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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

A USF education in Pleasanton 'without the fog'

For those of us who earned our college degrees in crowded classrooms in ageing brick and mortar campus buildings, life's much better for today's students. Last week, the University of San Francisco officially opened its new branch campus in Pleasanton, a gleaming facility with large windows overlooking groomed gardens and just a stone's throw from Stoneridge Shopping Center and the West Dublin-Pleasanton BART station. Students for the most part carry laptops or iPads to class with a small notebook and ballpoint pen in reserve, but the No. 2 pencils and blue books are history.

Overseeing this transition to a wireless, online, computer-driven education is Carol Batker, hired just a few weeks ago by USF as vice provost of branch campuses. Pleasanton's is one of four outside of San Francisco with the others in San Jose, Sacramento and Santa Rosa. USF recently opened a branch in the Folger Building in San Francisco's financial district and now has a

It's that special USF experience that sets the university apart from other online-focused and night and weekend colleges.

Carol Batker,
Vice provost of branch
USF campuses

branch at the Presidio of San Francisco. The branch campuses are similar, but Pleasanton's is more advanced in offering night and weekend classes with a healthy amount of online course work. In some of the newer online programs, you may never come actually face-to-face with your professor, who stays on the USF main campus on Fulton Street. But that's OK, Batker says, because the instructor can see you, single you out on the screen and have a conversation, and then wide angle back to show everyone in the class each other and the assignments. The system even works to the advantage of teachers, as Batker knows from her years in the classroom, because the shy student who used to like the back row in a typical classroom is now often onstage



Carol Batker

online and more of a contributor.

Batker, who works with Desiree Shaw, director of the Pleasanton campus, in setting up programs and online courses, has considerable experience as a teacher and community communicator. She holds a doctorate degree in English, cross-cultural studies and women's studies. She's also the author of a book that was published in 2000 on women's literature and journalism. While teaching at Florida State University, she recognized the benefit for local public schools of partnering with the college, and brought the college experience into classrooms to encourage younger students to continue their education. From there, she moved to New Hampshire University as the dean of the new online and continuing education division, and later to Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., part of the 35-campus State University of New York (SUNY) system. SUNY was organized on a "distributed campus model," Batker says, which makes her new role as the USF vice provost in charge of branch campuses and online education a perfect fit.

Batker says the USF education adheres to the admonition stated at last week's Pleasanton campus celebration by the Rev. Stephen Privett, USF's president. He said that the university's mission is to provide a Jesuit education not only with knowledge and skills but also by inspiring and motivating students to use their education to fashion a more humane and just world for all. He also quipped, while standing in the bright sunlit student conference room where the celebration took place, that the new campus offers a quality USF education "without the fog."

Batker emphasizes that it's that special USF experience that sets the university apart from other online-focused and night and weekend colleges, whether private, non-profit or for-profit schools. It's an amazing relevant education utilizing the best "bells and whistles" of today's technology with a 450-year old tradition established by the Catholic order of Jesuits.

For more information about USF, sign on to its website at www.usfca.edu or visit the Pleasanton campus at 6120 Stoneridge Mall Road. ■

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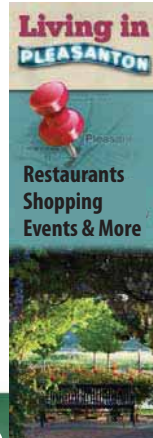
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Streetwise

ASKED IN SAN FRANCISCO AND PLEASANTON

Do you give to people asking for money on the street?



Carlos Pabiloa
Server at a restaurant

Sometimes. I want to help, but if they seem like they will just spend the money on drugs, I don't give them anything. I will give some spare change if I think it will actually be spent on food.

Taryn Fortunati
Amador Valley Chiropractic/student

My mom hands them money. She feels that we have a lot, so she wants to help. If she's near a store, she'll buy them a sandwich or a gift card if she thinks the money might be spent on something other than food. It's hard to tell who is legitimately needy and who is just looking for a handout. I think it's also good to give your time at a soup kitchen.



Ethan Lipsker
Student/umpire

I give a little money if I have some, unless they appear to be drinking or on drugs. One time I gave my lunch leftovers to a hungry homeless man in San Jose.

Sean Livingston
Trail guide/student

It depends on the day and the person, but if I have some change I'll usually give it to them. I've given food before, and that seemed like a good solution.



Blake Barkdull
Student

I prefer to give the homeless gift cards to grocery stores. That way, I'm sure it is spent the proper way.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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DIGEST

City activates Cooling Center

Pleasanton has activated its public Cooling Center for those seeking relief from high temperatures as they rise past the century mark through Saturday, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. It is scheduled to be open from noon until 8 p.m. from Thursday, Aug. 9, through Saturday, Aug. 11. Visitors will enjoy air-conditioned facilities and may be served water and offered games and television viewing.

Free transportation is being provided through Pleasanton Paratransit Services for those ages 60 and older or ADA qualified. Call 931-5365 to arrange a ride.

For more information, call the Community Services Department at 931-5340 or visit www.cityofpleasanton.com.

Survey on rainwater use

Ph.D. candidate Neeraja Havaligi is asking Pleasanton residents to take an online survey for her to use with her thesis on rainwater harvesting and re-use. Havaligi, who has master's degrees in agriculture, specializing in agronomy, and in plant physiology, is earning her doctorate online with Akamai University in Hilo, Hawaii. She will present her thesis at the third International conference of Urban Biodiversity and Design on Oct. 8-12 in Mumbai, India.

Havaligi, who moved to Pleasanton in 2002 with her husband, formerly worked in New York as a freelancer for the United Nations on biodiversity and climate adaptation.

Those who take the survey can remain anonymous unless they want to be entered into a drawing for \$50, which Havaligi offers as an incentive. The survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/s/PleasantonCity.

Special women's run, health fest

Fleet Feet is celebrating active women who challenge themselves to be fit with a Women's 5K Run/Walk on Sunday at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area, 2500 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton. Registration and check-in begin at 6:30 a.m. with the race starting at 8 a.m. Cost is \$35 for preregistration or \$40 on race day, which includes a T-shirt, post race refreshments, free massage from Massage Envy, and one entry into a drawing.

The day continues with a Health and Fitness Festival with organic foods and beverages, running shoe and clothing companies, running gear, vitamins and supplements, cookies, cupcakes and more, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fleet Feet, 234 Main St., Pleasanton.

Weathercaster Roberta Gonzales moves to weekends, 'field' assignments

Seattle weatherman taking over weeknight broadcasts

By JEB BING

KPIX, the CBS station in San Francisco, confirmed Tuesday that it is replacing Roberta Gonzales as its weeknight weather anchor with Paul Deanno, currently the No. 2 meteorologist (weathercaster) at Seattle's KOMO, also a CBS-affiliated station.

Especially popular in Pleasanton because she lives here and frequently names the city in her weather broadcasts, Gonzales said she won't be leaving the station. KPIX said in a press release that Gonzales "is taking on a new role anchoring weekend weathercasts, with additional weather reporting responsibilities in the field during the week."

Effective Thursday, Aug. 30, Deanno will take over Gonzales' job as weathercaster on Channel 5's Monday-through-Friday early evening and late newscasts.

Deanno has been at KOMO-TV in Seattle for the past three years. Prior to that, he was chief meteorologist at WTVJ-TV in Miami, and meteorologist at KYW-TV in Philadelphia and at KENS-TV in San Antonio. He also previously worked as a news anchor and reporter in Spokane, Medford and Utica.

The KPIX press release said that Deanno is the recipient of three Emmy awards, the first broadcast meteorologist to have filled in on both "The Today Show" and "Good Morning America," and has also provided severe weather coverage for MSNBC, CNN, The Weather Channel and NBC Nightly News.

Deanno received a communications degree from Syracuse University, studied weather at Mississippi State University and holds a certificate in Broadcast Meteorology, as well as seals

from the National Weather Association and American Meteorological Society, KPIX said.

Deanno will move to Walnut Creek with his wife, Suzanne, and their two sons, KPIX added.

Dan Rosenheim, vice president and news director of KPIX, said Gonzales has been assigned a new role of anchoring weekend weathercasts, "with additional weather reporting responsibilities in the field during the week."

"Gonzales has brought a unique blend of talent and enthusiasm to morning and evening news for many years at CBS 5 and CW Bay Area, and she has been extensively involved in the community," Rosenheim said.

"I am very excited both to welcome Paul and to have Roberta in a dynamic new role," Rosen-

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COURTESY WILLIAMS FAMILY

Carrying the torch

Pleasanton resident Sarah Williams, 19, represents the United States by carrying an Olympic torch for the Summer Games in late July. She was chosen for making a difference in her community, where she began to make blankets for foster children in 2007, when she was attending Amador Valley High, then taught others to make them, and eventually created Legacy Blanket Kits.

Teens teach how to go (and save) green

Youth Energy Specialists help residents conserve power and water

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

This summer, while some teens were conserving their own energy by sleeping late or lounging on the couch, another group was helping others conserve energy by doing in-home visits.

"We go to people's houses make their homes more energy efficient by installing CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs and checking water pressure," said Hannah Fowler-Kimsey, a 16-year-old from Amador High School.

She and Deepak Singh, 19, a student at San Jose State, are two of nine Pleasanton young people working for the summer as Youth Energy Specialists, taking appointments and going out to homes in the area.

For safety, they work in pairs — one minor and one 18 or older — so that there is always a legal adult on each assignment. Each pair can visit three to six homes a day, where they perform energy assessments and replace incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient lights. They check water pressure and when necessary, install aeration heads on showers and sinks.

This summer was Singh's second year.

"Each visit takes roughly an hour to an hour and a half, depending on what we have to install," he said. "Last year, we changed 90 bulbs at one house."

He said changing out one bulb can save up to \$10 a year.

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City passes on public art

Committee wants an 'appropriate cultural design.'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Does anyone doubt that art is subjective?

The School Board unanimously approved artwork comprising eight panels planned for district headquarters property last month but a city advisory committee decided the figures portrayed are not a proper representation of Pleasanton.

"Blending Family," created on aluminum by New Mexico artist Guilloume, is 56 feet long and 6 feet tall. The front, depicting a variety of people, is oil painted and sealed; the plan was for students to create images to be placed on the back of the artwork.

When the piece of art was reviewed by members of Pleasanton's Public Art Selection Committee, known as PASS, its members responded positively but with reservations.

"They all loved it," said Susan Andrade-Wax, director of the Community Services Department. "They saw pictures of it installed in other locations, and photos of the artist doing it. It looks very Southwestern, this is what it conjures up."

For this reason, she said, subcommittee members did not think it was a fit for Pleasanton and asked if it could be changed so the figures looked more diversified and representative of this city.

"Blending Family" was another find by Nancy and Gary Harrington, who have established a public art partnership called Another HAPPY, which stands for Another Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You. They travel the world looking for likely art, then match donations after it is acquired.

"Blending Family" had 33 individual characters the artist created to celebrate his 33rd year as an artist, said Nancy Harrington, and he looks at it as a portrait of his children, aunts, uncles and other family members.

"It was the first time we've gone and talked with the PASS subcommittee and they asked us a few questions," Harrington recalled. "They said they did not feel it was an 'appropriate cultural design.'"

Asking him to alter it was not an option.

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The 56-foot-long "Blending Family" was endorsed by the School District for its property but the city's Public Art Selection Subcommittee felt it was not an "appropriate cultural design."

ART

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"This is his style," Harrington said. "He's from Colombia, his style is three round shapes. It would have been a wonderful piece."

The Harringtons, retired teachers, have made it their mission to erect public art pieces in Pleasanton, where they have lived since 1972. The bronzed veteran in front of the Veterans Memorial Building and the art surrounding the Firehouse Arts Center, including the marquee, have come from them, and its Harrington Art Gallery was named after them.

In December 2010, when the Harringtons were stepping up their efforts, the Civic Arts Commission instituted the selection subcommittee to look at all the ideas for public art, to make the process more efficient. Sometimes dozens of pieces are being considered at a time, said Andrade-Wax.

Subcommittee members include commissioners, the city's visual arts coordinator, a representative from the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the Civic Arts manager, and a city engineer, who weighs in on whether a piece of art might impact traffic flow. A city architect studies anything planned for a park to make sure the site has no drawbacks, such as water harming the art.

"Often the Harringtons give us several pieces to choose from, and the subcommittee decides what they like, what they think fits, and the staff weighs in on possible locations," Andrade-Wax said. "For

pieces the staff is leaning toward, those recommendations are given back to the Harringtons."

"Depending on the feedback, they might decide not to bring it forward," she added, saying that many art pieces are stopped due to problems with proposed locations.

Once art is selected, it goes to the Civic Arts Commission, then to the City Council for approval.

"Blending Family" took a different route toward approval, Andrade-Wax explained, going first to the school district since it was planned for its property on Bernal Avenue just past First Street.

"The Harringtons wanted to make sure the school board was interested and was OK with having it on their property," she said.

"They went there and everybody got excited. Then it comes to the PASS committee, who loved the location, loved the concept of children participating, but didn't feel the artwork on the other side was a fit," Andrade-Wax said.

"Blending Family" was going to be funded through a community drive, in keeping with it being a community project completed by children from Pleasanton.

The next piece of public art to be installed through Another HAPPY is "Windsong," a 15-foot-tall colorful depiction of a windsurfer. It will be located in the grassy area just north of the Pleasanton Senior Center building near Sunol Boulevard. The Harringtons discovered the artist, Gregory Hawthorne, while traveling on Highway 1 through Big Sur.

"He gave us a tour not only of the gallery but his home," Nancy Harrington recalled.

On his coffee table was a smaller version of "Windsong."

"It's gorgeous," said Harrington. "We looked at that grassy area, and that expanse of lawn is like the ocean and this 'Windsong' is a surfer."

Another piece in the works is a bronze by Angela Mia De La Vega called "Joyful Empowerment," which depicts a young girl on top of the world with her hands extended. Including the pedestal, it will stand about 70 inches tall, Harrington said, but its location is undecided.

Bob and Marilyn Athenour are partnering to procure "Joyful Empowerment" but the Harringtons are still looking for partners to help with the recently installed "Comet" at the Firehouse Arts Center and "Windsong."

To learn more, go to www.harringtonartpartnership.org or call 846-9757. ■

View public art

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"Windsong" will be installed in the fall on the grassy area just north of the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard.

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Planning for 'last frontier'

1,000-acre site eyed for housing, businesses, recreation

By JEB BING

The city's new East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force held its first meeting last week to begin the process of determining how best to develop a 1,000-acre tract of land east of Valley Avenue along Stanley Boulevard, a largely empty parcel that is mostly out of sight to the general public.

Called by some Pleasanton's "last frontier," the property has had multiple owners over the years as it was used for light industrial purposes, excavated for gravel and for the garbage company's recycling plant.

The task force, whose 18 members were appointed by the City Council, was told last Thursday at its organizational meeting that the land use study, planning and eventual decision-making process could stretch well into 2013, and possibly beyond.

Its members are locked into place since all of the public reviews over their credentials and capacity to serve for the long period ahead are over. If anyone on the task force finds that they cannot continue, it will be up to that individual to nominate a replacement, whose appointment must then be ratified by the City Council.

Only two members failed to attend the inaugural meeting, which was led by Brian Dolan, director of community development, and Janice Stern, the city's planning manager. Wayne Rasmussen, a former principal planner and now an outside consultant, also talked about requirements for the task force members.

These included instructions about abiding by California's Brown Act, which restricts members from discussing development plans under consideration with more than one other member and also requires full public disclosure and open meetings in the planning process.

Although the property under study

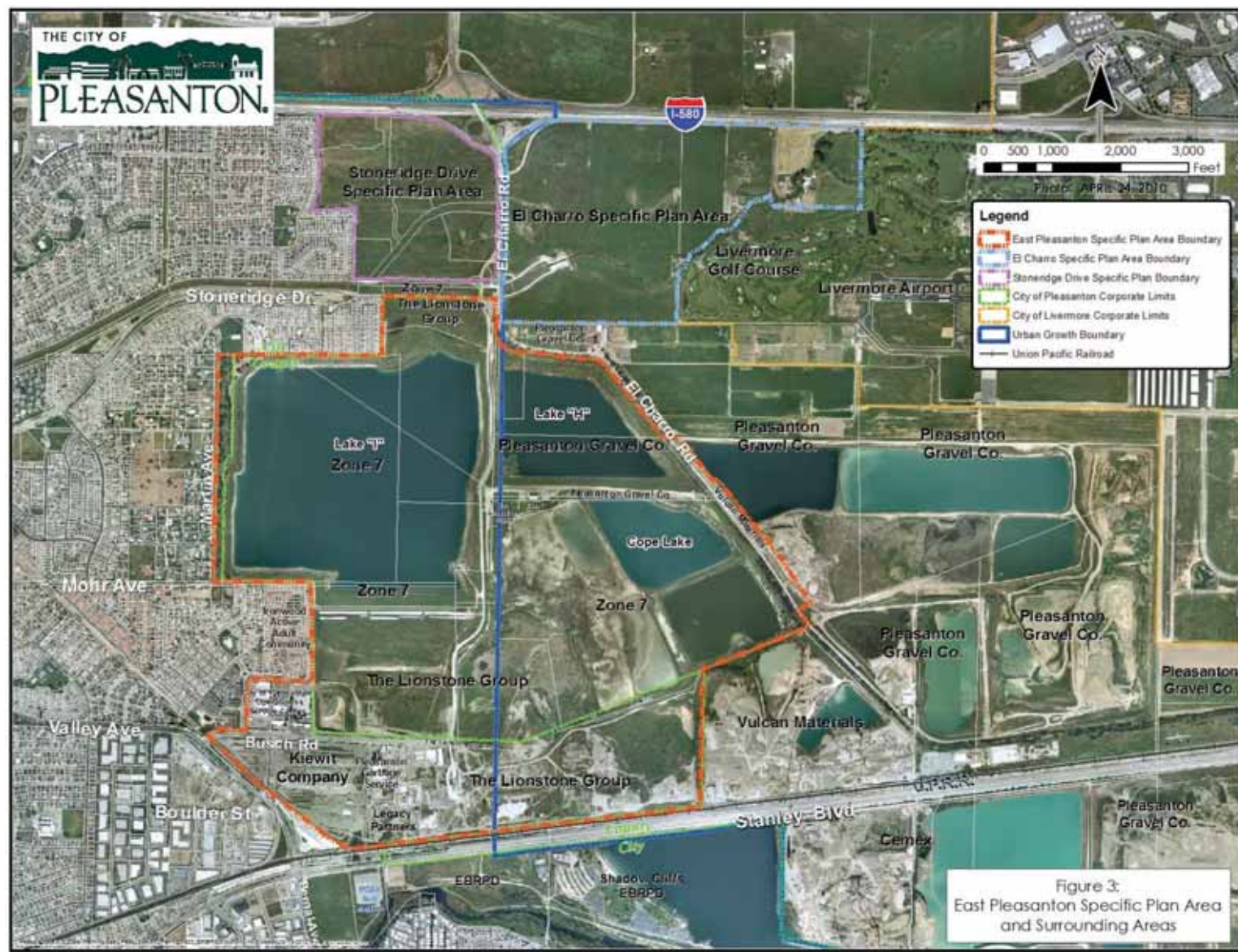


Figure 3:
East Pleasanton Specific Plan Area
and Surrounding Areas

measures 1,000 acres, more than half of it is water, including Cope Lake and several sites owned by Zone 7.

The East Side Task Force has a liberal deadline for reaching its decision on land development compared to the urgent planning processes for high density housing before the City Council in the last two years. It's likely that a plan must be in place by 2014 when the state and the Association of Bay Area Governments are expected to add more housing requirements for Pleasanton.

The members of the task force and their interests are: Jennifer Pearce and Kathy Narum from the Pleasanton Planning Commission;

John Casey, Housing Commission; Brad Hottle, Parks and Recreation Commission; Colleen Winey, Zone 7 Water Agency; Pat Costanza, Kiewit and Steve Dunn, Legacy Partners.

Neighborhood representatives are Erin Kvistad, Ironwood; Robert Russman, the Village at Ironwood; Nancy Allen, Danbury Park; Heidi Massie, Autumn Glen and Heritage

Valley; and Kellene Cousins, Mohr-Martin. A representative from the Stoneridge Park neighborhood has yet to be chosen.

At-large representatives and the elected representative who appointed them are: Bob Shapiro, appointed by Mayor Jennifer Hosterman; Mark Emerson, by Councilman Matt Sullivan; Ken Mercer, by Councilwoman

Cheryl Cook-Kallio; Karla Brown, by Councilwoman Cindy McGovern; and Brock Roby, by Councilman Jerry Thorne.

Task Force meetings are open to the public and are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursdays of every month in the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 6. ■

GONZALES

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heim said. "With Paul, Roberta and morning weather anchor Lawrence Karnow, we have three exceptionally talented weathercasters, and we will now be the only station in the Bay Area with three fulltime staff weather anchors."

Many commentators on Facebook, where Gonzales is a frequent contributor, have been asking about her rumored reassignment: "Is it true, Roberta?"

Gonzales responded: "Over 16 yrs at CBS 5 and I wanted all of you, my fb friends, to know...YES I am staying here at CBS 5! For months I have been working with CBS, developing a unique position to Anchor and REPORT on the weather! I want to thank all of you for your love and support during

this time of change."

"I am extremely excited to embrace this new challenge!" she added on Facebook. "And I need all of YOU to give me your ideas on WEATHER stories! Topics and places to go to report on the WEATHER! Yay!!! The best way you can share your ideas is email me at: gonzales@kpix.cbs.com Love you all..."

To another Facebook friend, she responded: "I'm really excited! I believe I do my best work when I am LIVE Reporting outside on the Community instead of always being stuck in a Studio. Bring it and I'm hoping for a rainy winter!"

Gonzales has been an on-air asset for Pleasanton and its schools.

Temperature reports are frequently cited from one of the schools here and East Bay temperatures and forecasts often name Pleasanton as a key city. ■

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Pleasanton business delegation back from Cuba

Chamber trip provided 'people-to-people' interaction

This group of representatives of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is back from Cuba, part of a "people-to-people" cultural experience that allowed direct interaction with Cuban citizens.

Roy Cook, senior corporate recruiter for Robert Half International, who was on the trip, said the group spent eight days in Cuba on a guided tour of historic sites as well as meeting with people in the community.

The trip was taken in partnership with Chamber Explorations that has a specific license from the U.S. Treasury Department's office of Foreign Assets Control, which authorizes Americans to visit Cuba. Everyone on the trip paid their own way for the visit, Cook said.

Shown here are Roy Cook and Tim Roach, Ed and Cindy Swetavage, Anthony and Myrna Musni, Gurbachan and Rosemary Virk, Joann and Joe Pennisi, Sandy and Doug Schiel, George and Carol Vranesh, and Tuni and Art Dunkley.

Also in the photo are Jim and



Barb McGeough, Jimmy and Carol Waksdal, Karl and Judy Schunck (and five members of their family from Brentwood), Robert, Janet and Alana Roth, Jane Pagadua, Marie Rogers and Gilda Costa. ■

Long-term care insurance: Do you need it?

Care, costs can range from \$1,000 to \$9,000 per month, surveys show

By GARY ALT

What comes to mind when you hear the words "long-term care"? If you're like a lot of people, you immediately attach the word "insurance" to the end of the phrase.

But when it comes to long-term care, I'd like you to replace the word "insurance" with the word "planning" or "plan." Having a plan for long-term care is essential.

Buying long-term care insurance is only one option, an option that's appropriate for a small percentage of people.

But first things first: What is long-term care? It's defined as "needing assistance for a period of 100 days or longer." It can be caused by an accident or sickness but more often it's caused by memory issues or simply living a long life. Medical science has increased our longevity but not necessarily our ability to remain independent. In fact, long-

term care is mainly a women's issue because women tend to live longer than men.

Long-term care services can be provided in your home, in an assisted living facility or in a nursing home. Depending on the severity of the need for care, costs can range from \$1,000 to \$9,000 per month or higher in the San Francisco Bay Area, especially for Alzheimer's care.

This type of care is not paid for by Medicare or Medicare supplement insurance. It's paid for with one of four resources: 1) your assets, 2) Long-term care insurance, 3) your family, or 4) a welfare program. The heart of an effective plan for long-term care is to deliberately select one of those options before you need care.

Make sure you talk to your family as you consider these options. While you may be reluctant to discuss your personal financial situation with your adult children, this is something you'll want to be on the same page with them on because it will affect your standard of living and comfort later on.

What are your odds of needing long-term care? In the general population, the odds are about one in five. But your individual odds could be higher or lower. An analysis of your genetic history, your lifestyle and your current health can help you get a better snapshot of your odds. Analyzing this information can go a long way toward helping you choose your best option for planning ahead.

If you want a comprehensive education about how to plan for long-term care, I recommend the book "How to Plan for Long-Term Care" by Allen Hamm. Allen is a nationally recognized expert on this topic who happens to reside right here in Pleasanton. He's provided me with some complimentary copies of the book to provide to readers of the Pleasanton Weekly. Contact me if you'd like a free copy. (Disclosure: Monterey Private Wealth does not sell insurance.)

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Gary Alt

'Cash mob' will be downtown Saturday, but not to worry

New movement aimed at stimulating local economy

Pleasanton's first "Cash Mob" will take over downtown streets starting at 6 p.m. Saturday as part of a new national movement to support local businesses and strengthen communities.

Laura Olson, executive director for the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA), which is sponsoring the event, said that instead of singing and dancing, Cash Mobbers join together and each spends \$20 (or more!) at a local business.

"Cash Mobs are taking place in communities throughout our country and are a great way to provide economic stimulus to our downtown businesses while engaging the community and helping locals get to know our downtown even better," Olson said.

"Our Cash Mob aims to engage participants with the 'buy local' message and ensure they have a great time doing it," she added.

"We're informing people about how their \$20 purchase goes a long way to improve the quality of life in downtown Pleasanton."

Those wanting to join the Cash Mob should meet PDA staff members in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., at 6 p.m. Saturday. The PDA will then announce the businesses selected by random draw for the Cash Mob. All participants will walk to the business together and have fun shopping and getting to know that business.

Cash Mob will be taking place during the PDA's Sizzling Saturday when many downtown businesses will be open until 9 p.m. and numerous businesses and restaurants will be offering specials or discounts between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

For more information please visit the PDA's Facebook page or call the PDA at 484-2199. ■

Occupancy rates improving at Hacienda business Park

New firms, additional housing replacing vacant offices, undeveloped sites

Pleasanton's Hacienda Business Park is reporting a significant improvement in its occupancy rates for the first half of 2012.

James Paxson, general manager of the Hacienda Owners Association, said that more than 300,000 square feet of transactions occurred in Hacienda during the first half of the year along with approvals for three major new developments. The park is the largest mixed-use development in Northern California.

"Hacienda is clearly benefiting from the moderate growth seen in the economy during the first half of 2012" Paxson said. "We are expecting to realize additional gains through the remainder of the year."

Several notable transactions occurred in the first half of 2012 with major commitments made by companies in a variety of business segments, Paxson said. These included Maddie's Fund, an animal care facility; Silicon Valley Bank, in the financial sector; new East Bay Regional Park District offices; eAdGear,

a web design and search engine optimization firm; Cooper Bussmann, a global electronics manufacturer; and CompView, a developer of audio visual equipment.

Three new developments also received approvals during the first half of 2012. BRE received city of Pleasanton approvals to build two large high-density apartment complexes in the business park, and the Mercedes Benz dealership also won approvals to expand its facilities.

Hacienda is the largest development of its kind in Northern California with more than 10 million square feet of existing, mixed-use space occupied by some 475 companies that locally employ approximately 17,500 people.

Hacienda is also home to 3,900 residents in housing ranging from rental units to condominiums and single family detached homes.

More information about the Hacienda Business Park can be found at www.hacienda.org. ■

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Amber alert cancelled for 1-year-old

Suspect car located at Stoneridge Shopping Center

An Amber Alert issued for a 1-year-old girl, who was allegedly abducted by her father from her San Joaquin County home near Lathrop, was canceled Monday night after she was located at a relative's home, according to the San Joaquin Sheriff's Department. The car was found in Pleasanton.

Jacqueline Martinez was found safe at about 7:20 p.m. on Monday night, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Pleasanton police located a GMC Yukon that her father, who is suspected of abducting her, was believed to have been driving, a police dispatcher said. The police department received a call about

the silver Yukon, with license plate No. 5GMW656, at 4:33 p.m. Monday, the dispatcher said.

Police located the unoccupied vehicle next to Stoneridge Shopping Center near the JC Penny Home Store, although the driver, Johnathon Martinez, 30, is still at large. He is believed to have taken Jacqueline Martinez from her home at 9:33 p.m. Sunday.

Martinez, is described as a Hispanic man, standing about 6 feet tall. He weighs roughly 170 pounds and was last seen wearing a white T-shirt, blue jeans, and an A's baseball cap. He has black hair and brown eyes.

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ENERGY

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"The summer program is employing 112 people throughout the East Bay for the duration of the program," said Christina Mestas, Pleasanton's community outreach manager for California Youth Energy Services. "The CYES program started in 2000 in Berkeley. As of 2011, the program has serviced 17,231 homes and trained 1,177 youth in 10 East Bay cities."

Fowler-Kimsey and Singh have become experts. They can roll through a home in nothing flat, stopping along the way to pass out energy-saving tips to the residents, suggesting clotheslines instead of dryers, recommending that furnace filters are changed at least once a year, advising people to defrost their refrigerators yearly and reminding them to turn off heat and air conditioning when they're out.

While neither of them see their work with CYES as a career path, that wasn't the case for Will Rich or Evan Pendleton. Rich started out as an energy specialist and worked his way up to site manager.



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Hannah Fowler-Kimsey replaces a ceiling light with an energy-saving CFS bulb. Changing one bulb can save as much as \$10 a year.

Pendleton started as an energy specialist last summer and is now a LIFT manager; The Leadership In Field Training program gives CYES energy specialists increased responsibility and a higher rate of pay, teaching them how to supervise staff, how to assist in training others, and to be a role model.

Mestas said as of last year, energy and water saving measures installed by CYES workers have saved residents more than \$11.7 million in on their energy bills and more than 79 million kilowatt hours. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Eye on London: Jena Corda enjoys the view as she rides the London Eye last September. She took along the Weekly that had her hairstylist Mary Quezada of A Salon Above on the cover, so she said she felt like she also took her along. Jena was in Europe to celebrate her father's 70th birthday in Munich, and she and her husband Scott also spent some time in London and Paris.



CAMMIE CLARK

The heat didn't keep record crowds from enjoying the booths up and down Main Street and stopping to watch the Pooch Parade last Wednesday.

Pooches pack Pleasanton

Doggies parade down Main plus perform tricks at park

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Last week's 1st Wednesday Street Party included the annual Pooch Parade, as dogs with their people crowded Lions Wayside Park to display costumes, tricks and fun events before parading up and down Main Street.

The winners of this year's contests were as follows:

■ Senior pooches, 10 and older:

1. Pfeffer with Patrick Crowley
2. Sammy, Sarah Rich
3. Tigger, Aubrey Fisch

■ Oldest pooch:

1. Sammy, Sarah Rich — 15 years 3 months

■ Cute enough as is, under 30 lbs.:

1. Tasha, Cheri Harrison
2. R2D2, Lisa Herrera
3. Aria, Gina Allen

■ Best team outfit, human and pooch:

1. Kyley, Bubba Chooch, and Buddy, Kelly and Bethany Zummo and Dallas Strelow
2. Winston, Linda Taggart
3. Indy, Janine Mattison

■ Cute enough as is, over 30 lbs.:

1. Guinness, Dan Shane
2. Oliver, Smita Kasargood
3. Kodi, Samantha May

■ Farthest pooch:

1. Sandy and Aria, Ashleigh and Gina Allen from Sonoma

■ Puppy fun (pooches 4 months to 2 years):

1. Posey, Debbie and Phil Wanlin
2. Poloka, Kathy Kellman
3. Cody, Sarah Banholzer

■ Most creative costume, pooches only:

1. Bunny, Kathy Kellman
2. Merlin, Michelle Rousey
3. Jack, Jessica Markie

■ Best trick:

1. Fiona, Kathy Kellman
2. Asha, Barbara Erwin
3. Bella, Lara Garza

The annual event is a fundraiser for the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers. ■



CAMMIE CLARK

Fiona, a 7-year-old schnauzer who performed with Kathy Kellman, won first place in the Best Trick category. Besides playing the piano, she also fetches a tissue for her owner each time she sneezes.

LETTERS

Need to post leash laws

Dear Editor,

Does Pleasanton have a leash law or not? I walk my dogs at the Sports Park all the time, and I always see dogs off leash.

The latest altercation was Sunday, July 29, around 9 a.m. when my friend and I were walking our dogs. A young woman (pony tail, blue sweatshirt and ruder than heck) arrived at the same time with her golden retriever (or yellow lab) off leash with her ball-throwing apparatus. The dog, of course, starting running toward our dogs and the inevitable dog snarling/leash tangling began. We said to her that there are leash laws in Pleasanton and she said, no, not in the Sports Park. I said

to her, "This is not a dog park," and she said, "Then your dogs shouldn't be here." She was very unpleasant.

We blew it off and started walking again to get away from her, but she followed behind us. She started getting close again with her dog still off leash so we decided to cut across the grass to the other side. She then purposely threw the ball right at us and her dog came running up to us again. I really got mad this time and this young woman was the rudest person I have ever met. She's lucky I didn't punch her in the nose.

So, city of Pleasanton, I want to know: Are there leash laws or not? And if so, what the heck are they and why aren't they posted?

Linda Jordan

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Avoid becoming a victim through prevention

Prevention, prevention, prevention. That was the admonition Pleasanton Police Chief David Spiller gave to a group of East Bay Realtors and their associates last week in talking about crime in Pleasanton and what they, their clients and the general public need to remember. Although major crimes, such as homicide, rape, aggravated assault and robbery continue at low levels compared to neighboring cities, everyone here can do much better to protect themselves, their homes and their cars from break-ins and thefts. Simple steps, such as keeping garage doors closed, cars locked, valuables out of sight and even small bathroom windows closed and locked when the homeowners are away, can keep "the bad guys" away.



Police Chief David Spiller

Even better in Spiller's view are Neighborhood Watch groups and today's high tech surveillance cameras that may be well worth the cost. Not too many years ago, many of us lived in areas where we knew our neighbors, held block parties and saw them as we made our evening walks down the street. Today, Spiller pointed out, there isn't that camaraderie. Sometimes there aren't even sidewalks to walk on. Many of us come home from shopping, school or work, press the button to open the garage door, close it again, and then spend family life inside. Close friends often live a car trip away, not next door. The startup of Neighborhood Watch teams is changing that, with Spiller and his police force frequently alerted now by a watchful neighbor who spots something wrong nearby.

Alarms are good, according to Spiller, but the readily available, easy-to-mount and relatively inexpensive surveillance cameras are even better. Their range allows a taped view of not only a homeowner's front yard and driveway, but often enough of the street out front to help police investigate a car theft, break-in or home burglary. Recently, a Mercedes was recovered shortly after it was taken when a neighbor's camera caught on tape a black pickup truck that was seen parking next to it, Spiller said.

The police chief also discounted frequent stories (often found on the Pleasanton Weekly's online Town Square section) that BART, and particularly the newer West Dublin-Pleasanton BART station, is responsible for more crime here. He said the stations are well protected and watched by both Pleasanton and BART police and offer safe travel for commuters, whether coming here for jobs or heading to other cities. He knows of only one instance where a shoplifter fled a store at Stoneridge Shopping Center and was seen boarding a BART train, again through surveillance cameras. Police were at the Castro Valley station waiting for him a few minutes later.

Spiller distributed copies of the Pleasanton Police Department's annual report for 2011, which Realtors said they will offer to their clients to assure them this is a safe city as well as a great place to live. The report, which shows criminal activity and trend lines, can be viewed online at <http://pleasantonpd.org>. A police blotter at the site is updated daily, with police reports also printed here in the Weekly every Friday. ■

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ANNIVERSARIES

Freda and Glen Wall

Freda and Glen Wall of Pleasanton anticipate celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary later this month.

Glen Lowell Wall was born June 3, 1917, and moved to California with his parents and four siblings when he was about 13. Freda Rose Brandenburger was born July 10, 1918, and came to California with her parents and four siblings when she was about 7. The couple met in high school in Southern California and, after a brief courtship, were married in a small chapel in Santa Ana on Aug. 27, 1937. Eleven months later they had their only child, Joyce Wall Schilling; today they have two granddaughters, five great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

During World War II, Glen served as an Army mechanic and after the war opened a custom car lot in Bellflower. Years later he moved north and worked for Air Factors Lok Technologies in Pleasanton from 1981 until 2003.

Freda worked in an avocado plant and grocery deli for many years. After moving to Pleasanton she volunteered with Hope Hospice in its thrift store and helped care for her great-grandchildren. Until recently she frequented the Pleasanton Senior Center for social events and exercise classes. The couple has a brick with their names inscribed on it outside of the Museum on Main.

The family is holding an anniversary celebration at the Wall house Aug. 25.



BRESLOW IMAGING, CASTRO VALLEY
Freda and Glen Wall with their youngest great-grandchild, Noah Leonard, during a five-generation family portrait session in April 2011.

Judith and Raymond Brandon

Judith Lynn (Spencer) and Raymond Earl Brandon of Livermore are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Aug. 12, 1962, and honeymooned in Seattle. Judith is a retired second-grade teacher at Fairlands Elementary, and Raymond founded Valley Plumbing Home Center in Pleasanton.

The couple has three children and eight grandchildren, living in Pleasanton, Livermore, Napa and Portland, Ore.



BIRTHS

The following information on Pleasanton births was provided by ValleyCare Medical Center.

June 3, Johanna and Justin Swiers, a boy

June 26, Leigh and Owen Aurelio, a girl

June 28, Dominique Depiano and Jesse Mangabay, a boy

July 9, Sarah and Micahel Koppel, a boy

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Frazier-Johnson

Christine and Darrell Frazier of Pleasanton have announced the engagement of their daughter Allison Elizabeth to Adam Carl Johnson, son of Christine and Mark Johnson of Fremont.

Allison is a 2000 graduate of Amador Valley High School and a graduate of California State University, East Bay. She is safety director for Rosendin Electric in San Jose. Adam, a graduate of University of Phoenix, is a production manager for BASF in Fremont.

The wedding will take place early in 2013. The couple will make their home in Fremont.



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The city near the center of the Tri-Valley is at the center of a debate about cooperation among the five cities that have worked together for years — Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville.

San Ramon recently dropped out of Tri-Valley Community Television, known as TV30, citing savings of about \$80,000 a year. TV30 asked for \$100,000 for the current fiscal year to broadcast city council meetings and sports coverage of San Ramon high schools.

Instead of continuing that arrangement, San Ramon City Council voted 4-1 in June to make the switch from TV30 to Contra Costa Television, CCTV, with Councilman Dave Hudson opposed. Most said TV30 wasn't giving San Ramon enough coverage to warrant the expense.

The switch also meant the end of San Ramon's participation in TV30's Mayors Report, which brought together the mayors from Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon. Danville, which doesn't receive TV30 broadcasts, was never a part of the show.

San Ramon will pay Contra Costa Television about \$20,000 a year, and CCTV will broadcast its City Council meetings and a one-on-one monthly interview with Mayor Bill Clarkson. Unlike Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, covering both San Ramon and Danville, has never had its meetings broadcast.

Instead of a truck and staff that came out from TV30 to tape council meetings, they are now taped through three remote cameras with one operator, similar to council and school board meetings in Pleasanton; San Ramon also offers the meetings online, divided by topic so a viewer can select what portion of the meeting to watch.

The switch has left the other three cities involved in TV30 to pick up the slack, although TV30 Executive Director Melissa Tench-Stevens recently said the station is increasing its coverage of community affairs and is getting new sponsors to help reduce the subsidies paid by the cities.

i-GATE

San Ramon has also opted not to become a funding partner at i-GATE, Innovation for Green Advanced Transportation Excellence, a community partnership with Lawrence Livermore and Sandia national labs designed to move innovations done at the labs to private businesses. This area, one of six innovation hubs designated by California in 2010, focuses on green transportation and clean-energy technologies.

Brandon Cardwell, vice president of programming for i-Gate said the organization converted to a municipal funding model early in 2012, in which cities involved contribute directly to its operations. Cardwell said that previously, cities provided advocacy without a financial commitment.

"When i-GATE and its partner cities made the change to the municipal funding model, the city of San Ramon opted to assume the role of Associate Municipal Partner within the i-GATE system," he said.

While Danville, Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton have agreed to invest \$25,000 a year as partners and affiliate cities like Brentwood contribute \$10,000 a year, San Ramon has opted not to donate, Cardwell said.

"As an Associate Municipal Partner, the city of San Ramon does not participate financially

in i-GATE or have a voice in governance of the organization, but the city does have the option to participate in i-GATE's initiatives by contributing in-kind staff resources," he said.

San Ramon was not represented at the i-GATE monthly meeting last week, although other mayors and city managers were there.

"When this topic came up a few months ago, I asked the city manager what was going on," Clarkson said. "He shared that i-GATE lost some funding from the federal government last year, and they asked us to make a contribution. The city manager chose, primarily due to our own budget issues, to not make one."

CVB

Those decisions were on top of a dispute about the Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, when Tom David, Marriott hotels' area general manager, sent the city of San Ramon a letter requesting that it ask the CVB to redirect fees it collects to market San Ramon.

"During my two years of involvement on the Tri-Valley CVB Board of Directors, I cannot recall any specific promotional activities, other than an occasional listing on their website, to market a San Ramon Hotel, community event or other business in the city," David wrote in a May 1 letter to San Ramon Economic Development Director Marc Fontes.



San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson

The city acted on the letter, voting 5-0 on a May 8 resolution to send a letter to the CVB board of directors asking it to "redirect the Tourism Business Improvement District fees generated by San Ramon hotels ... so that those funds may be better utilized to promote and market hotel stays in San Ramon."

The resolution notes that San Ramon hotels have 21.5% of all the rooms to which the fee applies. Those hotels generated nearly \$404,000 to the CVB for 2010-11 and an estimated half-million dollars in 2011-12.

San Ramon's five-year contract with the CVB was renewed in 2010, leaving the city with three years' obligation to provide the visitors bureau with funds generated by San Ramon hotels.

Fontes said the city and CVB are looking for ways to market hotels in San Ramon and the other localities.

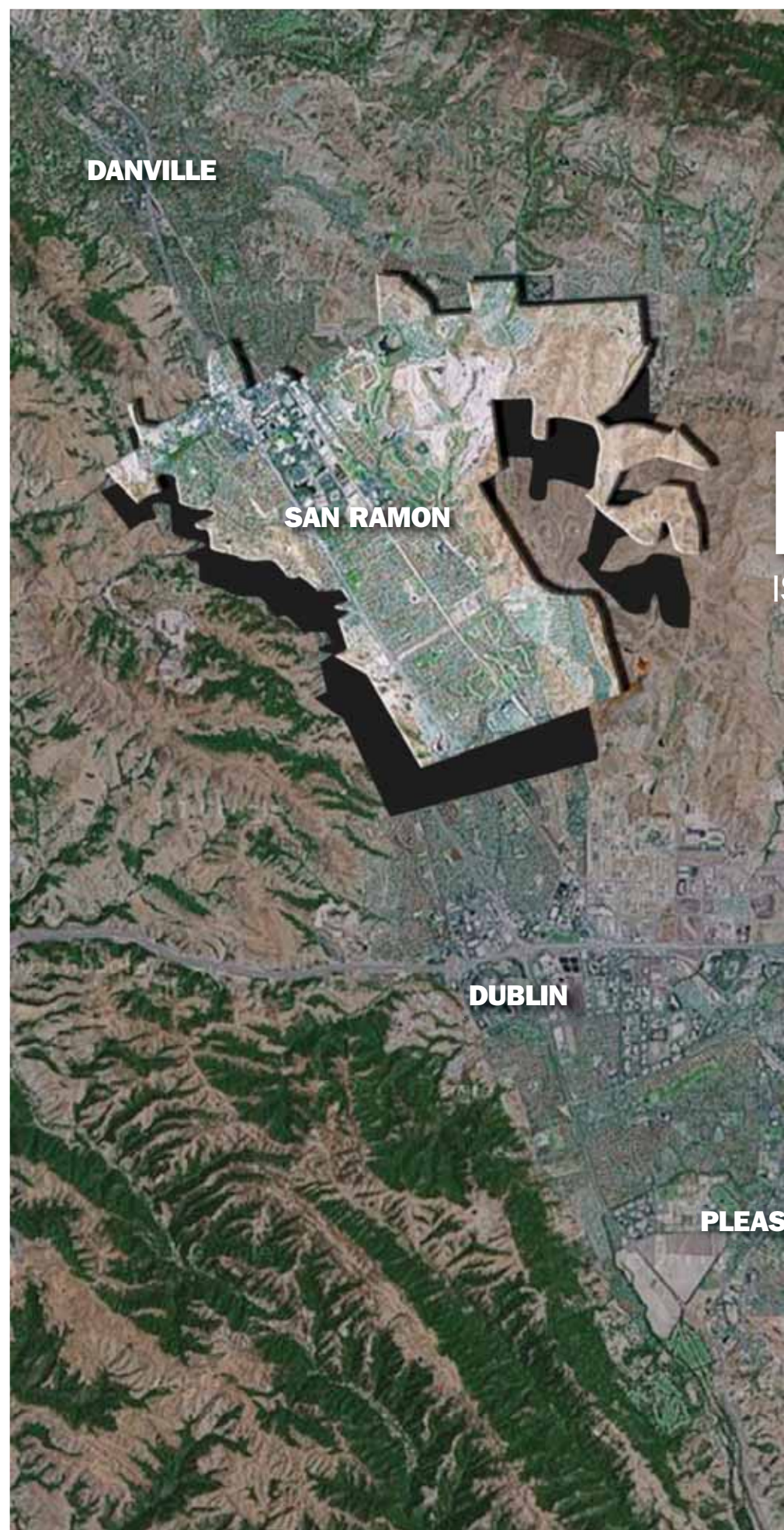
"We are currently working with the CVB about some potential marketing strategies that will affect SR as well as other cities," he said, pointing toward sporting events like swimming and soccer that bring in people from other areas.

"We're just looking at how those can be better sponsored," Fontes said.

The Tri-Valley Convention and Visitor's Bureau does seem centered toward other cities.

In its glossy publication listing 42 events for 2011-12, San Ramon is listed three times; while the four other cities have Christmas holiday events listed, San Ramon's tree lighting ceremony is absent. Livermore, by comparison, has 11 listings and much of the publication is dedicated to Livermore wineries.

"That (book) is definitely one of our concerns," Fontes said. "It's leading us to consider what kind of weekend stays to promote in San Ramon and the other cities."



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S SAN RAMON PULLING AWAY FROM THE TRI-VALLEY ALLIANCE?

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BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

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Online, the CVB lists four events for San Ramon until the end of the year: a recurring posting for the farmers market at Bishop Ranch; an ice cream social at Forest Home Farms, one event at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, and Art in the Park. Livermore has a dozen listings online; Danville has 13, Pleasanton has five, including a recurring ad for Pleasanton North Rotary, and Dublin has no online listings for events.

But Geoff Sarabia-Mason, CVB's vice president of tourism sales, said the bureau is doing some things to increase hotel stays in San Ramon and across the Tri-Valley.

"We had a very nice meeting with San Ramon about three weeks ago," Sarabia-Mason said. "It was basically about ways to be better partners. One of the things we're going to help them with is getting things posted to the website. They'll send us an email at the beginning of every month, and then we'll help them get things uploaded onto the site."

He also said the CVB is adding new technologies including booking engines and standalone websites to drive tourists to particular events, allowing them to book a stay and an event ticket at the same time. Cities will also refer calls about sporting events and tournaments over to the CVB, which will allow it to direct people toward specific cities for hotel stays.

Seeking D.C. dollars

Former San Ramon Mayor Abram Wilson used to travel to Washington, D.C., with the other Tri-Valley mayors for the U.S. Mayors Conference each January to meet with legislators as a unit. Clarkson and San Ramon were absent from this year's pilgrimage.

That was due to a scheduling conflict, Clarkson said. While the other mayors were in Washington, he was in Sacramento at new mayors' training. Clarkson has already committed to making the trip next year, and said he'd pay for it out of his own pocket.

Past trips have brought in money for transportation — particularly for interstates 580 and 680 — and for the East Bay communications system.

Mayors weigh in

Clarkson and Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman disagree on San Ramon's level of involvement with the other Tri-Valley cities.

"We spent a number of years working very, very hard to form solid relationships between the cities," said Hosterman.

Those, she said, include Tri-Valley Housing Opportunities, TV30, i-GATE, the CVB, "and other issues of importance, including lobbying in D.C. together on issues of regional importance."

"When Mayor Clarkson was elected, because of their budgetary issues, whatever they are, he felt compelled to cut out whatever was not necessary to the budget of San Ramon. They started going methodically through their budget and started cutting out items."

Hosterman said she talked with Clarkson, telling him she and the other mayors wanted the city to stay onboard, and asking him to

give the partnerships six months to a year to see their value.

She said she thought San Ramon's recent moves were a loss for residents, and said hopefully, with a different budget or different leadership, the city would come back.

"We'll make it really easy for them to rejoin us," Hosterman said. "I do hope that in the future they will rethink the value of our shared partnership and perhaps rejoin us in our efforts to improve the quality of life for the people of our region."

Clarkson, however, said the city is still very involved with the other four Tri-Valley cities.

"The first thing I did after I was elected mayor was that I contacted each of them. I was very proactive," he said.

Clarkson noted that Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich has been a mentor. Arnerich took office, again, last month after Candace Andersen was elected to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors.

San Ramon does have significantly more cooperation with Danville than the other cities. Besides both being in Contra Costa County and involved with monthly meetings with mayors of all 17 other Contra Costa cities, the two cities share a school district and work with both the school district and county on the Traffix program designed to cut traffic congestion around school times. San Ramon and Danville also conduct disaster drills with the schools and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, and both cities work with Contra Costa Transportation Authority on transit issues.

Clarkson said the only substantive change made by San Ramon's leaders was dropping its involvement with TV30, which he said was done only because of the savings. He said the city is still working with the CVB to send tourism money to San Ramon, and that the city is still active in both the Tri-Valley Affordable Housing Committee and the Tri-Valley Transportation Council, which works with the other four cities as well as Alameda and Contra Costa County on area-wide traffic solutions.

Beyond that, Clarkson said, he meets quarterly with the other mayors, and the city is still involved with East Bay League of Cities. He said San Ramon is still committed to the East Bay emergency communications system, which is starting to come on line.

Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti said San Ramon will always be part of the Tri-Valley.

"All the cities continue to work well together. Obviously it was a disappointment to us as well as Pleasanton and Livermore not having them part of TV30," Sbranti said, adding, "as i-GATE has success, San Ramon will want to come back."

He said leaders from Dublin and the other four cities "continue to have dialog" with their counterparts in San Ramon, but said Clarkson may have a "different perspective than his predecessor," Abram Wilson.

"From what I've heard, they've had pretty significant budget challenges. We've all faced them. I don't want to criticize another city," Sbranti said. "We all have to do what is in our own city's interest." ■



Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman



Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti

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

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Writing for a newspaper is not the same as producing a paper for a college English course. That's one thing intern Nicole Doi learned in her eight weeks working at the Pleasanton Weekly this summer.

Nicole, a junior at Seattle University majoring in English literature, said a college essay requires a lengthy introduction and easing into the subject matter. Journalism is different.

"You can't beat around the bush," Nicole said. "You have to get right down to it."

She applied for the internship wanting to explore newspaper writing and perhaps change her major.

"Since I've pretty much grown up here all my life I thought it would be neat to get that local journalism experience," she explained.

The job showed her Pleasanton from a new angle.

"I enjoyed meeting other Pleasantonians doing amazing things," she said, giving as an example her July 13 cover story on the Young American Patriots drum and fife band.

Intern Jamie Altman, a junior at Amador Valley High, was pursuing journalism before this summer, including being on the staff of Amadon, where she will be managing editor and news editor next year. She also writes news stories and reports on the air at AVTV.

Working this summer at the Weekly has improved her telephone and interviewing skills, she said.

"It's helped me so much, especially talking to people on the phone I don't know," she said. "This isn't a skill I had. When I first called for interviews, I was rambling."

"I liked being able to interact with others, I liked that aspect," Nicole said. "It was one of the challenging parts but I also enjoyed it."

She also liked the short deadlines.

"At school I'm a big procrastinator," Nicole said. "I like to work under pressure."

The two interns wrote for the Weekly and its sister online publications, Dublin Tri-Valley Views, the San Ramon Express and the Danville Express. Their summer duties included calling companies to get contact names for future projects.

"It wasn't the most fun thing but I learned so much from it. I learned you have to be an investigator to get names and addresses," Jamie said.

Nicole said she also enjoyed updating the Weekly's database on community groups and activities because she was surprised to learn that so much is going on in Pleasanton.

"Being an intern has given me a different perspective on Pleasanton," Jamie agreed. "I always viewed it as a boring town. But whoa! I didn't know there was so much news."

Her favorite part was a photography assignment.

"I liked going around and taking pictures for Readers Choice because there were a lot I didn't know existed — like Valley Plumbing," she said. "Everyone was so nice and welcoming. I didn't know people were so nice."

Nicole recalled the very hot opening day of the Fair when she shot photos of people on the new White Water ride.

"It was interesting how some people don't like to be in the newspaper," she said. "I always thought everyone wanted to be in the paper."

Nicole swims for Seattle University and was also busy all summer training with Tri-Valley Aquatics. This background was useful for writing sports story for the Weekly.

As Jamie spent the summer writing, she learned to work quickly, she noted.

"I feel I've really come a long way. The first day I was so nervous," she said. "I'm now more confident — I feel I could whip out these articles"

Jamie was president of the UNICEF club at school, which raises money to help unfortunate people in Africa. She said an assignment for the Danville Express on Secret

Newsfront

Interns make headlines

Summer work at Pleasanton Weekly proves rewarding



Nicole Doi (left) and Jamie Altman did summer internships at the Pleasanton Weekly, which entailed writing stories, taking photographs and filling in at the reception desk. JESSICA LIPSKY

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Jamie Altman

Millionaire Hilary DeCesare was a revelation, adding, "She's the best person ever. She's helped so many people, it really inspired me to help more in the UNICEF club."

She said her summer internship helped her to decide that she wants to major in communications or broadcast journalism in college.

Nicole is minoring in Japanese at Seattle U and is spending next year's spring quarter in Japan. She volunteers at the Japanese school in Pleasanton, which has language and cultural classes, and attends Stockton Buddhist Church.

She said working at the Weekly has been an eye opener.

"I have a greater appreciation for newspaper and magazines," she said. "It was a great learning experience." ■





COURTESY RAVENSWOOD

Ravenswood, the 1885 country estate of Christopher A. Buckley in Livermore, is a perfect setting for the annual old-fashioned Ice Cream Social.

Old-fashioned ice cream social Sunday

Ravenswood fundraiser offers free family attractions

Step back in time to enjoy an Ice Cream Social at Ravenswood Historic Site in Livermore on Sunday. Entertainment will include the Pleasanton Community Band and Bill O'Neill Banjoes, folks in old-fashioned garb, and vintage cars including Model Ts.

"It's a lot of fun — and it's pretty there, too," said Sandy Silva, president of the Ravenswood Progress League, the volunteer group that leads tours and runs the gift shop at the 1885 country estate.

Hot dogs and lemonade will be for sale as well as several ice cream flavors at the annual fundraiser. Volunteers scoop the ice cream and also play croquet dressed in vintage clothing. Activities will include face-painting and a petting zoo, as well as Livermore's new history mobile unit.

"There is so much to see and do that day, and it's free," Silva said.

She also noted the volunteer group is always looking for others to join them in keeping the Ravenswood

cottage and summer house open to the public and to run the fundraisers. Besides the Ice Cream Social, each year the league hosts a festive, old-fashioned Victorian Yuletide and an elegant Spring Tea served by volunteers in Victorian dress.

The Ice Cream Social will take place from noon-4 p.m. Ravenswood is located at 2647 Arroyo Road in Livermore and is part of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

'Plan Now: Caregiving Your Parent'

TV28 presenting program on challenges of aging parents

How do you start planning when your elderly parents are in need of support or care? What resources are available?

"Plan Now: Caregiving your Parent," produced by Tri-Valley Community TV, provides answers to these and other questions to help individuals navigate their way through the challenging task of caregiving their parent. The show is part of an educational series.

The episode currently being broadcast on TV28 features Carol Bush and Luz Maria Saldana, case managers from the nonprofit organization Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. They answer questions about how to deal with current situations and also how to start planning.

They also address such issues as how far in advance should you talk to your parents about their plans and what do you say? What types of services might your parent be eligible to receive? What is financial Power of Attorney? What do you do when you don't know where to turn?



COURTESY TV28

Luz Maria Saldana, case manager from Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, appears on "Plan Now: Caregiving Your Parent" along with case manager Carol Bush.

"Plan Now is targeted toward someone in the sandwich generation caring for elderly parents on one end and children on the other," said Rosemary Young, board member, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. "What sort of questions may arise and where do you start looking for

answers? This show helps provide a vision about planning for lives in transit."

"Being a caregiver for your aging parent can sneak up on you," said TV28 Executive Director Melissa Tench-Stevens. "It can be an overwhelming, scary experience. This program provides invaluable information to help viewers start planning to be a caregiver for their parent or ill spouse.

"The program also supports caregivers who were not planning on taking that path in their lives but have fallen into it and now don't know where to turn," she continued.

"Plan Now: Caregiving for Your Parents," which is 30 minutes long, is scheduled to air on Channel 28 at the following times through August:

6 p.m. Mondays
1 p.m. Wednesdays
8 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Saturdays

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is an independent, nonprofit agency serving seniors over 60 in the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol. ■



Youth Orchestra presenting classics

The Livermore-Amador Symphony Youth Orchestra will be giving its 2012 concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11, at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore, at the corner of Fourth and L streets. The program will include works by Beethoven, Stravinsky, Saint-Saëns, Brahms, Gershwin, Holst, Vaughn Williams and Larsson. The 60 musicians range in age from seventh-graders through college and are supported by mentors from the Livermore-Amador Symphony. They have been working under the direction of Göran Berg, artistic director of Sycamore Strings Academy in Livermore, and Kathy Boster, music teacher at East Avenue Middle School. Admission is free with a reception following. Learn more at www.livamsymph.org.



Jim Brice named Pleasanton North Rotary's Rotarian of the Year

Jim Brice was honored recently by Pleasanton North Rotary as 2011-12 Rotarian of the Year by outgoing president Ronda Henstorf. Brice, a freelance healthcare and science writer and owner of Pleasanton Public Relations, was recognized for helping to increase public awareness of the club's accomplishments since mid-2011. These included its annual fundraising gala; the Afghanistan Project to equip a hospital; its Wheelchair Project; a \$70,000 donation to School of Imagination and Happy Talkers; its support of El Oasis, an orphanage in Mexico; and Foothill High's Interact Club. Brice is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay where he earned a bachelor's degree in creative communications. He was also trained at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism.



Josh Miller defends the Team Talon goal at the Lacrosse National Championships in Florida.

Elite team finishes fourth at lacrosse nationals

Three Pleasanton players part of Western team

By DENNIS MILLER

Three Pleasanton high school lacrosse players capped off their summers by finishing fourth in the nation in the Under-15 U.S. Lacrosse National Championships in Florida.

Josh Miller from Foothill High, and Aaron LaCourse and Sean Tomonari from Amador were all part of Team Talon, a traveling team made up of players throughout the Western United States and sponsored by Easton Lacrosse.

The trio was named to the elite team in January and trained together at the end of the school year, first in Northern California, then at Bryant University in Rhode Island, and then on to the Nationals in Orlando at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in DisneyWorld.

Miller (goalie), LaCourse (midfielder) and Tomonari (defender), helped Talon to a 5-1 record through the first two days and a spot in the semifinals of the tournament.

Highlights of the first two days included a 9-7 win over the Long Island Outlaws and a 6-5 win over the Long Island Jesters. In the semifinals, Talon fell to the eventual champions — the Long Island Express — and then dropped a tough 9-8 contest for third place to Team Florida.

The fourth-place finish matched the best ever finish from a West Coast team in the national tournament. ■



Tri-Valley champs at Pacific Southwest All Star Tourney

The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 13-year-old team won the Pacific Southwest Region Babe Ruth All Star Tournament in Surprise, Ariz., last week, going 6-1 in the tournament and outscoring its opponents 107-53. Tri-Valley's Jack Morgan was the tournament MVP, and James Cowick and Jack Maloon were named to the All Tournament team from Tri-Valley. The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 13-Year-Old All-Star Team will now travel to Kitsap, Wash., on Aug. 13 to participate in the Babe Ruth World Series tournament.

Celebrating their victory are (front, l-r) Coach Rick Fryer, Nate White, Nate Neswick, Jared Dawson, Nic Venezia, Ryan Bowman, Dante Albanese, (back) Coach Mike Maloon, Joshua Ott, Jack Morgan, James Cowick, Jack Maloon, Saiki Roy, Max Moore, Darrock Koel, Clark Eder, Jack Fryer and Manager Sean Venezia. Not pictured: Coach Todd Moore.



First place Rage

Pleasanton U9 Rage White Team came in first place in their division at the RAGE Showcase 2012 Youngers presented by Adidas on July 28-29 in Pleasanton. Team members are (front, l-r) Paige Morgan, Kianna Tahmassebi, Ashley Heck, Kayla Robertson, (back) Sierra O'Donnell, Evette Allari, Kenna Asmussen, Coach David Shaw (filling in for Coach Nick Mangiardi), Kaylai Shimanuki, Sadie Brown and Leaha Allari.



Outlaws end season as champs

Out of 14 teams in the Bay Area, the Pleasanton U8 East Bay Outlaws played a hard five games at the 2012 USSSA Super Season Ends tournament July 28-29 and came out on top, ending their super season as baseball champs. Celebrating are (l-r) Nick Walsh, Michael Cheng, Jack Basseer, Marcus Hoerz, Matthew Ager, Brain Walrath, Morgan Andrade, Chase Knight, Nate Reimer and Gabe Pancratz, led by Coach Gael Knight and assistant Coach Brian Walsh.



Cooperstown, here we come

The Pleasanton Piranhas 12U baseball team is traveling to Cooperstown, N.Y., near the baseball Hall of Fame to compete with teams from across the nation in a tournament Aug. 11-17. Team members are (front row, l-r) Jimmy Kaufman, Justin Lavell, AJ Warford, Justin Clark and Nick Orecchia, (back) Mitch Benson, Max Heverly, Anthony Steller Harter, Carson Quintana, Jeremy Lea and Joseph Murphy. Not pictured: Mitch Lawrence.

To prepare for New York, the Piranhas played the Last Chance Show-down tournament July 28-29 at Twin Creeks, going 4-0 before falling in the championship game to snap a nine-game winning streak but still maintaining the No. 1 power ranking in Northern California.



AMERICAN

Eddie Papa's American Hangout

4889 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 469-6266. Winner of The Pleasanton Weekly's Reader Choice Awards for "Best American Food," "Best Meal Under \$20" and "Best Kid Friendly Restaurant," Eddie Papa's American Hangout celebrates the regional food and beverage cultures of America. Bring the whole family to enjoy iconic dishes from across the United States, Old World Hospitality, and hand crafted artisan cocktails. www.eddiepapas.com.

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4501 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, 734-0307. Home of the Tri Tip and Blue, Red Smoke Grill was Voted Reader's Choice Best 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2011. Dine in or take out rotisserie chicken, ribs, prawns, salads and tri tip, or pulled pork sandwiches. Relax with a beer or a bottle of wine. Visit www.redsmokegrill.com.



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Send a jpeg to Editor@PleasantonWeekly.com of the best action shot from your child's game for consideration for our Sports page. Remember to include caption information: who, what, when, where—and the score.

Auditions

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE 2012-13 SEASON Valley Concert Chorale, Tri-Valley's premier chorus, will hold auditions by appointments for its upcoming 2012-13 concert season on the following Mondays: June 4, Aug. 27 and Sept. 10. Auditions and rehearsals are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, Fourth and L streets, Livermore. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10. For additional information call 866-4003 or visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

Author Visits

GAIL TSUKIYAMA Towne Center Books' next Read It and Eat luncheon will feature Gail Tsukiyama, author of "A Hundred Flowers." Reservations are required. Please call 846-8826 or reserve online at orders@townecenterbooks.com 11:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 17 \$15/ for lunch; \$30/ for lunch and book. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. 846-8826. www.townecenterbooks.com

Civic Meetings

CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

HOUSING COMMISSION The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

SCHOOL BOARD The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Class Reunions

AMADOR CLASS OF '67 REUNION The Amador Class of 1967 is holding its 45th Reunion, a three-day event. Friday, Sept 7, will be a golf tournament in the morning, pizza party in the evening; Saturday, Sept 8, will be a dinner dance at the San Ramon Marriott; Sunday, Sept 9, will be a brunch. Sept. 7-9 from 6 p.m.-midnight \$80 per person for Saturday. 829-0805.

AMADOR VALLEY CLASS OF 1977 Amador Valley High's class of 1977 is celebrating its 35th year reunion. For additional details, contact Elaine Eiden at elaine@caldsl.net or Wayne Singleton at singletonpvf@sbcglobal.net. Saturday, Sept. 8 from 6-10 p.m. \$65 per person. Beeb's Sports Bar, 915 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sister City barbecue

The 22nd annual Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City fundraising barbecue is being held from 5:30-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Fairgrounds with a social hour, silent auction, Tony Macchiano's Lickety Spit BBQ Dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing under the stars. Auction items include stays in Mexico and New Orleans, fine dining, a Wine Country limo trip and beautiful jewelry. Tickets are \$30 (\$35 at door). Reservations are required; call 846-6463 or 462-6723.



Classes

COMPUTER TUTORING Need help with downloading E-books from the library to your E-Reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general Internet questions? Drop-in classes are from 6-8 p.m. Thursdays at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Mary Luskin at 931-3400, ext. 7. Free and open to all.

Clubs

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

TRI-VALLEY DIVE CLUB MEETING Monthly meetings are from 7-9 p.m., the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings are held at Dive N Trips, 1032 Serpentine Ln. Guest speakers provide exciting topics on diving. For further information, call 462-7234 or visit www.diventrips.com.

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

Concerts

CARL TILCHEN Carl Tilchen, an international singer and songwriter will be performing at Nonni's Bistro. His concert will feature jazz, folk songs, blues and original comedy songs. All ages are welcome. 6-9 p.m., Aug. 16. Nonni's Bistro, 425 Main St., Pleasanton. (510) 371-9688. www.carltilchen.wordpress.com

Events

BRUNCH BUFFET The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like you to join them for brunch/buffet breakfast at 11 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 12, at Hilton Garden Inn, 2801 Constitution Dr., Livermore. Cost is your menu choice. RSVP to Hilda by Thursday, Aug. 9, at 398-8808.

DUBLIN LIBRARY BOOK SALE Friends of the Dublin Library is holding its

semiannual used book sale from 6-8:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14, for members only; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15; and from 1-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16, at 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Most prices are \$1 or less. Funds go toward purchasing library materials and supporting its programs. Call 828-1315 or visit Friends of the Dublin Library.

FARMERS MARKET Visit the Pleasanton Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, on East Angela Street between Main and First streets. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday, year-round, rain or shine, to provide the season's freshest fruits and vegetables, sold by the very farmers that planted, nurtured and harvested the crop.

GNON MIXER AND YOU'RE INVITED GNON (Girls Night Out

Networking) and A Touch of Health Day Spa invite you to join them from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, at the spa, 377 St. Mary St., Pleasanton, for networking opportunities, drawings, socializing, food and fun. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP to gnoners@gmail.com by Aug. 21.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY AT THE MUSEUM ON MAIN Children, bring your grandparents to the Museum on Main for National Grandparents Day. Create a family tree with the help of your grandparents, and learn about what life was like when they were children. Also make a special gift to present to your grandparent. The event is from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Call 462-2766.

HAPPY HOUR The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like you to join them for Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, at Sheraton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Pleasanton. Cost is your menu choice. RSVP to Kathy by Tuesday, Aug. 14, at 398-8005.

PLEASANTON GREEN SCENE Feeling festive? Come to the Pleasanton Green Scene and check out the latest in all things green. Live music, drawings and giveaways, a farmers market, and gourmet food trucks will add to the festivities! Thursday, Sept. 20 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 3825-3875 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. 931-5506. www.pleasantongreenscene.org

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POETRY READING The Tuesday Trope poetry group led by Pleasanton Poet Laureate Cynthia Bryant will host a reading from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton. Come and enjoy the poetic voices of this award-winning group of talented poets. Email dewitt123@comcast.net.

THEATER MUSICAL The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like you to join them for a matinee performance of "A Cabaret Gone Choral" at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Senior tickets are \$17. RSVP to Ruby by Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 462-9636.

TRI-VALLEY CAREs Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (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. Its overarching mission is to promote peace, justice and a healthy environment. The next meeting is from 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, at Livermore Civic Center Library. Call 443-7148 or visit www.trivalleycares.org.

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. Visit www.firehousearts.org.

WHEREVER THERE'S A FIGHT Learn about the stories of California's unsung heroes and heroines at the Museum on Main's new exhibit, "Wherever there's a Fight," at 603 Main St., Pleasanton, running through Sept. 9. The exhibit is based on Elaine Elinson and Stan Yogi's book, "Wherever There's a Fight: How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists, Immigrants, Strikers and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California." Admission is free; donations are appreciated. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 1-4 p.m. Sundays. Call 462-2766.

Film

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN You are invited to enjoy the free movie "The Adventures of Tintin" at dusk, Thursday, Aug. 16, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave., Pleasanton. Based upon the internationally popular Belgian Tintin comic books by Hergé. The film is rated PG. Please do not place blankets or chairs on the lawn area prior to 10 a.m.

Fundraisers

FOOTHILL CHEER CAR WASH Got dirt? Get your car squeaky clean when you drop by the Foothill Cheer Car Wash Fundraiser from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Goodyear Tire, 2 California

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sally Struthers coming to Firehouse

The Firehouse Arts Center Cabaret Series will present Simply Sally Struthers, an intimate evening of songs, stories and laughter with the favorite television, film and Broadway personality at 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18. Struthers is best known as grown daughter Gloria on television's All in the Family, for which she won two Emmy awards in 1972 and 1979, and as Babette Dell on Gilmore Girls. She also starred in Broadway productions of "Annie," "Grease" and "The Odd Couple," provided voices for many animated series, and is known for her work with Child-Fund International. Tickets are \$28-\$33; go to the box office at 4444 Railroad Ave. or the website, www.firehousearts.org, or call 931-4848.



Ave., Pleasanton. Cars will be washed by Foothill Varsity, JV and Frosh cheer team members to raise funds for their 2012-13 program. Donations gratefully accepted. Visit www.facebook.com/FHSFalconCheer.

FOOTHILL FOOTBALL BBQ KICKOFF FUNDRAISER Join the fun at the Foothill Falcon's 2012 annual Football BBQ. Come meet the coaches and the senior players on this fun-filled event. This adult-only evening will feature a delicious dinner with no-host bar, live music by JamFunkShus, with dancing, silent auction, drawings and more. 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25. \$45 per person. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. www.foothillfalcons.org

GRAPE AND LEAF EVENT Celebrate Sustainable Agriculture on Saturday, Aug. 11, at the biggest event of the year for LEAF (Local Ecology and Agriculture Fremont), hosted by Westover Winery. Make new friends while wine-tasting and enjoy the summer evening with local musicians and auction. 5:30-9:30 \$35 The Grape and LEAF, 34329 Palomares Road, Castro Valley. (510) 885-1501. www.leafcenter.org

LIONS FALL RESTAURANT AND SHOP WALK Pleasanton Lions Club is holding its first Fall Restaurant and Shop Walk fundraiser from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18, in downtown Pleasanton. Passports are \$25, must be purchased in advance, and entitle a guest to sample foods and beverages from 19 downtown restaurants and businesses. Contact Pam Grimes at 484-3524 or email pleasantonlionsclub@comcast.net.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS In an effort to help California's foster kids feel prepared and confident this school year, Sleep Train is hosting its annual School Supply Drive for Foster Kids through Sept. 9. Drop off needed supplies such as backpacks, pencils, paper, calculators and more at any Sleep Train store. Call 800-378-2337 or visit www.sleeptrain.com.

Health

ANNUAL SENIOR'S DAY The Hindu Community and Cultural Center will be conducting a free Alternative Medicine Health Fair from 10:30

a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18, at Shiva-Vishnu Temple Assembly Hall, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore. Seniors are invited to enjoy a day full of activities -- talent shows, games and lunch. Register by Aug. 15 to participate in the activities. Call 449-6255 or email suman1218@yahoo.com.

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

WALK WITH A DOC Nonprofit "Walk with a Doc" allows you to take a walk with a doctor for the opportunity to have questions answered. The walk is at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 25, at Pleasanton Sports Park, 5800 Parkside Dr., Pleasanton. Put on comfortable walking shoes, bring the family and friends, and walk for your health. Call 225-0500 or email healthspringstaff@gmail.com.

Kids & Teens

M.O.M.'s READING TIME Preschoolers and their parents are invited to meet from 10-11 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Museum On Main, 603 Main St. Museum On Main introduces your preschooler to books and activities about the unique people, places, and events in our community. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Lectures/ Workshops

AN EVENING WITH SOURDOUGH STEVE Museum on Main Ed Kinney Lecture Series continues at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. Travel through the world of the 49ers with miner Sourdough Steve (portrayed by Steve Johnson), who recalls rarely heard stories of mining life in the mid-1800s. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for members and seniors, and \$3 for students/teachers. Call 462-2766 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

ART, CRITIQUE & COFFEE Local artists gather and share their lat-

est work. With coffee in hand they meet weekly on Fridays from 10 a.m.-noon. Currently they are meeting at Coffee Ali, 350 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center, where they also hang their work. They have Theme Exhibits and change them each month. Call 510-543-4776 or visit www.web.mac.com/poetryoncanvas/Site/ACC_Art_News.html.

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

WORKSHOP ON CARING FOR LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA The Alzheimer's Foundation of America is presenting nationally renowned dementia care expert Teepa Snow at a free hands-on Do's and Don'ts Workshop for families caring for loved ones with dementia. The workshop is 6-8 p.m., Monday, Aug. 13, at the California Center at Pleasanton Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr., Pleasanton. A select number of seats are available. Preregister at www.regionline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1094077. Also the Quilt to Remember will be on display.

Live Music

RUCKATAN LATIN TRIBE The popular Alameda-based world music group, Ruckatan Latin Tribe, will be performing at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. The seven band members, from three different continents, infuse their cultures and love of their roots into their music, a blend of Latin, reggae and rock sounds. Ticket are \$15-\$20. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Miscellaneous

'LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY' Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday

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

Seniors

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

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

COMPUTER TUTORING Did you know that the Pleasanton Senior Center offers one-on-one computer tutoring appointments? One hour time slots are available Monday-Friday. Call the front desk at 931-5365 for more information or to schedule an appointment. \$1.75 for residents or \$2.25 for non-residents Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-5365. www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER MINI-LIBRARY The Dublin Senior Center Mini-Library is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the senior center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. The library gladly accepts donations of like-new used books published in the last five years, puzzles, magazines within three months of distribution, and videotapes. Unused books are donated to Friends of the Dublin Library. Bring donations to the office for processing. Call 556-4511.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER OFFERS MUSIC CLASSES Dublin Senior Center offers two music classes including Sing-a-longs with Judy Kufin and Merrill Ito at 10:30 a.m., Thursdays; and Ukulele Beginning Instruction with Judy Kufin and Merrill Ito at 1 p.m., Tuesdays, both at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$1.25 for each class. Call 556-4511.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS Dublin Senior Center offers different programs and activities including "ESL" which helps seniors practice their English conversational

skills from 1-2:30 p.m. every Friday; a Reading Group that discusses new books every month from 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the fourth Tuesday of every month; the Needle Arts Group that enjoys quilting, sewing and knitting from 1-4 p.m., every Monday; all at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$1.25 for each activity. Call 556-4511

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

MILLS LINE DANCE SOCIAL DJ Millie Dusha will play tunes from the classic oldies at the Mills Line Dance Social on the first Thursday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All level of dancers are welcome. Cost is \$3. Call 556-4511.

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

TRANSCRIBING FOR YOU Transcribing for You has volunteers that will transcribe and print your letters to be sent. The service is located at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$1.50. Call 556-4511 for an appointment or email seniorctr@ci.dublin.us

WALKING SOLE MATES Join the Pleasanton Senior Center as we kick off our new walking group. Get out and meet new people while walking the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail with them. Meet at the staging area or register to ride over on Paratransit. For more information please contact the Senior Center front desk at 931-5365. 8:45-11 a.m. Wednesdays Free. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-535. www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org

Spiritual

GREATER RICHMOND INTERFAITH PROGRAM SPEAKER Art Hatchett, executive director of GRIP will speak at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 12, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton. The public is invited to learn about service opportunities with homeless and needy people. Call 846-0221 or visit www.lynnwood.org.

STUDY OF JOB, PROVERBS & DEUTERONOMY Pleasanton Women's Class of CBS will be studying the books of Job, the books of Wisdom, and Deuteronomy this fall. Children between birth and 5 years old are

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Concert in the Park featuring Latin/Reggae World Music

Ruckatan Latin Tribe will take to the stage tonight to perform Latin/Reggae World Music. Hailing from three different continents, the musicians infuse their cultures and love of their roots into their music. The free weekly summer concerts are presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association from 7-8:30 p.m. Fridays at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First and Neal streets. Next week, Tommy & The Four Speeds will play '60s rhythm and blues and rock 'n' roll.



invited to attend with their mother or grandmother. Come join them for coffee at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Dr., Pleasanton. \$25 registration fee. Call 399-5072 or visit www.communitybiblestudy.org.

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

Sports

PJFL GOLF TOURNAMENT First-ever 2012 Pleasanton Junior Football League Classic Golf Tournament Friday, Aug. 24 at Sunol Valley Golf Course, 6900 Mission Rd., Sunol. Spend a day with friends and business associates and support PJFL at the same time. All registered participants will receive 18 holes of golf on the Cypress Course at Sunol, lunch and dinner. For more information and to register visit www.pjfl.com.

PLEASANTON PHANTOM 16A TRYOUTS Pleasanton Phantom 16A Travel Softball Team Tryouts are from 8:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Aug. 18, at 5800 Parkside Dr Field 7, Pleasanton. Looking for talented players to join their team. Players can be from other cities and must be 14-17 years of age. Call 408-722-7517 or visit www.pleasanton-softball.org.

Support Groups

'STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY' Although there is no right or wrong path for each individual grief journey, there are stepping stones that are part of each, which will be explored in an eight-week series of workshops. The class is eight Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 6-Oct. 25, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr., Pleasanton. Preregistration is requested. Space is limited. A one time donation of \$15 is requested. The sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month

at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit www.valleycare.com. 7:30-9 p.m. Free

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

CHILDREN & TEENS GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP Children and teens will explore their feelings via creative expression. They will discover ways to cherish the memories of their loved one by creating a unique remembrance piece - a necklace, bracelet, key chain, bookmark or picture frame. Enrollment is limited; advance registration required. Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. No charge. Hope Hospice Grief Support Center, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. 829-8770. www.hopehospice.com/docs/Summer%20Workshops%202012.pdf

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

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

HOPE HOSPICE 1-ON-1 GRIEF SUPPORT The Hope Hospice Grief Support Center offers up to 10 private 1-on-1 grief support sessions for individuals, couples and youths. Sessions are provided at no fee both to our hospice patient family members and to the bereaved in the community. Call 829-8770 to schedule an informational inter-

view. Hope Hospice is located at 6377 Clark Ave. Suite 100, Dublin. Visit www.HopeHospice.com.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

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

Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region will be holding volunteer orientations at 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 17, at the Pleasanton blood Center, 5556-B Springdale Ave., Pleasanton. Learn about ways to greet, inform and thank the community's blood donors. advanced sign up required. Call Tami at 408-577-2006 or email tambra.wethern@redcross.org.

EAST BAY STAND DOWN Volunteers are needed to give a "hand up" to men and women who have served honorably in military service and are now homeless. More than 1,000 volunteers with various skills and abilities are needed to support the operation of an East Bay Stand Down "tent city" at the Alameda County Fairgrounds from Thursday, Sept. 13, through noon, Sunday, Sept. 16. Volunteers must register by Aug. 31 at www.eastbaystanddown.org. Financial assistance is also greatly needed. Checks may be sent to Diablo Valley Veterans Foundation EBSD, P.O. Box 2133, Danville, CA 94526.

LIONESSE SEEK NEW MEMBERS The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. The Lioness are a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

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



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POLICE BULLETIN

Mercedes-Benzenes stolen from dealership

Three cars worth more than \$138,000 were stolen from Mercedes-Benz of Pleasanton in the 5800 block of Owens Drive overnight Aug. 3, according to police reports.

The three were part of a delivery of eight new cars dropped off by a car carrier after 7 p.m. that night. Sometime between then and 8:15

a.m. Aug. 4, a drop-off box that had the keys inside was pried open and the keys with embedded computer chips — themselves worth about \$1,500 — were stolen.

An inventory showed that three cars were stolen, but all three had GPS devices. A black 2013 E350W, with a starting price of \$51,000, according to the Mercedes-Benz website, was recovered by police in Richmond on Aug. 6.

A 2013 white, four-door C250W with a starting price of \$36,675 and a silver four-door 2013 E350W also estimated at \$51,000, remain

missing.

In other police reports:

- More than a dozen people had their vehicles towed in the early morning hours of Aug. 5 as the city prepared to host the Fast and Furious event. Those cars, 16 in all, were towed between 2:24 a.m. and 4:28 a.m. from St. Mary Street.

- Abercrombie and Fitch at the Stoneridge Shopping Center was the target for shoplifters in two recent incidents. Two Sacramento women and one teenage girl from San Francisco were arrested with booster bags — which are designed to hide stolen merchandise, and are often foil-lined to keep store sensors from activating.

The 17-year-old from San Francisco was arrested at about 1:22 p.m. Aug. 4 for burglary and possession of burglary tools. Twenty bottles of men's Fierce cologne worth \$1,080 recovered.

Angelina Marie Olivas, 21, and Delicia Nicole Jenkins, 31, both of Sacramento, were arrested at about 4:18 p.m. Aug. 3 for felony shoplifting at Abercrombie and Fitch in the theft of nearly \$500 in clothing. Olivas also had an outstanding felony burglary warrant from Chico.

- Michael Paul Onate, 43, formerly of Pleasanton but now homeless was arrested at about 6:40 a.m. Aug. 4 on charges of prowling, resisting arrest, contempt of court and a probation violation. Onate was arrested in the 2200 block of Crestline Road for an incident in the 2300 block Redberry

Court.

Onate was also arrested June 19 for misdemeanor elder abuse of his parents, who live in Pleasanton, along with public intoxication, resisting arrest and violating a court order.

- Daniel Isaiah Villagomez, 19, of Manteca was arrested at about 3:13 a.m. Aug. 5 at 5102 Hopyard Road on an outstanding felony warrant for theft in Tracy. Villagomez was pulled over in a traffic stop.

- An Aug. 6 residential burglary in the 7400 block of Hillsdale Drive netted more than \$10,000 in jewelry, along with camera equipment and other items. Taken were four sets of necklaces and earrings valued at \$8,000, 10 gold Indian bracelets worth \$3,000, a \$1,000 pearl necklace, two sets of gold earrings worth \$1,000, and a jewelry stand with miscellaneous necklaces worth a total of \$1,000. Also stolen was a \$450 Nikon video camera, 15 memory cards worth \$200 in total, a \$150 camera lens, a Kodak digital camera worth \$100, a \$60 camera bag and a \$40 Canon battery charger, along with a jar containing about \$20 in coins — and three sheath knives worth \$200. A glass panel on the front door was broken, providing access. The burglary was reported at about 6:59 p.m.

- Two businesses were hit in separate Aug. 5 commercial burglaries.

In one, at Fastenal in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle, a handheld computer worth \$4,000 was stolen, along with a hole saw kit worth \$250, three wrench kits worth

a total of \$240, an eight-piece Blackstone tool kit valued at \$160, two boxes of aerosol glass cleaner cans worth \$120 and \$100 cash. The bolt of the deadbolt lock on the front door was cut and bent. The burglary was reported at about 1:12 p.m.

In the other, at Physiotherapy Associates in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Drive, four tablet computers worth \$2,200 were stolen, along with \$210 in cash, and a \$100 stereo system. The break-in was reported at about 4:31 p.m. Entry was gained through the front doors, which were pried open.

- Police are investigating a fraud reported at a home in the 2400 block of Romano Circle. In that incident, an insurance check was taken sometime between February and March and cashed at Union Bank, which is not used by the victims. That incident was reported Aug. 5 at 8:50 a.m.

- Police are also investigating an \$800 fraudulent charge reported at 1:40 p.m. Aug. 4 by Bronson Motor Works in the 4200 block of Stanley Boulevard. That charge was to the Apple online store.

- An auto burglary in the 1600 block of Whispering Oaks Way netted a video camera worth about \$1,100, along with an \$850 iPad, a set of sunglasses valued at about \$310, a camera battery worth about \$90, a \$50 backpack and two steel coffee mugs worth about \$25. The theft took place between July 20 and 21, but was reported Aug. 1.

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

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Human Services Commission
 Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2011
- Receive End of Fiscal Year 2011/12 Fee Assistance Program Report
- Prioritize List of Human Services Needs Assessment Strategies

Housing Commission
 Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us to view information regarding this meeting.

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

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 1

Theft

- 9:37 a.m. in the 1600 block of

Whispering Oaks Way; grand theft

Auto burglary

- 11:34 a.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

- 3:11 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Vandalism

- 6:24 p.m. at the intersection of Neal Street and First Street

- 11:17 p.m. in the 4100 block of Francisco Street; vandalism, battery

Alcohol violations

- 10:27 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street; public drunkenness

- 11:22 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Rd and Deer Oaks Dr; DUI

Aug. 2

Theft

- 6:33 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Prank calls

- 10:30 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

Alcohol violations

- 12:02 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Ray Street; DUI

- 12:09 a.m. at the intersection of Mohr Avenue and Tanager Drive; DUI

- 12:52 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI

- 11:10 a.m. in the 1600 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

- 9:43 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; DUI

Aug. 4

Theft

- 8:46 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; grand theft, vandalism

- 1:40 p.m. in the 4200 block of Stanley Boulevard; fraud

- 2:52 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; felony shoplifting

Vandalism

- 10:08 a.m. in the 4100 block of Churchill Drive

Controlled substance possession

- 10:44 p.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court

Aug. 5

Under the influence of a controlled substance

- 2:27 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Aug. 6

Vandalism

- 3:26 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

- 8:40 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

Drug violations

- 11:27 p.m. at the intersection of Canyon Meadows Drive and Dublin Canyon Road; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

Aug. 7

Grand theft

- 4:54 p.m. in the 400 block of Trebbiano Place

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:59 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and W. Las Positas Boulevard; DUI

- 1:44 a.m. at the intersection of Morganfield Road and Santa Rita Road; DUI

- 8:21 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Chabot Drive; paraphernalia possession

We're looking for a few good men and women

The proverbial unsung hero: We all know one or two.

These are the individuals or groups who keep doing what they do to make our community and lives better, but very rarely get the recognition they so richly deserve. These true, yet often anonymous, Tri-Valley Heroes will be honored this holiday season through a series of feature articles. Awards will be given in the following categories:

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| ▲ Arts and Culture | ▲ Innovation |
| ▲ Community Spirit | ▲ Rising Star |
| ▲ Courage | ▲ Role Model |
| ▲ Environmental Stewardship | ▲ Lifetime Achievement |

Know a hero?

We are calling for nominations. Individuals who live or work in Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo or Blackhawk are eligible, as are organizations and businesses headquartered in these communities. If you know a person, organization or group deserving of recognition, complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/Tri-ValleyHeroes>.

Want to help?

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East Bay luxury home sales jump 19% in June

Most expensive home sold in Pleasanton for \$3.25 million

By JEB BING

East Bay luxury home sales jumped 19% in June and the median sale price edged higher as the high-end market continued to gain momentum.

A new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Pleasanton shows that a total of 189 homes sold for more than \$1 million in June, up sharply from the 159 properties that changed hands a year ago. Last month's sales were also up 6.7% from May when 177 luxury homes sold.

High-end homes also sold at a faster pace in June with properties selling in 43 days on average compared to 49 a year ago. And sellers received 100.1% of their asking price on average compared to 99.3% last year.

Meanwhile, the median sale price for a luxury home also edged up, reaching \$1,285,000 in June, up 2% from May and up fractionally from a year ago, when the median price stood at \$1,275,000.

The figures were derived from Multiple Listing Service data of all homes that sold for more than \$1 million last month in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

"The East Bay's luxury market continues to gain strength as the year goes along,"

said Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "As with other luxury markets in the Bay Area, including San Francisco and Silicon Valley, there just aren't enough listings to meet the demand of well-qualified buyers."

Some key findings from this month's Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage luxury report:

- The most expensive sale in the East Bay last month was a six-bedroom, seven-bath 9,821-square-foot home in Pleasanton that sold for \$3.25 million;

- Alamo boasted the most luxury sales with 25, followed by Danville with 23, Fremont with 21, Pleasanton with 19, and Oakland and Orinda with 16 apiece;

- Homes sold in an average of 43 days compared to 49 days a year ago and 38 days the previous month;

- Sellers on average received 100.1% of their asking price compared to 100% the previous month and 99.3% a year ago.

The East Bay report is a monthly review by Coldwell Banker, which specializes in high-end real estate sales. The firm has nine East Bay offices serving Pleasanton, Berkeley, Castro Valley, Danville, Fremont, Oakland, Piedmont, Orinda and Walnut Creek. For more information, call 275-3085. ■

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Alamo

6 BEDROOMS

1311 Laverock Lane \$2,599,000
Sun 1-4 Michael Hatfield Broker 984-1339

Blackhawk

3 BEDROOMS

871 Redwood Dr \$848,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc. 280-8500

Dublin

4 BEDROOMS

11741 Solana Dr \$610,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Livermore

4 BEDROOMS

764 K St \$699,950
Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

78 Rainier Ave \$449,950
Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

6 BEDROOMS

5403 Carnegie Loop \$789,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

6876 Rayland Court \$550,000
Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4 BEDROOMS

3335 Prairie Dr \$995,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5 BEDROOMS

5029 Forest Hill Dr \$1,049,000
Sat 1-4/Sun 2-4:30 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

1368 Bordeaux Street \$1,379,000
Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 858-1984

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PLEASANTON
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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 2012

Dublin

- 2166 Avanti Avenue** D R Horton to S. & S. Gangapuram for \$860,000
- 3586 Capoterra Way #57** Sorrento at Dublin Ranch to K. Franco for \$595,000
- 4092 Clarinbridge Circle** Csfb Armt Trust to H. Kim for \$374,000
- 5474 Crestridge Terrace** G. & J. Campbell to Josan-Nindorf Trust for \$805,000
- 7223 Dover Lane** O. Dashevsky to J. Angus for \$460,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #315** Toll Dublin Limited to A. & S. Khan for \$346,000
- 3420 Finnian Way #132** Toll Dublin Limited to R. Glennon for \$370,000
- 4336 Fitzwilliam Street** C. & W. Lee to H. & A. Liu for \$373,000
- 5223 North Forestdale Circle** B. & C. Suh to S. Yuen for \$720,000
- 4685 Persimmon Drive** G. & G. Veuve to S. Rahman for \$725,000
- 7592 San Sabana Road** Cranford Trust to J. Vavaroutsos for \$510,000
- 7252 Thames Court** Vargas Trust to B. Fell for \$430,000
- 8470 Wicklow Lane** M. & M. Baker to W. Wong for \$425,000

Livermore

- 727 Alden Lane** S. Eccles to K. Modukuri for \$785,000
- 2488 Ancona Circle** C. & T. Anderson to B. & T. Burnett for \$895,000
- 174 Bluebird Avenue** Baxter Trust to R. Barlow for \$320,000
- 573 Brighton Way** J. & L. Pennisi to S. Gephart for \$412,000
- 1278 Deep Creek Road** Gillette Trust to L. & M. Howarth for \$745,000
- 234 El Caminito** Sargent Trust to M. Gerling for \$438,500

- 2331 Gamay Common** D. Nebrigic to F. & K. Littauer for \$1,037,000
 - 3814 Harvard Way** Pecos Limited to J. Maldonado for \$382,000
 - 1893 Helsinki Way** Misenti Trust to E. & K. Blair for \$475,000
 - 1241 Hibiscus Way** S. Lawson to N. Gharibyan for \$285,000
 - 532 Jackson Avenue** Moylan Trust to T. Engeldinger for \$240,000
 - 3908 Madeira Way** J. & T. Bocanegra to Netanya Properties for \$220,000
 - 597 McLeod Street** Silva Trust to M. Papoulias for \$340,000
 - 1208 Melanie Way** RWW Properties to D. Edick for \$585,000
 - 1536 Murdell Lane** Donofrio Trust to P. & B. Vergon for \$476,000
 - 755 Newbury Street** J. Ginjupalli to L. Kawasaki for \$630,000
 - 3737 Oregon Way** P. & K. Snider to C. & A. Tucker for \$270,000
 - 2077 Rapallo Common** F. Khandan to Goble-Grimes Trust for \$460,000
 - 465 Ridgecrest Circle** J. Hartman to P. Singhal for \$523,500
 - 6454 Scenic Avenue** Meritage Homes to J. King for \$609,000
 - 1189 Sherry Way** Hubbard Trust to J. Ketchum for \$720,000
 - 668 Tanager Road** Bischoff Trust to K. Smithey for \$435,000
- ## Pleasanton
- 2913 Amoroso Court** Langlie Trust to L. & T. Jackson for \$1,070,000
 - 2152 Armstrong Drive** Gardner Trust to J. Foster for \$525,000
 - 2965 Bottini Court** C. Dedood to G. & A. Sowers for \$2,450,000
 - 7635 Canyon Meadow Circle #F** K. Kuzinich to D. Arnaout for \$268,500
 - 3596 Carlsbad Court** Quality Fund Group to S. & E. Chung for \$525,000

- 2541 Corte Bella** Hagfeldt Trust to B. & J. Skinner for \$1,086,000
- 38 Craig Court** P. & D. Delpiano to K. Temple for \$615,000
- 5219 Crestline Way** G. & J. Shea to A. Addagarla for \$740,000
- 5407 Montalvo Court** R. Cirina to Slater Trust for \$455,000
- 3351 Sagewood Court** R. & C. Wolff to Boufarhat Trust for \$1,280,000
- 3119 Thistledown Court** B. Muzaffar to F. Kachkouche for \$715,000
- 349 Trenton Circle** H. & E. Po to M. Wu for \$595,000
- 15 Twelve Oaks Drive** US Bank to R. & S. Menigoz for \$1,510,000
- 2266 Via Espada** Brouse Trust to M. Ng for \$740,000
- 393 West Angela Street** D. & D. Winnick to S. Venkataraman for \$670,000

San Ramon

- 1222 Amaryllis Circle** K. Cava to S. Fernandes for \$504,000
- 2402 Amaryllis Circle** M. & J. Galeazzi to A. & M. Yar for \$520,000
- 7556 Balmoral Way** R. & A. Shaw to S. & G. Kesavarapu for \$1,130,000
- 117 Baltusrol Place** J. & G. Rodenspiel to R. Lau for \$624,000
- 3281 Barons Lane** J. Jecemen to S. Kumar for \$755,000
- 1262 Bellingham Square** C. Chang to S. Lin for \$857,000
- 2489 Camino De Jugar** S. Roberts to P. & V. Zarganis for \$538,000
- 2616 Campeche Court** Simaz Trust to C. & V. Gilbertson for \$687,500
- 2150 Canyon Lakes Drive** Thacker Trust to E. & T. Withana for \$725,000
- 10 Chapparral Court** A. Gopinath to A. & C. Chan for \$765,000
- 12 Chapparral Court** Endo Trust to R. & M. Tran for \$732,000

- 3567 Cinnamon Ridge Road** J. Veasey to A. Farooq for \$890,000
- 176 Copper Ridge Road** Legacy Copper Ridge to N. Nangoli for \$355,000
- 2501 Fountainhead Drive** S. Keenan to S. Mosalli for \$262,000
- 1892 Hollyview Drive** M. Arora to S. Paul for \$840,000
- 108 Jasper Hill Court** T. & R. Meyer to H. Yeh for \$790,000
- 267 Lander Place** S. & K. Danehy to B. Tong for \$500,000
- 119 Landsdowne Loop** S. & H. Danforth to P. Kodali for \$515,000
- 2306 Maidenhair Way** A. Kuszniir to P. Nimmagadda for \$590,000
- 2683 Marsh Drive** MCFarland Trust to J. & C. Ozimek for \$470,000
- 2468 Millstream Lane** J. Sandhu to V. Patil for \$470,000
- 3022 Montevideo Drive** C. & A. Weiss to B. Schulman for \$690,000
- 9467 Olympia Fields Drive** A. & S. Evans to M. & A. Hertwig for \$600,000
- 215 Reflections Drive #28** California Housing Finance to P. & K. Bareiss for \$162,000
- 100 San Miguel Place** HSBC Bank to J. & N. Garay for \$615,000
- 114 Stone Pine Lane** T. Ngo to T. & W. Tam for \$240,000
- 7644 Stoneleaf Road #1** L. Kim to M. Amarthaluru for \$477,500
- 1431 Stoney Creek Drive** E. & N. Ormsby to D. & A. Godin for \$705,000
- 3011 Tahoe Place** C. Rzasza to M. Phelps for \$560,000
- 705 Watson Canyon Court #104** M. Martens to Q. Chang for \$135,000
- 252 Wimbledon Court** R. Robinson to M. & M. Pahuja for \$810,000
- 2003 Wineberry Drive** R. & H. Arghandiwal to M. & J. Galeazzi for \$770,000
- 3581 York Lane** W. & B. Chang to S. & N. Bulusu for \$1,000,000



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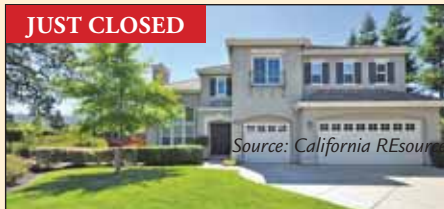


1010 LAMB COURT, PLEASANTON

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BRIDLE CREEK

JUST CLOSED



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 AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000**

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JUST CLOSED



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. **SOLD FOR \$1,130,000**

PLEASANTON VALLEY - "BIRDLAND"

SOLD



2449 MINIVET COURT, PLEASANTON

"The heart of Birdland" Location, location, location! Quiet court is walking distance to Woodthrusch 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**

LIVERMORE

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5598 BERWIND AVENUE, LIVERMORE

Highly upgraded single level home on premium cul-de-sac, 9927 square foot lot! Three bedroom, two bathrooms, with approximately 1500 square feet. Upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, wood flooring and new carpet. Large park-like private rear yard with extensive custom stamped concrete work and custom patio overhead structure with fan. Spacious grass areas, Side-yard access and separated storage area with spacious shed. **SOLD FOR \$425,000**

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**

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680 KILKARE ROAD, SUNOL

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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 Castletown Country Club. **SOLD FOR \$1,550,000**



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