May 9 as the "Day of the Teacher," it voted to lay off the equivalent of more than 55 full-time employees.

The layoffs are necessary to balance the district's budget; by state law the notices must go out on or before May 15. More positions were to have been eliminated, but the remainder came from retirements, resignations, unpaid leaves of absence and job-sharing among employees, according to Bill Faraghan, assistant superintendent of human resources.

"We had to prepare to have 70 fewer people in order to balance the budget," Faraghan said.

Teachers are the hardest hit, with the equivalent of about 42 positions cut. However, many of those are full-time equivalents, which means an employee may lose a portion, but not all, of his or her hours. The equivalent of 7.6 counseling jobs will be cut, although some of the counselors

will be job sharing, and the district will cut the equivalent of 5.2 physical education positions as well.

Some of those may be brought back thanks to a tentative agreement between the district and the Association of Pleasanton Teachers (APT). That agreement includes up to four days of furloughs, triggered if the state reduces its base revenue limit (BRL) — what the district gets per year, per child — by specific amounts. For example, if the state reduces the BRL by between \$243 to \$274, teachers will get one furlough day, and will get a second day furlough if the BRL gets cut from between \$275 to \$306. If all four furlough days are triggered — at a BRL reduction between \$339 and \$370 — the district would save a total of \$1.44 million.

Furlough days notwithstanding, all the cuts are continuations of prior agreements, including increasing class sizes at middle and high schools, saving \$880,000, and the

continued suspension of stipends for the teacher support and training advisory committee, saving \$15,000.

If the furlough days were not part of the agreement with APT, the agreement would cost the district an extra \$380,000. The furlough days will offset the expenses for teacher training, where they can receive \$250 for six hours of training for up to three days a year, a maximum of \$750 per teacher.

Still, the agreement will allow the district to start to restore some of what it cut from the 2012-13 school year, and board members are looking forward to that.

"For people who talk about 'magic money,' this is magic money," said Board Member Jeff Bowser. "We'll be able to restore some programs in upcoming meetings."

Board President Joan Laursen said she was particularly happy with the relationship between the district and its two unions. She noted that the Alameda school dis-

trict is at an impasse with its unions and that teachers in San Francisco have authorized a strike if they do not get a pay increase.

The district has yet to finalize an agreement with its other union, the California Service Employee Association, although that union has later layoff dates. Coincidentally, the board recognized May 20 to 26 as Classified Employees Week.

In other financial matters, state revenue figures are down nearly \$3 billion from Gov. Jerry Brown's projections, and that could have a major impact on school funding.

Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, said the next set of figures will be released on May 14, in what's known as the iMay revise.1

"The governor will likely have to revise his budget (to account for the shortfall, and for projections that run into the next fiscal year)," Cazares said. "We'll just have to see how much that shortfall will grow."

Board Member Chris Grant urged people to vote for Brown's

proposed tax increase on the November ballot.

The board voted to spend \$256,000 on programs for English language learners at Valley View Elementary, which is under a mandate to improve tests scores for some subgroups, and to spend \$12,000 to train teachers there.

"This is really not an option," said Jane Golden, director of curriculum and special projects, explaining that schools that fall into the program improvement category are required to use the latest edition of programs available.

The board also accepted a donation of nearly \$723,000 from the Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation. That money is to go to funding music programs.

The district will also consider adding an honors chemistry course for students interested in pursuing a career in science. That course will have no cost to the district because it will use current textbooks and shift the teacher from one regular chemistry class to the honors class. ■

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PENTIN

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Pleasanton high school civic activities; assisted in the renovation of Kaleidoscope for disabled children

in Dublin and has helped many charities such as Bridge of Opportunity, an organization supporting foster children and at-risk children with college scholarships.

—Jeb Bing

WALMART

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Monday night's meeting actually was to hear an appeal by Sullivan of earlier decisions by the council and, before that, by the city's Planning Commission, to accept the recommendation of the city zoning administrator who found that Walmart's proposed Neighborhood Market will have the same "footprint" of the Nob Hill store, which gained approval to operate a full service supermarket in 1982. Except for a name change and the addition of a pharmacy, the Walmart market will meet all of the requirements of the 1982 planned unit development approval, which goes with the property.

In an effort to further delay the Walmart application, Sullivan also cited recent national reports of bribery charges against the global retailer in Mexico and possibly other countries. He asked the council to support his bid to halt further consideration of the Walmart application until city staff could investigate the charges and determine if Walmart financial backing through the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce political action committee had improperly influenced Pleasanton elections as well.

Others on the council declined to support his request for an investigation.

Although there were a few catcalls and loud chuckles from the audiences Monday night, the public hearing was mostly orderly as speaker after speaker went to floor microphones in the Firehouse auditorium to comment on the Walmart bid, or more precisely, on the motion to deny

Sullivan's appeal of the council's early approval of the Neighborhood Market. Few, as one speaker, Brad Hirst, noted actually spoke to the issue: Does Walmart have the right to reopen a market in the same building already approved for a grocery store at the Nob Hill site?

Addressing the council, he said: "The core issue here is do you as a city have the right and authority to tell people where they can shop or not shop? Once you say you have that authority and control, there's no end to it."

Another speaker said, "Walmart is not relevant. The tenant in this supping center is not relevant. The application is consistent with the zoning ordinance and there's been no evidence presented tonight to rebut that."

Generally, the comments supporting the Walmart bid focused on the right of businesses to locate on pre-approved zoning sites regardless of the name of the store, with speakers pointing out the if this was an application by Whole Foods or another less controversial retailer, there would be no hesitation by city officials to grant an occupancy permit.

For those opposed to Walmart, their comments were much along those lines: opposition to the non-union retailer which they claimed pays below-scale wages and offers minimum to no health benefits for many of its employees who work only part-time.

But Walmart representatives at the hearing disputed that. Several said they started their careers at Walmart and have achieved management positions with good salaries and benefits. ■

Weekly wins awards in state competition

Paper honored by California publishers

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Weekly has been recognized by the California Newspaper Publishers Association for articles on a wide range of topics in 2011.

The Weekly won second place in the CNPA's prestigious Best Writing competition for a story written by reporter Glenn Wohltmann, "Guilty! Three years later, tragic tale of greed and murder ends with son's conviction." Dennis Miller was also honored in the Best Sports story category for his story, "Softball star learns sports lessons while recovering."

The newspaper also received three Certificates of Achievement for two other stories, also written by Wohltmann: "Raising money, one door at a time," and "Family shrinks its carbon footprint," in the Coverage of Environment category.

Managing Editor Dolores Ciardelli was honored with a Certificate of Achievement in the Lifestyle

Coverage category for her Lifestyle sections on Aug. 26 and Oct. 14, 2011.

These Certificate of Achievement awards are given to the top 10% of entries in the CNPA Better Newspapers Contest that advanced to the final Blue Ribbon judging competition.

The "Better Newspaper Contest" awards are based on circulation categories for daily and weekly publications. The Pleasanton Weekly competes with other California weekly newspapers in the 11,001-25,000 circulation category.

The Weekly's sister papers on the Peninsula and in Marin County also took home honors.

The Palo Alto Weekly, which competes in a higher circulation category, took home a record 11 first- and second-place awards, including best website. Its website, www.PaloAltoOnline.com, placed first for the third year in a row, having won in 2009 and 2010 as

well. Its news staff garnered seven first-place awards, including for coverage of the death of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, competing against other large non-daily papers in California.

The Pleasanton Weekly's other sister papers — the Almanac in south San Mateo County and the Mountain View Voice — picked up another three awards between them. The Pacific Sun received two second-place awards.

Founded in 1979 by Publisher Bill Johnson, the Palo Alto Weekly and the other weekly newspapers and web sites that followed, including Express editions, serve communities on the Peninsula, East Bay and in Marin County.

The California Newspaper Publishers Association is a nonprofit trade association for more than 800 publications. Founded in 1888, it represents daily and weekly newspapers and news websites throughout California. ■

Safeway names Edwards as new president

Company's EVP Larree Renda gains broader responsibilities

Pleasanton-based Safeway Inc. this week named Robert Edwards as its new president.

Edwards, 56, has served as Safeway's executive vice president and chief financial officer since 2004. He will continue as the CFO until a successor is named to the position.



Robert Edwards

As president, he will have overall responsibility for Safeway's retail operations, marketing, merchandising, corporate brands, manufacturing, distribution and finance functions.

"Robert is one of those unusual executives with a strong command of both the financial and operational sides of our business," said Safeway Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Steve Burd.

"His deep engagement with our operations and marketing units while he has been CFO will make for

a seamless transition to Robert's new role," Burd added. "His assumption of these new duties provides me an opportunity to concentrate more of my time on innovation and a range of strategic initiatives that will drive core and non-core business growth in the long term."

The company also announced that Larree Renda, 53, executive vice president, will assume additional responsibilities for real estate (including Property Development Centers) and information technology, which adds to her current duties managing human resources and labor relations, strategic initiatives, corporate social responsibility, government relations, public affairs and Safeway Health.

"We are taking one of our most productive and talented executives and broadening her duties to include oversight of two key functions," Burd said. "Both of these changes to our management structure will further strengthen our senior team and our ability to deliver sustainable growth."

Before joining Safeway, Edwards

served as executive vice president and chief financial officer at Maxtor Corporation, and was senior vice president and chief financial officer at Imation Corporation. Prior to that, he had a 20-year career at Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corporation and its affiliates.

He currently serves on the Boards of Blackhawk Network Holdings, Inc., Casa Ley, S.A. de C.V., Safeway's joint venture in Mexico, and KKR Financial Holdings LLC.

Renda began her career at retail with Safeway in 1974. After progressing through the store ranks, she joined the corporate team in 1991 as vice president of Retail and advanced through a succession of more senior leadership roles to her current position as EVP. She chairs the Safeway Foundation board of directors and serves on the board of Casa Ley. She is also on the board of HSBC Finance Corporation and HSBC North America Holdings Inc. She also is a trustee on the National Joint Labor Management Committee. ■

Cooper to announce 2nd quarter results June 7

Pleasanton-based firm has 7,000 employees worldwide

The Cooper Companies, Inc., a Pleasanton-based global medical device company, will release second quarter 2012 financial results on at 1 p.m. (4 p.m. Eastern) June 7.

Following the release, the company will host a conference call and live webcast with investors and analysts at 2 p.m. (5 p.m.

Eastern) to discuss the results and current corporate developments. The dial in number is +1-866-713-8307. The passcode is 53347242.

This call will also be broadcast live on the company's website, www.cooperco.com.

A transcript will be available on the website following the conference call.

A replay will be available approximately two hours after the call ends until Thursday, June 14. The dial in number for the replay is +1-888-286-8010.

Headquartered in Pleasanton, Cooper has over 7,000 employees with products sold in over 100 countries. For more information, visit www.cooperco.com. ■

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Advice from Jack LaLanne

By Jim Evans

DEAR JIM: I have always tried to take care of myself by exercising regularly and eating a balanced diet, but I find it becoming more difficult. Increasing responsibilities, the lack of time, and the growing infirmities of age seem to be taking their toll and making it harder to stay on track with my efforts to stay healthy and fit. I'm only 40 but find myself failing more often than not. Any suggestions? DISCOURAGED IN DALY CITY



DEAR DISCOURAGED: Congratulations on your efforts so far and for recognizing how the everyday realities of life can sometimes work against you. I'm sure that even fitness legend Jack LaLanne would have applauded you for trying. At the same time, he probably would have chided you for making excuses too. Jack could have easily cited the same excuses that you have proffered. Why? Because we all have responsibilities, we all have the same number of hours in every day, and we are all growing older. The difference is that Jack made fitness a habit — not a convenience. "I hate getting up every morning to work out," he told me in a conversation several years ago, "but the results are worth it because they improve the quality of my life."

Even shortly before he died of pneumonia last year at age 96, Jack exercised every morning at 5:00 A.M., seven days a week, for approximately two hours. "People say that exercise is easy for me because I've been doing it for so long," he said, "but I've had to work hard to maintain my physical condition." Jack worked to muscle failure on each exercise and changes his routine every 3-4 weeks to stimulate his physical and mental abilities. "Exercise should be a daily habit," says Jack. "Just get up and do it." Jack's lifestyle extended to his eating habits too. He avoided dairy products, grows most of his food organically in his own garden, and raises his own poultry. He supplemented his diet generously with vitamins, particularly antioxidants. "I even enjoy 1-2 glass of wine a day," he said. "Moderation and commonsense are really the keys to a healthy diet."

His thoughts about the state of physical fitness in America? "It is worse than ever," said Jack. "People don't seem to have any pride or discipline anymore. They are looking for the easy way to stay in shape, and there IS no easy way. The older you get, the harder you have to work to stay in shape."

We can't all be Jack LaLanne, of course, but his message was clear: be consistent in following a healthy lifestyle and stop making excuses.

Jim Evans is a 45-year veteran of the health and fitness industry and internationally recognized fitness consultant. He is also a member of the Visionary Board of the International Council on Active Aging. Readers can send their questions to Jim about health, fitness, and quality of life to jime@bayareaaff.com.

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Opinion

GUEST OPINION

By CHERYL COOK-KALLIO

Measure B is good for Pleasanton

On January 26, 2012, The Alameda County Transportation Commission approved a Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) that responds to critical transportation needs in the 21st century. Every City Council and member of the Board of Supervisors in Alameda County supports putting this measure on the November ballot. Our City Council voted 3-2 in support, thus far the only two council members in the entire county to vote no. It was a short-sighted vote. Items it will fund in East County include I-580/I-680 interchange improvements, Bernal Bridge construction and the BART extension to Livermore. There will be improvements to major commute corridors like El Charro Road, which is essential to the development of the Pleasanton East-side Specific Plan. Every transportation priority of this council depends on those funds, especially State Route 84 through Pigeon Pass, the extension of which will help eliminate cut-through traffic in Pleasanton.

In addition the plan ensures continued transportation funding that improves mobility and access to transit. Specifically it will increase funding to Pleasanton for maintenance and upgrades to local streets, specialized programs for seniors and people with disabilities, and bike and pedestrian trails that improve safety. It provides funds for existing programs such as LAVTA Wheels, ACE train and BART.

This vote will continue the funding from this measure in perpetuity, a troublesome concept in the abstract. In reality we will always need funds to improve transportation. The question is one of accountability. ACTC is a Joint Powers Authority that plans, funds and delivers transportation programs. Each



stakeholder in the county has a representative on the commission. ACTC is committed to accountability and transparency. There are annual audits and the Independent Watchdog Committee, (IWC). There are strict project deadlines and performance and accountability measures included in every contract with fund recipients. Importantly, there is geographic equity. The sales tax revenues will benefit every city and transit operators in the county. Finally, the voters will have a check on this funding. Every 20 years the Transportation Expenditure Plan will go through extensive planning and review through the public process culminating in a plan approved by voters at the polls. This Transportation Expenditure Plan will be on this November ballot. If approved this funding measure will extend and augment the existing half-cent sales tax to one cent. It is critical that we support this effort.

ACTC's track record is impressive. Voters approved the first Measure B in 1986 and extended it in November of 2000. All of the major projects approved by the voters in that measure are either underway or complete, 10 years ahead of schedule.

In a time when we can't count on state or federal dollars, we depend on these funds for local and regional traffic improvements, many of which extend beyond city boundaries and are essential to Pleasanton. It is imperative that Pleasanton supports the Transportation Expenditure Plan in November to make our transportation plans a reality.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio is currently in her second term as a Pleasanton City Councilmember. She teaches government and economics and also coaches the We the People Competition Civics team at Irvington High School. She was co-chair of the Hacienda TOD and Housing Element Task Forces, and serves as an alternate on the Alameda County Transportation Commission. Cheryl Cook-Kallio is a candidate for Mayor in the upcoming municipal election on Nov. 6. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Sullivan's desperate move to block Walmart

It seems self-interest and rhetoric have once again undone a potential positive advancement for the Pleasanton community and its residents. Matt Sullivan on Monday cited national reports of bribery charges against global retailer Walmart in Mexico and possibly other countries as an excuse to postpone the final vote on a proposed Walmart Neighborhood Market in Pleasanton. Sullivan asked his colleagues on the City Council to authorize spending time and money to have city staff conduct an investigation to see if the evil Walmart used financial backing through the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce political action committee to influence local elections as well.

Like it or not, the money-under-the-table deals in Mexico and other countries, which, by the way, are accusations, not facts, are the norm in Mexico and many other countries, not only for Walmart but for many business ventures. The key here is "other countries." It is a poor excuse for postponing a vote on a grocery store in Pleasanton that would open at the vacated Nob Hill supermarket site that is already zoned for that type of business. Walmart's store is a perfect fit for that location, will provide a needed service for residents in that neighborhood and, yes, will provide jobs.

In maligning the Pleasanton and questioning the integrity of others on the council whose political campaigns might have been "tainted" by Walmart money, it seems that Sullivan doth protest too much. Could the unions that were well-represented at the meeting Monday have their own treasure chest of funds to reward those whose dissenting votes and procedural obstructions try to discourage Walmart from opening a Pleasanton grocery?

Our hats off to the other council members who saw through this ruse of requesting an investigation and not allowing the idea to even get to a vote. It's a shame that the final vote was delayed; the positives for the residents and the community as a whole far outweigh the small group of self-interested individuals, and one Councilmember. ■

LETTERS

Wants lawsuits considered in Walmart bid

Dear Editor,

I would like to commend the Pleasanton City Council and in particular its mayor for the civil handling of the contentious issue of a Walmart grocery store moving into the former Nob Hill site on May 7th. I attended out of curiosity as a former resident of the Meadows.

It appears that there may be no legal reason for denying Walmart a permit despite the fact it would be an undesirable addition to the community. If this is the case, I suggest a review of the standards for licensing businesses. Communities should be able to have broad control over ensuring that businesses they license adhere to fair business and labor practices. The history of lawsuits, for example, should be a consideration as well as the impact on the community.

Google the words "Walmart sued" and you will get 2,860,000 hits. According to www.walmartlitigation.com/howmany.htm, Walmart is sued 2 to 5 times per day in federal court alone. The suits range from goods falling on customers to sex/age/disability discrimination among its employees, and more recently stockholders over the Mexican bribery scandal. If Pleasanton cannot legally say no to such a corporation, its licensing practice needs to be fixed.

Loise Hamann

Patriot Awards deserving

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your excellent coverage of the two recipients of the 2012 Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards. Each year the nominating committee reviews the nominations submitted by committee members for people who have made a positive difference in the Pleasanton community. This year's awardees, Jan Batcheller and Tony Macchiano, have outstanding records of service.

Friends and family members of Jan and Tony, as well as past award recipients, attended the eighth annual Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards reception on Monday, April 23, at the Museum on Main. Each year Ed Kinney's memory is honored by the presentation of these awards to worthy community members in the hope of inspiring others and motivating them to make a positive difference in Pleasanton.

Jan and Tony can best describe their motivation. Jan says, "I am in debt to this community I believe we should leave our community better than we found it."

Tony similarly says, "I have to give back You just need to help people and the community to be a good place."

The awardees will be introduced to the community at the Fourth of July Celebration in Wayside Park.

As of 2012, Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards and reception are a 501(C)(3) nonprofit under the umbrella of the Tri-Valley Community Foundation.

Barbara Hempl, Communications Committee, CommunityPatriots.org

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OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES

Irma Harmeson

Irma Harmeson, 96, of Pleasanton, died peacefully on January 15, 2012 in Livermore, CA.

Irma was born in 1915 in Sidney, Illinois. In 1938 she received a Business Degree from the University of Illinois. She married Robert H. Harmeson in 1940.

Irma enjoyed being a homemaker, raising her children and spending time with her grand and great-grandchildren. In Illinois, she worked at Western Union, Collegiate Cap and Gown, and sold Fashion Two-Twenty cosmetics. Music was important to her as she played both the piano and organ. She and her husband loved to dance. Throughout her life she was active in community women's organizations, her church, multiple military organizations, and Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity.

Irma and Robert retired to Mesa, AZ where they enjoyed many years of travelling and pursuing their hobby — genealogy. After her husband's death, she moved to California and continued her visits to family and friends.

Irma was preceded in death by her parents; brother; her husband; infant daughter; and son, Leigh.

She is survived by her children: Raynor; Terry; Linda, and Leigh's wife, Janet. She also leaves behind her five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Irma will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sunshine Acres, 3405 N. Higley Road, Mesa, AZ 85215 or www.sunshineacres.org.

Cremation was accorded by Callaghan Mortuary, Livermore. Burial in Illinois will be arranged by Freese Funeral Home, Sidney. A Celebration of Irma's life will be held in May in Illinois.

Michael DeLia

Decorated World War II veteran Michael DeLia died April 19, 2012 at the age of 88.

He was born July 30, 1924 in Watertown, New York and worked professionally as a hospital administrator. He is survived by his wife of 38 years,



Barbara DeLia, of Pleasanton, six of his seven children from a previous marriage, grandchildren and many friends.

Saturday, May 19, 2012. 1:30 p.m. Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton.

The family prefers contributions in his memory to the: Wounded Warriors Eagle Head Cane Project, c/o Tri-Valley Carvers, 452 Leona Dr. Livermore, CA 94550.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

Joann and Rick Lydon

Joann (Doro) and Richard Lydon of Pleasanton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their children, Tony and Annette, and their families last weekend.

The couple met through mutual friends and were married April 28, 1962, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Hawthorne, Calif.

Rick has been retired for several years and spends his time working at the Callippe Golf Course in Pleasanton. Joann has been with Petco in Dublin for the past 14 years. They are members of St. Augustine Catholic Church and actively involved in the Lion's Club. They also spend lots of time watching their two grandsons, Mason and Nick, play sports. They also have a granddaughter named Stephanie.



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Winners — Stephanie and Alyssa Persin



Second Place — Nicole Brown and Linda Zaiss

FAMILY RESEMBLANCE

*Mom-daughter lookalikes
are plentiful in Pleasanton*



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Wonderful photos of moms and daughters of all ages came pouring into our office for this year's Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest. From more than 60 entries, the Pleasanton Weekly staff with great difficulty chose 10 finalist pairs, which were posted online for a week for our readers to vote.

Stephanie and Alyssa Persin won by a landslide, receiving several hundred votes more than those who came in second.

Maybe the Persin offspring helped spread the word: Stephanie and David Persin have seven children ages 10-23, as well as a 1-year-old. Alyssa, 17, is a senior at Foothill High.

"She's the one that most resembles me," Stephanie said.

Not too long ago when Stephanie was driving down the street a neighbor thought it was Alyssa, although she doesn't drive yet, and reported it to Stephanie.

The photo entered was a recent one, said Stephanie.

"During spring break we had all the kids together and took family pictures," she said.

Dad David took photos with the contest in mind, he said, and entered the photo without telling anyone — until the Persins were posted online at www.PleasantonWeekly.com as finalists.

"Alyssa was excited and told her friends," Stephanie said. "They spread the word."

Stephanie and Alyssa will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Whole Foods as their prize.

The second-place winners are Linda Zaiss and her daughter Nicole Brown, who work together at RPM Mortgage in downtown Pleasanton. They won a \$50 gift certificate to Strizzi's Restaurant.

Their photo was also sent in secretly, by Nicole's husband, Willie, who is a teacher and coach at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools.

"Originally they didn't know I sent it in. Once they were in the top 10, I told them," Willie said. "I've seen the contest the last couple of years, and people always said Nicole and her mom looked alike."

"People think she's my sister," Nicole said.

One good thing about the resemblance is that they wear the same size, she added.

"She gets high-end clothes so I go over to her house to share," Nicole said with a laugh.

Linda said that more often recently when she and Nicole meet people they say they look alike.

"That picture was taken on a wine tour the weekend before," Linda said. "When she sent it to Willie, he said, 'You guys look so much alike.'"

Linda said if she'd done the entry she probably would have dressed them in matching outfits. Nonetheless the resemblance comes through.

Nicole and Willie Brown have two little girls, Maddyn, 1-1/2, and Cameryn, 3-1/2. They have blond hair and blue eyes and resemble their dad, Nicole said.

David Persin doesn't think any of their eight children take after him.

"Thankfully they all look like Stephanie," he said. ■

Thank you to all the moms and daughters who entered this year's contest.
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POLICE BULLETIN

More tire slashings

Seven more set of tires were reported slashed, this time on Valley Avenue, according to police reports. The slashing occurred between 6:30 p.m. May 3 and 8 a.m. May 4, all in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue. Two boys were arrested on April 19 in two apparently unrelated set of slashings in the Sutter Gates area on April 10 and 11, and in the Birdland neighborhood April 16 and 17.

Police have made no arrests in the initial set of slashings on March 23 or early March 24. In that case, 28 cars on four streets in the Valley Trails neighborhood

In other police reports:

- A complicated incident involving a distraught woman claiming a man was trying to beat her up, a collision, threatening texts and dueling tasers may lead to an assault charge against a Pleasanton man. That incident took place at about 4:48 a.m. May 4 in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; the suspect's name has not been released, but the case was sent to the district attorney's office for possible charges.

- Brian Goldberg, 29, of Pleasanton, was arrested at about 3 a.m. May 7 for possession of stolen property and auto burglary in the theft of a GPS, a cellphone, sunglasses and about 20 CDs that were taken from a vehicle in the 6300 block of Calle Altamira at about 2:13 a.m. Goldberg, a known burglar, was taken into custody at his home and police discovered the stolen items in his room.

- A May 7 traffic stop led to the arrest of a Livermore man on a fugitive charge. Pablo Murdach, 26, was arrested in an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) violation in a 10:44 a.m. stop at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Inglewood Drive.

- Kelly Pruitt, 29, of Vallejo, arrested for May 5 for felony shoplifting in the theft of two bottles of perfume worth \$223 from J.C. Penny in the Stoneridge Shopping Center. Pruitt, who was taken into custody at about 9:51 p.m. was also wanted on a burglary charge in Napa County.

- Nothing was stolen in a May 7 burglary attempt at Simply Greek restaurant, in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive, although the would-be burglar did manage to remove an entire glass window from its frame. The incident was reported at about 5:29 p.m.

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



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Continued council deliberation and action regarding the appeal by Councilmember Sullivan of the Planning Commission's decision denying the appeal of Angela Joe-Willmes and Linda Martin, thereby upholding the Director of Community Development's approval of a zoning certificate to operate a supermarket as a permitted use within the existing building located at 3112 Santa Rita Road, and within the hours of operation and delivery limits as set forth in the existing Conditions of Approval for PUD-84 (Ordinances 1035, 1165 & 1214 and Planning Commission Resolution 2691)
- Public Hearing: P11-0731, Carl Pretzel (Appellant); Robert Baker (Applicant) – Consider an appeal of a Planning Commission decision approving an Administrative Design Review to construct an approximately 74-foot long fence, varying in height from 72 inches to 83 inches between 3647 and 3633 Glacier Court North
- Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Alameda County to provide water and sewer maintenance services for the Castlewood Service Area for fiscal year 12-13
- Consider the scope, work plan, general schedule and public input process for preparation of an East Pleasanton Specific Plan

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Receive an update on the Pleasanton Paratransit Services
- Approve the Eastern Alameda County 2011 Human Services Needs Assessment Findings Report

Housing Commission

Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of Annual Operating Budget for Kottinger Place for Fiscal Year 2012/13
- Review of Housing Element Program 9.4 Regarding Incentives for Affordable Housing

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:30 am
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- EVC Priorities Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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POLICE REPORT

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

May 1

Vandalism

- 2:42 p.m. in the 3500 block of Valenza Way

May 2

Child molestation

- 4:36 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Auto burglary

- 3:29 p.m. in the 6100 block of Allbrook Circle

Vandalism

- 11:47 a.m. in the 7600 block of Highland Oaks Drive

Alcohol violations

- 7:37 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Blvd and Valley Ave; DUI
- 7:57 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road; public drunkenness, petty theft
- 10:27 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street; public drunkenness

May 3

Theft

- 5:18 a.m. in the 7900 block of Hillsboro Court

Battery

- 12:11 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

- 7:05 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Alcohol violations

- 12:12 a.m. in the 2100 block of Cascara Street; public drunkenness
- 12:36 a.m. in the 600 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 1:26 a.m. in the 4400 block of First Street; DUI
- 4:42 a.m. in the 3800 block of Hot Springs Court; public drunkenness

May 4

Theft

- 5:47 a.m. in the 2200 block of Via Espada; grand theft
- 1:16 p.m. in the 4500 block of River Rock Hill Road; identity theft

Assault with a stun gun

- 4:48 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

Auto burglary

- 11:06 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

Vandalism

- 6:53 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Possession of a butterfly knife

- 3:39 a.m. in the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle

May 5

Theft

- 8:06 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft
- 11:25 a.m. in the 3400 block of Virgil Circle; grand theft
- 9:51 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Rd; felony shoplifting

Battery

- 4:43 p.m. in the 400 block of San Gabriel Court

Auto burglary

- 8:40 a.m. in the 4200 block of Sheldon Circle

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:25 a.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Dorman Road; DUI
- 3:03 a.m. near the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Interstate 580; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

May 6

Auto theft

- 4:49 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Auto burglary

- 9:40 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive
- 7:17 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:52 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:51 a.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; DUI
- 1:36 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Pickens Lane; possession of a controlled substance

May 7

Burglary

- 5:29 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

May 8

Grand theft

- 3:38 p.m. in the 1000 block of Sycamore Creek Way

Vandalism

- 8:23 a.m. in the 2100 block of Rheem Drive
- 8:40 a.m. in the 1400 block of Harvest Road

Drug violation

- 8:47 a.m. at the intersection of Lakewood St and W. Las Positas Blvd; possession of a controlled substance

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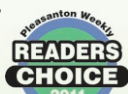


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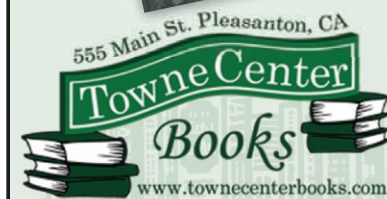
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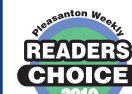


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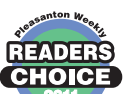


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BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The seventh annual Hidden Gardens of the Valley tour next Sunday offers more than just 10 special yards to meander through and enjoy — Buzz Bertolero, the Dirt Gardener, will be at one venue to answer gardening questions while another site will feature a watercolorist, and yet another home will host an animal boutique.

"This year every single garden is going to have activities," said organizer Charli Hyden. "We were very successful in getting 10 gardens this year. We have three in Ruby Hill, which is unusual."

The event, which takes place Sunday, May 20, is a benefit for Valley Humane Society.

"What I've learned is that people who love their gardens and who love animals are the most wonderful people in the world," Hyden said. "And I can't believe how many beautiful gardens we have in Pleasanton."

Each garden on the tour this year is special in its own way, she explained, and only three are repeats from the last seven years.

"One lady does all the gardening on three-quarters of an acre herself," Hyden said. "It has different vignettes, vegetable, tropical, succulent. At another one, the whole back yard is pots. It's cute and clever."

The pot lady will be selling her Blooming Pots that day.

"We try to get big gardens, medium and small — we want everyone to be able to identify," Hyden said. "There are some of



KATHIE CASWELL

Gardens large and small, many with special statuary and water features, will be ready for visitors on the Hidden Gardens of the Valley tour May 20 to benefit the Valley Humane Society. This year's tour features 10 gardens throughout Pleasanton, and each venue will offer something special such as a garden talk or artist or mimosas. Upper left is a crab apple tree in full bloom.

the cutest ideas you've ever seen. At one, the husband threw out his shoes and she turned them into planters for succulents."

Tickets, with a map and the 10 addresses and garden descriptions, will suggest a variety of routes so everyone can travel from home to home all day without congestion, Hyden said. The routes were also developed to be gas-friendly.

Downtown restaurants Stacey's Café and Redcoats British Pub are donating part of their profits that day to the Valley Humane Society if patrons show a tour ticket, so Hyden suggests visiting five gardens in the morning, eating lunch downtown, then visiting the others in the afternoon.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 the day of the tour. Tickets are for sale in Pleasanton at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St.; Towne Center Books, 555 Main St.; Serenity Stoneworks, 252 Main St.; and Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave. They can also be purchased at www.valleyhumane.org.

"We do have a lot of people that wait, I think because of the weather," Hyden said. "Last year it hailed, which was my worst nightmare."

Since the event is the weekend after Mother's Day, Hyden pointed out that two tickets would make a perfect gift for mom.

All proceeds help the programs and services of Valley Humane Society, which offers dog and cat adoption, humane education presen-

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TV Camp — a hot program for teens

Videographers produce 'Youth View' show

Is your son or daughter thinking about video production as a career? If they are in middle or high school, you might want to sign them up for Tri-Valley Summer Camp.

TV Camp, offered by Tri-Valley Community Television, is 20 hours and includes an introduction to studio production, field production, writing, producing and digital video editing.

Now in its fourth year, TV Camp has sold out the past three summers. Registration is now open for the two sessions, June 11-15 and Aug. 6-10. They will run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each day, and the fee is \$495.

For the past three years, students have produced a one-hour special that aired on TV30 titled, "Tri-Valley Youth View."

"Students not only had the opportunity to work with our staff at a real television station, but have interviewed mayors, congressmen, up-and-coming rock bands, newspaper editors and others," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director of Tri-Valley TV. "Our staff enjoys working with the students, and some of the students have gone on to working with us at the station. It is a win-win for all."

In addition to providing valuable hands-on experience in television production, Tri-Valley TV Camp



Tri-Valley TV Summer Campers shooting a segment of "Tri-Valley Youth View."

gives students an overall picture of the production process, helps prepare them for related courses in video, and provides an edge for their future in the television industry. ROP Media instructor Mitch Eason will be returning as camp director.

The camp is held at the Tri-Valley

Community Television Studios of TV28, TV29 and TV30 on the grounds of the Pleasanton Unified School District, 4663 Bernal Ave., Suite B, in Pleasanton.

For more information or to register, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at www.trivalleytv.org or phone the station at 462-3030. ■

Valley Concert Chorale 'Bugs Out' in spring concert

Performance to feature unique soprano solo with clarinet, piano

Just like the weather this spring, you'll get a little bit of everything when the Valley Concert Chorale presents its May concert, "Of Springtime Sounds — Bugs and All," at Trinity Lutheran Church at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 12.

"Our spring concerts are always a bit on the lighter side of choral music," explained John Emory Bush, the chorale's artistic director and conductor. "With this performance, our audience will enjoy a variety of pieces ranging from madrigals, to Brahms and Rossini, drinking songs, love songs, and sounds of bugs — a lot of bugs."

The chorale will perform a collection of songs by Charles Hoag called "Cicada Songs" that features clarinet and marimba accompaniment. Each song is set to poems with arrangements that mimic the sounds cicadas make during the

summer months in many areas of the world.

"Each song in the collection has a unique rhythm coupled with melodies that create a sound that, if you've ever heard cicadas 'sing' in full voice, will sound like that of cicadas," Bush said. "The marimba paired with the clarinet adds to the rhythmic uniqueness of the piece and will be a treat for the audience."

A special portion of the program will feature VCC soprano Jumi Kim performing Schubert's "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen" (Shepherd on the Rock).

"It is very rare to hire a clarinet for a choral program," Bush said, "and so I chose this infrequently heard selection, which is real gem. It will be an audience pleaser and program highlight."

Kim will be accompanied by Phyllis Harding on clarinet and

concert pianist Daniel Glover.

Additional choral pieces include Brahms' "Tafellied," a German drinking song; Thomas Morley's madrigal, "I Love, Alas, I Love Thee"; two operatic arrangements by Rossini featuring Glover at the piano; and, to add to the bug and critter collection, "The Spider and the Fly" and "The Owl and the Pussy Cat."

This year's spring concert begins an hour earlier than in past years, and guests are invited to a reception with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall immediately afterward.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door; high school and college students are \$10. Call 866-4003 or visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 1225 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton.

—Pleasanton Weekly staff

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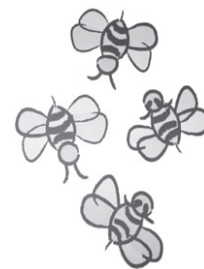
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tations and Canine Comfort visits. All animals are cared for at the facility until they are adopted out, and illnesses can be expensive.

"We have had two animals who have been sorely hurt," Hyden said.

"One was Mandy — we went out to the public and said, 'We need money — this dog will either have to have a leg amputated or put a pin in it.' We got tremendous response. Now we have another little one, a schnauzer-poodle with a broken leg. Most of the money we spend is on medical."

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PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY CLUB PNR has more than 65 active men and women professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. They meet from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at Hilton Hotel, 7050 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton, for fellowship, lunch and informative programs dealing with topics of local and global service and importance. No charge for guests. Call 413-3137.

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.

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

Concerts

LIVERMORE VALLEY OPERA Internationally acclaimed tenor Eleazar Rodriguez will be joined by other world-class opera singers for an afternoon of passion-stirring music. Sunday, May 20 from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Group discounts available. Purchase online, by phone or in person at the Firehouse Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 925-931-4848. www.firehousearts.org

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VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE 'BUGS OUT' IN SPRING CONCERT Songs of love, drink, madrigals and bugs featuring music of Rossini, Brahms and Schubert. Reception immediately following. Saturday, May 12 from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10 with valid ID. Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. 866-4003. www.valleyconcertchorale.org/

Events

72ND ANNUAL ROSE SHOW Come celebrate the "Days of Wine and Roses" from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. This show is dubbed "the people's show" because anyone can enter their homegrown roses. Exhibitors registration is from 7:30-10 a.m.; judging from 10a.m.-12:30 p.m.; awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Call Leslie, Joyce or Marti at 251-1111 or visit www.thepleasantonrose-show.com.

BRAS FOR THE CAUSE The seventh annual "Bras for the Cause" Breast Cancer Walk is from 7-10 p.m., Saturday, May 12, in downtown Pleasanton. Details and registration information can be found on the walk website: www.trivalleysocks.org.

EVERYTHING POETRY Poet Laureate, Cynthia Bryant, will host "Everything Poetry" in two parts with "Second Saturday Soup" from 10 a.m.-noon, on the second Saturday of every month, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.; and "Third Tuesday Trope" from 7-9 p.m., on the third Tuesday of every month, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. E-mail Cynthia at pleasantonpoetry@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

FARMERS MARKET Visit the Pleasanton Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, on East Angela Street between Main and First streets. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday, year-round,



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HIDDEN GARDENS OF THE VALLEY TOUR Follow your love of animals down the garden path at the seventh annual Hidden Gardens of the Valley, a benefit for Valley Humane Society (VHS). Meander at your own pace during this self-guided tour offering ideas, inspiration and a private glimpse of 10 lovely gardens across Pleasanton. Sunday, May 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$35 advance/\$40 day of event Pleasanton. 426-8656. www.valley-humane.org

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MAY FAIR FOR MOTHER'S DAY Celebrate Mother's Day with French music, food and wine; dancing, and unique vendors. "Le Hot Jazz Trio" performs from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic or purchase food, wine and desserts. Activities include hay wagon rides, craft making, museum tours, face painting and French lessons. Saturday, May 12 from noon-5 p.m. Free Dublin Heritage Park & Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. 452-2101. www.ci.dublin.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=288

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL RUN The fourth annual California Peace Officers' Association Memorial Run honoring those who've lost their lives in the line of duty is at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, May 12, at Shadow Cliff Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd. The Memorial Run's 10K and 5K walk and run courses have small rolling hill trails throughout the scenic park. The kid's 1-mile fun run is laid out on the lawn area. Entry fee is from \$20-\$40 depending on the race, and includes T-shirt, beverages and a barbecue lunch. Additional lunch tickets can be purchased for \$12 for adults and \$7 for children. Call 209-795-7832 or visit www.active.com.

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APPLIANCES NEEDED REACH, a local nonprofit that provides independent living opportunities for developmentally disabled adults, has six homes in Pleasanton and three in Livermore and depends on the public for help. Currently it needs a gently used energy efficient washing machine and two energy efficient refrigerators. If you can help with a donation register on the website www.trivalleyreach.com or email julie.testa@gmail.com.

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

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Kids & Teens

'TALES OF THE FOURTH GRADE NOTHING' After his 2-year-old little brother walks off with his pet turtle, Peter Hatcher vows to get his parents to pay attention to him for a change. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on May 11, 12 and at 2 p.m. on May 12, 13. Adult: \$10, \$15, \$18; child & senior: \$6, \$9, \$12. Purchase online, by phone or in person at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. 931-4848. www.firehousearts.org

PARK DISTRICT GET ACTIVE! TEEN ART CONTEST The East Bay Regional Park District invites creative teens to enter the District's first Get Active! Youth Art Contest, now through May 15. Create posters, rap, spoken word/poetry or video skits, showing how you get active in any East Bay public park. Ages 12-18. No fee 1-888-327-2757. www.getactivecontest.com

Lectures/ Workshops

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SEMINAR Seminar will focus on how colleges evaluate applicants, how to determine which colleges are a match, and how to build affordability into the college search. For families of next year's sophomores and juniors in high school. Tuesday, May 22 from 7:30-8:45 p.m. Free Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. 963-2932. www.dianescollegeconnection.com/

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CHRIS BRADLEY'S JAZZ BAND Enjoy live jazz music from the 20s, 30s and 40s from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Sunol Jazz Cafe, 11986 Main St. Cover is \$5.

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE "Of Springtime Sounds - Bugs Out" will be the spring concert featuring a unique soprano solo with clarinet and piano. The concert is at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door; high school and college students are \$10 with student ID. Advance tickets may be ordered by visiting www.valleyconcertchorale.org or by calling 866-4003.

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.

On Stage

PURE PRAIRIE LEAGUE Pure Prairie League continues to embellish the rich 42-year history of one of Country-Rock's pioneering forces. Their multi-platinum album *Bustin' Out* featured the classic *Amie*, along with other gems of the genre. Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. \$28/\$34/\$40/\$14 students Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. (925) 373-6800. www.tickets.livermoreperformingarts.org/single/eventDetail.aspx?p=2505

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Recreation

FROM HORA TO ZUMBA: DANCE ISRAEL Join Bay Area Zumba instructor Lara Walklet in a beat-infused montage of dances in celebration of Israel@64. Event will feature a wide variety of Israeli songs - from traditional melodies to contemporary music. Admission is free. Event co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of the East Bay. Wednesday, May 16 from 7:30-9 p.m. Free Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton. 931-1055. www.bethemek.org

Seniors

BRAIN MATTERS Enjoy a morning of fun while learning how to keep your brain active and your memory sharp. The class is held from 10-11:30 a.m. the first and third Fridays of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Word games, puzzles, challenging activities, reminiscing and more, geared to help you age-proof your mind. Cost \$1.75 for resident and \$2.25 for non-resident. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

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.

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Support Groups

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TOURETTE SYNDROME MEETING The spring chapter meeting is from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, May 19, at St. Augustine, 3999 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Speakers on Executive Dysfunction, IEP and 504. Creating a marketing plan for your job search plus more. RSVP. Event sponsored by the Northern California Tourette Syndrome Associate. Call 846-8075 or email Gibsonohare@sbcglobal.net.

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

Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS Volunteer orientation at 5 p.m., Friday, May 18, at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5556-B Springdale Ave., Pleasanton. Learn to greet, inform and thank the community's blood donors. Advanced sign up required. For more information call Tami at 408-577-2006 or email wethernt@usa.redcross.org.

LITERACY TUTOR TRAINING Pleasanton Library's Project Read needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills. Volunteers should be at least 18 years old, fluent in American English but not necessarily a native speaker. You should be able to devote a consistent hour or two weekly to your student for a semester. The training is from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. For more information contact Penny Johnson at 931-3405 or email pennyjohnson@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS Volunteer to help at the 2012 Special Olympics volleyball and track events Saturday, May 19, at Amador Valley High School. Email avboosters@comcast.net with your name, address, phone number, email address, specify if you are an adult or state age if under 18, indicate group you are with such as AVHS, FHS, Boosters, Leadership, AVID, and NCL. Include the day and times you can

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Check out Community Calendar at PleasantonWeekly.com for a complete listing of local events.



Castlewood Country Club



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Amador Dons defeat Monte Vista 1-0

Win comes after 9 innings of pitchers' duels

By JEB BING

The Amador Valley Dons JV baseball team defeated the Monte Vista Mustangs 1 - 0 on last Friday in EBAL action in an old fashion pitchers' duel.

The Dons had excellent pitching from Jordan Ott who pitched the complete game giving up only 4 hits, while striking 5 and walking two. Ott needed only 74 pitches to seal the victory.

The game was filled with remarkable defensive plays by the Dons, none more so than the last play of the game, but more on that later.

In the top of the first inning the Mustangs lead-off batter singled up the middle to start the game. After a deep fly ball to the right field corner that was caught by Dons right fielder Jake McIntosh for the first out, the Mustangs runner advanced to second on a wild pitch.

The next batter hit an infield single, but the runner from second was caught in a pickle between third and home. Steve Nice threw to shortstop Jack Moroney covering third base, who threw to catcher Jacob Kinney, who threw back to Moroney, who threw back to Kinney, who threw to left fielder Parker Newman, who smartly was backing

up the play. He threw back to Kinney, and then Kinney finally made the tag chasing the runner back to third base for the typical 5-6-2-6-2-7-2 putout.

The Dons opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning when Jack Moroney drew a one out walk. Steve Nice ground out to the shortstop on a slow roller allowing Moroney to advance to second base. Sean Thomas then singled up the middle and Moroney sprinted home and slid just ahead of the throw for a 1-0 Dons lead. Jordan Ott made that run stand up, but not without more defensive heroics by the Dons.

In the top of the second inning the Mustangs first batter reached base on an error. The next batter walked putting runners on first and second. The next batter attempted a sacrifice bunt, but he popped the ball up and pitcher Ott made a diving catch off the mound, bounced to his feet and doubled off the runner at first base for a double play.

In the top of the sixth inning, the Mustangs lead-off batter singled. The next batter hit a slow roller to shortstop Jack Moroney who made a great play to get the runner at first, with the runner at first advancing to second base. The next batter hit a one hop-



DAVID OTT

Amador Valley High School pitcher Jordan Ott (23) tags out a Monte Vista player at home plate for the final out of the game last Friday. The Dons defeated the Mustangs 1-0.

per back to Jordan Ott on the mound, who turned to check the runner at second and noticed that he was too far off the base. Ott ran at the runner and forced him back to second base. Ott threw to shortstop Moroney, who chased the runner towards third and threw to third baseman Steve Nice for the tag. On the play, the batter tried to advance to second base, but Nice fired the ball to second base-

man Will Pickett who made the tag for the unorthodox double play, 1-6-5-4.

The offensive stars for the Dons were left fielder Parker Newman who had a single and a double, Sean Thomas who had the only RBI and Jack Moroney who scored the only run of the game.

The Dons improved their overall record to 11-10 (3-7 in EBAL). ■

Red Sox player, 11, hits out-of-the-park homer at Bernal Fields

Ball soars over 230-foot fence in 245-foot home run

Brayden Mahdavi, 11, a player on the of the Red Sox in the Pleasanton Foothill Little League AAA Red Sox team, hit a pitched ball 245 feet out of the Bernal Fields baseball park Saturday, becoming the first player to top the left field's 230-foot fence since the fields opened.

Mahdavi, son of Renee and Shareef Mahdavi, is in the fifth grade at Hearst Elementary School.

There have been a few inside-the-park home runs since the Bernal fields opened three years ago, but never before has an AAA player (ages 9-11) hit one over the fence. ■



SHAREEF MAHDAVI

Brayden Mahdavi, 11, holding ball he hit out of the park at the Bernal Fields, stands with coaches (from left) Eric Andre, Andre Weiglein and Steve Fineberg. Mahdavi's was first over the fence home run at the three-year-old ballpark.

Tennis player takes top state honors

Wen named athlete of the week

A tennis player from Foothill High School took first- and second-place honors at recent tournaments.

On May 6, fourth-seeded Chris Wen from Foothill won second place at the North Coast Section (NCS) Division I Singles Championships. Wen beat Matt Halligan of Casa Grande 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) in a very close match. Gauchos coach Lisa Thornton watched the match closely and called Wen, "the speediest player I've ever seen."

With a win over Jensen Pawid from Castro Valley on Friday afternoon, Wen advanced to the semi-finals May 5. After three sets, Wen advanced to the finals by beating No. 1 seed Michael Guzman, who ranks No. 8 in Norcal (Northern California, USTA), and No. 118 in the nation. The score was 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.†

Thirty minutes later, Wen played against Andrew Gu from Albany, and lost 6-1, 6-1.

On April 30, Wen, who was second seed in the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL), took first place in that league. Wen's regular season

record was almost perfect: 17-1 at singles.

At EBAL, Wen advanced to the final by beating fourth-seeded Anthony Lim from Monte Vista, 6-3, 6-3.

Wen played Brody Lee of San Ramon Valley in the final match and won 6-1, 6-1. Lee advanced to the final with a win over first-seeded Monte Vista Michael Feldman.

According to his coach, Doug Mouch, "Wen figures out ways to beat almost anybody" and is "the most sportsman player you're ever going to meet." ■



Foothill High tennis champion Chris Wen (right) joins coach Doug Mouch after recent match.

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Commercial transactions scuttled by tight lending policies

Deals involving small businesses hardest hit

By JEB BING

Although commercial real estate markets showed signs of recovery in 2011, commercial lending standards have tightened in the past year for small businesses and scuttled a major portion of contracted transactions for smaller properties, according to the National Association of Realtors annual Commercial Real Estate 2012 Lending Survey.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said there is a significant split in commercial lending depending on value.

"This is very much a tale of two markets," he said. "There have been notable improvements in capital for large commercial transactions valued at \$2.5 million or higher, but there remain significant challenges for small business.

"Our Realtor members typically are involved in helping commercial clients with purchases under \$2 million, where a lack of capital has caused two out of three respondents to report deals have fallen through," Yun added. "Given that most jobs are created through small business, the lack of capital is hurting small businesses and the overall economic recovery."

According to Real Capital Analytics, more than 13,000 major properties valued at \$2.5 million or higher traded hands in 2011. Sales volume increased 51% over 2010 to \$205.8 billion, with the lion's share of lending funds coming from big banks. Other funding sources include insurance companies and institutional investors.

By contrast, the NAR survey shows that

small business transactions rely heavily on smaller regional and local banks, and small private investors, for lending capital.

Respondents indicate nearly 30% of smaller commercial properties are purchased with cash, reflecting the tight credit environment, and some are seller financed. "When credit is tight, cash is king," Yun added.

The most common types of property transactions referenced in the survey were multifamily, land, warehouse, suburban office and retail strip centers. Other property types include industrial flex space, central business district office, freestanding retail, and restaurants.

Realtors report the system is clogged with property that must be sold or refinanced, which is significantly impacting the recovery. Long-time investors who never had a problem getting a loan in the past are now being declined.

More than half of respondents say lending is just as stringent as a year ago, while 23% say it is more stringent; 20% say it is less stringent but not near historical averages. Members also complained about banks being over-regulated, and refinancing being denied due to stringent internal lender underwriting requirements or low appraisal valuations.

Thirty-six percent of Realtors said clients used the Small Business Administration commercial refinance program, but of those who didn't, 45% said it was due to burdensome application and reporting requirements. ■

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Dublin

5 BEDROOMS

3781 Hobstone Pl \$915,000
Sat 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

Livermore

4 BEDROOMS

1375 Rincon Ave \$419,000
Sat 1-4 Prudential Ca Realty 249-1600

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

7892 Foothill Rd \$1,400,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 487-2956

2490 Skylark Wy \$729,000
Sat 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950

3265 Marilyn Ct \$782,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 519-8226

4 BEDROOMS

4300 Bevilacqua Ct \$815,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

7114 Corte Balboa \$769,950
Sat 1-4 Prudential Ca Realty 249-1600

5010 Blackbird Wy \$824,900

Sat 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950

4444 Foothill Rd \$1,990,000

Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 260-2220

2913 Amoroso Ct \$1,090,000

Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

3881 Foothill Rd \$1,389,000

Sat 1-4 Cindy Gee 963-1984

5 BEDROOMS

5019 Rigatti Circle \$839,000

Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

San Ramon

2 BEDROOMS

458 Pine Ridge Dr \$399,000

Sun 12-3 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

705 Watson Canyon \$284,000

Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 367-7414

3 BEDROOMS

9491 Olympia Fields Dr \$629,000

Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111



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7011 Corte Rosa Pleasanton
Spacious 4 bed/3 bath, 2800 sq. ft. family home with pool in Country Fair. Upgraded kitchen, excellent floor plan, 3 car garage. Offered at \$839,000



3217 Marilyn Drive Pleasanton
2158 sq. ft., single story totally upgraded home with beautiful back yard. Sold for 835,000



6023 Sterling Green Cir Pleasanton
Beautiful home in the "Canyon Oaks" neighborhood. This 4 bed/2.5 bath upgraded home is just under 2900 sq. ft. Sold for \$815,000



7983 Applewood Ct Pleasanton
4 bed/2 bath 1593 sq. ft. .39 acre. Outstanding area/neighborhood. Prime cul-de-sac location, no thru traffic. Enormous park like yard. Sold for \$605,000 in 4 days.



1012 Riesling Drive Pleasanton
Beautiful Ranch Style home with upgraded kitchen. Great location in Vintage Hills, 4/2, 2048 sq. ft. Sold for \$712,500



1111 Tiffany Lane Pleasanton
Charming Duet, close to downtown, 1705 sq. ft. upgraded throughout, built in 1985. Walk to school, shops, parks. Sold for \$484,000



2217 Camino Brazos Pleasanton
Stunning remodeled 5 bedroom home, on quiet street in Del Prado. This home is 2378 sq. ft. Sold over the asking price. Sold for \$773,000



6432 Inglewood Dr Pleasanton
3/2, 1555 sq. ft. Cute Val Vista home with upgraded kitchen, park like backyard, walk to schools, shops and freeway. Sold for \$535,000

BUYERS NEEDS

Family of five looking for large home, around 3000 sq. ft., late summer, up to 1 million

Family looking for a newer construction, up to 625k

Young family looking for 3 plus bedrooms, Pleasanton or Dublin, below 600k

Family looking for West Side of Pleasanton, up to 700k

Over \$12 million sold in 2011.



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during April 2012

Dublin

- 6589 Adare Lane** Dublin Tralee II to E. & P. Lee for \$475,500
- 3300 Araldi Lane** D R Horton to M. & J. Hayes for \$549,000
- 3305 Araldi Lane** D R Horton to K. Kim for \$557,500
- 6529 Bantry Bay Street** Dublin Tralee II to R. Stluc for \$399,000
- 3440 Castleton Court** Dawson Trust to A. Janjua for \$720,000
- 6402 Dijon Way** E. Barrantes to Y. & L. Haschemi for \$295,000
- 3608 Rocking Horse Court** K. Kim to A. Tsai for \$541,000
- 7913 Shannon Court** Bank of America to J. Kelly for \$470,000
- 3826 Silvera Ranch Drive** M. & A. Corona to S. Lam for \$750,000
- 5626 Springvale Drive** A. & A. Johal to Mcquaid Trust for \$700,000

Livermore

- 1684 Autumn Oak Drive** A. Rose to J. Meinert for \$320,000
- 2660 Calistoga Court** K. & S. Cabral to D. & C. Loll for \$890,000
- 5875 Crestmont Avenue** M. Bocasge to P. & H. Deol for \$270,000
- 1470 Darwin Avenue** S. & J. Lange to J. Morillas for \$485,000
- 5667 Elder Circle** M. & T. Patrone to J. Thurman for \$685,000
- 1133 Hillcrest Court** J. Pohl to M. Muzio for \$299,000
- 1608 Juniper Street** Let's R-A-D Limited to L. & C. Gousetis for \$358,500
- 1302 Meadow Court** J. & M. Freitas to M.

- Bronge for \$415,000
- 10 Meritage Common #104** R. Putich to J. & J. Barrett for \$325,000
- 27 Meritage Common #203** Federal National Mortgage to D. Wang for \$154,000
- 427 North K Street** Basso Trust to P. & M. Gaynor for \$345,000
- 3586 Pestana Way** Mcmillan Trust to Oneal Trust for \$335,000
- 1355 Tulip Way** Bank of America to B. & J. Canright for \$275,000

Pleasanton

- 266 Birch Creek Drive** G. Johnson to Robert Trust for \$320,000
- 4911 Blackbird Way** Hutchison Trust to C. & H. Patel for \$735,500
- 1320 Bordeaux Street** W. & M. Smith to J. Harryman for \$1,055,000
- 7580 Canyon Meadow Circle #H** Bank of America to A. Khan for \$230,000
- 5044 Carducci Drive** Patrick Trust to E. Chen for \$670,000
- 4433 Fairlands Drive** Federal National Mortgage to J. Ames for \$224,000
- 4580 Harper Court** A. Long to Y. Subramaniam for \$533,000
- 3642 Pontina Court** J. Moxie to R. & S. Callahan for \$1,491,000
- 482 Rose Avenue** L. Rutledge to A. Colella for \$281,000

San Ramon

- 3055 Ascot Drive** T. & J. Forseth to L. Brown for \$849,000
- 105 Belle Meade Place** Wood Trust to R. & L. Roy for \$715,000
- 730 Birdwood Court** S. & A. McGill to A. Dey for \$740,000
- 6337 Byron Lane** M. & E. Jao to C. & X. Tam for \$528,000

- 246 Canyon Woods Way #A** S. & M. Fesai to A. Otte for \$285,000
- 518 Cartagena Lane** Bcap Llc Trust to R. & A. Varma for \$582,500
- 119 Coral Bell Court** K. & S. Fryer to C. Yang for \$942,000
- 146 Enchanted Way** Lucia Trust to E. & J. Roman for \$519,000
- 3311 Ensenada Drive** P. & M. Hegeman to A. & G. Carroll for \$615,000
- 781 Lakemont Place #3** T. Lane to A. & L. Kabachek for \$385,000
- 4221 Lilac Ridge Road** V. & I. Pokrovskii to G. & R. Sinha for \$1,285,000
- 2024 Maidenhair Way** T. Rowell to A. Kachroo for \$550,000
- 9340 Mediar Drive** S. & K. Baik to H. Zhu for \$1,019,000
- 61 Mesquite Lane** Rovai Trust to K. & T. Freeman for \$625,000
- 7605 Northland Place** LPP Mortgage to M. & A. Ballock for \$520,000
- 234 Plumpointe Lane** M. Skaggs to A. & S. Ahn for \$445,000
- 116 Rosario Court** R. Still to K. & S. Myers for \$350,000
- 122 Stone Pine Lane** C. Cheung to K. Iyer for \$225,000
- 84 Tahoe Court #203** J. Earl to D. Lee for \$330,000
- 101 Victory Circle** Meriwest Credit Union to E. Lin for \$647,000
- 2128 Watercrest Place** J. Hoek to V. Danda for \$826,000
- 105 Woodland Valley Drive** J. & Y. Chu to M. & P. Lu for \$820,000
- 1890 Wycliffe Lane** M. Gates to S. Mishra for \$750,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin March 30-April 6

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$295,000
Highest sale reported: \$750,000
Average sales reported: \$545,700

Livermore March 30-April 6

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$154,000
Highest sale reported: \$890,000
Average sales reported: \$396,654

Pleasanton March 30-April 6

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$224,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,491,000
Average sales reported: \$615,500

San Ramon April 18-25

Total sales reported: 23
Lowest sale reported: \$225,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,285,000
Average sales reported: \$632,717

Source: California REsource

Helen McNutt-Gentile

Pati Norris

June Jardin-Meily

Lois Cox

Rich Novotny

Rina Brubaker

Joann Schreiber

Tracy Parker

Anna Campbell

OPEN SAT 1-4

RICH NOVOTNY 925.989.7639
1375 Rincon Ave Livermore

Lovely home in "move-in" condition. Hard to find single story property. 4 bed/ 3 bath, 1738 sq ft, Country size kitchen with corian counter tops. Dual fireplace in living room. Large master suite. Well maintained inside and outside. Professionally landscaped, lots of fruit trees with a covered patio. Side yard access. **\$419,000**

PATI NORRIS 510.406.2306
2109 Amaryllis Circle San Ramon

Desirable Renaissance at Gale, this home features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths with 1659 sq. ft. Tile floor throughout entire downstairs and beautiful upgraded kitchen with slab granite counter top and tile backsplash. **\$550,000**

LOIS COX 925.400.7301
3595 Jerald Ct Castro Valley

Spacious bonus room. 3 BR and 2.5 Baths and updated kitchen. Solar heated pool All on a corner lot. **\$499,000**

JUNE JARDIN-MEILY 925.525.1425
320 Gladstone Brentwood

Regular Sale, Priced To Sell, Wonderful, Open floor plan, with a beautiful view of Mt. Diablo from your formal dining room. The home has a great floor plan which creates a bright and cheery home. Backyard with wonderful fruit trees for your enjoyment. **\$339,000**

COMING SOON!

RINA BRUBAKER 408.506.1498
1593 Pebble Beach Ct. Milpitas

5 Bed/3-1/2Bath, 6023 sq. ft. in a gated community, breathtaking views of the mountains, city lights, 17th and 12th holes in Summitpointe Golf Course sitting on a 17,424 sq. lot. **Call for price**

OPEN SAT 1-4

RICH NOVOTNY 925.989.7639
7114 Corte Balboa Pleasanton

Unusual find in Pleasanton. 4 bed/ 3 bath, 2212 sq. ft. Gorgeous home on quite court. Highly upgraded with remodeled kitchen and bathrooms. Well maintained. Prime Ponderosa area. **\$769,950**

SOLD!

JOANN SCHREIBER 925.200.1454
207 Rachael Place Pleasanton

3 BD, 2.5 BA wonderful two story home with warm wood floors, vaulted ceiling, skylight and fireplace. New granite in kitchen. **Sold \$375,000**

TRACY PARKER 925.389.0645
5135 Oakdale Ct. Pleasanton

Single Level Townhome. Pools, tennis and Walking trails. Fantastic location. **\$435,000**

SOLD!

ANNA CAMPBELL 925.399.1629
2332 Via Espada Pleasanton

4 BR, 3.5 BA home with views and privacy. Remodeled & expanded, new kitchen, lg. family room, lg. laundry room and lg. master suite. Walk to town! **Sold \$880,000**

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<p>1225 Lozano Ct Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 6 ba 8 sqft+/- 8,877 \$3,799,000</p> <p>Stunning, classic Italian Villa in one of Bay Area's most desirable locations. Catch your breath & prepare for what lies beyond the gorgeous entry of this estate. Nestled in an unrivaled setting among olive trees & lush landscaping w/ mile long views of vineyards.</p> <p>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</p>	<p>2407 Skylark Way Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 3,236 Call for Price</p> <p>The home is in an ideal location of a highly sought after area called Birdland. Again, an appropriate name since you can sit out by the waterfall (your private oasis) in the morning sipping coffee and reading the paper and hear a variety of little birds singing their songs.</p> <p>Michael Swift 925.251.2588</p>	<p>6107 Ledgewood Ter Dublin</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 4 sqft+/- 3,844 \$930,000</p> <p>Views of TriValley, Mt Diablo & Dublin Hills! Dub Ranch Beauty w/ 5 Beds, Bonus/Game Room, 4 Baths. Master & Guest Suite on Main Level. Premium lot location w/ access to open space. Walk to golf course, swim club & award winning schools.</p> <p>Cindy Engel 925.580.5107</p>	<p>1810 Harms Dr Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 3 ba 3 sqft+/- 1,730 \$530,000</p> <p>2 master suites up, full bed & bath down, open floor plan, updates throughout, custom craftsman door & window moldings, skylights, dual pane sliders, granite tile kitchen counter tops, tumbled tile backsplash, recessed lighting, beautiful flooring, ceiling fans & more.</p> <p>Staci Tate 925.251.2526</p>	<p>3056 Rivers Bend Livermore</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,878 \$779,950</p> <p>Large home, possible 5th bedroom. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, S/S appliances, upgraded kitchen cabinets. formal dining room, master suite w/ marble bathroom, plantation shutters throughout. full bed/ bathroom downstairs. 2 years old.</p> <p>Max de Vries 925.251.2514</p>
<p>38 Craig Ct Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 3 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 1,554 \$625,000</p> <p>Walk to downtown! Immaculate condition, original owners, wood floors, freshly painted, kitchen w/ all upgrades, lovely bkyard, w/ cust hardscape, great location in complex, walk to restaurants, shops, farmers market, excellent schools.</p> <p>Cindy Engel 925.580.5107</p>	<p>8012 Golden Eagle Wy Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 6.5 sqft+/- 8,585 \$3,498,000</p> <p>Fabulous private custom Mediterranean in resort-like setting has it all. Porte Cachere, grand entry, gourmet kitchen, awesome theater w/ theater seating, stunning arcade & exercise rms. Vast lawns & wrap-around decks, guest house, pool/spa.</p> <p>Peggy Cortez 925.209.3451</p>	<p>1545 Yukon Pl Livermore</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 3,777 \$965,000</p> <p>An exceptional home in the Portofino neighborhood of desirable South Livermore! This luxurious 4 bedrooms plus office and bonus room with 3777 sq.ft. on a fabulous 1/3 acre lot with pool, spa, playhouse and gorgeous oak tree.</p> <p>Weiner/ McDowell 925.251.2585</p>	<p>1944 Fiorio Cir Pleasanton</p>  <p>bd 2 ba 2 sqft+/- 1,369 \$499,000</p> <p>Updated end unit! Vaulted ceiling, skylight, big bedrooms. Full bed&bath downstairs. Granite kitchen, tile floor in kitchen & bath. Recent updates: plantation shutters, laminate wood floors, neutral paint & carpet, H2O heater, lawn & roof! Walk to park, shopping, dining.</p> <p>Daniella Estrada 925.280.6448</p>	<p>8615 Mines Rd Livermore</p>  <p>bd ba acres+/- 16.53 \$1,300,000</p> <p>Extraordinary 16.5 Acre Horse property. Property has 3 wells. A beautiful 5800 William Poole Three Story traditional home has been designed. The plan is negotiable to go with property. Site has been approved for 8 stall barn.</p> <p>Carol Cline 925.683.0488</p>
<p>7397 Dalmally Ln Dublin</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 3,471 \$1,129,000</p> <p>Grand entrance, dramatic staircase, large marble foyer. Formal dining, elegant living room. Bedroom suite on main level. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors. Spacious master! Huge yard. Large pool & built in BBQ. Located in prestigious Hills at Bent Creek. Court Location.</p> <p>The Frazzano Team 925.735.7653</p>	<p>2921 Novara St Livermore</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,820 \$810,000</p> <p>Eloquent is the only word to describe this single story, 3 car gar. home. Upgrades in every room - crown molding throughout including bathrooms. Kitchen was remodeled last year - custom wood work, new SS appliances, gorgeous slab granite, custom bksplash. Priv. yard.</p> <p>Gail Henderson 925.583.2185</p>	<p>5079 Holborn Wy San Ramon</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 4.5 sqft+/- 4,030 \$989,000</p> <p>Gorgeous Chantera Plan 3 home located in Windemere. Walk to 3 huge parks. 5 BD, with 1 Bed/Ba DOWN. Approx 4,030 sq.ft with distressed hardwood floors and berber carpet. High end stainless steel appliances, cherry cabinets and many more designer upgrades.</p> <p>Julia Kim 925.785.8770</p>	<p>2046 Pinot Ct Livermore</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 4 sqft+/- 4,340 \$1,124,000</p> <p>Beautiful South Livermore Home located in the Exclusive Chardonnay Estates. This home has it all...including 4 Lg Bds, 1 Bd Dwnstrs, Huge Bonus/Media Rm, 4 Baths. Gourmet Kit and Grt Rm. Huge Priv Bkcyrd with Built in BBQ. Top rated schools. Tennis Court Park.</p> <p>Corey Green 925.583.2173</p>	<p>2020 Charmont Ct Livermore</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 4,900 Call for Price</p> <p>Italian Villa, custom home located within walking distance to the vineyards and downtown restaurants and wineries. Thoughtfully designed throughout to include custom appointed amenities, located in the heart of the Livermore Wine Country.</p> <p>Cindy Engel 925.580.5107</p>
<p>7768 Laguna Heights Ct Sunol</p>  <p>bd ba acres+/- 10.89 \$1,398,000</p> <p>Build your dream custom estate in the gated, master planned community of Laguna Heights! This lot (#8) has the largest site with private seasonal pond in conservation easement. The gentle slope is great for a partial walk out basement - great views.</p> <p>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</p>	<p>6950 Crow Canyon Rd Castro Valley</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,700 \$883,000</p> <p>Country Colonial Charming This Gated Entrance to this Country Charming property is great. The main home is 2,700+/- sq.ft., updated kitchen and most windows are new, flooring thru out the home is newer and so much more. Cottage which is over 850 sq.ft. all on 1 Acre.</p> <p>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</p>	<p>867 Trinity Hills Ln Livermore</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 4.5 sqft+/- 3,761 \$824,900</p> <p>Located in the Kristopher Ranch. Vaulted ceilings, crown molding throughout, formal dining rooms, 2 fireplaces. Kitchen features granite counters, cherry cabinets and tile flooring. Detached studio or office! 1 bdrm, 1 full bath on ground floor. Large rear yard with patio.</p> <p>Jon Wood 925.280.6421</p>	<p>6219 Main Branch Rd San Ramon</p>  <p>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,932 \$869,900</p> <p>Athens neighborhood in Gale Ranch. Upgraded w/ designer accents throughout! Open floor plan w/ gourmet kitchen overlooking family room, huge center island, granite counters, sleek SS appliances, spiral staircase, soaring ceilings, private courtyard & so much more!</p> <p>Khrista Jarvis 925.855.4065</p>	<p>17860 Almond Rd Castro Valley</p>  <p>bd 5 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 1,922 \$699,950</p> <p>Dream Location, Freshly painted, Newer Carpets, Great home larger than it looks. Detached drive through two car garage, Desired school district, Large finished basement, Investor/ Home owners dream property, barn, three parcels with sale of home.</p> <p>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</p>

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 5 BR 3.5 BA Upgraded home w/In-law Apt.Kit/Ba w/Granite.Formal Liv/Din Rrm.5 Stall Barn &raised garden 925.847.2200



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1893 HELSINKI WAY
BEAUTIFUL ONE STORY RANCHER **\$500,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Remodeled Kit w/corion counters w/ island,dual pane windows,peaceful backyard w/fruit trees 925.847.2200



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UPGRADED TOWNHOME! **\$399,000**
 2 BR 2 BA Upstairs laundry,Wood & Tile Flrs.Kit w/ granite slab & all appliances.Spacious Family Rm. 925.847.2200



SAN RAMON
145 COPPER RIDGE RD.
CONDOS AVAILABLE PRICING STARTS IN LOWER \$300'S
 2 bd condos,Vaulted Ceilings avail, w/Garages, Gated Community, Renovated/Upgraded 925.847.2200

FREMONT

43662 EXCELSO PL
MISSION SAN JOSE HOME! **\$1,149,888**
 3 BR 2.5 BA Court Location!Remodeled Kit.SS Appl. Dual Pane Windows.A/C,Copper Plumbing,Hrdwd Flrs. 925.847.2200

440 CHERRY MANOR
COMING SOON **STARTING IN LOW \$900'S**
 5 BR 3 BA New Construction!Great Floorplan.Upgrades include Granite,Tankless Wtr Htr,Hardwood Flrs 925.847.2200

Open SAT/SUN 11-4 **4805 KENTFIELD CMN**
WELCOME TO ARDENWOOD! **\$550,000**
 3 BR 3 BA Beautiful Floor Plan.1Bd/1Ba on 1st flr. Upgraded Kit,Breakfast Bar,New Flrs,Inside Laundry 925.847.2200

34552 PUEBLO TER
LUXURY TOWNHOUSE **\$390,000**
 2 BR 2.5 BA Liv Rm w/Freplce,Kit w/Brkfst Bar,2

Mstr Stes w/Balconies,1 Car Garage/ Bcklyrd Patio 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

578 REGULUS ROAD
BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM HOME! **\$879,950**
 4 BR 3 BA Formal Living & Dining Rms.Gourmet Kit. Huge Family Rm.Stone Fireplace.Pool/Spa & Koi Pond. 925.847.2200

2468 ALLEGRO ST.
WELL MAINTAINED HOME **\$842,950**
 5 BR 4.5 BA Upgraded Cherry Cabinets.Kit w/ double ovens,gas burner,built-in refig.Mstr w/retreat. 925.847.2200

2576 ORVIETO CT
STUNNING SINGLE STORY **\$799,000**
 4 BR 2.5 BA Court Location! Upgraded Throughout! Gourmet Kit. Granite Counters, Island,SS Appl.Media Ctr. 925.847.2200

PLEASANTON

715 MONTEVINO DR
GORGEOUS CUSTOM HOME **\$1,190,000**
 4 BR 3.5 BA Incredible Views!Gourmet Kit opens to Fam.Rm Hrdwd Flr. Guest Ste&Office on 1st flr. 925.847.2200

1541 WHISPERING OAK WAY
BEAUTIFUL HOME **\$949,000**
 4 BR 3.5 BA Granite Counters,Lg Bdrms & Master w/ Retreat,3 Car Gar,750 sq ft Studio w/ Kit & Full Bath 925.847.2200

Open SUN 1-4 **7892 FOOTHILL ROAD**
BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM HOME **\$1,400,000**
 3 BR 3 BA Spacious Flr Plan. Elegant design. Quiet Location. Close to Parks,Trails,and Castlewood! 925.487.2956

SAN RAMON

705 WATSON CANYON
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **\$284,000**
 Downstairs Condo! 2 BR 2 BA Gorgeous Hrdwd Flrs. Updated Kit w/granite,cherry cabinets,& SS Appl. Laundry Rm. Lrge Patio 925-367-7414

WALNUT CREEK

2582 OAK RD
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5010 Blackbird Way, Pleasanton
 Portico model in Birdland 4 bedroom/ 2.5 bath 2,235+/- sq. ft., 8,102+/- sq. ft. lot. Renovated kitchen & baths, new carpet/paint and large yard with pool.
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1138 Mills Ct., Pleasanton
 Like New Willow Model 5 bedroom/4.5 bath, 3,067+/- sq. ft., Hardwood floors, eat-in gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances, 2 fireplaces, private backyard with hot tub.
Offered at \$1,049,000



5286 Blackbird Dr., Pleasanton
 Miramar model in Birdland 4 bedroom/ 2.5 bath, 2,100+/- sq. ft., 7,000+/- sq. ft. lot. New carpet/paint/windows and updated kitchen and baths.
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Former Friden Estate Hunting Lodge - "Moonlight Oaks." Private driveway leads to 1.2 acre estate lot in premium wooded, secluded location. This is an entertainers dream home. Extensive use of quality redwood timber. Recently upgraded, desirable single level with tastefully maintained historic charm. Panoramic views of nature and historic majestic oaks. Approximately 3800 square feet with three bedrooms, three remodeled bathrooms, large gourmet kitchen, and incredible Great room with large Yosemite style fireplace and open beam ceiling. Large basement for storage and detached two-room wine cottage. **OFFERED AT \$1,479,000**

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5598 BERWIND AVENUE, LIVERMORE

Highly upgraded single level home on premium cul-de-sac, 9927 square foot lot! Three bedroom, two bathrooms, with approximately 1500 square feet. Upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, wood flooring and new carpet. Large park-like private rear yard with extensive custom stamped concrete work and custom patio overhead structure with fan. Spacious grass areas, Side-yard access and separated storage area with spacious shed. **OFFERED AT \$469,000**

OAK MANOR

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819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON

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OAK PARK

SOLD!



247 TOMAS WAY, PLEASANTON

Completely remodeled, single level in Oak Park. Remodeled gourmet kitchen, remodeled bathrooms, newer dual pane windows, crown molding, hardwood floors, upgraded baseboards, central air conditioning, and private rear yard. Newer doors, door trim, and hardware, upgraded light fixtures and fans. Close to downtown and shopping. **SOLD FOR \$527,175**

NORTHWAY DOWNS

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2534 SECRETARIAT DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Great central Pleasanton location that's close to schools & all conveniences. Three bedroom, two bath, 1421 square foot duet. Open family room with vaulted ceilings and cozy fireplace, dining area, & breakfast bar. Expansive master suite with plantation shutters. Private backyard with mature landscaping. **SOLD FOR \$465,000**

VINTAGE HILLS

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1320 BORDEAUX STREET, PLEASANTON

Completely remodeled, gorgeous custom home with loads of special features. Brazilian cherry hard wood floors & cabinets, granite counters, & stainless steel appliances. Family room, library, large master suite with luxurious bath. Entertainer's backyard with pool & BBQ. **OFFERED AT \$1,190,000**

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3231 VERDE COURT, PLEASANTON

Rare single floor townhome in Pleasanton!!! Former model home and move-in ready condition. Only minutes away from business parks, medical facility and hospital, shopping, public transportation, downtown, and parks. Property features 20x20 travertine tiles. Two bedrooms, two baths w/ private yard. **SOLD FOR \$412,500**

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3891 PICARD AVENUE, PLEASANTON

Wow! Better than new because it is done & ready! Extensively designer remodeled, single level, plus upstairs bonus room/au pair/guest quarters! Premium corner .34 acre lot! Four bedrooms plus bonus, four bathrooms, 3588 square feet. Completely remodeled gourmet kitchen with new granite slab countertops, designer backsplash & new stainless appliances. Remodeled bathrooms with granite slab countertops, custom marble flooring & surround. New interior & exterior paint, new carpet, new Travertine flooring! Vaulted ceilings, plantation shutters, crown molding, new door hardware & light fixtures! Security alarm system & intercom! Finished three car garage! Tile roof. Professionally recently upgraded landscaped

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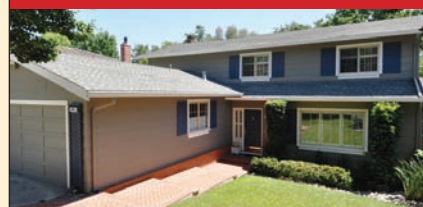


1348 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Excellent location!!! Panoramic views of surrounding hills. Backs to open space, no rear neighbors. Great condition, move in ready! Five bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3300 square feet. Recently updated gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops! Spacious master suite with fireplace & large bathroom. Open living room, family room and formal dining room. French doors, hardwood flooring. Three car garage. Beautiful, professionally landscaped grounds include, in-ground pool, spacious deck, gazebo, large lawn areas and 135 wine producing grape vines, private vineyard! Community amenities include tennis courts & pool! Walking distance to Main Street and downtown! Award winning Pleasanton schools!! **SOLD FOR \$1,400,000**

DOWNTOWN

SOLD!



335 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON

Location, location, location. Desirable downtown quiet court location! Beautiful upgraded home, 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2350 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash and stainless appliances. Newer upgraded hardwood flooring, plantation shutters, dual pane windows, newer brushed nickel hardware and fixtures. Lots of upgrades including 30 year roof. Elevated lot with private secluded tranquil grounds includes TimberTech deck, mature trees. Walk around the corner at Neal and in one minute you are at the Farmers Market and can also enjoy all the other downtown amenities! Award winning schools! **SOLD FOR \$830,000**

FOOTHILL KNOLLS

SOLD!



7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON

Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2,150 sf. 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 AND SOLD FOR \$949,000**





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854 Montevino Drive, Pleasanton

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