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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

Waiting for the start of the 10K and 5K races at last Sunday's Father's Day Spirit Run are Keith and Kendra Zierau and their children Danica Zierau, Matt Haskell, Kate Haskell and Emily Haskell.

## In the spirit of Father's Day

For the Zierau/Haskell family, the Kyles and their dog Kona, Barbara McKay and her two toddlers, Sandie Hernbroth, Carol Brachna, the Goards and more than 1,300 others, last Sunday morning was a time for fun, exercise and community spirit before heading home for the traditional Father's Day barbecues and the often less healthy food and refreshments that go with them. Runners started signing up at 7 a.m. for the 19th annual Father's Day Spirit Run, an event hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton. The event is a tradition that has continued to grow as runners, their children and families participate in either a 10K run or 5K walk or run, as well as a kids challenge.

Serious runners came from all over the Bay Area for Sunday's 10K, which is officially timed by On Your Mark Events, an event management, timing and consulting company headed by Mark and Kandee Aiton out of Arnold, Calif. Aiton uses the latest high-tech smart devices to time the races and then show on computer screens at the finish line the "bib" number and names of the racers as they complete the course. This year, new records were set, not only in the number of participants but also in the 34:26-minute 10K time it took Jeffrey Bickert of Martinez to reach the finish line under the Arch on Main Street. Eight other runners made the run in less than 40 minutes, which was a record time only a few years ago. Brandon Sepp of Hayward ran the 5K in just over 16 minutes, causing a stir when he collapsed just after crossing the finish line, but then quickly coming to his feet to acknowledge the large round of applause.

There's another reason to applaud both the runners and the downtown Rotary Club that sponsors it and where I am a member. Since the club assumed responsibility for the



JEB BING

At the Rotary Club's Spirit Run last Sunday are (top photo) Tara and Kyle with their dog Kona, and (below) Barbara McKay with her children Quinn, 3, and Xavier, 5.

Spirit Run, which dates back to the city's 1994 Centennial celebration, more than \$400,000 has been raised for scholarships to deserving graduates of Pleasanton high schools who need financial help to attend college, including \$30,000 awarded just last month. John Sensiba of the Bay Area accounting firm of Sensiba San Filippo LLP, a sponsor of the Father's Day Spirit Run, said early estimates show that the club's event Sunday raised about \$40,000 which, after expenses, will go for scholarships in the 2012-13 school year to students at Amador Valley, Foothill and Village high schools. ■

## About the Cover

Fairgoers enjoy the new White Water ride on opening day at the Alameda County Fair — the new ride was a big hit as temperatures rose through the afternoon. Photo by Nicole Doi. Design by Lili Cao.

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## Coping with COPD

By Jim Evans

**DEAR JIM:** I was a smoker for many years - even though I quit a long time ago - and I have now developed COPD. I'm finding myself more and more unable to do anything except sit around like a lump on a log because I can't breathe, and I am tired all the time. I'm using a little inhaler now which helps a little when I'm short of breath, and my doctor says I will probably have to go on oxygen eventually. Is there ANYTHING I can do? — **BREATHLESS IN BLACKHAWK**



**DEAR BREATHLESS:** My dad would have known exactly how you feel. He, too, was a heavy smoker and quit more than 40 years before developed COPD. He finally expired in June 2008 after battling the disease for several years. He had difficulty breathing and was constantly tired from the lack of oxygen, but he exercised up until the day he died which greatly enhanced his quality of life until the end.

Unfortunately, there is no known cure for COPD, but there ARE certain things that you can do to better manage your disease and maintain your quality of life. And, yes, believe it or not, exercise is one of the most important components for managing COPD.

Now, I'm not going to tell you that you are going to FEEL like exercising because it is probably the last thing in the world that you feel like doing when you are fighting for every breath, but it can make a difference in your ability to live with this insidious disease. Of course, before you embark on any exercise program you should consult with your physician who may have some recommendations with regard to specific exercises or, perhaps, can refer you to a physical therapist or personal trainer for consultation.

Walking is one of the best forms of exercise for COPD sufferers. Just put one foot in front of the other and start walking. Set your own pace (how fast you walk is irrelevant) and gradually increase your distance a little bit at a time. Move your arms in cadence with your legs to establish a rhythm. I strongly recommend using a commercial treadmill at your local health club - rather than walking outdoors on your own - because it offers variable training options and safety features.

Weight training or resistance training is also important to maintain your strength, muscle mass, and muscular endurance, AND it can greatly enhance your breathing capacity. I would recommend exercises such as bent-arm pullovers, lat pulldowns, bench or cable flies, and other movements that encourage chest and lung activity. A certified personal trainer can show you the proper form on these and other exercises. My dad installed a bar across the top of his bed so that he could do "pull-ups" with his upper body every morning from a reclining position.

Proper nutrition is important too so that you do not gain weight (which can make breathing even more difficult) or, conversely, lose weight (unless you are already overweight) by allowing your body to waste away. Stay properly hydrated, and eat smaller, more frequent meals to maintain your optimum weight.

Medication is also an important factor in managing COPD whether it is in the form of bronchodilators, anti-inflammatories, oxygen, antibiotics, expectorants, or any combination prescribed by your physician.

Listen to your doctor, but take charge of your disease and don't let it control you. Your quality of life depends on it.

**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@bayareaaffc.com](mailto:jime@bayareaaffc.com).**

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What are you doing this summer?



**Brooke Inman**  
*Third-grader*

I'm going to Europe with our friends. We're going to London, Paris, Sweden and Iceland and then ending in New York. Back home, I think I'm going to have a lot of sleepovers with my friend, Rylie.

**Matt Creighton**  
*Student, Washington State University*

I'm working quite a bit so that I am able to return to school with a healthy amount of cash for extras like food and fun activities. I'm also hoping to put together a trip to Cabo with my friends this summer.



**Bailey Little**  
*High school freshman*

I will be traveling quite a bit, first to Canada and Seattle, and then to Mexico on a mission trip to work at an orphanage. I'm also really looking forward to our annual camping trip in Santa Cruz for July Fourth. I plan to hang with my friends and family the rest of the summer, and I'm hoping to finally get rid of my Van tan.

**Nik Papageorge**  
*Student/employee at NY Pizza and Pasta*

I'm attending ASU's orientation because I'll be starting my freshman year there in August. I'm also going to visit my mom's side of the family in Florida. The rest of the summer will be spent getting ready for college and hanging with my friends.



**Emma Caswell**  
*Swim instructor/college student*

I'll be teaching swim lessons at Swim America four days a week. I really like working with the little kids. I just finished my first year at Chico State, and I'm so glad to be home with my family because I really missed them. We're planning a road trip together to move me in to my new apartment when I go back to school, and I'm looking forward to that.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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## DIGEST

### Wine Stroll is Thursday

Enjoy downtown, the summer weather and wine on Thursday, June 28, at Pleasanton Downtown Association's 12th annual Summer Wine Stroll from 6-9 p.m. More than 25 wineries from Livermore Valley and the East Bay will showcase their wines at locations throughout downtown. Each guest will receive a commemorative wine glass and event map.

Tickets are \$30 until June 27 online or for cash or check at Berry Patch, Studio Seven Arts, Town Center Books, Clover Creek and the Rose Hotel on Main Street. If the 1,000 tickets are not sold out, they will be available the night of the event for \$35 at the starting location, the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St.

For more information or to buy tickets, go to [www.PleasantonDowntown.net](http://www.PleasantonDowntown.net).

### Homeless Refuge collecting

The Livermore Homeless Refuge, which has been serving people from Pleasanton and Livermore for two years, is collecting clothing and personal items such as shampoo the weekend of June 30-July 1 in the vestibules of St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton churches.

Refuge volunteers make contact with the homeless in their cars, under freeway overpasses or along creeks. Some churches offer overnight accommodations when the temperature is under 40 degrees or it is raining; a summer program offers showers plus underwear, socks, gently-used summer clothing and personal supplies such as toothpaste.

### Climate honor for city

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman accepted honorable mention for Pleasanton at the 2012 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards luncheon, which was held at the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Orlando, Fla., last week.

The awards program recognizes mayors for innovative practices in their cities that increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The awards are sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Walmart.

The winners, for cities over and under 100,000 population, were Grand Rapids, Mich., and Beaverton, Ore. Mayor Jean Quan also accepted an honorable mention award for Oakland.

### Corrections

Last week's sports story on the Del Valle Open Water Festival should have included Kevin McLaughlin from Pleasanton Seahawks as a top finisher of the 5K race.

## Pleasanton ending fiscal year in strong financial shape

Year-end review shows revenue up \$40,000 in \$89.7 million budget

By JEB BING

Except for a few financial hiccups, the city of Pleasanton will close its fiscal year budget June 30 again in a strong position with the next 12 months projected to be even better.

In a report to the City Council on Tuesday night, Finance Director Emily Wagner said the city's revenues for FY 2011/12 should total \$89,693,904, slightly more than \$40,000 better than her projections showed when the current two-year budget was approved a year ago.

Property taxes for the fiscal year are projected at \$8,681,990, nearly \$700,000 less than expected, but increases over projections in other taxes and fees during the year made up the difference.

"The decreases in property taxes of \$659,570 are mainly attributable to decreases in commercial property assessed values," Wagner said.

Sales taxes showed a gain of \$320,180 over her projections last June, totaling \$19.4 million as the economy showed slight improvements in the retail and auto sales categories. The increase would have been better but for the need to reimburse the city of Livermore \$477,132 for sales taxes mistakenly sent to Pleasanton several years ago for sales taxes collected at Vanstar's now-closed computer stores that were located in both cities.

Other increases over initial projections for FY 2011-12 include \$485,034 in development services fees due to increased building activity, ending the year at \$2,886,689; and in hotel/motel business license taxes of \$631,202 due to improvement in those sectors of the economy, ending the year at \$3,450,000.

Due to freezes on hiring and employee wages

during the year, personnel costs also decreased by \$453,112 to a year-end total of \$67,832,701. Still, the city moves into FY 2012/13 with personnel costs representing 77.7% of the General Fund budget.

"That's too high and I want to work to reduce the percentage," Councilman Jerry Thorne said Tuesday night.

Callippe Preserve, the city's municipal golf course, continued to see its projected revenue dip during the year as golfers held back on the number of times they played over budgeted expectations. Revenues at the course totaled \$4,132,255, down \$247,745 from budgeted income for the year. Wagner said the city has \$2 million reserved in the General Fund for golf course debt service, which is sufficient to pay two years of debt service costs. ■



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### Swing by the Fair!

Fairgoers enjoy the breeze from all sides as they ride the giant swings on opening day at the Alameda County Fair. As temperatures increased, so did the crowds. With a new water ride, cold beverages and many shaded areas, the Fair was a hot spot on opening day. The Fair began Wednesday and will run through July 8.

## Disaster prep during fun time

100,000 emergency meals to be packed during Fair

By JAMIE ALTMAN

Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Fair next week to pack meals to be stored in case of emergency since the Fairgrounds has been designated as a Regional Disaster Center. The Fair Association is partnering with Kids Against Hunger, an organization that packs meals and sends them to countries in need, such as Haiti and the Philippines.

In the event of an emergency, the Fairgrounds site is prepared with "everything but food," said Sherri Leal, director of Kids Against Hunger, which has its headquarters on Quarry Lane. Her group will pack at least 100,000 Kids

Against Hunger "miracle meals" from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, at the Fairgrounds.

The meals are "miraculous" because each contains four food items and vital nutrients: rice, soy, vegetables and 21 minerals and vitamins.

"One cup has the same amount of protein as a 3-ounce steak," Leal said.

The ingredients need to be boiled before they are served, but because water becomes sterile when boiled, the ingredients can be cooked in contaminated water, she noted.

There are a few ways to participate in the packing event.

See **DISASTER PREP** on Page 8

## Tri-Valley Community Foundation goes mum, hires PR firm

Board has met, no word on bankruptcy filing

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Tri-Valley Community Foundation may be \$3 million in debt and looking at bankruptcy, but it's not too broke to hire a public relations firm that offers "crisis communications."

The foundation is expected to go belly up by the end of the month, according to its board president and CEO Ron Hyde, who, "on advice of counsel," has stopped commenting to the press.

Hyde, who has been the board's chairman for years, stepped in to run the organization after former President Dave Rice was fired in April.

Since then there has been a consistent flow of bad news: A look by the Pleasanton Weekly at the TVCF's tax returns showed a pattern of overspending that began in 2006-07, when it brought in just shy of \$1.36 million but spent more than \$1.6 million, and a top-heavy organization that spent much more on itself than it did on the charities it was formed to help.

Beyond that, there were promises made that were impossible to keep and salaries that climbed to nearly \$418,000 in 2009-10, the same year "other expenses" hit more than \$1 million.

The foundation also claimed to support at least one charity that said it never received anything, and made claims that it provided more services than it actually performed for other nonprofits, including fundraising for the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville and the PulsePoint Foundation, which supports a smart phone app to help heart attack victims.

Hyde said last week that he expects the foundation to shut down by the end of the month. Nonetheless the board decided to hire Full Court Press, which offers, among other things, crisis communications aimed at "quieting the rumor mill (and) skillfully deflecting attention when necessary," according to its website.

Full Court Press founder Dan Cohen promised to address questions posed by the Pleasanton Weekly, then responded to specific questions by emailing, "We will share information

See **FOUNDATION** on Page 8

## School district rehires workers, OKs budget

Administrative contracts extended

By **GLENN WOHLTMMANN**

The Pleasanton school board wrapped up its work for the 2011-12 school year in a six-hour meeting Tuesday night that brought back some workers, renewed administrative contracts and approved a budget for the upcoming year.

The board approved a budget that includes deficit spending of \$1.4 million for the upcoming year, although the four furlough days that could be triggered by state cuts would make up the difference.

A letter from the Alameda County Office of Education notes the deficit is caused by "spending down carry-over balances, the reinstatement of one-time concessions and revenue reductions resulting from the State budget crisis."

Nonetheless, the Office of Education said it was satisfied with the district's budget, acknowledges the district has "been fiscally prudent" and remains confident the district "will continue to make the necessary decisions concerning ongoing revenues and expenditures ... to meet its financial obligations."

The district, like others up and down the state, is awaiting the possibility of mid-year budget cuts if tax increases to provide extra money for schools are not approved. Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, has said the budget she prepared banked on a worst-case scenario that included that possibility. While the state budget has been approved, there remain some trailer bills that could hit school funding.

The board bucked a recommendation by Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi and voted to spend \$50,000 more than she suggested for classified employees.

That will restore two hours per day of both technology specialists and library media specialists at elementary schools.

The board also approved a half-time custodial position at each

middle school and at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools, along with restoring an extra hour for technology specialists at each middle school.

Ahmadi had recommended spending \$326,500 to bring back workers from the California School Employees Association but the board decided to add an hour a day for elementary school library specialists, on a split vote.

"From my perspective, these are necessities, not luxuries," said Board Member Chris Grant.

Board President Joan Laursen and Board Member Jamie Hintzke opposed the extra library hours, with Hintzke worried about other costs to the district, including the ongoing postponing of needed maintenance. Laursen was concerned about using one-time savings to pay for an ongoing expense.

"I don't think we'll be able to do that in the future," she said.

The approval will allow schools to raise money for additional library and technology hours at each site.

The expenses approved Tuesday night were not included in the budget OK'd by the board, although they will be added in a later budget revision.

Contract extensions for Ahmadi and two assistant superintendents were approved Tuesday night, which include furlough days as well as \$400 monthly car allowances for all three.

Bill Faraghan, assistant superintendent of human resources, will continue to earn \$184,614 (with stipends for a masters degree and doctorate); Cazares will earn \$182,964 (including a master's degree stipend) — not counting the potential furlough days — for a 220-day work year.

Both Hintzke and Arkin voted against the contracts while saying they support Faraghan and Cazares.

"Car allowances ... for assistant

superintendents, I feel it's something we need to eliminate," Arkin said. "My decision is not based at all on the person or the position."

Ahmadi will continue at \$220,000 for a 223-day work year, along with a \$400 monthly car allowance; as with other district employees, her salary would be cut if furlough days were implemented. Her contract extension received unanimous approval.

The board also heard the first results of a demographic study that could mean more schools once the city is built out — meaning all its property is developed. The demographer's report said that won't come within the next 10 years, although some adjustments may have to be made to accommodate a potential influx of new students based on housing recently approved by the city.

In other actions at its meeting Tuesday, the board:

- Heard an update to its facilities masters plan, which is expected to move forward this summer and be ready by November;
- Hired a consultant to help increase attendance rates. Although the district typically has about 97% attendance, a slight jump — about .25% in average daily attendance — could mean an extra \$200,000 for the district;
- Approved a proposal by Nancy and Gary Harrington to place public art on school property near the intersection of First Street and Bernal Avenue. The district would have to raise \$25,000 for the piece, half of which would corporate student art;
- Approved a deferred maintenance plan that would take care of some basic repair work, such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning for Pleasanton Middle School, but postpone other maintenance; and
- Approved an election for three seats on the school board this November. ■

## Cops hope for information in May deaths

Police are still waiting on information on two recent Pleasanton death cases.

In the first, which occurred on May 7, 37-year-old Amy Freeman Burton and her 13-year-old daughter Ainsley Freeman, were found with fatal gunshot wounds at their home on the 3200 block of Stacey Court.

The autopsy done in that case yielded little to resolve the case, although preliminary results indicated 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.

The Pleasanton Police Department has been promised by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office crime lab that results would be coming soon each week since the incident, according to police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuber.

Freeman and her mother were each shot once in the head, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Office. Police have not released the type of pistol involved. Neither of the two guns found at the home is registered, according to a Pleasanton police news release, but one was located in the general area of the two victims.

In the other death, police are awaiting a lead to break the case of a woman whose body was found May 24 inside a trash can in a wooded area on Dublin Canyon Road, not far from its intersection with Laurel Creek Drive. So far, none of the tips received by police has yielded any results, Schlehuber said.

"At this point, we've got tons of leads, but none of them have panned out," Schlehuber said, adding the department has been combing through missing persons cases without luck.

"We've asked the DOJ to help us out," he said. "They've got a broader range of resources."

The autopsy could not determine the exact time or cause of death, police said.

The coroner determined the woman had shoulder-length dark hair, was 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed about 130 pounds, police said. A forensic anthropologist determined the woman to be between her mid-20s and 40 years of age, according to police. She is believed to be either Asian or Hispanic, although it is also possible that she is Caucasian with Asian traits or Native American. The woman had three piercings in each ear.

Schlehuber said police hope the distinctive earrings will break the case.

"I would hope that someone would recognize those, along with the composite sketch," he said.

— Glenn Wohltmann

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## Heart-to-heart between Thoratec patients and employees

Employees, patients, caregivers gather at headquarters for summit

By NICOLE DOI

Two years ago, Reiss Tatum was dying from heart failure. Now it has been 21 months since his HeartMate II implant and, he said, it's been 10 years since he's felt this good. His quality of life has drastically improved, so much so that he was able to attend his 50-year college reunion recently.

"It's my own personal opinion that heart failure is progressive and fatal if not treated correctly," said Tatum, who lives in Jacksonville, Fla. "Medications can only help so much."

"When I was sick, I wasn't living, I was dying," he added. "With the implant, I have the chance to watch my grandchildren grow up. They'll know who I am."

Thoratec employees, executives, patient ambassadors from across the country and caregivers of Thoratec's HeartMate II gathered last week for the second annual "HeartMate II Patient Ambassador Summit" at company headquarters in Pleasanton.

The HeartMate II is a device that supplies circulatory support

for patients suffering from heart failure. It attaches to the heart and is "designed to take over the pumping function of the left ventricle."

Patients use it as a permanent solution or temporarily while they wait for a transplant. More than 10,000 patients worldwide have been implanted with the HeartMate II, and currently there are 4,500 patients who have it.

Thirteen patient ambassadors and their caregivers shared their stories with Thoratec employees at the summit last week.

"We invited these people from all around the country to spend a couple of days with us," explained Susan Hopkins, director of patient advocacy for Thoratec. "It's a lot like a company meeting that we as employees might attend; we hold working sessions about specific topics."

"The topics that these patients and caregivers are sharing with us are their experiences and insight with the HeartMate II. Really the topics of this event are patient empowerment and advocacy," she continued.

During the three-day summit, par-



Peter Quimby of Minneapolis addresses a group about how Thoratec's HeartMate II came to the rescue when he was dying from a clot in his left heart ventricle.

NICOLE DOI

ticipants were involved in several collaborative discussions, talking with Thoratec employees on topics ranging from clinical data to the easiest way to take a shower while wearing the external device controller.

"Our goal is to build a community, where our patients share information and give us advice that helps us with things like product development all the way to public awareness," Hopkins said.

The patient ambassadors were at different stages of using the device.

"Some have received transplants, others are waiting, and some have opted to forgo transplants," said Karin Pellmen, public relations for Thoratec Corp. "There's no one

who's similar, everyone's got their own story. Yet when they gather, they form bonds with the employees and each other."

Patient ambassador Peter Quimby of Minneapolis, Minn., who is in his late 30s, was dying from a clot in his left ventricle on March 31, 2011. He was implanted with the device in April 2011 and has since been placed on the transplant list. In April of this year, Quimby received his YMCA National Group Fitness Certification.

"Heart failure is not a death sentence," Quimby said.

After spending 132 days in the hospital, Nicole Ludwig of Danville was implanted with the device.

With its help, she regained her strength and became a candidate for a heart transplant.

Four months ago, Ludwig, who has a 7-year-old child, underwent a successful transplant at Stanford.

"I truly think that without the LVAD, I wouldn't be here. I was lucky that my doctors knew about it," Ludwig said.

No two stories were the same, and yet those who attended the summit all came away with a similar message:

"Having the opportunity to meet the other patients and members of the LVAD family was something special," said patient ambassador Laura Huber from Aberdeen, S.D. ■



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The first is to bring any of the four food items to the Fairgrounds to be donated to the Alameda County Community Food Bank for packing meals. Donors will receive free admission to the Fair on June 27.

Shifts begin every hour on the hour, and 100 volunteers are required each hour to help pack meals. Also, table hosts to work three-hour shifts are needed to explain how to pack the meals.

There are 10 people per station, each with the four ingredients and a funnel that connects them all. The packing process works as an assembly line; volunteers mix the ingredients, put bags on the funnels, and weigh and box the finished products.

Although the hard work from packing all these meals will only pay off in the event of an emergency, Leal predicts that volunteers will know they are doing something worthwhile.

"I just plan the events; it's the volunteers who deserve the hand clap," Leal said.

To volunteer, go to [www.kidsagainsthungerpleasanton.org](http://www.kidsagainsthungerpleasanton.org) or call 400-7201. ■



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Kids Against Hunger volunteers assemble "magic meals," mixing the four ingredients, and weighing and boxing the finished products.

**FOUNDATION**

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with you and the public as soon as we are able. ... The board has been meeting and will continue to meet regularly to work on next steps."

Follow-up phone calls and emails to Cohen went unanswered. The Pleasanton Weekly has requested the foundation's most recent tax returns and has asked it to provide access to its records.

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## When is college debt too much?

By GARY ALT

Sometimes a college education doesn't pay.

A recent New York Times article featured 23-year-old Kelsey Griffith. Though both her parents earn modest incomes, Kelsey was wooed by Ohio Northern University as a freshman and wound up with \$120,000 in student loans by the time she graduated this year.

With a degree in marketing she's only landed two restaurant jobs. Her loan payments of almost \$900 a month have forced her to move back home with her parents. It will probably take her at least 15 years to pay off her loans.

College debt is now at a record-high of over \$1 trillion. Education costs rose faster than health care costs in the past decade, and they rose even faster than real estate prices before the crash.

Does it still make sense to go to college? Of course it does. Those with a bachelor's degree or higher had an unemployment rate of only 4.3% in May 2012, much lower than the national average of 8.2%, according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, plus college grads earn more money over their careers.

But those are national averages. It really depends on which school you graduate from and what your major field of study is.

Don't attend a school just because of name prestige if you have to borrow a lot of money. Unless you're going to one of the top 100 universities in the country, the higher price tag many times isn't worth the debt burden. If you're going into a specialized field, such as veterinary medicine, you may have only a few schools to choose from, but you can earn a marketing degree almost anywhere.

Choosing the right major also makes a big difference. Grads with degrees in education and health have the lowest unemployment rate at 5.4%. These grads are generally always in demand and the jobs pay well. On the other hand, art majors have twice the unemployment rate at 11.1% and liberal arts grads are at 9.4%.

Choose a profession that has a low unemployment rate and a higher starting salary. If you need student loans, look at the monthly payments and your expected starting salary to make sure you can pay off those loans within five years. Talk to someone who's financially savvy that can help you look at this realistically.

The best way avoid debt is to save for college beforehand. You can also work part-time during school to earn money. Don't make the same mistake Kelsey Griffith did by burying yourself in debt. Debt is acquired in minutes, but it hangs on for years.

Gary Alt is co-founder of Monterey Private Wealth in Pleasanton.

## Safeway switches to reusable containers for shipping produce

Company eliminates use of more than 17 million pounds of corrugated boxes

Pleasanton-based Safeway Inc. has announced that it has switched to using reusable product containers rather than corrugated boxes to ship many types of produce from the farm fields.

This transition through its distribution channels and to final store destinations, which began last year, will eliminate the use of more than 17 million pounds of corrugated boxes, Safeway said.

Safeway has used RPCs for decades on many of its consumer brand categories, including bread, milk and soda. The company began testing RPCs in its distribution system for fresh wet-pack produce, including fruits and vegetables kept on ice until they reach the store, in early 2010. Making

the transition for produce was a more complicated process than for other products because, to make it effective and decrease cardboard usage, Safeway's distributors and grower partners also had to commit to the switch.

Today, many types of produce travel from the field, to the distributor, to Safeway's product distribution centers and to the final store location in RPCs. The company's major supplier of RPCs, IFCO Systems, says Safeway's implementation of RPC usage to decrease waste was the fastest and most aggressive program roll-out to date.

Tom Nartker, Safeway's vice president of transportation, said employing environmentally friend-

ly methods of product distribution is part of the company's overall commitment to sustainable business practices.

"This expansion into produce is a natural extension of best practices in logistics," Nartker said. "Safeway will continue to look for opportunities to expand the usage of RPCs into additional categories to have an even greater positive environmental impact."

The use of reusable, sustainable containers not only keeps non-recyclable shipping containers out of the supply chain, but it also has an even greater positive environmental impact. RPCs can be stacked higher and more densely than traditional boxes, allowing for more efficient shipping and re-

quiring fewer trips to transport the same amount of product. This, in turn, decreases trucking emissions and traffic volume.

To date, the environmental benefits include:

- Eliminated the use of over 17 million pounds of corrugated boxes;
- Avoided the harvesting of approximately 114,000 trees; and,
- Reduced emissions of 37,518 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions (CO<sub>2</sub>e) from the environment, equivalent to removing 6,872 passenger cars off the road.

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## Financial transparency, trust essential in all nonprofits

Trust is fragile. When trust is broken and we are hurt by the actions or inactions of another person or group, those feelings of betrayal can linger for a long time. Even more dangerous is when that negative experience is extrapolated to include all people or groups similar to the one that caused the pain.

When the news broke about the Tri-Valley Community Foundation ousting its president because of mismanagement and a lot of unanswered questions, tiny fractures appeared in the fragile shell of trust. We asked how this happened and who is responsible. Many of us put up our guard and started scrutinizing every other group lest it happen again.

However, we must not generalize. We must not think that because the TVCF was not well-managed and took liberties with other people's money that all charitable organizations are mismanaged and will take liberties. We must not paint all charitable organizations with the same brush. The Tri-Valley, the state and country, for that matter, are filled with charitable organizations that are on the up-and-up, managed by competent staff and boards who know their roles and duties, including fiduciary oversight, and believe in transparency.

And they are still very much in need of funds to continue

their good work. The "safety net" services provided for those in need by our local health center, food bank and the like are critical now and the community's support is imperative for the services to continue.

What was mismanagement at best and betrayal at worst by the TVCF will continue to sting for a while. For better or worse, experience is a good teacher. Our community is a shining example of generous, caring people and if we allow this to deter us from giving to those in need, then we all lose. The loss to the needy and the organizations that provide services is obvious; less obvious is the result that reluctance to give has on the rest of us. When we let bitterness fester and stop caring for and supporting those in need, it doesn't take long to become apathetic about the needs of the less fortunate and lose our sense of community.

A positive response to this painful situation would be that boards and staffs of other nonprofits recognize the importance of financial transparency and trust of the community, and that residents do not stop giving to worthy organizations. Then we can say our community has responded to a potentially devastating incident in a positive manner, and has even grown stronger. ■

## LETTERS

### Out before the playing begins

Dear Editor,

My son has been playing baseball, first in the pony league, and then in little league since t-ball. This year he played on the As for his second year of Juniors.

We started the season on fire and then we lost a player, leaving our team with only nine players. After playing around 15 games we were informed that one of our key players had been selected for a jazz band camp and would not be here to play in the Tournament of Champions. Our coaches exhausted every possibility to fill the ninth spot, but to our shock and disappointment was told that because of league rules we were unable to fill that ninth spot with any unqualifying TOC player.

I can't tell you how heartbroken my son is, placing fourth and having to forfeit due to league rules. I feel that baseball for kids ranging from t-ball to big league shouldn't be black and white — without those gray areas people wouldn't be well rounded. I think this league has forgotten what it is all about, for the kids to learn the fundamentals of baseball and what being on a team means. They worked for 20-plus games to place in the TOC and then to compete to be in the championship game and be their level champions. Somewhere in all the politics the game and these boys, and a few very strong girls, have been lost.

I hope in the future this league finds a way to change and remember that making no allowance for

the "gray areas" has left eight very driven and extremely talented young men heartbroken.

**Kathy Reehl**

*Editor's note: David Harris of Pleasanton American Little League responded that the rules are not local, but set by Williamsport and the various Districts throughout Little League International, saying that he personally would like to see an exception in a situation like this.*

### Axis puts funds to good use

Dear Editor,

In light of the evolving financial situation at the Tri-Valley Community Foundation (TVCF), I am writing to address how TVCF funds received by Axis Community Health and many human service providers in the Tri-Valley have been used in the community.

Over various times in the past few years, Axis and other community organizations have received support from funds administered by TVCF. Many generous community members and businesses made contributions to these funds, and we are grateful for the support. I would like to assure the community that these funds were used exactly as intended by donors — in full support of services for Tri-Valley residents. Our organizations work tirelessly to meet the growing need for basic safety net services in our community, including food, shelter, health care and services for seniors. Community support is essential to our ability to meet these ongoing (and ever growing) needs.

Like other Tri-Valley organizations, Axis maintains accurate financial records in compliance with state and federal requirements, and we are audited by independent auditors annually. We are also subject to regular audits by local and state contracting officials and we file comprehensive tax forms annually.

Axis has an active 11-member board of directors that meets monthly and provides ongoing oversight of all financial statements. These records fully document all of the good accomplished by the dollars we have received, whether through TVCF or any of our other funders and contributors. Please rest assured that these dollars have been spent correctly helping those in need.

We appreciate the generosity of all who respond to those in need, and we hope the community continues to support the good work that human service organizations are doing every day in the Tri-Valley.

**Sue Compton, CEO, Axis Community Health**

### Examine Stark further

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the letter from the high school student, Alexandra Perelgos, on June 1, and I'm pleased some of our youth appear to be taking an active role in the political system. But Pete Stark is a prime example of what is wrong in our political system today, and hopefully students will form an opinion based upon facts rather than the baloney rhetoric he throws out when among political novices. He has become a regular on Esquire magazine's list of the "10 Worst Members of Congress." Stark routinely has taken civil-

ity to new lows by calling a female GOP colleague "a whore for the insurance industry," a male GOP colleague "a little wimp" and "a fruitcake," suggesting that one African American Republican was "a disgrace to his race" and asserting, falsely, that another, then-Rep. J.C. Watts, fathered all his children "out of wedlock." He accused Republicans in 2007 of sending troops to Iraq "to get their heads blown off for the president's amusement."

Stark's disregard for the truth, not to mention basic decency, has been on embarrassing display in Campaign 2012. He alleged in a debate that opponent Eric Swalwell took bribes from developers. A revealing moment in his meeting with the San Francisco Chronicle was Stark's struggle to name any legislation of significance that he has steered into law since 1994. In addition, due in large part to his unsubstantiated outbursts, his own party passed him over for the leadership of the powerful Ways and Means Committee in 2010, despite his seniority.

Is Pete Stark really the type of person that we want our youth to admire?

**David Johnson**

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pleasanton men busted in two drug cases

Suspicious behavior led to drug sales arrests of two Pleasanton men in separate incidents, police reports said.

In one, on June 13, police received a call about two men using drugs in a parked car. Officer Nicolas Schwarz found Matthew Farrington, 27, to be on probation, which allowed a search of the car. That search turned up bottles of Oxycontin and oxycodone pills, methadone pills and generic Xanax pills, along with numerous empty pill bottles and aluminum foil, which had been heated for the men to inhale drug fumes. Farrington was arrested for possession of a controlled

substance for sale, possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia possession.

Police found 9.8 grams of black tar heroin in the June 15 arrest of an 18-year-old from Pleasanton. Cooper Allan Eisenmann was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale and paraphernalia possession after police watched him drive and park "suspiciously." Eisenmann was taken into custody at about 2:34 p.m. in the 7400 block of Amador Valley Boulevard after a stop in which a police report said he'd been suspected of driving under the influence of opiates. Aluminum foil used to inhale drug fumes led to the paraphernalia charge, the report said.

In other police reports:

- Michael Paul Onate, 45, a transient, was arrested June 19 for misdemeanor elder abuse of his parents, who live in Pleasanton, along with public intoxication, resisting arrest and violating a court order. Onate was arrested at about 5:45 p.m. at the intersection of Calle

de la Paz and Paseo del Cajon.

- Two women were arrested for embezzlement in separate incidents at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Victoria Magdalena Ramey, 20, of Mountain House, a clerk at Macy's Men's was arrested at about 3:15 p.m. June 15 in the theft of \$2,100 in men's shirts and for creating a \$518 gift card that she spent elsewhere. The thefts occurred over an unspecified period of time.

Issere Amadi Grier-Christopher 20, of Oakland, a clerk at J.C. Penney, was arrested June 6 in the theft of \$62 cash.

Police are also investigating a June 17 report of embezzlement at Safeway in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue.

- A 69-year-old Pleasanton man was arrested for misdemeanor bribery after getting caught cheating on his drivers' test, then offering the woman who caught him \$200 "to help her out." Subhash Johar was arrested at about

10:55 a.m. June 14 at the DMV in the 6300 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard.

- Burglars gained access to two homes through unlocked doors, leading to the theft of weapons and electronics in separate burglaries.

In one, reported at about 8:46 p.m. June 14, a \$1,200 flatscreen TV was stolen from a home in the 2300 block of Meadowlark Drive, along with a \$500 shotgun, a \$300 deer rifle, a \$75 .22 caliber rifle, a \$50 pellet gun and a \$100 laptop.

A Sony Playstation worth \$200 was reported stolen at about 10:32 p.m. June 16 from a home in the 4000 block of Peregrine Way.

- Tools valued at \$1,200 were reported stolen at about 9:13 p.m. June 18 from Fastenal, a business in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; the business's back door was pried open.

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

## POLICE REPORT

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

### June 13

#### Theft

- 7:22 a.m. in the 5500 block of Northway Road; auto theft
- 12:15 p.m. in the 5700 block of Dalton Creek Way; identity theft
- 2:13 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:15 p.m. in the 300 block of Kottinger Drive; grand theft

#### Battery

- 6:13 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

- 9:59 a.m. in the 7500 block of Stonedale Drive
- 10:05 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

#### Drug violations

- 5:43 p.m. at the intersection of Harvest Circle and Winter Court; marijuana possession

### June 14

#### Theft

- 9:46 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; grand theft
- 11:39 a.m. in the 7100 block of Moss Tree Way; grand theft
- 4:28 p.m. in the 1400 block of White Stable Drive; identity theft

#### Alcohol violations

- 7:41 p.m. in the 4200 block of

Rosewood Drive; public drunkenness

- 11 p.m. in the 4100 block of Francisco Street; DUI

### June 15

#### Theft

- 5:44 p.m. in the 3200 block of Picadilly Court; grand theft, identity theft
- 10:13 p.m. in the 7100 block of W. Woodbury Court; identity theft

#### Auto burglary

- 9:41 p.m. in the 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 10:46 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive

#### Vandalism

- 9:04 a.m. in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:41 a.m. at the intersection of Del Valle Parkway and Harvest Circle; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 11:05 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness

### June 16

#### Theft

- 3:44 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Auto burglary

- 1:28 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Battery

- 1:44 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

#### Vandalism

- 11:29 a.m. in the 5800 block of Northway Road

#### Animal endangerment

- 5:45 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:46 p.m. in the 4500 block of Hopyard Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 10:00 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

### June 17

#### Embezzlement

- 11:31 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Vandalism

- 9:29 a.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:21 a.m. in the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance
- 2:18 a.m. in the 2400 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 2:57 a.m. at the intersection of Navajo Court and Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

### June 18

#### Theft

- 4:48 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:57 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 10:44 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road



## OBITUARIES

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### Kathy Palmer

Kathy Palmer, a 30 year resident of Pleasanton, died suddenly on June 17, 2012. She was born in Portland, OR on February 4, 1951. Kathy is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, Jim, daughters Kristy (Elvis) Aviles and Karey (Scott) McAlpine, sisters Patti Harvey and Terry McArdle, and grandchildren Jascylette, Elvis Jr. and Elijah, and nieces Tiffany, Jen, Julie, and Michelle, and nephew Matt.

Kathy was an avid sports fan, loving both the SF Giants and 49ers. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her friends and family.

A private celebration of life will be held on Friday.

### Dorlene F. (Garcia) Alves

Dorlene F. (Garcia) Alves passed away on Thursday, May 31, 2012 after a long battle with dementia.

Dorlene, or "Doe" as she affectionately called by family and friends, was born and raised in Pleasanton. She graduated from Amador High in 1951 and married Edmond (Ed) Alves, the love of her life, on June 20, 1954. Dorlene was a homemaker most of her life. Raising, loving and supporting her children throughout their lives were her joys and her vocation. Do what makes you happy she would say.



Dorlene was preceded in death by her son, Jeffrey Alves in 2009, her sister, JoAnne Holden in 2008, parents, William and Mrytle (Frager) in 1984. She leaves behind her husband, Edmond, of 58 years of marriage, her daughters, Janell (Richard) Anderson of Mountain View, CA, Jennifer (Steve) Dowden of Keller, TX their four children, Katie, Jackie, Maddie & Samuel, daughter-in-law, Blanca Castillo-Alves, her two children, Isabel & Anthony of Simi Valley, CA, her brother Donald (Lillian) Garcia, their three sons, Steve, Mike, and Ronnie, her nephew Warren (Kathy) Holden, their children Chase and Kaylene.

A private family grave site service will be held on July 14 at St. Augustine's cemetery in Pleasanton. Donations in Dorlene's name, may be made to the charity of your choice.



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P12 0774, Shape Up! Boot Camp and Fitness**

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a gymnasium/fitness instruction facility in an existing tenant space located at 1257 Quarry Lane, Suite 115

### Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Monday, June 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.  
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Alamo Canal Trail I-580 Undercrossing
- Bicycle Rack Locations
- Trails Project Status Report

### Energy & Environment Committee

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.  
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

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# FAIR TIME

Alameda County Fair celebrates being 100 years old



The Alameda County Fair launched its 2012 extravaganza Wednesday — 100 years after the first Fair was held — and is observing its centennial with new rides, special activities and discounts. Plus anyone 100 years or older gets free admission. The Fair runs through July 8.

Special Fair festivities included \$1 admission on opening day. A kissing contest will be held June 24 where couples must kiss for 100 consecutive seconds, then eat cotton candy placed between their mouths.

Also this year's Fair will offer a new carnival White Water Log Flume ride with two hills that take riders on steep drops that end in splashes.

"The carnival rides help to attract over 450,000 patrons, families of all ages," said April Mitchell, Event Sales and Marketing Manager. "Each year, we seek the most exciting, family-friendly, safety-conscious rides that appeal to our fairgoers."

For information on fun contests such as hotdog eating and the barbecue cook-off, plus the entertainment lineup, visit [www.alamedacounty-fair.com](http://www.alamedacounty-fair.com) or call 426-7600. ■

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The carnival midway is a popular attraction at the Fair, its rides and games colorfully coming to life as the sun sets. Far right, Bennett Wallaby made many friends at the petting zoo last year.





## TAKE ME TO THE FAIR

### Hours:

11 a.m.-10 p.m. Tuesdays to Thursdays  
10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays  
11 a.m.-9 p.m. Fourth of July  
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Tickets sales close at 9 p.m.

### Admission:

Adults - \$10 at the gate  
Seniors (age 62) \$8 at the gate  
Kids (age 6-12) \$6 at the gate;  
under 6, free

### CAMMIE CLARK

The Fair offers contests for residents in many areas, including fine arts, hobby collections, pies, needlework and photography, harking back to 100 years ago when people displayed their talents while enjoying the competition.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- Centennial Parade: 9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 23, Main Street
- \$2 Tuesdays: June 26, July 3
- Senior Free Thursday: June 21, June 28, July 5 (62 and older)
- Kids Free Fridays: June 22, June 29, July 6 (12 and under)
- Fireworks: 9:30 p.m., Fridays, June 22, June 29, July 6
- Stuff the Bus Foster Kids Clothing Drive: June 22. Bring a new clothing item and receive \$5 Fair admission.
- Feed the Need Food Drive and \$1 Rides: June 27. Bring four non-perishable food items and receive free Fair admission, benefiting the Alameda County Community Food Bank.
- Military Appreciation Day: June 22. Free Fair admission for two with one valid military ID. Veterans free with proof of service.

## THE FIRST FAIR: 1912

The first "modern Fair" was held in Pleasanton in 1912, when the owner of the racetrack, Rodney G. MacKenzie, began to push for holding a fair on his property, according to a pictorial history, "Celebrating Family Fun at the County Fair!" that was written and edited by Bob and Pat Lane and published in 2002. (Read about the history of the racetrack on Page 10.)

Fifteen businessmen and ranchers met and formed the Alameda County Fair Association, with its first meeting on June 29, 1912. Stock was sold at \$100 per share to finance the first Fair, which ran Oct. 23-27 and attracted thousands. It was a forerunner to today's Fair, with livestock, plants and cut flowers, and fine arts. It also had competitions for grammar school students in handwriting and drawing maps of California and the United States.

The Fair was also held in 1913 and 1914, and although attendance increased, it did not do well financially. In 1915, San Francisco hosted the Panama-Pacific International Exposition so the association decided not to hold the County Fair. It was not resumed, at first due to World War I, although from 1916-1932 the racetrack was used as a training track, for races of various kinds, including cars and motorcycles, and for airplane trials.

It was not until the 1930s that Alameda County again became interested in holding a County Fair. In 1933, California legalized pari mutuel betting in the state, with a tax to subsidize state fairs to promote agriculture and livestock.

After several attempts by community and county groups to get started, finally in January 1939 the Alameda County Fair Association was formed in Pleasanton. Eight-two members joined the Board of Directors, who used their own personal funds — notes from \$1,000 to \$100,000 — to guarantee the endeavor. The land was leased from the MacKenzie heirs and the Fair was held in the exhibition buildings from the 1912 event. The Alameda County Agricultural Fair and Horse Show ran from Aug. 10-13, 1939.

This fair included a carnival with four rides and 20 games and concessions. There were vaudeville acts, dancing in the evening, and some displays of produce, livestock and homemaking, but the horse races were the main attraction and income. The total profit was \$78, only possible because so many residents volunteered their time and due to the \$19,800 brought in by the races. That year and afterward the Alameda County Fair never operated at a loss, the book noted, but without pari mutuel betting it could not have survived.

The Fair was again successful in 1940, with Pleasanton's Fall Festival Parade moved to opening day, with all the cities in the county taking part. This year the parade is being held the first Saturday of the Fair.

In 1941, the county purchased the 100-acre Fairgrounds for \$40,410, and the Association hired its first fair manager, Wray Bergstrom. But the Fair continued to be run for the most part by volunteers. That year the Fair ran July 3-12, with nine days of races for a handle of \$432,644, which was a national record.

With the advent of World War II, the Fair was again suspended. The grandstand was used as a lookout for volunteers to search the skies for enemy aircraft. When the war ended in August 1945, a small Fair was held Oct. 5-20.

The Fair was fully up to speed in 1948, when it was held July 9-17, and Mayor Jim Trimmingham even declared a half-day holiday for the city on July 15 for Livermore/Pleasanton Day at the Fair. During this period, many improvements were made in the livestock and exhibition areas, and the archway entrances were built. The Maid of Alameda County Pageant began in 1949. This period was the heyday of county fairs.

In 1963, the Fair's Board of Directors was established at 26 members, and the Fair became independent, no longer receiving support from the county, city or state. Also that year, the old wooden bandstand was torn down and the present concrete and steel grandstand was



COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

The Woman's Department at the Fair held in 1912 included embroidery, lace and drawn work, pillows and bags, bedspreads and quilts, preserved fruit and culinary arts.

built, and 35 acres were added to the grounds for parking. In 1966-67 a new administration building was added to the Fairgrounds, near the Pleasanton Avenue entrance.

In the '70s, expansion continued and the Fair adopted the theme "Family Fun for Everyone." World class entertainers began to appear nightly in the new Amphitheater. The Young California Building was dedicated in 1975, and a 9-hole golf course replaced the inner racetrack.

One year of discord was 1976, when county employees went on strike and picketed the Fair, even though the nonprofit Fairgrounds was supposed to be off limits and Fair employees did not strike. Attendance went down 49% from the year before, resulting in a serious loss in revenue, and many improvements were cancelled.

By 1979, expansion had resumed. The long-awaited clock tower-information booth was built, a 30-foot structure with a 16-foot flagpole

on top, which was a joint effort of the Fair board and the Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society. Through the '80s, improvements continued with new kiosks and paving and an upgrade of the barn area. In 1996, a 20-year contract was signed with the county for the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association to run the Fairgrounds and the Fair.

The Fairgrounds is now 268 acres. More than 452,000 patrons attended last year's 17-day Fair, an 8% increase, which pleased officials since the Fair had fewer days of horse racing and the economy was struggling. In addition to the annual Fair, hundreds of events take place each year on the grounds, from the Scottish Games to the Goodguys car shows and massive RV displays. Its annual operating budget is almost \$20 million for 2012.

Book authors Bob and Pat Lane moved to Pleasanton in 1952 after graduating from the College of the Pacific in Stockton, now UOP, for

Bob to take a teaching position at Amador Valley High.

Pat was from Piedmont but her father, dentist L.B. "Tommy" Thomas, had opened an office in Pleasanton. During the Fair, she recalled, he would close his office to his regular patients so he could provide dental services for the Fair workers, who otherwise might never see a dentist. She said that in the '50s most of the downtown stores closed in the afternoon during the Fair.

"Everyone went to the races," she recalled, including her and her father. "Dad and I thought the horses couldn't get out of the starting gate without us," she said, laughing.

Bob Lane was working at the gates, to make ends meet until school started and he received his first teaching paycheck in October.

The Lanes' book "Celebrating Family Fun at the County Fair!" is available for \$25 at the Fairgrounds office, 4501 Pleasanton Ave., or at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE VALLEY — MUSIC, THEATER, ART, MOVIES AND MORE

## Fair time means horse races

Venue is oldest continuous  
one-mile track in U.S.

BY DENNIS MILLER



COURTESY ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

The early Fairs had gentlemen's harness racing, which came to an end after the 1968 meet. At right, horse racing's all-time leader Russell Baze finds the summer tour exciting and challenging.

**T**his week saw the start for horse racing at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton on the oldest continuous operating one-mile race track in the United States.

There is a rich history of racing in Pleasanton, featuring some of the top horses — be it thoroughbred or trotters — training or racing.

It is documented that in 1858 a race track was built by Don Refugio Bernal in the Amador Valley. In 2009, Pleasanton celebrated 150 Years of Racing at the Oldest One Mile Track in America — dating back to 1858.

The property bounced around the Bernal family until 1876 or 1877 when the track was sold to Joseph F. Nevis, who had married into the Bernal family. Nevis has been credited with improving the track to regulation specifications and operating the track as a business.

It was also during this time a Jockey Club was formed.

In 1883, Monroe Salisbury, a very wealthy Australian horse breeder, purchased the track for \$25,000. It was during this time horse owners from the East began to ship their horses west for training during the poor weather months as well as for some racing.

Trotting or harness racing was big at this time as a number of world champions either training or racing came to Pleasanton.

Sunol, owned by Leland Stanford, was the first Cal-bred trotter to become a world champion. Other trotters or pacers like Director, Direct, Directum and Directly were all owned by Salisbury and were all world champions.

As the property's ownership continued to change hands over the years, improvements were made to the track and barns were added.

The biggest improvements came in 1911 when Rodney G. MacKenzie bought the track and proceeded to spend over \$250,000 to build a grandstand and stable area for a large number of horses. Among the many improvements MacKenzie made was the construction of a trotter racing track.

From 1916-32, the track was leased for a variety of events, including training, plus automobile and motorcycle races. In 1926 MacKenzie died and left the ownership of the track to his family.

In 1922 Morvich became the first California-bred horse to win the Kentucky Derby, and the horse trained over the winter months in Pleasanton before heading East to win the Derby.

The Derby was the 12th straight win for Morvich — the top 2-year-old in 1921 — but it was also the last race Morvich would win as a 3-year-old, finishing the year 1-for-5.

Other thoroughbreds associated with Pleasanton included Runstar, who won the \$100,000 Coffroth Handicap in Tijuana; Carlis — winner of the \$50,000 Tijuana Derby, as well as the Coffroth; Teralis — winner of many East Coast stakes races; and Indian Brown — the former world-record holder at 1-1/8 miles.

The next big moment for horse racing came in 1933 when pari-mutuel wagering was passed into state law in California.

It was also in the 1930s that famed racehorse Seabiscuit trained at Pleasanton as he was prepping for his big West Coast races.

In 1939, the Alameda County Fair Association was formed and the "The Alameda County Agricultural Fair and Horse Show" was held in August. Many of those associated with the horse racing are names that are known today.

Everett Nevin and Sam J. Whiting continue to have stakes races named after them today



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and Al Caffodio was active in not just the Fair, but all sorts of youth sports. As an honor to his effort, the first highly competitive youth soccer league in the Tri-Valley was named "The Al Caffodio League."

The grandstand at the Fair initially held 2,500, but by 1941, there was a new grandstand that seated 5,000.

Throughout the years, more money was allotted to the construction of new horse barns.

Finally in 1963 the old wooden grandstands were torn down and the current structure was erected. Seating capacity was raised to almost 7,000 in the new facility.

There have been setbacks along the way in the barn area as there were a couple of fires. In 1952 there was a fire that claimed the lives of 10 horses and burned a number of stalls. In 1965, another fire destroyed a lot of stalls, but no horses were lost.

By the time 1970 rolled around more than \$750,000 was allotted to construct a new barn area, further away from the track with more stalls.

Harness racing finally came to an end at the Fair following the 1968 meet. From there, the Fair racing has continued to grow in terms of its status as one of the top Fair meets in Northern California.

In 1992, Casual Lies, owned and trained by Shelley Riley, did all of his prep work at

Pleasanton on the way to finishing second in the Kentucky Derby, third in the Preakness Stakes and fifth in the Belmont Stakes.

The success put both Riley and the Pleasanton track in the national spotlight and even forced a security camera to be installed around the barn area where Casual Lies lived.

After Bay Meadows race track in San Mateo was closed in August 2008, Pleasanton became more prominent as a training track, picking up a number of horses.

It was in 2008 that Pleasanton received the official designation as the Primary Auxiliary Training Facility for Northern California. In late 2008, Pleasanton absorbed a majority of the horses that had been training at Bay Meadows.

In 2009, Pleasanton received a third week of Fair Time Racing when the Solano County Fair ceased operating its Race Meet. Talk continues about additional racing dates at the Pleasanton track outside the Alameda County Fair, but at this point nothing has been decided.

The Alameda County Fair Association has received numerous national and international awards for its creative marketing, programming and community outreach.

# Imagination brings students success

Foothill team takes second place in Global Finals, wins Renaissance Award

By JAMIE ALTMAN

Six sophomores from Foothill High School set out to use their problem-solving, teamwork and creative skills in the Global Finals of Destination Imagination on May 23, and ended up in second place.

The program gives students from kindergarten to college level an environment that stimulates them to think on their feet and work together.

"Destination Imagination (has) taught me not only tangible skills, like using power tools and electrical wiring, but also abstract skills like communication and thinking outside the box," said Melissa Muller, a member of the Foothill team, "It's an Ego Thing."

This was the first year that the team — Muller, Ryan Hobbs, Shona McCarthy, Alex Monks, Nadia Siddiqi and Nick Soldati — qualified for the Global Finals, which were held in Knoxville, Tenn.

More than 1,200 teams competed in the five-day national event; the Foothill team faced 78 others in the senior division, ultimately beating all but one of them.

"Global finals was a little overwhelming," Muller admitted. "It felt a little like the mini Olympics, with countries (participating) from all over the world."

"It's an Ego Thing" undertook

the Coming Attractions Challenge at the Global Finals. This required the group to closely examine two historical cultures — the Aztecs and the Celts — and create a live movie trailer to perform in front of the judges.

This was a Team Challenge, as opposed to Instant Challenges where groups must provide a solution on the spot, so the six students had months to prepare, which included formulating a story, designing costumes, constructing sets,

writing the script, and generating a soundtrack.

With a \$125 budget, the students had to be resourceful with props: They used 2,750 magazine pieces to represent the beads of an Aztec king, and they combined candy wrappers and fabric remnants to create an ocean.

"This mesmerizing movie trailer transported the audience and (judges) into an ancient world," the judges declared. "Every element of the presentation came

together to create a powerful experience that brought tears to the eyes."

The team won the Renaissance Award, which is granted to the team that displays the most effort and participation, as well as the second-place title.

"Winning second place was absolutely incredible," Muller said. "It was like a group of people could look at what we did and all the hard work we put in, and say, 'That's something special.'" ■



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The Foothill Destination Imagination team (l-r) Nadia Siddiqi, Ryan Hobbs, Melissa Muller, Shona McCarthy, Alexandra Monks and Nick Soldati placed second at the Global Finals in Tennessee.

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# Sports

## Sborov twins qualify for U.S. golf championship

Katie and Alex Sborov, 17-year-old twins and seniors at Foothill High School, have both qualified to participate in the 2012 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship being held at the Lake Merced Golf Club in Daly City on July 16-21.

"They are both on the high school golf team and have been golfing competitively for several years," said their mother Marty Sborov. "Alex became committed to golf at a very early age and has been golfing competitively for five or six years. Katie became committed to golf after shooting four under par at a high school meet two years ago."

The Championship will have 156 competitors. The par-72 Lake Merced course has no water hazards but it does have challenging tree-lined fairways and rolling topography so players must choose the right approach to the green, notes an article on the U.S. Golf Association website. The fog, which can roll in at a moment's notice, can also be a problem, especially with players who are not used to it.

Alex Sborov has been awarded a golf scholarship to Texas Christian University starting in 2013. Katie has been offered golf scholarships but has not made a final decision, their mother said. ■



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Katie and Alex Sborov with their acceptance letters to the 2012 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship.

## Seahawks Spirit saw them through

The Pleasanton Seahawks Swim Team is celebrating its class of 2012, and the graduating seniors talked about their years of hard work and the Seahawks Spirit.

When asked what they learned while swimming year-round for the Seahawks, Marissa Brown answered, "Having a good attitude can change everything; never give up." She will be attending UC Davis in the fall, majoring in civil engineering.

Chris Dourov, who will major in civil engineering at Arizona State University, said that swimming on a year-round team is "well worth the time and effort."

"You learn a lot about yourself as a person and learn a lot of life-skills that are extremely important to help with challenges later in life," noted Emily Saccullo, who plans to attend Diablo Valley College and major in pre-managerial economics.

"It's about being the best swimmer you can personally be," said Bridget Moran, who is headed to Claremont McKenna College to study economics. "You also appreciate how amazing the coaches on our team really are and how much they really care about you."

Allison Brown, who will major in biological sciences at Stanford University, said that a highlight of being on the Seahawks was spending time each day with dedicated



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The Pleasanton Seahawks class of 2012 are (l-r) Devon Brown, Chris Dourov, Kristine Doan, Allison Brown, Marissa Brown, Bridget Moran and Emily Saccullo.

and passionate people.

Devon Brown said he "learned how to set goals, no matter how difficult they are to reach." He will attend Brigham Young University, Provo, and study microbiology.

Future midshipman and swimmer at the U.S. Naval Academy Kristine Doan commented that "every success and failure can be taken as a learning lesson."

Their GPAs ranged from 3.7 to 4.0-plus, showing that they studied hard in addition to their daily swim workouts and frequent competitions.

For more information on the Pleasanton Seahawks Swim Team, contact [tryout@pleasantonseahawks.org](mailto:tryout@pleasantonseahawks.org) or call VIP-SWIM (847-7946).

—Mair Moran



## Fuji Sushi wins softball seniors

Pleasanton Girls Softball League Senior Division champions are Fuji Sushi Boat and Buffet - Storm. Team members are (front row, l-r) Angelica Clark, Leah Botelho, Dharini Clare, Kristen Morse, Jill Eicher, (middle) Coach Rick Altman, Lauren Bedard, Jamie Altman, Kalesha Leite, Caitlyn Peal, Lexi Campisi, Jennifer Teitell, Zoe Chapman, (back) Assistant Coach Dan Campisi and Coach John Quintanal.

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Class Reunions

**AMADOR VALLEY HIGH CLASS REUNION** All the details for Amador's 1972 40TH Reunion are at <http://aplus-mediation-and-more.com/-amador-valley-class-reunion.html>. Please read all information carefully. Golf begins at noon; dinner/dancing/drawings/fun begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 7 from 6-11 p.m. \$75 Wedgewood Wedding and Banquet Center at the Delta View Golf Course, 2222 Golf Club Rd., Pittsburg. 305-4071. [www.aplus-mediation-and-more.com/-amador-valley-class-reunion.html](http://www.aplus-mediation-and-more.com/-amador-valley-class-reunion.html)

Concerts

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** Pleasanton Downtown Association presents live concerts throughout the summer from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First and Neal streets. Enjoy Eclectic Rock by The Crisis on June 22 then come back June 29, for Celtic Folk Rock by Pladdohg. Visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

Events

**FAST & FURIOUS FESTIVAL** The event is an all-day wellness and lifestyle festival designed to bring the world of cycling and running together in one place while highlighting the charm of downtown. Proceeds from the event will be donated to ALS TDI. Sunday, Aug. 5 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Free festival admission Fast & Furious Festival, 830 Main St., Pleasanton. 407-3130. [www.fastandfuriouspleasanton.com](http://www.fastandfuriouspleasanton.com)

**FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC** Enjoy some old-fashioned family fun at Pleasanton's 14th annual community event, "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution," from noon-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 4, at Lions Wayside Park, First and Neal streets, Pleasanton. Music provided by Pleasanton Community Concert Band, plus enjoy "Dog and a drink for a dollar." Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. Free American flags, temporary tattoos and hand held fans.

**LUNCHEON FOR WIDOWED** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like you to join them for Lunch in Dublin. RSVP to David by Monday, June 25. Thursday, June 28 at noon Your menu choice Koi Palace Express, 4288 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. 833-7647.

**PIZZA PARTY FOR WIDOWED** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like you to join them for pizza. Please RSVP to Athene by Saturday, June

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

'Ballets to Remember'

Emily Cain will perform in Valley Dance Theatre's spring production, "Ballets to Remember," at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday, June 23, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. The performance will include Sergei Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," Ravel's "Bolero" and Aaron Copeland's "Rodeo," with music by the Livermore-Amador Symphony. Director Betsy Hausburg noted that many parents will remember being introduced to "Peter" when they were young and they can now share it with their own children. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 for students 17 and younger. Purchase them online at [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org) or by phone at 373-6800. Valley Dance Theatre has been the Tri-Valley's premier ballet company for 30 years.



GARY CAIN

23. Saturday, June 30 at 5 p.m. \$5 Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too, 11891 Dublin Blvd, Dublin. 925-846-0111.

**RELAY FOR LIFE 2012** American Cancer Society's 24-hour Relay for Life! is from 10 a.m.-10 a.m., Saturday, July 21 through Sunday, July 22, at Pleasanton Middle School track, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton. First lap is for cancer survivors. Special Luminary Ceremony at 9 p.m. honoring cancer survivors and in memory of those who have lost their battle. Survivors, call Sue at 200-1328.

**RUBY FRIDAY AT RUBY HILL WINERY** Beach Boys and other summer themed music will be playing ó come in your favorite Beach attire. Cover includes glass of wine, slice of pizza, appetizers, s'mores by the fire pit. Join friends and welcome the summer in their winery tasting room. Friday, June 29 from 6:30-9 p.m. \$10 members/\$15 general public Ruby Hill Winery, 400 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. 931-9463.

**SUMMER WINE STROLL** The Pleasanton Downtown Association is holding its 12th annual Summer Wine Stroll from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, June 28, in downtown Pleasanton, with more than 25 wineries. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by cash or check until June 27 at the Berry Patch, Studio Seven Arts, Towne Center Books, Clover Creek and the Rose Hotel. There are only 1,000 tickets available for this event. If not sold out, tickets can be purchased on the day of the event beginning at 5:30 p.m. for \$35 (cash only) at the event, which starts at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Call 484-2199 or visit [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

Fundraisers

**HOPE FOR CROHN'S TRIATHLON** A dedicated group of volunteers, Crohn's patients, family and friends of Hope For Crohn's are joining Rachel A. Bonner Hope for Crohn's Blue Wave Triathlon to raise awareness and find a cure for Crohn's disease, which has 500,000 patients in the United States. The event is Sunday, June 24. To donate or register, visit [www.hopeforcrohns.org](http://www.hopeforcrohns.org) or call 1-855-722-4673.

**PICNIC AND OPERA IN A VINEYARD** Enjoy a relaxed summer evening of classic opera and wine to benefit Livermore Valley Opera, in a relaxed setting among the vines from 5-8 p.m., Sunday, July 15, at Retzlaff Vineyards, 1356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$30 through July 9, then \$35. Bring your own picnic dinner or purchase artisan pizzas and salads from Soleil Wood Fired Pizza, as well as organically made Retzlaff wines. Guests will also be able to purchase songs from a "menu of arias" for the four renowned opera singers to perform. Call 960-9210 or visit [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com).

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Live Music

**AFRICAN DRUMMING** Join Cheza Nami for an afternoon of African drumming and dance at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 24, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton. Explore African dance moves as demonstrated by Cheza Nami artists. This fun, inclusive, educational and interactive program is free and open to all ages. Call 931-3405.

**SUMMER HARMONY** The Bay Area's premier men's a capella chorus, Voices In Harmony, presents Summer Harmony. Enjoy the captivating sound of this internationally ranked chorus as it vocalizes well known tunes of yesterday and today. Sharing the stage are two champion quartets, Dolce and First Strike. Saturday, June 23 from 7-10 p.m. Adults \$25; seniors/group \$20; kids \$15 Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. 1-877-684-3844. <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/245771>

On Stage

'OKLAHOMA' Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is presenting

Richard Rodgers lively musical, "Oklahoma," at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and at 2 p.m. Sundays from July 21-Aug. 5 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. No Friday performance on opening weekend. Call 462-2121 or visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org).

**FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK: 'HENRY V'** The city of Pleasanton presents the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's 30th season of Free Shakespeare in the Park with its production of "Henry V" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sundays, June 30-July 15, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave. Admission is free; everyone is invited to bring blankets and picnic suppers to enjoy during the performance. For more information call 931-5340.

Seniors

**HEARING LOSS & HEARING AIDS** Dr. Billheimer, audiologist, will present a talk on hearing loss and hearing aids. Hearing aids are only a part of new technology for people with hearing loss. There are many other devices that enhance hearing. This talk will touch on solutions and consequences of untreated hearing loss. Tuesday, June 26 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5365. [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org)

**KEEPING ELDERLY SAFE: OVERVIEW OF ELDER ABUSE** Take steps to protect yourself or loved one from elder abuse. Learn what elder abuse is and the laws that address it. Identify signs of financial, emotional, physical abuse and neglect. Review legal remedies available to abused elders and agencies that can help. Tuesday, July 10 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd, Pleasanton. 925-931-5365. [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org)

Support Groups

**BEYOND TREATMENT BREAST CANCER** This group provides a safe place to express and share thoughts, concerns and experiences of living with the uncertainty after treatment for breast cancer, the physical effects and problems related to intimacy, marriage, reproduction and employment. The group meets from 6-8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of the month at ValleyCare Health Library and Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite #270. The group is facilitated by Mary Prishtina, RN, and Estee Goren, MFT. Call 399-1177.

Volunteering

**ARTS CENTER VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION** Join a team of volunteers of the Firehouse Arts Center for an inspiring and rewarding experience in the arts. Positions include theater usher, will-call window and gallery desk. The orientation begins at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 28, at the Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Theater volunteers must be at least 16, and gallery volunteers at least 21. Contact the Volunteer Program at 931-4855 or email [jonojafe@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:jonojafe@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

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## Coldwell Banker associates earn top awards

Couple that focuses on relocations honored with Elite awards

By JEB BING

Kathleen and Larry Waelde, sales associates with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's Pleasanton office, have earned the company's International President's Elite award, a prestigious honor bestowed upon the top Coldwell Banker sales associates worldwide.

"It is with great pride that I welcome Kathleen and Larry as members," said Rick Turley, president of firm. "This accomplishment is a testament to their professionalism and the fine service they provide their clients."

With a background in relocation services, Kathleen Waelde began selling real estate in 1987, and has continued specializing in providing relocating families with a level of concierge service that has resulted in high praise and referrals. A career real estate professional, she also has earned the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Graduate of the Realtor Institute (GRI), Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES), and Short Sale Foreclosure Resource Specialist (SFR) designations and is a licensed real estate broker. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green State University.

Licensed since 1975, Larry Waelde has extensive real estate experience including real estate appraising, investment property analysis/management and residential sales. He, too, works with relocating executives, as well as investors, and has earned the Certified Property Manager (CPM) and Certified Relocation Professional (CRP) designations and is a licensed real estate broker. He earned his bachelor's degree in urban planning from California State University, Fullerton.

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<p><b>3030 Picholine Dr Livermore</b></p> <p><b>bd 5 ba 4.5 sqft+/- 3,776 \$939,000</b></p> <p>Amazing Los Olivos home! Gourmet kit w/SS, granite, big island, lg breakfast room, formal living &amp; dining w/ recessed lights &amp; coffered ceiling. Built-ins! Brazilian cherry flrs upstairs. Big master w/travertine tiled bath. Stamped concrete patio, extra parking.</p> <p><b>Diane Sass 925.583.2168</b></p>	<p><b>3747 Rimini Ln Dublin</b></p> <p><b>bd 3 ba 2 sqft+/- 2,220 \$618,900</b></p> <p>Single-Story Serenity in Sorrento at Dublin Ranch. Situated within minutes of vibrant downtown areas of Dublin and Pleasanton, and only minutes to convenient shopping and commute destinations.</p> <p><b>Antonia Quanstrom 925.280.8538</b></p>	<p><b>9895 Foothill Rd Sunol</b></p> <p><b>bd 3 ba 2 sqft+/- 1,984 \$1,299,000</b></p> <p>Beautiful Home Located in the desirable town of Sunol, 3 bed, 2 bath, Updated kitchen, Original barn, Newer flooring. Just a horse back ride away from Pleasanton Ridge all this on 5+ Acres. This home has the look of Tahoe, a Must See.</p> <p><b>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</b></p>	<p><b>1904 Fiorio Cir Pleasanton</b></p> <p><b>bd 2 ba 2 sqft+/- 1,345 \$474,950</b></p> <p>Rarely available single story end unit. Immaculately maintained! Open floorplan with vaulted ceilings, breakfast bar, fireplace and center atrium outdoor sitting area. 2 car garage with extra storage above. Located by beautiful Orloff Park. Walk to schools and shopping.</p> <p><b>Tonni Chandler 925.251.2556</b></p>	<p><b>4357 Mirador Dr Pleasanton</b></p> <p><b>bd 3 ba 2 sqft+/- 1,644 \$719,000</b></p> <p>Absolutely beautiful home. Walk to Downtown. Newer Comp Presidential roof. New paint &amp; carpet. Hardwood in 2 bdrs. Custom Cherrywood, granite and S/S kitchen. Master has new travertine flooring and shower. Granite counters with custom upmount decorative sink.</p> <p><b>Todd Martinez 925.251.2571</b></p>
<p><b>2264 Segundo Ct #3 Pleasanton</b></p> <p><b>bd 2 ba 1 sqft+/- 930 \$225,000</b></p> <p>Great Location, off Foothill. Remodeled kitchen w/ newer cabinets &amp; granite counter tops, updated bathroom, open floor plan, dual pane windows, ideal court location, covered carport w/ storage. Laundry facility in carport area, pool included in community amenities.</p> <p><b>Lisa Ferraris 925.251.2583</b></p>	<p><b>2668 Basswood Dr San Ramon</b></p> <p><b>bd 3 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 1,436 \$499,088</b></p> <p>Gale Ranch Villa Paseo Home. 3 bedrooms 2.5 bath. Desirable floorplan. Light &amp; bright.</p> <p><b>David Azimi 925.251.2580</b></p>	<p><b>5443 Betty Cir Livermore</b></p> <p><b>bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2028 \$429,995</b></p> <p>Remodeled home w/ 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms on a corner lot. Property has Hardwood flooring, granite counter tops, updated bathrooms, fireplace in family room, 1 bed and full bath upstairs. (great for guest or in-laws). Side yard with sideyard access for RV or Boat.</p> <p><b>Max de Vries 925.251.2514</b></p>	<p><b>2046 Pinot Ct Livermore</b></p> <p><b>bd 4 ba 4 sqft+/- 4,340 \$1,095,000</b></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 Bckyard with Built in BBQ. Top rated schools. Tennis Court Park.</p> <p><b>Corey Green 925.583.2173</b></p>	<p><b>133 Avalon Ct San Ramon</b></p> <p><b>bd 5 ba 5 sqft+/- 4,118 \$1,019,900</b></p> <p>Designer home in immaculate condition! Custom two tone paint &amp; plantation shutters throughout. Full bed/bth &amp; office downstairs. Spacious kit w/ granite counters, lrg center island &amp; SS appliances. Luxurious marble master bath w/jetted tub, 2 lrg walk in closets.</p> <p><b>Frazzano Team 925.735.7653</b></p>
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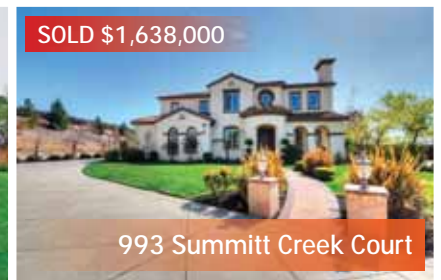
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### 5211 RIDGEVALE WAY, PLEASANTON OFFERED AT \$745,000

Fabulous floor plan with a sunny open kitchen with a breakfast nook. Upgrades include hardwood floors throughout the entry, kitchen, guest bath & dining room, granite counter tops in kitchen & guest bathroom. Home is approximately 1854 sq ft with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on a 6500 sq ft lot.

### PENDING - MULTIPLE OFFERS



### 5219 CRESTLINE WAY, PLEASANTON OFFERED AT \$739,000

Gorgeous home located close to schools, parks & shopping. Fabulous floor plan with a sunny open kitchen with a breakfast nook. Upgrades include hardwood floors throughout the home and a stunning upgraded master bathroom. Home is approximately 1854 sq ft with 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms on a 6500 sq ft lot.

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### 4821 LIVINGSTON PLACE OFFERED AT \$1,495,000

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### The Appraisal Contingency - What it really means

The appraisal contingency is a standard clause in most real estate purchase agreements. It is a clause that essentially says "this contract is subject to the property appraising at the contract sales price (or more), or the contract may be canceled by the buyer". While the intent is fairly clear, what is less clear is what happens if the appraisal comes in below the sales price.

First of all, a disclaimer. The appraisal in question generally refers to the bank appraiser assigned by the buyer's lender to appraise the property as part of the loan process. If the buyer is paying all cash, they can still include an appraisal contingency, and contract to have the property appraised as part of the purchase. While sellers often wish it to be so, this clause does not apply to a previous appraisal obtained by the seller, either as a preemptive measure or as part of a refinance or purchase. Prior appraisals are not used to satisfy the appraisal contingency. In fact, as written about previously, the bank appraiser is independent of the lender, and seller for that matter. In theory, thanks to the recent changes in the appraisal process, appraisers have absolutely no contact with the lender. This is in order to avoid manipulation or undue influence on the valuation.

So, if the appraisal comes in at the sales price or greater, the condition is essentially satisfied and the buyer can not cancel the agreement on that basis. But what happens if the property does not appraise for at least the sales price? It is really up to the buyer. The buyer can cancel the agreement. If the appraisal comes in low, the buyer may question the value of the property and become uncomfortable with the price they are paying. In this situation, it is not uncommon for the buyer to elect to cancel the agreement outright, especially if there are other factors that have made the buyer second guess the purchase (such as inspection issues, or job instability, etc). And >> Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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## HIDDEN OAK



### 1010 LAMB COURT, PLEASANTON

Former model home, upgraded throughout, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2029 sq. ft. Built in 1999. Premium 3654 sq. ft. Corner lot. Upgraded contemporary kitchen, adjacent family room, formal dining & living rooms, wood burning fireplace, two car garage, walk to downtown (1 minute walk to main street). Crown molding throughout, dual pane windows downstairs, triple pane windows upstairs (most), upgraded carpeting, dual zone heating & air conditioning, ceiling fans/lights in all bedrooms, two inch wood blinds in kitchen & family room. **OFFERED AT \$679,000**

## CUSTOM HOME



### 6513 ARLINGTON DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Enter this secluded .56 acre estate through the long, private driveway! This mostly single level custom home includes an upstairs spacious second master suite. Five bedrooms, three full bathrooms, and two half bathrooms. Approximately 4003 total square feet, large remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Expansive rear grounds with views of open space and Pleasanton Ridge, includes ten person spa, built-in fireplace, expansive lawn area and stamped concrete & brick patios. Great home for entertaining! Three car garage with adjacent bonus room. **OFFERED AT \$1,195,000**

## OAK LANE



### 369 OAK LANE, PLEASANTON

Former Friden Estate Hunting Lodge - "Moonlight Oaks." Private driveway leads to 1.2 acre estate lot in premium wooded, secluded location. This is an entertainer's 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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### 2449 MINIVET COURT, PLEASANTON

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## LIVERMORE

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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**

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**JUST CLOSED!**



### 5019 RIGATTI CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Newer upgraded Valencia home. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2321 Sq. Ft. Downstairs bedroom/office (5th). Spacious master suite. Large family room with built-in entertainment center. Formal dining room. Modern gourmet kitchen has granite counter tops, maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances. Community amenities include Club House, Greenbelt, Playground, Pool/Spa, and Tennis Court(s). Close to Owens Plaza Park, BART, & 580/680 access. **SOLD FOR \$825,000**

## SUNOL

**JUST CLOSED – REPRESENTED BUYER**



### 680 KILKARE ROAD, SUNOL

Most beautiful — shows like a model home. Best kept secret in the Bay Area. Five acres of woods, Sinbad Creek, close to town, 680, Pleasanton & Fremont. Excellent schools, iron fenced yard for play and pets, water fall, fire alarm, surround sound, work area in garage. Bedrooms have doors to outside. **SOLD FOR \$1,095,000**

## OAK MANOR

**SOLD!**



### 819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON

As soon as you enter you will be impressed with the unique elegance. Gorgeous custom home on private .62 acre lot. Approximately 4,541 square feet, four bedrooms (two master suites) plus office/wine room and bonus loft area and 5.5 bathrooms. Quality, high end equipment and finishes throughout. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab counters and stainless steel appliances. Hardwood floors. Oversized four car garage. Beautifully landscaped Tahoe-like grounds with mature trees. Two minutes to Castlewood Country Club. **SOLD FOR \$1,550,000**

## 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

**SOLD - REPRESENTED BUYER**



### 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

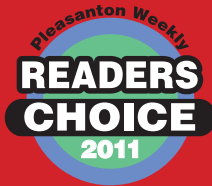
**SOLD - REPRESENTED BUYER**



### 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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**OPEN SUN 2-4**



**1015 Zinfandel Court, Pleasanton**  
Desirable Vintage Hills. Court location. 4 bedrooms (huge master suite). 2nd upstairs bedroom with private bath (could be 2nd master). 3 full baths and 3 car garage. Sparkling pool for summertime fun. **\$899,950**



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**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



**2567 Grappa Ct., Ruby Hill**  
Beautiful home with Panoramic Views. Approx. 5,000 sq.ft., 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath, large rooms, high ceilings, very light & bright. Gorgeous backyard with pool/spa, putting green. **Offered at \$1,899,000**



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**2431 Pomino Way, Ruby Hill**  
Comfortable Single Story 5,000 sq.ft. home with 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths and beautiful interior. **Offered at \$1,649,000.**



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**Open Sun 1-4**



**NEW LISTING! 1817 Spumante Place, Pleasanton**  
Amazing custom home in Ruby Hill! Exquisite French Country estate w/5 BD, 4.5 BA, 6,374 sq ft. Gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, maple cabinets & hickory floors. One of a kind 27,170 sq ft view lot w/black bottom pool, rock waterfall and spa. **Offered at \$2,600,000**



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**Open Sunday 1-3 | Exclusive!**



**1108 Crellin Road, Pleasanton - Vacation Everyday!**  
A serene garden, sparkling pool and spa comes with this 4 bdrm, 3 bath Vintage Hills home. This just happens to be one of Pleasanton's nicest areas! Beautifully updated kitchen, spacious rooms, formal dining, two fireplaces and views of Mt Diablo. Not on the MLS and only available by appt. Priced in the high \$800's. Call Dave and Sue today for a private showing.



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**2561 Glen Isle Ave, Pleasanton**

Great Open Floorplan. 2330+ Sqft. Plus Large Loft. 4 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths. Hardwood Floors, Neutral Paint Décor, Stainless Appliances. Back Yard Includes: Garden Area, Pool & Spa w/Outdoor Shower. Please Call for a Showing. **Offered at \$699,000**

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**Coming Soon**



**1532 Loganberry Way, Pleasanton**  
Updated single story with 6 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. 2400 +/- sq. feet. New kitchen with granite counters and cherry cabinets. Family room with fireplace. Walking distance to three schools and to downtown. **Call for pricing.**



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**Open Saturday 1-4**



**3031 Boardwalk, Pleasanton**  
Park like backyard, huge lot with beautiful pool and spa. Gorgeous Brazilian floors on 1st floor. Call for more details! **Offered at \$739,000**



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**Open Sunday 1-4**



**15903 Paseo Largavista, San Lorenzo**  
This completely remodeled 1537 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is absolutely charming! Includes step-down family room addition, hot tub, and kitchen remodeled with granite. Stainless steel appliances, frig stays, recessed lighting, gas stove, shutters, maple cabinets, double-paned windows, wood-burning fireplace, central heating & A/C! **Offered at \$370,000**



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