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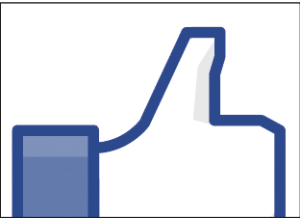
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Dublin fireworks bring clean water to Ethiopia

Makeshift plywood booths filled parking lots in central Dublin last week in that city's annual allowance for "safe and sane" fireworks such as sparklers and small "low rise" cones that service clubs and nonprofits sell to raise funds for their activities. Among the sellers were a number of school-related groups, athletic boosters, swim clubs, Dublin Lions and Rotary clubs, Dublin Partners in Education, Tri-Valley YMCA and at least one church. What caught my eye was the lone booth at Dublin Boulevard and Amador Plaza Road where Yvonne King and other volunteers were selling fireworks to raise money for Doctors Giving Back, a Dublin-based organization that is serving the health needs of thousands in Ethiopia and other parts of Africa. It was the only organization taking advantage of Dublin's open policy on selling fireworks that seemed to be looking beyond the city's borders over the Independence Day fundraising effort.

King said she hoped to raise more than \$10,000 after expenses to support the nonprofit, which was founded by physician's assistant Jane Turns and her husband Dr. John Turns of San Ramon. Every box of sparklers and other fireworks packages sold brought in needed dollars to add more water filtration systems and mosquito netting in the small, often remote villages where Doctors Giving Back goes each year, sparing many the agonies of debilitating diseases. Many in these villages don't live past 40 because of polluted water, poor living conditions and the lack of available health care.

The Turns' mission began with a trip to provide medical care to a small region in Ethiopia, and now, six years later, has grown to include ongoing projects such as building two orphanages, supporting education programs and, most important, clean water solutions. DGB worked with a company called Sawyer to provide small kits using kidney dialysis filters that are hooked up to 5-gallon buckets. When the water is run through the bucket and the filter, 99.9% of the bacteria, viruses and diseases are eradicated, the Turns found. This clean water is then used in these villages for everything, including drinking, bathing and clothes washing. The



JEB BING

Volunteers staffing the Doctors Giving Back fireworks booth in Dublin last week are (l-r) Michelle Navarro, Rebekah Lemke, Yvonne King, Leeann Carvajal and Bernadette Bray.

kits are affordable with a single kit costing \$150 that will filter 1 million gallons over the lifetime of the filter. The filters are easy to clean and DGB volunteers work with individuals in each village they're serving to teach them how to manage the clean water system.

Doctors Giving Back also provides hospitals and clinics in the small villages it serves with needed equipment and medical supplies so that relief work can continue even after the group leaves. Education is an important part of the group's mission since most of these villagers have never seen a doctor. Instructors work with chosen individuals in these communities to make sure the water filtration system is regularly cleaned and continues to function. The DGB team literally carries hockey bags full of supplies, including shoes and eyeglasses collected through the year. Its children's feeding program teaches youths how to raise chickens that provide healthy meals. Funds from DGB also have enabled children to get the books and uniforms needed to attend school for the first time.

Yvonne King said that although the organization has its headquarters at 7172 Regional St. in Dublin, its outreach efforts go to all Tri-Valley cities and beyond. Besides the Turns, other doctors, nurses, even carpenters, teachers and interpreters make the trip to Africa each year, coming from throughout the Bay Area. Next year, helped by funds from the Dublin fireworks stand, a crab feed that has outgrown its space at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin, and other fundraisers, King hopes Doctors Giving Back can make two trips and reach more villages with its aid.

More information on Doctors Giving Back can be found on the organization's Web page, www.doctorsgivingback.org, or by email at doctorsgivingback@yahoo.com. ■

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With San Francisco Bay as their backdrop, Jason Giaimo's Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps members perform traditional revolutionary tunes on the USS Hornet over Memorial Day weekend. Contributed photo. Design by Lili Cao.



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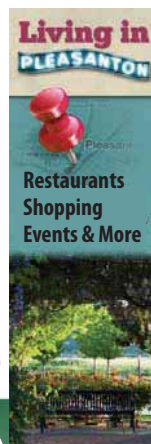
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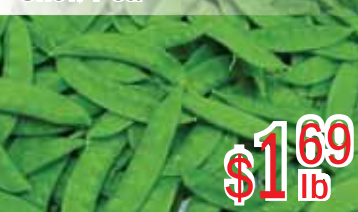
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Are you concerned about the impact your Facebook activity might have in your future?



Sheila Cross

Account executive

Yes I am concerned. I try to balance my professional life and my personal life with my fb posts. That way my business colleagues get a feel for my personality and see that I'm not all work and no play while my social friends see a little bit about my business life (:~)

Danielle CeizlerVarin

Studied Fire Service Management

No, I am not very concerned because I try to live my life in a manner that I have nothing to hide or be ashamed of.



Debbie Thodesen Niedecken

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I am mindful of what I post for that very reason. The real trick is what others might post, and that's why FB recommends you actually KNOW the people you friend. One may need to purge or at least hide some comments or friends when looking to be in the working world.

Allison Gray-Cox

Studied at Chapman University

Yes, I do get concerned. I think there are many folks that frantically have to check their posts and then get involved with everyone's business! I tend to wonder what else people do with their day!:) I have to admit I am one who does enjoy Facebook myself, but you should do it in moderation and be careful on how much you post.



Ann M. Danen

Cook/writer/teacher

I don't worry so much about my FB activity — it's more the kids in my life whom I worry about. They are more active in social media and use it more rigorously than I do. I think about the impact their posts could make on their professional and academic careers. A little caution goes a long way!

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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Newsfront

DIGEST

Heat triggers alert

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District issued Spare the Air alerts last Tuesday and Wednesday as temperatures were predicted to be in the triple digits. These were the second and third Spare the Air days this year.

The district issues the alerts when the forecast indicates ozone pollution will reach unhealthy levels. To avoid creating more pollution, Bay Area residents are encouraged to bike, take transit or carpool to work instead of driving alone. Officials also advise residents to avoid outdoor activities during the hottest part of the day.

For more information, call (800) HELPAIR (435-7247) or visit www.sparetheair.org.

Pooches to parade

The 15th annual Pooch Parade in Pleasanton will take place Aug. 1 beginning at Lions Wayside Park, corner of First and Neal streets, in conjunction with the First Wednesday Street Party sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Registration and judging begin at 5:30 p.m. with dog tricks performing at 6:30 p.m. and the parade up and down Main Street at 7 p.m. Winners will be announced at 7:45 p.m.

Pooches of any size, 4 months or older, may be entered for prizes in any or all of the seven categories, with an entry fee of \$10 per category. Categories include pooches in and out of costume, best team outfit, and best trick.

Proceeds benefit the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. For registration forms, go to www.trivalleyguidedogs.org

Public art website

The city of Pleasanton has more than 40 publicly and privately owned pieces of public art, which can now be viewed online at www.publicartarchive.org/pleasanton. The website includes information about each piece including its name, how it was acquired, and its exact location.

Check out the new website from a mobile phone and it will notify you of nearby public art pieces. New pieces are added to the collection on a regular basis, so check back frequently.

For more information about Pleasanton's public art collection, or to learn how to become a sponsor of a future piece of artwork, call the Civic Arts Manager at 931-5347.

Corrections

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Karla Brown to seek seat on Pleasanton Council

Kottinger Ranch homeowner, real estate broker making second bid

By JEB BING

Karla Brown, a real estate broker associate and 20-year Pleasanton resident, announced last week that she will seek a seat on the City Council in the upcoming Nov. 6 municipal elections.

Brown, who ran unsuccessfully for the council in 2010, is the second candidate to vie for one of two council seats, with Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Pentin, who also sought the position once before, earlier launching his campaign for a council seat in November's election.

This year, because of term limits, two council seats will need to be filled as veteran council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan step down after serving eight years in office, the maximum allowed because of Pleasanton's term limits law.

Mayor Jennifer Hosterman also will be leav-

ing office because of term limits. Council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne already have announced their bids for the mayor's office although both have another two years to serve as council members. If they continue to be the only ones seeking the top office, the winner would vacate the council seat and a special election would be called early next year to fill that spot.



Karla Brown

Brown said that she and her husband Tim Belcher have been involved in the community as they raised their three daughters, coached RAGE soccer, volunteered in their schools and worked to protect Pleasanton.

She said she is a "slow growth advocate," and

was co-chair of the "No on D — Save Pleasanton Hills" referendum in 2010. She also was a proponent of Measure PP "Save Pleasanton's Hills and Housing Cap Citizens' Initiative" in 2008. Both measures were overwhelmingly passed by Pleasanton voters.

Brown said she is a financially conservative candidate. She vows to work toward achieving a balanced city budget and to address the city's growing pension debt without sacrificing necessary city services.

She said she also advocates preserving Pleasanton's heritage buildings and neighborhoods, while encouraging downtown business owners to thrive with a variety of shopping options, wine tasting venues, both upscale and casual dining, acoustic music and more.

For more information, visit Brown's website at Karla@Vote4Karla.com. ■



JEB BING

Construction crews pour slabs for first independent living building at the new Stoneridge Creek independent living and continuing care retirement community in Pleasanton's Staples Ranch.

Home construction under way at Stoneridge Creek retirement community

Model home now open at Information Center

Construction has begun on Phase I of Stoneridge Creek, the new continuing care retirement community in Pleasanton.

The first phase of the new community, located on 46 acres in Staples Ranch, includes independent living residences, recreational buildings and a community clubhouse.

Troy Bourne, vice president of Continuing Life Communities, the owner/operator of Stoneridge Creek, said a model home is now open for tours. The model home — a full-scale replica of one of Stoneridge Creek's most popular floor plans — is located in the retirement community's information center at 5698 Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. Model tours can be scheduled by calling 1-800-850-3167.

Featuring two bedrooms and two baths, the model showcases numerous interior details designed specifically for seniors. Early depositors can use the model to select granite countertops, wood cabinets and other interior finishes.

The model is one of more than 20 different floor plans including single-story villas with attached garages as well as apartment-style homes. Bourne said that even after adding more than 100 more new homes to the first phase, the community is more than 60% reserved and construction is on track for completion during the second half of 2013.

Among the new homes recently added are several new penthouse floor plans ranging from 2,100 to 2,400 square feet. The penthouse plans feature a great room, private laundry room, office and expansive outdoor living areas.

Stoneridge Creek's on-site amenities include several restaurant venues ranging from casual to fine dining; a resident library; billiard and card rooms; computer lab and business center; spa and fitness center; open-air pool and steam room; performing arts theater for musical and theatrical performances; movie theatre; and

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Former mortgage broker charged with attacking roommate

Firm closed after dozens of complaints to state

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A former mortgage broker and professional party thrower is free on \$130,000 bond after being charged with aggravated assault in a July 3 incident at his home, known as "The Mansion," in Livermore.

William Hogarty, 47, was initially arrested for attempted murder for choking his roommate unconscious after threatening to kill him. He asked for a public defender in the case, but was rejected because of his assets and has since hired a private attorney to represent him.

Hogarty, who ran the now-defunct OF Lending Group in the 7000 block of Koll Center Parkway, surrendered his license in late 2010 after dozens of complaints about his firm to the state Department of Real Estate, which issued a cease and desist order against his firm.

He opened, then quickly closed, two other real estate firms, Gold Star Realty and Investments and New Credit RX, which, like OF Lending, promised help to people about to lose their homes.

Hogarty, with his now-estranged wife Christy, began holding parties in what was apparently a last-ditch effort to raise money at the couple's 92-acre property in the 7000 block of Morgan Territory Road in unincorporated Livermore. Among them were the "Fallen Angels Lingerie and Pajama Affair" and "Mardi Gras at the Mansion." Entrance fees for the parties were between \$20 and \$30, with several bars and auctions for prizes including hotel stays. An upcoming "Moulin Rouge" party set for July 14 at Hogarty's home has been moved to the Blackhawk Auto Museum, and other scheduled parties have been relocated as well.

The 47-year-old, who won the 2005 Mr. California Bodybuilding Championship, was arrested after a violent confrontation with his

See **ATTACK** on Page 7

Attorney pleads not guilty to possession of confidential information

Pleasanton K-9 officer named in related lawsuit

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A family law attorney has pleaded not guilty to a charge that she illegally received confidential information, while her alleged co-conspirator, an Alameda County Sheriff's deputy, has been given time to find a lawyer.

Lesley Anne Regina, 36, with an office in the first block of Crow Canyon Court in San Ramon, received an email containing privileged information then forwarded that to an unnamed person, according to documents filed at the Alameda County Superior Court on Stoneridge Drive.

"On Jan. 23, the suspect, Lesley Regina, was emailed confidential/personal information regarding a person she was actively investigating in a domestic violence/child custody matter," a docu-

ment states.

That included driver's license information, restraining order information from the National Crime Information Center run by the FBI, and local criminal history from the Alameda County database.

The information "contained specific confidential/personal identifying information that originated in a criminal history/booking system regarding the victim," court records show. The records were for the ex-husband of one of Regina's clients.

The charge of receiving records is a misdemeanor. However, as an attorney and officer of the court, if convicted, she could face additional penalties from the state bar association, which regulates attorneys.

The State Bar of California Discipline System indicates the bar could initiate a formal disciplinary procedure to determine if a conviction involves "moral turpitude," which typically covers lying, cheating and stealing.

Meanwhile, Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Silcocks, 39, was charged with two misdemeanors: illegally accessing information and illegally furnishing information.

On Jan. 15, court records say,

"Silcocks entered a closed Alameda County building after hours and accessed the county database."

Court records show he searched for two names on that date, but on Jan. 17, he entered a building and accessed three names. He sent the information he received Jan. 17 to Regina on Jan. 23, then entered a building a third time and texted that information to Regina, according to court documents.

Of the six potential victims in the case, one has come forth. Brian Lancaster of Pleasanton said his name was among those and has been used against him in a custody battle. However, he was not the victim named in the criminal case against Silcocks and Regina.

Lancaster said police are also conducting an investigation involving Pleasanton police officer Tim Martens. That has not been confirmed.

However, Lancaster has filed a claim with Pleasanton, asking for in excess of \$1 million. He said the actions of the three led to him losing his job and custody of his kids.

Pleasanton City Attorney Jonathan Lowell confirms a claim has been filed but said he could not comment further on an active case. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Fore! When the Pentin family — Jerry, Joi and Josine — was on the 18th hole at St. Andrews Golf Club in Scotland recently while traveling around Europe, they suddenly had an urge to catch up on their hometown news.

STONERIDGE

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an art studio and woodworking shop. Residents can also enjoy a variety of outdoor recreational amenities including tennis courts, short-game golf course, dog park, walking and cycling trails, and bocce and croquet courts.

In addition, Stoneridge Creek will offer a state-of-the-art health center located adjacent to the main campus. The health center, with 68 assisting living apartments and a dedicated memory support area, will also include 73 skilled nursing beds. Licensed by

the state's Department of Health Services and Department of Social Services, the health center will be staffed with nursing professionals 24 hours a day. It will be open to the general public as well as Stoneridge Creek residences.

Stoneridge Creek is a continuing care retirement community for people 60 years of age and older featuring a variety of housing options and a comprehensive package of services, amenities, activities, fine dining and transportation. For additional information on Stoneridge Creek, visit www.StoneridgeCreek.com.

—Jeb Bing

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Local candidates can start filing for council, school board elections Monday

4 already campaigning for municipal offices, so far none for school board

By JEB BING

Candidates can start filing Monday for election as Pleasanton mayor as well as for Pleasanton City Council and school board positions.

Both the municipal and school board elections will be held along with balloting for president and other national and state offices Nov. 6.

Locally, prospective candidates are allowed to collect up to 30 signatures, but it only takes 20 to qualify, according to Pleasanton City Clerk Karen Diaz. The filing deadline in order to be on the November ballot is at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10.

Although the terms of three Pleasanton school board members expire this year, they have not yet said if they will seek re-election.

That's different in the city races.

Already, two City Council members -- Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne -- have launched their campaigns for the mayor's post, which is being vacated this year by Mayor Jenifer Hosterman because of term limits.

Two others — Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Pentin and Realtor Karla Brown — have also launched their campaigns for the two seats that will open this year on the City Council. Those positions are being vacated by council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan, again because of term limits.

If either Thorne or Cook-Kallio is elected mayor, the City Council would have a third vacant seat which would be filled in a special election, likely to be held next March. Both candidates have two years remaining on their current term of office.

The school board members whose terms are ending this year are Valerie Arkin, Chris Grant and Jamie Hintzke. They were elected in 2008 and are eligible to seek those positions again. There are no term limits for school board members.

Seeking public office in Alameda County is not cheap. In addition to a filing fee of \$25, candidates who want their names along with information about their qualifications

on the printed sample ballot will have to pay an estimated \$1,117 toward the cost of printing and distributing these ballots. The cost is based on the ballots going to the 40,256 voters now registered in Pleasanton and the cost of translating the candidates' statements into four foreign languages in addition to English. In Alameda County those languages are Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

At its last meeting the City Council agreed to soften the initial cash outlay for candidates, allowing them to pay \$600 upfront along with the \$25 filing fee, and then to pay the balance of the estimated \$1,117 after the election. That will give newer candidates time to raise campaign funds that can be used for this expense.

Diaz said the cost to Pleasanton of the November election is estimated at \$75,000, which has already been budgeted. The school district also will have to bear the cost of its election, although the Alameda County Registrar of Voters which handles school elections has not yet set that fee. ■

Pig assault lands man in jail

'Caused suffering and unnecessary cruelty to the pig'

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A man's assault of a pig at the County Fair prompted some strong words from the judge in Alameda County Superior Court on Stoneridge Drive on July 6.

James Anthony Horn Jr., 22, of Livermore, was charged with public drunkenness after what Judge Hugh Walker described as "molesting a pig or harassing a pig."

The incident occurred at about 8:10 p.m. July 3 at the Fair's livestock barn. A police report says a witness reported Horn began his

assault of the pig by throwing a drink at it in an attempt to get a rise from the full-grown Yorkshire pig. Such pigs can weigh up to 700 pounds.

"Other witnesses stated they observed Horn striking the pig with his hand in the head and in the hind quarters as well as pulling on the pig's ears and tail," Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Clinton Mitry reported.

The report states that Horn "maliciously and intentionally tormented the pig, which caused suffering and

unnecessary cruelty to the pig."

The owner "noted several slap hand prints on the pig's butt and back," the report says.

The police report says Horn had a blood alcohol content of .147, nearly twice the legal limit for driving while intoxicated.

Horn was held in the Alameda County Jail from the night of July 3 until July 6, when he was released. He was also ordered to attend two 12-step meetings per week — and ordered to stay away from the Fair. ■

ATTACK

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roommate, according to a police report.

The roommate, John Robinson, told police, "Hogarty tried to kill me. He came barging into my room and said he was going to kill me over and over and then almost choked me to death."

At about 11:30 p.m. on July 3, "Hogarty opened the victim's door, slammed the door against the wall and said 'I know you're talking to my wife,' the report said. When Robinson replied that she calls him when she's drunk, Hogarty again threatened to kill him and put him in a chokehold.

"I blacked out then put my finger in his eye," Robinson told police. He then retrieved a sheath knife from under his mattress and

held Hogarty at bay, calling police and sitting with his back against his bathroom door until the sheriff's deputies arrived, according to the report.

Robinson also told police Hogarty was subject to violent rages through his use of steroids.

"The victim suffered from a concussion to the upper forehead, a dental fracture and blunt trauma," the report said.

"It's a serious and violent crime," said Judge Hugh Walker in an arraignment July 6 at the Alameda County Superior Court on Stoneridge Drive.

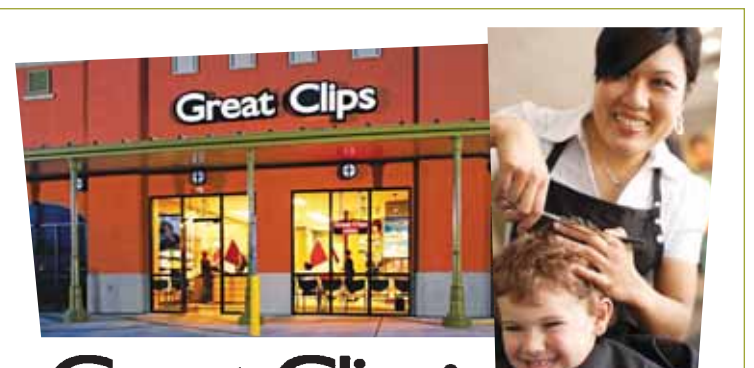
Hogarty's 12,978-square-foot mansion, with eight bedrooms, a 12-car garage and swimming pool, is in foreclosure after being on the market for more than a year at an asking price of \$5.75 million.

In court on July 10, the conflict continued between Hogarty,

Robinson and Hogarty's wife, with Hogarty telling Walker that his wife no longer wishes to speak with Robinson, while Robinson said the only reason he'd been in contact with her was in the hope of getting out of his lease. Meanwhile, Hogarty has been ordered to stay away from Robinson, who's now residing at Hogarty's home, and Robinson was warned by Walker to stay away from Christy Hogarty.

Hogarty is also involved in a number of small claims suits from people who lost money through OF Lending, with a civil matter set for July 31.

He's currently working as sales director for his father's company, Hogarty Auto Sales and Service, based in Livermore; the company's website claims he "built the #2 largest mortgage company in US and sold it." ■



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Ross Stores same-store sales up 7% in June

Sales increase 12% to \$886 million for the 5 weeks ended June 30

By JEB BING

Pleasanton-based Ross Stores Inc. reported this week that sales increased 12% to \$886 million or the five weeks ended June 30, up from \$793 million for the five weeks ended July 2, 2011.

Comparable store sales for the month grew 7% on top of a 5% increase last year.

For the 22 weeks ended June 30, sales totaled \$3.989 billion, a 13% increase over the \$3.529 billion in sales for the 22 weeks ended July 2, 2011. Comparable

store sales for the five months ended June 30 increased 8% on top of a 4% gain last year.

"We are pleased with our better-than-expected June sales," said Michael Balmuth, vice chairman and chief executive officer.

"Our ongoing ability to deliver terrific name brand bargains to today's value-focused shoppers drove broad-based merchandise and geographic sales gains during the month," he added.

Looking ahead, he said: "Based on our sales and gross margin

performance in May and June, and our continued projection for a 2% to 3% increase in July same store sales, we now are forecasting earnings per share for the second quarter ending July 28 to be \$.77 to \$.78. This updated range compares to our previous guidance of \$.72 to \$.75 and EPS of \$.64 in the second quarter of 2011."

Ross Stores will report July 2012 sales results on Thursday, Aug. 2.

Additional information is available at www.rossstores.com. ■

Extreme Pita opens in Pleasanton

Crossroads Shopping Center location is restaurant's 9th in California

Extreme Pita opened its newest restaurant at Crossroads Shopping Center at 4555 Hopyard Road on Wednesday.

The new Pleasanton restaurant is the chain's ninth in California.

"After years of tremendous success in North America, we are extremely excited to bring our fresh and healthy pitas to Pleasanton," said Ray Zandi, brand vice president of Extreme Pita U.S.A.

"Pleasanton represents our 33rd location in the United States and the interest in the concept over the past year has been tremendous," he added.

Positioned in a niche between monster fast food outlets and fast casual dining environments, Extreme Pita offers consumers convenience and value with its large selection of fresh and nutritious pita sandwiches, he said.

He added that the restaurant features a "no rules" menu that customizes every rolled pita to suit the individual tastes of its customers. It serves all pitas fresh or sautéed in water, not oil, right in front of the patron.

Sandwich options range from grilled chicken, souvlaki and Thai beef, to fresh market vegetables and falafel. The restaurant also offers a kids' menu, which features four kid-friendly styles such as BBQ4U, Sweet Chicken Little and Fee Fi FO Hummus.

"Extreme Pita has always stood for inspired healthy eating," said Zandi. "We pride ourselves in the ability to offer quality, healthy food choices."

"Maintaining good health should be a top priority for everyone," he added. "In fact, we proudly display all key product

nutritional information in our restaurants and on our take-out menus, not to mention calories right on our main menu board."

To celebrate the grand opening, the Pleasanton restaurant will be offering half price pitas on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4.

Extreme Pita is part of the Extreme Brandz family of quick service restaurants. Co-founded by brothers Alex and Mark Rechichi, the first location was opened in Waterloo, Canada, in 1997. Today there are over 265 locations across North America.

In addition to ranking in Entrepreneur magazine's list of top restaurant franchises in 2011, Extreme Brandz won the 2011 Company of the Year Pinnacle Award. For more information, visit www.extremepita.com. ■

Have a will? Half of us don't

Why you also need a Social Media will

By JASON ALDERMAN

By most estimates, over half of adult Americans haven't written a will stating how their assets should be distributed after death. Fewer still have bothered to appoint someone to make financial and health care decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated. And now we can add another necessary, but probably overlooked legal document: a social media will.

That's right, in this age of email, password-protected accounts and social media sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn, the U.S. government, of all sources, recently pointed out why it's important for people to leave instructions for how they want their online identities handled after death.

The government's blog at www.usa.gov suggests appointing a trusted relative or friend to act as your "online executor," taking responsibility to close your email accounts, social media profiles and blogs after you die. This could easily be an addendum to your will, assuming you have one.

Suggested actions that will help you write your social media include:

■ Review the privacy policies and the terms and conditions of

each website where you have a presence.

■ State how you would like your profiles to be handled. You may want to completely cancel your profile or keep it up for friends and family to visit and share their thoughts. Some sites allow your heirs to create a memorial profile where others can still see your profile but can't post anything new.

■ Give your social media executor a list of all websites where you have a profile, along with your usernames and passwords.

■ Stipulate in your will that the online executor should be given a copy of your death certificate. He or she may need this as proof in order for websites to take any actions on your behalf.

I'd take it one step further and suggest that you also leave instructions for accessing your password-protected devices and accounts including computers, cell phones, and online banking accounts. The last thing you want grieving survivors to have to do is try and guess your account user names and passwords.

In case you've been procrastinating about completing a will and other such documents, here's a good motivator: Although wills aren't mandatory, if you don't have one when you die, the state will decide how your estate is settled.

Similarly, if you haven't filed financial and healthcare durable powers of attorney, someone else, not necessarily the person you wish, will make financial and healthcare decisions on your behalf should an accident or illness render you unable.

Here are a few things that could go wrong if you don't make your wishes known:

■ Court-supervised probate could hold up your estate and result in costly fees.

■ Because the state usually awards assets to surviving spouses, children and other relatives, your friends and favored charitable institutions could be left out.

■ With no will, the state decides guardianship for minor children whose parents have died.

■ Your preferences for things, such as life-support procedures and burial instructions, may not be followed exactly.

Key documents that can prevent these kinds of scenarios include a will, revocable living trust, financial and health care powers of attorney and a living will.

In this Internet era, your legacy will likely live on long after you die. Do your family a favor and spare them from having to deal with these issues by addressing them now.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.



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LETTERS

Opposing viewpoints

Dear Editor,

Fred Norman is a person of strong convictions. He has every right to express his opposition to the war in Afghanistan. However, I have grown weary of his criticism of his fellow citizens.

In the July 6 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly (Letters to the Editor), Mr. Norman announces his shame with the people of Pleasanton because of their lack of participation in his peace protest. Well, I am proud to live in Pleasanton and I'm proud to be an American. It is regrettable when ideologues will not tolerate opposing viewpoints.

Mike Hamilton

Supporting our schools

Dear Editor,

Please accept my congratulations on your excellent and timely editorial on our outstanding school district (July 6, "School district's new strategic plan reflects Pleasanton's high values").

All of the troubles throughout the world have led to large cuts to the funds normally available to our schools. The strategic plan approved by the district is the best we can expect until the economy improves. Our teachers, parents and grandparents, district staff and the city have all made unselfish contributions to establish a very good budget.

We now hope and pray for a gradual return to lower class sizes, more support staff and all the things we once "took for granted."

My thanks to you and the community for your support of our schools.

Jack Dove, longtime community activist

Successful Fourth

Dear Editor,

Thank you for publicity on our 14th annual all-volunteer Fourth of July event, "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution," which undoubtedly helped us attract the record crowd for the concert and picnic in Lions Wayside Park. We estimate almost 1,000 people — from infants to seniors — came out to enjoy the program and the splendid weather.

We are grateful to our local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts with their precision color guard, plus a 21-gun salute. Stirring music was provided by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band and vocalist Ward Belding ("Uncle Sam").

All of us learned more of our nation's history through the thought-provoking presentations by speakers Ernie Manzo and Ann Collins and poet Marilyn Slade. This was the second of four years commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, which shaped the nation we have become.

Lions Club members barbecued 900 hot dogs, and every one was eaten. Lions also provided hundreds of hand-held flags. One hundred lucky youths received a Meadowlark Dairy frosty provided by event sponsor Heritage Bank of Commerce. Audience members also went home with free patriotic tattoos (of the temporary variety). ACCUSPLIT was the music sponsor and also printed the 615 programs.

Boy Scout Troop 908 and parents were of great help in setting up and later packing up the shade canopies, decorations and other equipment.

To put together this 90-minute "Celebrating Freedom" program, our planning team begins meeting in January. On Fourth of July, nearly 100 volunteers come together to provide the opportunity for our community to reflect on what Independence Day is really all about.

W. Ron Sutton & Jerri Pantages Long, Co-Producers

Outstanding 2012 Fair

Dear Editor,

As a 41 year resident of Pleasanton and a regular attendee of the Alameda County Fair each year, I can truly say that the 100th Anniversary Alameda County Fair was truly outstanding in every way — the rides, the shows (the new format of one show at 7 p.m. that usually ran for an hour and a half with many standing room only crowds), the back-up lawn area for viewing the "standing room" only shows, the midway, the live-stock arena with all kinds of farm animals, the horse racing, the three great fireworks shows, and on and on, made it a great 100th anniversary Alameda County Fair season.

It is easy to see why the Alameda County Fair is the "most recognized" County Fair in the United States. Many, many thanks to Alameda County Fair Chief Executive Officer Rick Pickering, Events and Marketing Manager April Mitchell, and to all the full and part time workers of the Alameda County Fair who gave a 100% effort to make the Fair the best ever. Job well done.

Chris Miller

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

County Fair closes its 100th year with record attendance

In a letter to the Pleasanton Weekly this week (see at left), Chris Miller, a 41-year resident of Pleasanton and a regular attendee of the Alameda County Fair, called this year's Fair "truly outstanding in every way." We agree. Although the Fair, which is on Alameda County property, doesn't directly bring extra sales tax and other revenue to Pleasanton, the more than half a million people who came to town for the Fair certainly left a share of their dollars at local restaurants, gas stations, nighttime entertainment spots, even hotels, and all these shared a bit of their earnings with the local tax collectors.

Attendance at the Fair, which celebrated its 100th year in Pleasanton, totaled 534,577, up by 18% over a year ago and, in fact, set the largest recorded attendance in history. The previous attendance record was set last year at 452,747. In 2009, the Alameda County Fair was recognized as the fastest-growing fair in North America, where there are more than 3,000 similar fairs. It's currently ranked as the 39th largest fair in the country and today is the largest event in the East Bay.

Special promotions and marketing by April Mitchell, manager of event sales and marketing, and Fair planning and leadership by nationally known Fair CEO Rick Pickering made the 100-year-old 2012 County Fair a "happening" that appealed to thousands throughout Northern California. Special promotions helped drive attendance, including a \$1 admission on opening day, \$2 Tuesdays and free admission for those 62 and over on Thursdays. The Fair's "Feed the Need" food drive resulted in 39,189 pounds of donated food for the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Additionally, more than 1,200 volunteers helped package 130,000 meals for the nonprofit Kids Against Hunger, most of which will be stored onsite at the Fairgrounds for future emergency needs in Alameda County.

For several hours on most Fair days, cars were lined up on southbound I-680 between the I-580 interchange and the Bernal Avenue off-ramp and, at mid-day last Saturday and Sunday, well beyond. Even so, the abundance of rides offered by Butler Amusements, including the many games and food booths along the midway, kept the crowds moving smoothly through the ticket gates. A variety of attractions beyond the midway also appealed to thousands. Many stretched out on SleepTrain mattresses in the exhibit halls while others filled the chairs of vendors offering back, foot and neck massages. Open seats were seldom available at the various cooking demonstration stations. Other events, some unique to the Alameda County Fair, gave kids a chance to ride sheep bareback or zoom down the new waterslide. The Fair's new one-concert-a-night schedule with a large screen on the Fair's grass offering a simulcast brought more order to the amphitheater.

Of course, no one goes to a fair without tasting some of the "delicacies" that all fairs offer, and ours clearly were among the best. From the 123,596 corn dogs consumed during the Fair to the 4,598 deep-fried Oreos, this was not a feast to tell your doctor about. Sales of funnel cakes, an all-time favorite, totaled 37,918. But then where else can you find these treats until next June, when the Fair comes back to Pleasanton? ■



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Sage Lenhart Pattie

Sometimes sorrow comes unexpectedly.

In the midst of a valiant fight against cancer, Pleasanton psychotherapist Sage Lenhart Pattie passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 11, 2012 as a result of complications from the treatment in her battle with colon cancer.

Sage loved life to its fullest and embraced life with gusto even amidst the most difficult of times. Her joy, ready laugh, and deep empathy will be missed by all who crossed her path.

She was a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice in Pleasanton. She was widely known and appreciated for applying her practical therapy techniques along with discerning listening skills to help change lives. People often expressed appreciation for the gentle humor she brought to her work. She had planned to bring to her practice the unique skills developed in recent studies with Cathryn Clerc at Hippocrene Springs — integrating horses as partners in the therapeutic process.

Sage was born in Palo Alto and was a graduate of Palo Alto High School. During this time she was active in both Girl Scouts and Sea Scouts. Sage received her B.S. degree in Nutrition from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. After moving to Southern California, she completed her M.A. degree in Psychology from Fuller Graduate School of Psychology in Pasadena.

She began her career as a Nutrition Education Specialist and later served as a Public Health Nutritionist, working for such organizations as Los Ninos, Santa Barbara Family Care Center, Head Start, WIC, Santa Barbara Health Department, and guest lecturing at Santa Barbara City College.

Upon her move to Pasadena for graduate studies, she was invited to join the professional team of La Vie Counseling Center. There she served as a Nutrition Therapist and helped clients with eating disorders as well as other nutrition related problems.

During her graduate studies she began working with individuals, children, and families at the prestigious Glen Roberts Child Guidance Center in Glendale, California. She later founded Passages Family Therapy Center, a counseling outreach that offered psychotherapy to individuals and families.

Upon graduation she was appointed Program Director for the Wellness Community of Pasadena, a



comprehensive psychosocial support treatment center for cancer patients and their families. She was responsible for the planning and implementation of a variety of community, educational, and social events serving a client base of over 200 people. She facilitated multiple weekly support groups for cancer patients and their families.

Sage is survived by her husband of 32 years, Steven Pattie of Pleasanton, and sons Nathan Norris Pattie of Honolulu and Lucas Ohio Pattie of Martinez; her mother, Gracella (Gee Gee) Anderson Lenhart of Palo Alto, as well as siblings Bill Lenhart of Riggins, Idaho, Laurie Loui Engelhardt of Boise, Idaho, and Russ Lenhart of Railroad Flat, California; and her parents-in-law Frank and Mary Jane Pattie of Gilroy, and sister-in-law Linda Pattie of Columbia, Missouri. Preceding her in death was her father James (Ted) Lenhart. She was blessed to have many friends, professional colleagues, aunts, uncles and cousins, all of whom will miss her deeply.

A celebration of her life is planned in her honor on Saturday, July 21, at 4:00 P.M., at the family farm in the Santa Cruz Mountains, ten miles west of Gilroy.

In lieu of flowers, friends and others who shared her vision and supported her mission in life will be invited to contribute to the Sage Pattie Foundation, which the family is planning to establish. For more information, write to stevenpattie@hotmail.com.

Andrew Salem, Jr.

Andy (81) passed away on June 9, 2012 at his home in Arnold, CA. A mass will be held on July 14th at 10:00am at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton, CA.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Anne; children: Steve (and Sandy) Salem, Vince (and Moya) Salem, Lisa (and Charlie) Giolzett; grandchildren: Jeff, Michelle, Kyle, Brianni, and Brandon; great-grandchildren: Mckenzie, Ariana, and Mia; sisters Jeanette Aldi, Clara Williams. Preceded in death by sister Annette Horkan.

Andy was born July 8, 1930 in New Haven, Connecticut to parents that had immigrated to the United States from Italy. When he was 2 years old, the family moved to Southern California (Hollywood) where he was raised. In 1952, he married and moved to the San Fernando Valley (Sun Valley) where he lived for many years. In 1975, he moved to Pleasanton, CA. He retired in 1992 and continued to live in Pleasanton until 2004 when he moved to Arnold, CA.



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Jamie Altman

12 hours ago

High schoolers don't always 'like' Facebook

Despite discontent, it can be hard to give up

Facebook has been a phenomenon since Mark Zuckerberg created it in his Harvard dorm room in 2004 and it spread like wildfire around the world, but some users are beginning to question its value.

With 900 million active users, Facebook is a free social networking site that allows users to post their statuses and photos, chat with friends, and stay updated in each other's lives.

"I like the idea of Facebook because it allows communication between friends and family who may have otherwise lost touch with each other," said junior Hannah Silverman, who lives in Elkins Park, Penn., but has friends in Pleasanton. "I mostly use it to stay connected with my friends, especially with the ones who live far away."

Businesses and clubs benefit from Facebook, too, as it allows organizations to create pages that users can "like" and then receive updates about their future events.

"The Facebook page helped the UNICEF Club because it was a quick and easy way to publicize events," said Amador Valley High UNICEF Club president Sara Borchers, a senior. "We could also post links to videos and websites for anyone interested."

Facebook is also useful for schoolwork; certain classes, usually ones that are AP or honors, can have Facebook groups with all the students taking the course. This lets them post on the page asking about upcoming tests, homework problems, and other critical questions.

However, Facebook has faults that, in some people's opinion, outweigh the good.

"Facebook has recently made some really annoying changes," said Amador Valley senior Nagashree Setlur. "For example the fact that people can see when you've read their messages, the ticker box (that says what your friends are doing on Facebook at all times) — and a lot of people really hate the new timeline format of the profile pages."

Due to these changes, many high school students have taken to using social networking sites Twitter and Instagram more often. Twitter allows users to post statuses, or "tweets," and Instagram is a photo-uploading application for iPhone owners.

"When you accept a friend request on Facebook, it goes both ways," explained Amador Valley junior Sarah Wadsworth. "You see everything they post, and they see everything you post."

Wadsworth says this is why she prefers

Twitter and Instagram, because someone can choose to follow you, but you don't necessarily have to follow them back.

Foothill High School junior Aleece Hughes said that Facebook is becoming a tedious website, where users "just post the same kinds of statuses every day."

"Throughout the year, all I really see are posts that say, 'At the mall with so-and-so!' or pictures of their outfits taken in front of a mirror — mostly posts that I don't really care about," she said. "Facebook bores me now."

If users are so discontent with what Facebook has become, why don't they just deactivate their accounts and look into Google+?

"Facebook is addicting," explained Nicole Martin, a sophomore at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. "It takes you away from the real world and into the addictive world called Facebook."

Additionally, there is no competition among social media sites. CNN Tech reporter John Sutter noted that Facebook has 900 million users, way more than any other social network.

Even if you tried to branch out to other sites, the majority of your friends would remain on Facebook, so creating a Google+ account "might be as fun as talking to your cat," Sutter wrote.

He describes Facebook as an "octopus" because it has "too many tentacles to manage." These "tentacles" include newly acquired companies such as Instagram, and all the discontent-causing formats Facebook is trying out.

Facebook is accused of being a "technocracy" because, as Sutter reports, it is "run by engineers who value efficiency above all else." Because of this and many other reasons, 2 million complaints are sent in to Facebook per week.

Facebook is an entire world in itself. It has inspired novels and movies, and has allowed users to create almost a second life for themselves that revolves around the Internet.

"Is it just that our digital lives are now so invested in Facebook that it would be nearly impossible to pull out at this point — and, because of that, we feel helpless?" Sutter wonders.

To what extent will Facebook users allow the "technocracy" to continue? Will they let Facebook take over their lives? Or maybe the better question is — has it already?



Nicole Doi

14 hours ago

Staying connected in college

Facebook still popular mode of communication for college kids

What started out as a social media site intended for Harvard students — Facebook — has quickly escalated to becoming the world's leading social networking site for users of all ages. As new networking sites are introduced and the faults of Facebook are continually exposed, the popularity of the site is in question.

A recent CNBC poll found that "59% of respondents said that they have little to no trust in Facebook to keep their information private." The uncensored sharing of its users' private information and other defects have led to accusations that Facebook is a "technocracy" that is only interested in the business and technological aspects of the site.

Despite such accusations, Facebook remains on top.

Facebook originated in the college scene, and some college students say they have remained loyal despite its flaws.

Emily Klein, a Pleasanton resident and sophomore at Brown University in Providence, R.I., uses her Facebook more often than her Twitter account.

"I have a lot more friends on Facebook," she said. "I think it's a lot more popular than other sites because it has more features to connect and stay in touch with your friends."

"Facebook gives you the chance to see what people are up to in the grand scheme of things," agreed Kyle Suchland, a Pleasanton resident and student at Los Positas Community College. "On Facebook you can see where they work, where they attend school, and what they have been doing. While Twitter and sites alike only provide a 'this is what is on my mind' status, Facebook is more of a social networking site."

"Facebook allows you to actually see what people are up to," said Ashley Moreno, a Pleasanton resident and junior at San Jose State University, who prefers Facebook to other sites. "It's a great way to stay in contact with my friends and family who I don't see very often."

Although some would argue that Facebook has lost popularity due to its "technocratic" approach, college students seem to be using the site regardless. The personal options that provide an accessible way to stay connected with friends and family from afar keep the college student loyal.

"A lot of people go out of state for school and Facebook is a good way to stay connected," said Marina Pomar-Enders, a senior at Seattle University. "You have the unique opportunity to share your experiences with others no matter where they are."

If it isn't the personal connections maintained through Facebook that keeps college students hooked, it's the sheer entertainment the site provides.

"Facebook is a great way to procrastinate," laughed Jaclyn Strom, a Pleasanton resident and sophomore at Cal Poly. "I use it to entertain myself when I'm bored."



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marching to the beat of historical drummers

YOUNG AMERICAN PATRIOTS FIFE AND DRUM CORPS — NOT YOUR TYPICAL GARAGE BAND

BY NICOLE DOI

In the four months that Anjali Ramesh has been a part of the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps, she has mastered seven colonial songs on her fife.

For each song she learns, she moves up in the ranks and receives a star pin to decorate her uniform, a traditional red, white and blue outfit originally designed by George Washington.

"The more songs they learn, the more 'bling' they get added to their uniforms," said YAPs' founder Jason Giaimo with a laugh.

Giaimo was 7 when he joined a fife and drum Corps in Westfield, N.J., and is now a three-time National Fife Champion. He founded the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps in March 2010, bringing the 1776 spirit of the East Coast to the West Coast and its sounds to the garage of his Pleasanton home.

"I decided to start up the YAPs in 2010 because my kids were around the right ages, and I wanted to give them the same opportunities that I was given when I was in a fife and drum corps," Giaimo said.

His daughter, Ashni, and his son, Jaiman, are among the 17 members, who range in age from 8 to 14.

YAPs is a nonpolitical parade band "dedicated to perpetuating the music, history and heritage of our nation's founding," according

to its website.

"Our group is especially unique here on the West Coast," Giaimo said. "On the East Coast fife and drum groups are much more common. We are one of four fife and drum corps in all of California."

Giaimo welcomes members of all musical abilities, and they learn to read sheet music. New members are able to choose whether to learn to play the drum or the fife, which is similar to a piccolo only shriller and louder.

"When you first start playing the fife it's very tricky to blow and make a sound," explained fifer Michael Boyle. "When you start playing songs you have to get the tune right, so that takes a lot of practice. As you advance in levels the fingering gets faster and more complicated, so you have to practice even more."

Every Friday, from 6:30 until 8 p.m., Giaimo's home is transformed into a 1700s musical scene. Members sign their names on the attendance sheet using a quill pen, while traditional fife and drum tunes play in the background.

Giaimo's group lessons are centered around what he calls "the Three Pillars of the YAPs": musical education; leadership formation; and American History.



At the beginning of any performance, founder country's colonial past before audiences all across

in unison. Giaimo tapped out the beat for the fifers, while Cucciardo had the drummers follow her lead. The members then broke into groups where they practiced songs of their respective ranks.

"Every week Mr. Giaimo chooses songs for us to learn. Then we go home and practice them. When we think that we have mastered them, we get tested," said Mayank Sharma, 12. "When we test we can't read our sheet music, so you have to practice a lot. If we pass the test, we move up in the ranks and get a star pin."

Giaimo visited all of the groups, giving the kids tips and helping them learn parts they were struggling with.

"My favorite part is 'free time,'" said YAPs member Mahika Sharma. "That's when we get to practice by ourselves, and Mr. Giaimo comes around and helps us with our songs."

After an hour of musical instruction, the YAPs gathered in the garage where Giaimo began with a brief history lecture and life les-

On a recent evening, Giaimo began the lesson with an hour-long musical lesson, instructing the fifers at the kitchen table, while the drummers practiced under the instruction of Anna Cucciardo in the garage.

"We are not your typical garage band," Giaimo joked.

Each group started by playing basic songs



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of the YAPs Jason Giaimo rallies the kids with an “Atten-hut!” They respond in unison with a “YAPs!” as they begin to march. Modeled after a traditional 1700s fife and drum corps, the YAPs perform tunes from the around the Bay Area.

son. On this particular evening, the YAPs were taught the “Five Penny Method,” to move the coins as they perfect parts of a song — a practice technique that Giaimo learned from his own childhood fife instructor.

“I like learning about the history of Pleasanton and facts about the wars,” said fifer Aditya Jain. “This one time, Mr. Giaimo told us about this gun that they used during the Revolutionary War. It was huge! I thought it was going to be really small but he told us it was as long as this room.”

Giaimo’s lectures are followed by a “Cheesy Joke,” a tradition that has been going on since Giaimo founded the group in 2010.

“Who is the penguin’s favorite aunt?”

“Antarctica.”

As the kids laughed at the joke, they gathered their instruments and headed outside for their marching practice.

“My favorite part about the drum is being able to march with it. I also play the drum set, but I don’t like it as much because I like being able

to walk and play at the same time,” said Surya Ramesh.

Giaimo led the YAPs around his Pleasanton cul-de-sac as they marched along in the street practicing their many parade formations. Giaimo reminded the fifers that good posture is the key to playing the fife, while he told the drummers to continuously pound out the “marching beat.”

“The drummers are to the YAPs as the heart is to the body,” Giaimo said. “If the heart stops, what happens to the body?”

The YAPs practiced traditional 1700s tunes like “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star,” while neighbors paused their activities to watch and listen. The YAPs’ practice concluded with snack time, a favorite part of practice for the musicians.

“It’s great to see bonds forming between the kids,” said Giaimo. “I like the sense of camaraderie that they get from each other. It’s really neat to see that they’ll always have this support group and these friendships no matter what schools they end up going to.”

As the kids finished up their snacks, Giaimo brought out a uniform to remind the kids about their upcoming events. At this practice, he reminded them of a very important performance: the United States Gymnastic Olympic Trials.

The YAPs performed at the Olympic Trials at the HP Pavilion in San Jose. After their performance they enjoyed complimentary tickets to the men’s gymnastic competition, and had a meet and greet with the Olympic hopefuls.

“It was quite a thrill for the kids,” Giaimo said. “The opportunities that the kids are given is why I do this. My hope is that the kids will get to experience things that they wouldn’t ordinarily be able to.”

Alongside the star pins that decorate the uniforms are gold and silver medals, awarded to the members during competitions. The Young American Patriots participate in two competitions a year — one before their performance in the Downtown Pleasanton Holiday Parade, and another before one of their summer performances.

“We compete against one another since there

aren’t any other groups nearby,” Ashni Giaimo said. “We break up into two groups: a beginners’ group and a more advanced group. We then individually play songs and compete against each other for medals.”

The YAPs have performed in parades and venues across the Bay Area. The Youth Music Festival, the Pleasanton Veteran’s Day Parade, Dublin’s Saint Patrick’s Day Parade, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, the Hometown Holiday Parade, the Moscone Center and Danville’s Fourth of July Parade are among their many performances.

“I like learning new songs and then playing them in the parades,” said drummer Jaiman Giaimo. “We get to go to really cool places. This year we had the opportunity to perform on the USS Hornet.”

Jason Giaimo and his Young American Patriots may be marching to the beat of historical drummers, but the opportunities they are given and experiences they have shared together are timeless. ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Woman fights off would-be purse snatchers

A woman successfully fought off two teen girls who tried to grab her purse and a bag of items she was returning to Stoneridge Shopping Center at 2:57 p.m. July 6, according to a police report.

The woman had just arrived at the mall, and as she opened her trunk to get the items for return, two young women jumped her. One tried to grab her purse, while the other made a grab for the bag. The victim began screaming for help and the suspect who grabbed the purse hit her four or five times on the left side of her face. The

woman managed to hold on to her belongings.

The report said the two suspects escaped in a white Honda with two others inside. Both suspects are described as 15 to 16 years old, black with black hair, about 5 feet tall and weighing about 110 pounds. Police are checking surveillance videos for details.

In other police reports:

- A day camp operating at the Stratford School in the 4500 block of Willow Road was hit twice in the last two weeks, with a thief or thieves making off with a \$3,600 inflatable soccer stadium, which was stolen between 7 p.m. June 29 and 7 a.m. July 1. The inflatable was in a fenced area at the school and was dragged through bushes and over the fence. The theft, from Steve and Kate's Camp, operating at the school during the summer, was followed by the theft

of a 300-pound pizza oven valued at \$1,300 and a 300-pound single-burner stove worth an estimated \$335. That theft occurred between 6:30 p.m. July 6 and 7 a.m. July 9, from a patio that was secured with a lock, as well as having a set alarm and a wood bar across the gate.

- Five vehicles parked in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle were vandalized and searched in the early morning hours of July 8, with another report filed July 9. In each case, windows were broken with a few items stolen, including a \$600 set of golf clubs and a \$100 pair of sunglasses taken from the July 9 auto burglary.

- A Hayward man was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale after a July 3 traffic stop near the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Interstate 680 for a missing front plate. Ronald Novell Caesar, 28, was arrested at a traffic stop and was

taken into custody at about 12:32 a.m. Police seized 5.6 ounces of different types of marijuana in separate packages from his car.

- Burglars attempted without success to break into businesses in two separate incidents July 9 and 10. One, reported at 3:38 p.m. July 9 in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive, resulted in damaged door-knobs. In the other, reported 7:31 p.m. July 10 in the first block of Angela Street, a window in a side door was broken, and a padlock was pried off another door. No entry was gained in either case.

- A \$1,000 laptop computer and a \$100 air card were reported stolen between 7:40 and 8:41 p.m. July 9 from a car parked outside Sears in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road.

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



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 3

Vandalism

- 9:32 a.m. in the 4300 block of Chapman Way
- 8:04 p.m. at the intersection of Pimlico Drive and Thistle Way

Drug violations

- 12:20 a.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road; driving with marijuana
- 12:32 a.m. near the intersection of Bernal Avenue and I-680; possession of marijuana for sale
- 2:05 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; paraphernalia possession

July 4

Theft

- 6:31 p.m. at the intersection of Kottinger Drive and Bernal Avenue; auto theft
- 8:57 p.m. at the intersection of Rose Avenue and Pleasanton Avenue; auto theft

Alcohol violations

- 12:01 a.m. in the 500 block of Rose Avenue; public drunkenness
- 2:20 p.m. in the 5900 block of Laurel Creek Drive; DUI

July 5

Vandalism

- 6:10 p.m. in the 700 block of E. Angela Street

July 6

Robbery

- 2:57 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 9:19 a.m. in the 6200 block of Corte Altamira; identity theft
- 4:48 p.m. in the 2900 block of Lethbridge Court; grand theft

Battery

- 8:45 p.m. in the 7600 block of Highland Oaks Drive

DUI

- 11:11 p.m. at the intersection of Utah Street and Bernal Avenue

July 7

Auto burglary

- 2:29 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:17 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 11:25 a.m. in the 2700 block of Willowen Way

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:25 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; public drunkenness

- 10:19 a.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Mission Drive; marijuana possession, underage tobacco possession

July 8

Auto burglary

- 4:12 a.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 4:49 a.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 4:50 a.m. in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 5 a.m. in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 5:08 a.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Alcohol violations

- 1:05 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; DUI
- 1:51 a.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness

July 9

Theft

- 9:11 a.m. in the 4500 block of Willow Road; grand theft
- 4:50 p.m. in the 600 block of Merlot Court; identity theft

Burglary

- 3:38 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Auto burglary

- 4:52 p.m. in the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 8:40 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 3:18 p.m. at the intersection of Newton Way and Angus Way
- 5:33 p.m. in the 4100 block of Cristobal Way

July 10

Theft

- 3:39 a.m. in the 5300 block of Pleasant Hill Road; auto theft
- 10:19 in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road; misappropriation of property
- 10:40 a.m. in the 4500 block of Willow Road; grand theft

Burglary

- 7:31 p.m. in the first block of Angela St

Vandalism

- 1:44 p.m. in the 900 block of Main Street



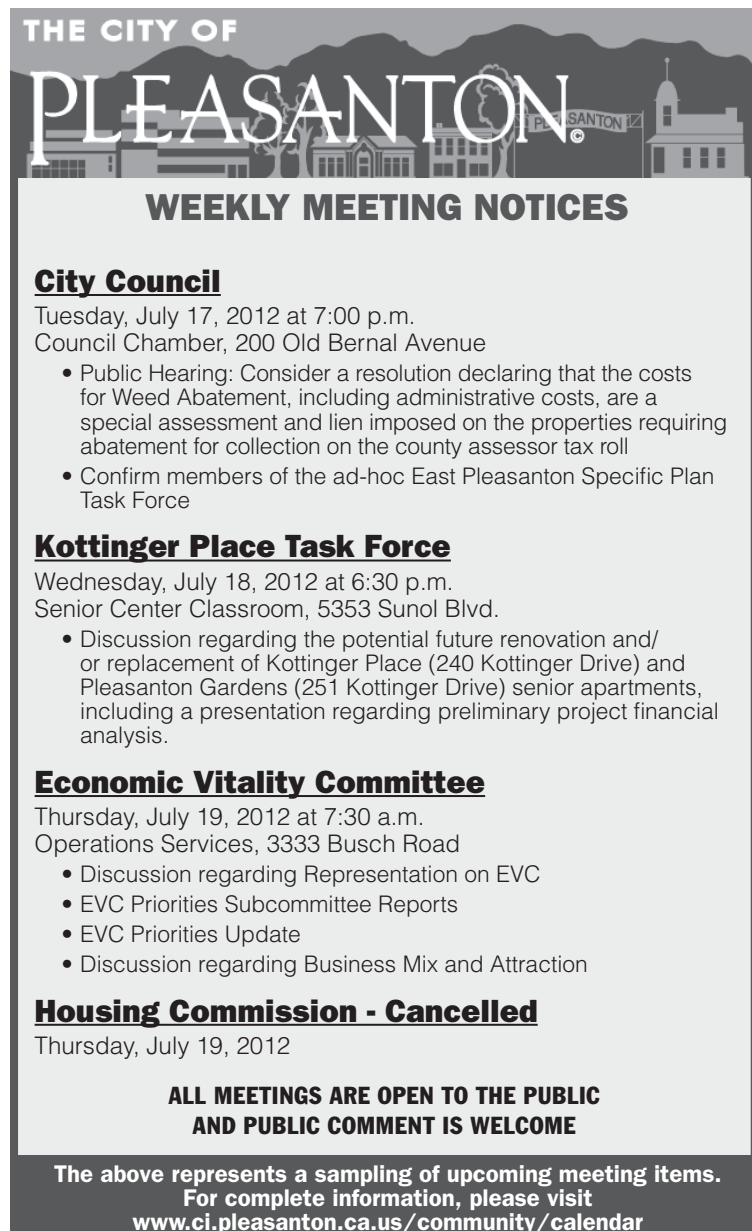
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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council
Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: Consider a resolution declaring that the costs for Weed Abatement, including administrative costs, are a special assessment and lien imposed on the properties requiring abatement for collection on the county assessor tax roll
- Confirm members of the ad-hoc East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force

Kottinger Place Task Force
Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
Senior Center Classroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Discussion regarding the potential future renovation and/or replacement of Kottinger Place (240 Kottinger Drive) and Pleasanton Gardens (251 Kottinger Drive) senior apartments, including a presentation regarding preliminary project financial analysis.

Economic Vitality Committee
Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Discussion regarding Representation on EVC
- EVC Priorities Subcommittee Reports
- EVC Priorities Update
- Discussion regarding Business Mix and Attraction

Housing Commission - Cancelled
Thursday, July 19, 2012

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

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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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. Rock & Soul by The Houserockers on July 13 then come back July 20 for Modern & Classic Rock by the Blind Nurse. Visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

THE HOT FRITTATAS The Hot Frittatas, fiddle, mandolin, accordion, guitar and cello, will play their international cafe music -- Italian, French, Mexican, Brazilian -- at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 15, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The program is free and open to all. Call 931-4305.

Events

SHRED & E- WASTE EVENT

Proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Pulverize documents and drop off e-waste from 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 14, at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton. Banker's box size \$10 first box; \$5 each box thereafter. No cost to drop off e-waste. Call 426-8656.

Exhibits

'HUMANIMALS AND SUCH' This playful summer exhibit features five well-known artists' paintings and sculptures depicting humans, animals or incongruous combinations of both. "Humanimals and Such" is open July 19-Aug. 25 at the Harrington Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. An opening reception is from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, July 19. Visit www.firehousearts.org.

Film

'THE INVISIBLE WAR' The film 'The Invisible War' by Academy Award nominees is a nationwide effort to expose what happens to soldiers who are raped in the military and how the military further victimizes those who seek prosecution. Meet and greet potluck at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, July 21, at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. A short discussion follows the film. This is not a political event. Suggested donation \$3. Call 462-3459.

MOVIES IN THE PARK Enjoy the free movie "Puss In Boots" at dusk, Thursday, July 19, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Puss, the notorious fighter, lover and outlaw, sets off on an adventure with the tough and street smart Kitty Softpaws and the mastermind Humpty Dumpty to save his town. The film is rated PG.

Fundraisers

2012 BAY AREA STEP UP FOR DOWN SYNDROME WALK & PICNIC Gather up a team and walk a mile for Down syndrome and help raise \$150K. Price includes T-shirt, barbecue lunch and many activities. Start fundraising today: www.firstgiving.com/dsba_event/t-shirt. Sponsorship opportunities available. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7 \$30. Little Hills Ranch,

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



ROBERT SHOLTY

'Oklahoma' comes to the Tri-Valley

Josh Milbourne as Curly, and Katie Potts as Laurey play out their love story in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production of "Oklahoma," which opens July 21 and plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 5, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. The musical, set just after the turn of the century, was the first collaborated on by Rodgers and Hammerstein, and follows the high-spirited rivalry between the farmers and the cowboys. Tickets are \$27.50-\$37.50. Call 373-6800 or go to www.trivalleyrep.org.

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TRI-VALLEY YMCA CHARITY POKER

TOURNAMENT Play poker and raise money for the Tri-Valley YMCA; \$100 donation buy in reserves your seat. The top eight spots will win a prize. Seating limited to the first 48 players registered. The event is at 5 p.m., Sunday, July 22, at Tri-Valley YMCA, 693 Sierra Ln., Suite F, Dublin. Food and drinks included. Donors include Eddie Papa's American Hangout, Moet-Hennessey and J Lohr Vineyards and Wines. Call 263-4444.

Health

FREE DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT

CLASSES This six to seven week series will teach you how to manage your diabetes with exercise, healthy eating (including the foods you love) and medications, and answer all your questions about living with diabetes. The class is from 10-11:30 a.m., Mondays, July 16 through Aug. 27, at Heritage Estates, 900 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 408-768-3763 or visit www.acphd.org.

Kids & Teens

KABARET FOR KIDS Described as "always entertaining, always innovative, and always memorable," world renowned cabaret and theater star Samantha Samuels will perform her "Kabaret for Kids" at 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, at the Firehouse Arts Center. Samuel's musical variety show is recommended summer fun for kids ages 3-9. The show will feature local talent from Diablo Theatre Company's Stars 2000, West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy and Dance Connection Performing Arts Centre. Admission is \$8 for kids and \$12 for adults.

Lectures/ Workshops

HOMEBUYERS EDUCATION CLASS

Interested in home ownership, but don't know where to begin? Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center has a class from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, July 21, at Regional Meeting Room, Dublin Civic

Center, 100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, to teach how to prepare for home ownership, find homes, determine affordability, work with housing professionals, learn financial management and review credit worthiness. Cost is \$30. Preregistration is required at www.tvhoc.org.

KEEPING THE GARDEN HEALTHY

Enjoy working in your garden more! Make the work easier on your body in order to keep it fun throughout your life. Alameda County Master Gardeners are on hand from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of every month to give advice and guided tours of their Demonstration Garden. Free Livermore Earth Friendly Demonstration Garden, 3575 Greenville Rd., Livermore. 510-639-1371. www.acmg.ucdavis.edu

Miscellaneous

TRI-VALLEY CARES Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs) will hold its next meeting from 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, July 19, at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the U.S. nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding communities. Call 443-7148.

On Stage

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

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BISHOP SPONG Renowned Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong will speak from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 19, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. His topic is "Shifting the Paradigm from Salvation to Wholeness -- He did not die for our sins." Community welcome. Donation of \$10; send checks to Lynnewood UMC with email address and phone number. Call 846-0221 or visit www.lynnnewood.org.

Volunteering

BLOOD DONATION CENTER The American Red Cross will be holding volunteer orientations at 5 p.m., Friday, July 20 at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5556-B Springdale Ave., Pleasanton. Learn about ways to greet, inform and thank the community's blood donors. Advanced sign up required. To sign up Call Tami at 408-577-2006 or email tambra.wethern@redcross.org.

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DRIVE Faith groups throughout the Bay Area are for the second year teaming with the American Red Cross to help maintain the community's blood supply during the summer months, and they aim to collect more than twice as much blood as last year. One of the four blood drives is from 2-8 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Pleasanton Stake Center, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, Pleasanton. Call 800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Use sponsor code INTERFAITHCOMMUNITY to schedule an appointment.

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

Amador soccer star awarded BUSC scholarship

Dane Shaffar headed for Sonoma State

NICOLE DOI

At 5 years old, Dane Shaffar ran onto the soccer field for the first time. Now, nearly 13 years later, the 2012 Amador Valley High graduate is headed to play soccer at his dream school, Sonoma State.

"It's really funny, when I was younger, I always went to tournaments at Sonoma. I always loved the school, but I never knew that I would actually end up there," Shaffar said.

Born and raised in Pleasanton, Shaffar began his soccer career with the Ballistic United Soccer Club, where he played Division 1 from U8s through U19s.

At Amador, Shaffar continued his soccer career and was named captain of the freshmen team, and continued to shine throughout his high school career. Senior year, he was captain of the boy's varsity team.

Shaffar was recognized for his talent on the field as a junior, when he was chosen for the Second-Team All League for the East Bay Athletic League. He further proved his soccer abilities senior year when he was selected for the First-Team All League.

He was also named Amador boy's varsity MVP junior and senior year, making history as the only soccer player at Amador to receive the prestigious award for two consecutive years.

"What makes Dane a special person is his love for his family, loyalty to his friends, and the pride he has each and every day when he represents his community and Amador," wrote Rob Flores, assistant varsity soccer coach at Amador, in his letter of recommendation for the Ballistic United Soccer Club and Erik Lemoine Scholarship.

In 2010, Shaffar had the privilege of playing for the Olympic Development Program as a member of the Cal North State Team.

Soccer has always played a large role in Shaffar's life.

"He has always had a passion for soccer and because he made it his life, we made it ours," said Mitzi Shaffar, Dane's mother.

Dane Shaffar attributes much of his success to those who have all supported him along the way.

"Soccer has pretty much been my life. I find inspiration to succeed in my love of soccer, my family, my teammates, my coaches and the



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Dane Shaffar, recipient of the Ballistic United Soccer Club and Erik Lemoine Scholarship, shows his soccer skills at State Cup.

community," Shaffar said. "I like being a part of something bigger."

This year Shaffar was awarded the Ballistic United Soccer Club and Erik Lemoine Scholarship, which is presented to Foothill or Amador seniors who have represented BUSC, their school and their community in an outstanding manner.

"I feel that Dane Shaffar's charac-

ter and leadership make him a role model not just for soccer players but for anyone who is looking at what is right with our youth today," Amador varsity soccer coach Ken Villegas wrote in his letter of recommendation.

At Sonoma State University, Shaffar plans to major in business. As a recruit for the SSU Seawolves, he

will play under head coach Markus Ziemer.

"I can't wait to get on the field and play with the team," Shaffar said. "There's always room for improvement, and being surrounded by so many talented players and lead by such an amazing coach, Coach Markus, will give me the opportunity to get better." ■

Eight BUSC members to play in college

The Ballistic United Soccer Club has announced that eight U18 Premier players will be playing soccer in college in the fall. The players continuing their playing careers in college include Tyler Hoffman (Cal State Los Angeles), Brandon Brown (Chico State), Seth Niermeyer (Chico State), Duke Driggs (Cal State East Bay), Collin Hartland (Colorado College), Nandor Krause (Sonoma State), Dane Shaffar (Sonoma State), and Jason Chow (St. Mary's).

Hoffman was named to the All Conference team and voted Most Valuable Player as a goalkeeper for the San Joaquin Athletic Association. Shaffar, two-time Amador high school MVP, was named first team all-league in the East Bay

Athletic League and will be playing alongside fellow teammate and team captain Krause. Dane and Nandor have played together for BUSC since U9 and were both three-year varsity starters at Amador.

Niermeyer has also been playing competitively for BUSC since U9, joining Shaffar and Krause at U11. Niermeyer was a three-year varsity starter at Foothill high school. Chow, another lifetime BUSC competitive player was a four-year varsity player at Amador High School. Brown and Driggs, both of Cal High, joined the club a few years back.

Driggs was also named first team all-league in the East Bay Athletic League and was Cal High's defen-



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Ballistic United Soccer Club players (l-r) Collin Hartland, Seth Niermeyer, Nandor Krause, Dane Shaffar, Duke Driggs, Brandon Brown will continue playing soccer at college.

sive player of the year. Hartland came to the club at U14 and was Dublin High's offensive MVP two years in a row. The U18 Premier

team took first place in the Nor Cal Premier 2 division, a fine way to end the boys' playing career with the club. ■

SPORTS DIGEST

Tri-Valley makes impact at Summer Nationals

Five athletes from the Tri-Valley Masters and Tri-Valley Aquatics competed this past weekend at the U.S. Masters Swimming Long Course Summer Nationals hosted at Omaha's Century Link Center. As a team, Luane Rowe, Vicki Espiritu, Adam

Conway, Doug Condon and Bill McCracken placed 25th out of 160 teams. As a two-woman team, Rowe and Espiritu placed 24th overall, while the men's team, Conway, Condon and McCracken, placed 34th.

Rowe placed first in the 1500m free, 400m free and 200m and second in the 400m individual medley and 200m butterfly, setting national records in the 1500m and 800m free. McCracken placed first in the 800m free and second in the 200m free. Espiritu and Con-

way placed in the top 10 for their events. Rowe, Espiritu, Conway and Condon joined forces to place second in both the 200m mixed free relay and medley relay.

Warriors basketball camp

The Golden State Warriors Basketball Camp will hold a five-day session at Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore from July 30-Aug. 3, for boys and girls, ages 7-15, of all skill levels. The

staff is current high school and college coaches, as well as current and former local college players; camps also feature appearances by current and former Warriors players and coaches.

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New flood insurance program benefits millions across U.S.

Realtors' group sees Congressional act buoying market

By JEB BING

The National Association of Realtors thanked Congress last week for passing a five-year reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 was passed as part of a transportation funding bill and signed into law by the president. The legislation extends NFIP authority through Sept. 30, 2017.

"As the nation's leading advocate for homeownership and housing issues, we are pleased that Congress has approved a long-term reauthorization of the program, which ensures access to affordable flood insurance for millions of home and business owners across the country," said NAR President Moe Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc. in Miami.

"Realtors have been advocating a long-term reauthorization of the NFIP for years. The five-year reauthorization will end the uncertainty of NFIP stopgap extensions and shutdowns and will help bring stability to real estate markets," Veissi added.

NAR has long supported the NFIP, which protects property owners in more than 21,000 communities where flood insurance is required for mortgages. More than 5.6

million property owners rely on the program against flood-related disasters, which claimed more lives and property than any other natural disaster in the U.S. over the past century.

In fact, according to the NAR, floods are the most common natural disaster in the country. Since 1990, floods have been declared in every state, along rivers and anywhere rain falls or snow melts.

Without the NFIP, families and business owners across the U.S. would go without essential flood protection, since the private market cannot guarantee the availability or affordability of flood insurance, the NAR said, adding that it also saves taxpayers money, since it serves as an alternative to expensive federally funded disaster relief for flood victims.

For some time now, Congress has been approving short-term extensions of the NFIP authority to issue flood insurance policies. Since September 2008 there have been more than 17 extensions, and authority has been allowed to expire two times, delaying or canceling 1,300 real estate transactions each day of the lapse, according to NAR research.

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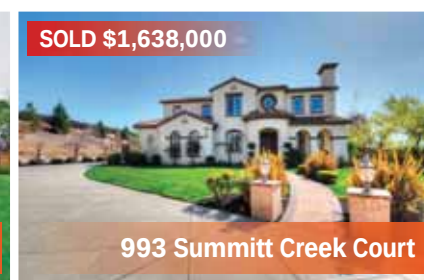
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Jared Higgins 925.855.4178

2 Peach Blossom Ln San Ramon



bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,100 \$629,000

Toll Brothers home in a desirable location. Laminate wood flooring throughout most of home. Lovely Kitchen with granite tile counters opens to the Family Room with a granite surrounded fireplace. Well appointed Master plus one additional suite. Spacious 2 car garage.

David Bauer 925.855.4040

2055 Valley Oak Rd Pleasanton



bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 4,839 \$2,250,000

Golden Eagle Estate home on 1.12 acre lot w/ views of Pleasanton ridge & valley. Property surrounded by Heritage oaks. Aupair option, office & bonus room. Lots of upgrades, 5-car garage, pool, spa & much more. Close to BART, downtown, Castlewood C.C., shopping & more.

Mahshid Shaghafi 925.648.5340

4525 Mirano Ct Dublin



bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,787 \$575,000

Built in 2007. Cherry Maples Cabinets, Granite Kitchen Counters, Stainless Steel Appliances, Gas Cooktop, Microwave, Oven. Alarm System, Fire Sprinkler System, Intercom. Theatre and Meeting Rooms, Pool, Jucuzzi and Gym.

Amy Gamez 925.336.6499

14 Comstock Ct San Ramon



bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 2,087 \$739,000

Hardwood floors throughout, plantation shutters on every window. Vaulted ceilings in living/dining room area. Tile counters in kitchen, Updated bathrooms. Ceiling fans in each bedroom. Full laundry room with sink, storage and counter space. Private Court location.

Bonnie King 925.736.8411

2725 Corey Pl San Ramon



bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,260 \$849,900

Nestled against the foothills, rarely available tri level in a development on a oversized lot backing to hillside. Gourmet kitchen with granite counter tops and maple cabinets, large family room w/cozy fire place, hardwood floors throughout, downstrs office/4th bedrm.

Joe Ledesma 925.251.2559

8012 Golden Eagle Wy Pleasanton



bd 5 ba 5(3) sqft+/- 8,585 \$3,498,000

Fabulous private custom Mediterranean in resort-like setting has it all. Porte Cachere, grand entry, gourmet kitchen, awesome theater w/ theater seating, stunning arcade & exercise rms. Vast lawns & wrap-around decks, guest house, pool/spa.

Peggy Cortez 925.2093451

9895 Foothill Rd Sunol



bd 3 ba 2 sqft+/- 1,984 \$1,299,000

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.

Kristy and Company 925.251.2536

10843 Reuss Rd Livermore



bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 4,118 \$1,690,000

Fabulous property on a 2 acre parcel surrounded by gorgeous vineyards. 4,118 sq ft single-story with large kitchen/family area. 360 degree views of 200 acres of vineyards. Front and rear courtyards, fountains and koi ponds. This is a special property.

Carole Cline 925.683.0488

9943 Mangos Dr San Ramon



bd 3 ba 2 sqft+/- 1,650 \$690,000

Travertine throughout the 1st floor. Premium carpets on stairs & bedrooms. Stamped concrete driveway, canned lights. Custom drywall texture throughout. Everything custom. Full remodel done 3 years ago. Owner-very meticulous; pristine condition/full permits.

Tom Gore 925.285.3004

3678 Foothill Rd Pleasanton



bd ba acres+/- 5.16 \$899,000

Nice 5 acre parcel with Gorgeous Valley Views. West End of Old Foothill Rd. has black Gate entry to private road. 2 containers on property. Home at end of private road not included. Owner will finance, consider trades. All Services to front of parcel.

Steve Mattos 925.980.8844

118 Alisma Ct San Ramon



bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 2,479 \$898,900

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.

Khrista Jarvis 925.855.4065

2046 Pinot Ct Livermore



bd 4 ba 4 sqft+/- 4,340 \$1,095,000

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 Bkyrd with Built in BBQ. Top rated schools. Tennis Court Park.

Corey Green 925.583.2173

2337 Grosvenor Heights Ct Livermore



bd 4 ba 4.5 sqft+/- 3,490 \$1,149,000

This stunning two story custom home displays the mark of exquisite details and charm. Features include 4 bedrooms, 4.5 ba, fine stonework, designer lighting, amazing formal dining room, dramatic gourmet kitchen with custom granite.

Alex Villasenor 925.385.2349

4264 1st St Pleasanton



bd 4 ba 2.5 sqft+/- 2,557 \$949,950

Victorian style charm with all modern amenities. Gleaming hardwood floors, crown mouldings, gourmet kitchen, maple cabinets, 3 fireplaces. Walk to Downtown Pleasanton, concerts, Farmer's Market, live the Downtown Lifestyle! Lush private yard!

Weiner/ McDowell 925.251.2585

4357 Mirador Dr Pleasanton



bd 3 ba 2 sqft+/- 1,644 \$709,000

Absolutely beautiful home. Walk to Downtown. Newer Comp Presidential roof. New paint & 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.

Todd Martinez 925.251.2571

2637 Debry Dr San Ramon



bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,060 \$899,900

One of the best views in town! Mt. Diablo and complete valley views! Pool/Spa - totally remodeled - this is a KNOCKOUT! Come see for yourself... NEW NEW NEW plus VIEWS for MILES!

Frazzano Team 925.735.7653

6950 Crow Canyon Rd Castro Valley



bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,700 \$857,500

Pride of ownership Location-Location...Wow over 2700 sq.ft. is the main home, 4 BDR, 3.5 Bath updated kitchen wait until you see this place. All this on one acre plus an In-Law type unit a must see.

Kristy and Company 925.251.2536

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925.648.5300

Blackhawk West

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Danville, CA 94506
925.736.6000

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Danville, CA 94526
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Livermore, CA 94550
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Oakland, CA 94611
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Pleasanton, CA 94588
925.251.2500

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Orinda, CA 94563
925.253.7000

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1700 N. Main St.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
925.280.8500

HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during June 2012

Dublin

7011 Ann Arbor Way Schoemaker Trust to P. & G. Diaz for \$450,000
7397 Dalmally Lane #46 Wall Trust to A. & W. Chen for \$448,000
3465 Dublin Boulevard #216 Toll Dublin Limited to H. Nijjar for \$356,500
3245 Dublin Boulevard #422 K. Tovar to N. & S. Patibandla for \$310,000
7031 Dublin Meadows Street #D H. Ebrahimchel to A. Bhatt for \$295,000
8091 Jade Circle US Bank to V. Zhang for \$470,000
5796 Kingsmill Terrace N. & D. Phung to W. & J. Chan for \$1,230,000
11667 Ladera Drive Baker Trust to D. & S. Kim for \$475,000
4560 Mirano Court Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to Hersh Trust for \$601,000
3934 Tamworth Court A. Kwok to D. Liu for \$505,000
5901 Topsfield Circle Campus Trust to S. Selvarangam for \$677,500

Livermore

2871 1st Street #905 K. Czarnik to LSTC California for \$230,000
263 Albatross Avenue Brandley Trust to D. Wahlgren for \$305,000
721 Alison Circle L. & C. Kapit to M. Irby for \$590,000
1317 Belfast Court R. & L. Roffey to A. White for \$565,000
957 Cayuga Drive Deornelas Trust to J. & R. McCaleb for \$387,500
5851 Edelweiss Way H. Zamora to B. & R. Dhaliwal for \$450,000
2048 Galloway Common J. Kuehn to M. & C. Borgatta for \$268,000
314 Hagemann Drive Faria Trust to S. & S. Patibanda for \$450,000

1081 Laguna Street M. & S. Jorgenson to K. & S. Aldinger for \$424,000
1267 Lillian Street L. & K. Anderson to B. Boehrer for \$465,000
402 Lincoln Avenue Croeni Trust to C. Gale for \$365,000
1650 London Way Richards Trust to S. & M. O’Brien for \$656,000
875 Los Alamos Avenue Griggs Trust to A. Hurtado for \$241,000
4687 Nicol Common #104 US Bank to A. Bradford for \$185,000
1425 Peachtree Common Ing Bank to Norfleet Trust for \$261,000
6475 Ramblewood Place L. & J. Detevis to Krystofiak Trust for \$526,500
1297 Rebecca Drive D. & H. Lorier to A. Potasiak for \$550,000
548 Rhea Way J. & G. Pavlakovich to R. & L. Roffey for \$800,000
3967 Stanford Way Deutsche Bank to P. Vuong for \$247,000
1639 Vetta Drive Harborview Mortgage to R. Lekamlage for \$720,000
1823 Vetta Drive Wilson Trust to M. & K. Simonetti for \$740,000

Pleasanton

3035 Bersano Court Hersh Trust to P. & D. Dolci for \$1,465,000
5286 Blackbird Drive Booth Trust to Y. Zhang for \$740,000
1363 Briones Court R. & E. Cummings to L. Wu for \$1,400,000
2502 Calle Madras Crook Trust to B. & J. Cox for \$490,000
683 Concord Place E. & K. Szyrko to W. Scheuffele for \$230,000
4452 Del Valle Parkway R. & L. Dacha to N. & T. Darnell for \$315,000
4349 Diavila Avenue Vermes Trust to P. Qiu for \$616,000
7858 Driftwood Way RRS Ventures to M. Ho for \$659,000

4522 Gatetree Circle Berry Trust to M. & L. Ramos for \$740,000
265 Kottinger Drive Hoff Trust to D. & J. Dalrymple for \$815,000
1102 Lund Ranch Road Nitzcsche Trust to L. & W. Wang for \$905,000
2020 Martin Avenue Blaine Trust to R. & E. Cummings for \$1,450,000
8166 Moller Ranch Drive H. Kim to P. Niazi for \$725,000
3994 Pimlico Drive Bank of America to P. & L. Yee for \$188,000
2347 Raven Road D. Marazzito to T. Kullman for \$711,000
4079 Rennellwood Way C. & L. Allen to Y. Hu for \$439,000
3202 Roylton Court Cater Trust to P. Breen for \$688,000
4041 San Giorgio Court K. Pickering to L. Cheuk for \$389,000
4057 San Giorgio Court Deutsche Bank to H. Xiang for \$405,000

San Ramon

804 Amberwood Way D. & M. Wheeler to J. Borg for \$1,110,000
5089 Athens Drive National Residential to N. & V. Perreault for \$872,500
8051 Briar Oaks Drive T. Xu to J. Hwang for \$750,000
5050 Canyon Crest Drive Ulrich Trust to J. & K. Hopkins for \$827,500
104 Castleton Court Calneva Management to D. & C. Wood for \$545,000
7 Crow Canyon Court T. Purcell to Arroyo Grande Investments for \$825,000
4112 Eagle Lake Court Bank of America to C. Rees for \$337,000
304 Goshen Court L. Gonzales to Y. Jiang for \$555,000
4024 Greenwich Drive J. & B. Dixon to Faust Trust for \$815,000
605 Guaymas Court T. Whittaker to Chan Trust for \$455,000

7 Henry Ranch Drive M. & J. Lafontaine to Patel Trust for \$1,039,500
760 Lakemont Place #7 Chen Trust to C. Smith for \$530,000
1117 Langton Drive N. & A. Parekh to S. Nayak for \$790,000
130 Laredo Court M. & J. Westerling to M. & M. Terrell for \$541,500
4117 Lilac Ridge Road S. Rohira to Chen Trust for \$1,100,000
6219 Main Branch Road V. Parthasarathy to E. Lou for \$860,000
346 Meadowood Circle #44 A. Khan to S. & H. Vellanki for \$530,000
139 Minerva Way Thomas Trust to E. Wong for \$735,000
108 Norris Canyon Place #C B. & C. Decastro to A. Yang for \$235,000
9491 Olympia Fields Drive B. & E. Keels to M. & J. SanNicolas for \$645,000
5266 Pembroke Way National Residential to V. Sexena for \$1,007,500
456 Pine Ridge Drive #216 J. & S. Magsanay to S. Thilakaraju for \$299,000
519 Quimby Court A. Laurentino to S. Chitgopkar for \$835,000
516 Roubaud Court R. Reyes to S. & H. Uppal for \$815,000
28 Starflower Terrace B. & S. Nagrani to R. Kumar for \$520,000
1110 Vista Pointe Circle Wilhite Trust to S. Nagarajan for \$538,000
5583 Wells Lane M. Santos to A. Yachareni for \$806,000
501 Winding Brook Court C. & T. Mandeville to D. & V. Meshriy for \$900,000
701 Winterside Circle Rebhahn Trust to B. Paisal for \$375,000
321 Winterwind Circle Y. & E. Manevich to W. Liu for \$480,000
6976 Wisteria Street E. Wu to Y. & K. Kitagawa for \$418,000

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FLOOD

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During the June 2010 lapse, NAR survey data estimated that more than 40,000 home sales were delayed or canceled, which undermined home buyer and investor confidence.

“Realtors praise Congress for its bipartisan leadership on this issue and thank Reps. Spencer Bachus (R-Ala.), Judy Biggert (R-Ill.), Barney Frank (D-Mass.), and Maxine Waters (D-Calif.); as well as Senators Tim Johnson (D-S.D.), Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and David Vitter (R-La.) for their efforts,” Veissi said.

“Available and affordable flood insurance is essential to properly functioning real estate markets, and the certainty of a five-year reauthorization will allow long-term real estate investments that are vital to the U.S. economic recovery,” he added. ■

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4 BR 2 BA 9,310 Sq Ft. Lot.Lrg Eat-In Kit.Formal Dining rm,Inlay Hrdwd Flrs,Laundry Rm,Fireplace 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE
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CONTEMPORARY LIVING!
\$520,000
3BR 3.5 BA 2090 sqft, Plus a loft!Premium Lot w/2 car garage. Don't miss this opportunity!
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4706 BEL ROMA RD.
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\$1,850,000
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3594 RIDGECREST WAY
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7106 CORTE BALBOA PLEASANTON
Gorgeous home in Country Fair! Beautiful remodeled kitchen with vaulted ceiling, cherry cabinets and granite. Stainless appliances. Huge park-like lot with fountain, patio, koi pond and more. A 10+ home. **List price was \$835,000**



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1814 Sinclair Drive, Pleasanton
 3bd/2.5ba, 1,481+/- sq.ft, updated granite kitchen with stainless appliances, hardwood floors, close to schools and parks. Offered at \$575,000

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2490 Skylark Way, Pleasanton
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3623 CAMERON AVE, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



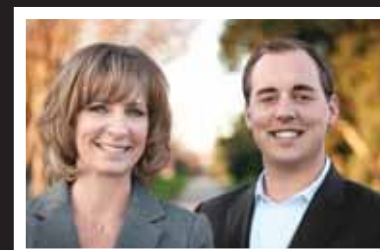
1 ACRE lot, 5 BD, 3 BA. Updated kitchen w/ granite counters, breakfast bar & dinette area. Dual side yards offer room to expand! A private well, pool; a rare opportunity in the heart of Pleasanton. PRICE UPON REQUEST

1479 IRONGATE DR, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN IRONWOOD ESTATES



4BD 3.5BA 3,182sf. on a 10,690sf. lot. Newly constructed, single level highly upgraded throughout. Three car garage; spacious and private rear yard. \$1,285,000

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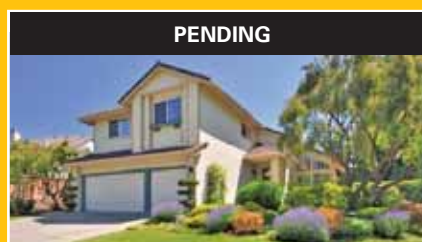
4 BD, 3.5 BA 3,182sf. on a 12,068sf. lot. Highly upgraded on a private court. The kitchen offers granite counters & stainless steel appliances. Front & rear yard are professional designed. SOLD AT \$1,280,000

3314 HUDSON CT, PLEASANTON
 LOCATED IN PLEASANTON MEADOWS



4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2,142sf. on a 9,985sf. lot. Charming home on a spacious lot w/beautiful landscaping. Rear yard offers pool, spa, grassy area and **EXPANSIVE SIDEYARD!** \$774,000

365 MIRAMONTE LN, LIVERMORE
 LOCATED IN AMBER RIDGE



4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2,553sf. on a 10,698sf. lot. This beautiful home offers an open floor plan with vaulted ceilings. The kitchen is highly upgraded. The rear yard is spacious & peaceful. \$645,000

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885 KOLLN ST, PLEASANTON
JENSEN NEIGHBORHOOD
 3BD 2BA 1,728sf. on a 6,000sf. lot. Single level close to downtown and schools. Great backyard for entertaining - pool, spa, covered patio, fireplace and outdoor speakers. \$595,000

PENDING



841 KOLLN ST, PLEASANTON
JENSEN NEIGHBORHOOD
 3 BD, 2 BA, 1,160sf. on a 6,500sf. lot. This charming single level is open & welcoming. Spacious rear yard kept private with ivy covered fences. Close to schools, shopping & downtown! \$545,000



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JUST LISTED IN WEST PLEASANTON

Here is great opportunity in the desirable "Highland Oaks" neighborhood. This 2027 sq. ft. single story home, features 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and sits on a 7217 sq ft lot. Located on a quaint street, you can walk to 3 award winning schools, Muirwood Park (with a great dog park), stores and Bart. With a little TLC you can transform this property into a charming residence. Home has RV / Boat parking.

LISTED AT \$599,000



**SOLD IN 5 DAYS
OVER THE ASKING PRICE**

7011 Cortez Rosa Pleasanton
Spacious 4 bed/3 bath, 2800 sq. ft. family home with pool in Country Fair. Upgraded kitchen, excellent floor plan, 3 car garage.
Sold for \$855,000



**SOLD IN 5 DAYS
OVER THE ASKING PRICE**

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



**REPRESENTED
BUYER**

7809 Meadowbrook Ct Pleasanton
Just Sold! Charming Westside home, 3 bedroom / 2 bathroom, 1311 sq. ft. Multiple offers on this home. Sold for \$579,000



**REPRESENTED
BUYER**

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



**REPRESENTED
BUYER**

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

COMING SOON

Coming Soon — Wonderful Vintage Hills
Single story Home. Situated on a nice quiet court, this 4 bedroom / 2 bath, is 1527 sq. ft. and has a nice size backyard. Priced in the 600's, this home will be coming to market in August. Please call Julia for more information.

West Pleasanton — Large Family Home
Newer construction, 5 bedroom / 3 bath home on a ¼ acre. Price in low 1 million, coming in August. Please call Julia for more information.

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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 \$649,000**

LIVERMORE

JUST SOLD

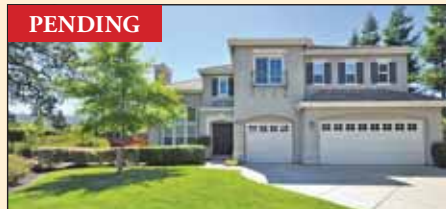


5598 BERWIND AVENUE, LIVERMORE

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. **SOLD FOR \$425,000**

BRIDLE CREEK

PENDING



5206 SELENA COURT, PLEASANTON

Check out this double sized lot (.56 acre). Premium private court location for this quality built Greenbriar home (2000), includes 4 bedroom (1 down), 3 baths, and bonus room. Beautiful professional landscaping with in-ground pool/spa in this expansive private backyard including multiple sitting areas, adjacent beautiful Heritage Oak tree, elevated ridge viewing deck. Upgraded gourmet kitchen, with granite counters, marble heated flooring and stainless appliances. Comprehensive audio/video system included. Three car garage. Great home for entertaining! **OFFERED AT \$1,399,000**

VALENCIA

SOLD



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**

CUSTOM HOME

PENDING



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 \$1,169,000**

SUNOL

SOLD — 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

PLEASANTON VALLEY - "BIRDLAND"

JUST SOLD



2449 MINIVET COURT, PLEASANTON

"The heart of Birdland" Location, location, location! Quiet court is walking distance to Woodthrust Park, all levels of schools, two shopping centers, Aquatic Center & Sports Park! Premium .28 acre lot (12,125 sq. ft.). Single level-4 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms with 2112 sq. ft. "Gateway" model in excellent condition. Granite countertops in kitchen. Remodeled master bathroom. Expansive front yard with private gated courtyard. Beautifully landscaped! Large backyard, great for entertaining, with in-ground pool/spa & refinished deck! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$819,000**

OAK MANOR

SOLD

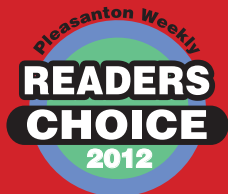


819 OAK MANOR COURT, PLEASANTON

As soon as you enter you will be impressed with the unique elegance. Gorgeous custom home on private .62 acre lot. Approximately 4,541 sq. ft., 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**

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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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Pending - In 1 Day!

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3031 Boardwalk, Pleasanton
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Offered at \$739,000

JUST SOLD!

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2913 Amoroso Ct
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Open Sat 1-4

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2703 Corte Bandera, Pleasanton
Curb appeal! Must see 4 bedroom 2 bath home in popular Del Prado; quick access I680S/ I580W. Great backyard; corner lot in a court. Exterior just painted with new flooring throughout. Both baths remodeled with tile, vanities and fixtures - walk to pool/ cabana.

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854 Montevino Dr, Pleasanton
5 BR, 2.5 BA, farm house style home w/ inviting front porch and hardwood floors. Super upgraded remodeled kitchen w/ cherry cabinets and granite counters. Step down family room with brick fireplace and built-in custom cabinetry. Beautiful yard with patio and sparkling pool.
Offered at \$1,199,000

COMING SOON!

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