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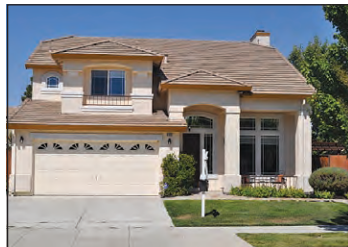
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

'Wind Song' offers a whimsical break for commuters

By JEB BING

A colorful tall sculpture just installed on Sunol Boulevard north of the Pleasanton Senior Center is drawing praise, especially from early morning commuters heading to I-680 who can use a bit of sparkle as they start their day. Standing 16 feet 10 inches tall, the multi-colored sculpture by Artist Greg Hawthorne is the newest gift to Pleasanton by Nancy and Gary Harrington. Called "Wind Song," it's a whimsical, truly beautiful piece that looks almost as if it's sailing, part of an armada in the ocean where similar boats should be passing by.

The \$52,000 sculpture is made of stainless steel and painted in a variety of California colors using a special paint similar to what is used on fire hydrants and offshore oil platforms, according to Mike Fulford, the city's landscape architect whose department built the concrete platform on which "Wind Song" sits in the north section of Centennial Park. A cement patio will be added shortly to give on-lookers a chance to walk around the sculpture and come up with their own ideas about what the artwork conveys. Fulford says the site for the sculpture is a passive park area used for picnics and Frisbee-throwing, but no active sports. He worked with Hawthorne and the Harringtons in choosing the location because of its high visibility from Sunol Boulevard, the Senior Center, even from the Raley's shopping center across the street.

The Harringtons spotted a small model of "Wind Song" early last year on a trip to the Hawthorne Gallery in Big Sur, an area known for its painters, sculptors and jewelry crafts. Hawthorne had created "Wind Song" for a client who then backed out of the purchase agreement. Impressed by the artwork, the Harringtons brought several staff representatives from Pleasanton, including Fulford, to the Big Sur studio, who agreed that it would fit into the number of special art pieces the Harringtons, through their Harrington Art Partnership, have been placing in Pleasanton. Later, after approvals from the Civic Arts Commission, Hawthorne was given a contract to build the full-size sculpture now standing in Centennial Park.



JEB BING

"Wind Song" in Centennial Park.

The Harringtons' first major contribution to Pleasanton came in providing funding for the large studio called the Harrington Art Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center. Since then, they have added a number of art pieces in and around the Firehouse, including the "Poppies" sculpture by Stanley Proctor that sits just outside the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. They were also the benefactors that provided the pair of glass marquees that grace the front exterior of the Firehouse, as well as "Monet's Bench," a sculpture that sits in an outdoor plaza. The couple also leads an art walk each month that offers the public a leisurely Saturday morning look at the growing number of art pieces in downtown Pleasanton.

As for Greg Hawthorne who was here for last Friday's installation of his "Wind Song" sculpture, he sees Pleasanton as a city of many accomplished artists and art aficionados, with a downtown that caters — and is architecturally inviting — to retail stores selling fine ceramics, jewelry, paintings and glass. He shares the same entrepreneurial spirit of these small business owners and the need for quality workmanship by talented artists who make their work available at a fair price. He'd probably move to Pleasanton except for the beauty and artist's environment he's found in Big Sur where his custom-built home that spans a creek is just a sort distance from Nepenthe, a restaurant with renowned food and entertainment familiar to many in Pleasanton. If ever down that way, he asks that you give him a call for a tour of his studio at (831) 667-3200. He might even have another "Wind Song"-type model that folks here might like to add to Pleasanton's collection, at a fair price, of course. ■

About the Cover

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Streetwise

ASKED AT WALNUT GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

What do you think about the new staggered reading schedule in grades 1-3?

Kim Kirschner

Former teacher/current mom

A 30-1 ratio doesn't allow for the high-quality level of instruction that we all expect in Pleasanton. The district is doing what it must to put the kids' needs first. I think it had to get worse before it can start getting better, unfortunately. Hopefully the community will now see the need to pass a parcel tax in order to regain important programs that we've lost.



Elizabeth Shackelford

Teacher/tutor

I think it's great. The kids have more free time to play and relax, and I'm hoping that as a result there is a lot less whining in our household when it is time for homework and other activities. I don't worry about the shorter day because I think the smaller class sizes will allow for a more focused and productive instruction time.



Stacy Lozano

Court reporter

Students are losing 45 minutes of classroom instruction per day, and that concerns me. The smaller reading groups will definitely benefit my daughters, but I'm not sure that it will completely make up for the shorter day. It's also tough on families that have to make at least three daily trips to school. I hope that we return to the regular schedule next year.



Doug Walker

Medical distribution

I think that it is important to give the students more individualized attention than a large class size would allow, so the staggered reading schedule is great. Our daughter was in the Discovery program, which had much smaller classes, and we were very concerned about the changes this year. I think the benefits of small reading groups outweighs the impact of a shorter day.



Mary Fahnhorst

Substitute nanny


I think it's great. The kids have more time for homework either before or after school, depending on their start time, which makes the day less stressful.



—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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

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County offers Leadership program

Today is the deadline for applications for Alameda County's 12th Leadership Academy, a free, six-session interactive forum for people who live, work or own a business in the county. Participants learn about county services through presentations from county leaders, and also find out how to increase their civic involvement.

Sessions run Oct. 3-March 6, typically on the first Wednesday of each month from 6-9 p.m. at facilities throughout the county. To learn more, go to www.acgov.org/adultleadership, or call (510) 272-6510.

ACE adds a train

The Altamont Commuter Express Train will start a fourth round-trip train between the Central Valley and Silicon Valley on Oct. 1, with Tri-Valley stops in Vasco, Livermore and Pleasanton. This new trip will serve Tri Valley residents who work in Fremont, San Jose and into Silicon Valley as well as employees who work in Bishop Ranch in San Ramon and live in Stockton, Lathrop, Manteca, Tracy, Vasco, Livermore and surrounding areas.

In addition to the new fourth train, ACE will add two new morning bus connections to the train station in Pleasanton to serve both outbound and inbound commuters. The express bus originates in Walnut Creek, then stops in Danville and San Ramon on its way to Pleasanton.

Book sale next weekend

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is holding its fall book sale next weekend, open to Friends members from 6-9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21, with memberships available at the door. The sale continues from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, with a bag of books for sale Sunday for \$7.

More than 40,000 donated books of all types from bestsellers to biographies to children's picture books will be for sale. Paperbacks are \$1, hardbacks are \$2, and Golden and Scholastic books are 50 cents. Cash, check and charge will be accepted.

For information about the book sale or Friends of the Pleasanton Library, call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.

Corrections

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 600-0840 or e-mail: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

Leukemia patient, bone marrow advocate dies

Janet Liang raised awareness of need for Asian American donors

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The young Pleasanton woman whose impassioned plea for help on Youtube led to thousands of people signing up as potential bone marrow donors has died.

Janet Liang, who graduated from Amador Valley High in 2005, died Sept. 11, a week after receiving a transplant from a near perfect match.

Liang, 25, battled acute lymphoblastic leukemia from August 2009. She was diagnosed while studying at UCLA, and went through eight rounds of high-dosage chemotherapy that lasted over the course of a year.

Some of her hospitalizations lasted for 30 days, while others took several weeks. In June 2010, she left the hospital in complete remission and began a regimen of maintenance therapy that kept her cancer-free for a year and a half. During that time, she and her mother traveled to France and England, and Liang also appeared in People magazine to encourage other young

adult cancer patients.

As an advocate for bone marrow donors, Liang raised awareness of the need for Asian donors to Be The Match, the organization that matches potential donors and leukemia patients. Marrow drives were held throughout Pleasanton starting in February and hundreds of people registered with Be The Match who might not have otherwise registered anywhere.

A Facebook page, "Helping Janet Find Her Perfect Match," announced that she had died.

"Janet has served as an inspiration to all those who knew her," the Facebook announcement says. "Her big heart and big smile was something that we all cherished. And although she never fulfilled her dream of being a teacher, she has

taught us all one very important lesson: love. Despite battling leukemia for 3 years, she has always found it within her to make her situation more than about herself. Her campaign to raise awareness and advocate for bone marrow donors was for the love of her fellow human."

A website named "We Did It" noted that Liang's plea led to more than 300 donor drives, more than 20,000 new registrants and 18 matches for other patients. Through the power of social networking, the site says Liang's story led to South America, Asia, Europe and Australia.

Liang won a Juanita Haugen Community of Character award this year for her work in raising awareness and bone marrow donors.

Mohr Elementary science teacher Mikki Conley, who was diagnosed in December 2010 with lymphocytic stage 4 lymphoma and was also a focus for blood marrow drives in Pleasanton, died on April 4. ■



Janet Liang



BENHUR CASTRO



JEB BING

Festive downtown parade marks start of 2012 youth soccer season

Hundreds of young soccer players, including Holly Sundquist at left, joined their teams last Saturday for the 44th annual Pleasanton Youth Soccer Kick-off Parade before moving on to Pleasanton Sports Park to start the 2012 season. The boys' Ballistic United Soccer Club and girls' RAGE teams wore their team uniforms with some embellishments that included umbrellas, jellyfish headgear, oversize soccer balls, hats and plenty of flowers.

Pleasanton Weekly candidates forum for municipal races set for Oct. 4

Free, public debate will take place in Civic Center just before absentee voting starts

A free, community-wide forum for candidates for Pleasanton mayor and City Council will be held Thursday evening, Oct. 4, in the Pleasanton Civic Center.

The forum will be the candidates' last opportunity to address as a group their plans for governing the city if elected before voters can start casting their ballots by mail on Monday, Oct. 8.

Sponsored by the Pleasanton Weekly, the 90-minute debate will also give the public an opportunity to ask questions about where the candidates stand on vital issues facing the city as well as a chance for candidates to respond and tell voters why they should be elected.

The candidates are City Council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne, who are seeking election to the mayor's post; and Karla Brown, Mike Harris, Erlene DeMarcus and Jerry Pentin, who are seeking election to the City Council, where two seats need to be filled.

Gina Channell-Allen, publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, and its editor Jeb Bing will serve as moderators for the candidates' forum, which will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. in the City Council chambers at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Suggested questions for the candidates can be sent to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. ■

Black Avenue residents talk traffic

City forming committee to address concerns

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Concerned residents of Black Avenue packed the City Council chambers the evening of Sept. 5 for a meeting held by Pleasanton to address traffic problems.

"It's faster and easier to drive on Black than on Valley," said Anthony Davito, who lives on Black and Ridgewood. "It would help to change the stop signs to stop lights on Valley."

Valley Avenue between Santa Rita and Hopyard roads is four lanes, with sound walls protecting the neighborhoods. Black Avenue is parallel to Valley, with only two lanes.

Davito noted that the traffic worsened when drivers were no longer allowed to turn left out of the Safeway parking lot onto Valley Avenue. And the regional swim meets tie up all the streets in the neighborhood with parked cars, he added.

"During swim meets it's difficult to get cars out of the driveway," he said. "I don't understand why they can't have them park at Amador Valley High School."

Black Avenue has a lot of traffic volume but not a lot of high speeds, explained Traffic Engineer Mike Tessano, which is why it has not been chosen for improvements to address traffic concerns; the annual budget for such measures has been lowered from \$100,000 to \$25,000, he said.

Nonetheless, recognizing the problems in the neighborhood, city officials decided to begin the process for traffic calming by receiving input from residents and discussing what might help.

"It's critical to have behind-the-scenes residents working," Tassano said. "We require buy-in right up front. I'd like you tonight to tell me what the problems are."

Solutions might entail median islands; small traffic circles similar to planters in the middle of intersections; speed bumps; median islands; more radar speed signs; flashing pedestrian walkways; chokers or bump-outs.

"Each item does have its pros and cons," Tassano said.

He said in a later interview that the city began

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The Bookstore offers \$1 deals as it closes its doors

Owner decides to become personal trainer

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Bookstore on Hopyard Road at Valley is closing after 26 years, said owner Lisa Kelly, but she is excited about the new chapter opening in her life: She is becoming a personal trainer.

"I've always been into physical fitness and I'd started to do it on my days off," Kelly explained. She said she met some clients as they browsed the store's fitness section.

"I was ready for a change," Kelly said. "When you own a small business, you are there six to seven days a week."

She also said e-readers were affecting her sales plus the economy has slowed down. The Bookstore sold only used books, and employees carefully cleaned each volume, including airing out the pages.

"I felt it was a good time to leave," Kelly said, noting that her customers could find used books at Bay Books in San Ramon. "But that store was the love of my life, the decision did not come easily."

Kelly has worked as an executive assistant at B. Dalton Booksellers, and also was a reviewer of romance books for specialty magazines. When she moved to Pleasanton her sister brought her to The Bookstore and introduced her to the owner, Kim Jagger. Jagger had bought the store in 2002 from Stephanie Mackey, whose parents opened it in the 1980s.

"I love used book stores and I fell in love," Kelly recalled. "I was



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Bookstore on Hopyard Road at Valley is closing after 26 years of selling used books.

recovering from an injury, and I offered to volunteer if she would let me read the books."

Jagger sold the store to Kelly in 2007 but continued to work there.

"Both of us were always there," Kelly said, adding that she just made a few changes. "I painted and brought in gift items."

After making the difficult decision to close the store, Kelly said, she has been happy.

"Everyone assumes it's some doomsday thing," she said. "I say, 'I'm sorry you're sad but I'm so happy I don't know what to do with myself.'"

Once The Bookstore business is finished, Kelly, a former basketball player, is ready to launch her new business. She is focusing on women's health, including pre- and post-natal, and seniors, at all fitness levels.

To thank the community for its support of The Bookstore, Kelly is selling the remaining books for \$1 each, Thursdays-Mondays through Sept. 30. She is also offering volumes free to school librarians during the last week of September; for an appointment, call 426-8255.

"It wasn't just me that had a legacy, the store has been there 26 years," Kelly said. ■

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to prohibit left turn lanes out of the Safeway shopping center onto Valley for safety reasons in summer 2011.

"People crashed there once a month," he said.

The neighbors also complained about vehicles traveling well over the speed limit.

One man said postal trucks speed down Black Avenue in the early morning as well as Wheels buses, warning that it was a dangerous mix with five schools, two preschools and the aquatics center. The post office on the corner and the medical office buildings also draw vehicles, residents noted.

Eric Helmgren, who said his front porch on Black Avenue and Greenwood is "the most awesome people-watching corner in the city," said he saw children almost get killed at the intersection of Black and Tanglewood and said it needs a stop sign.

"One out of 10 make a complete stop at Black and Greenwood," he said. "Kids from the high school are on their phones, doing 40 mph."

A woman who has lived on Harvest Road for 45 years said the crossing guards did a good job keeping the children safe near the schools but "the parents are belligerent." Having police near the schools on opening day helped a lot, she added.



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The city has taken some measures to slow down traffic, such as radar speed signs and posting the speed limit.

One suggestion to slow traffic was to have the crossing guard stationed up the street rather than at the corner. Another suggested they take turns being serving as additional crossing guards.

Stanley Freidus said the street needs a police presence.

"Even just a cop car," he said. "I'd hate to see any bumps."

"Why can't we force the traffic back onto Valley?" someone asked. "We can't," Tassano answered. "Thus the traffic calming."

That section of Valley Avenue has two stop signs, as does the same stretch of Black Avenue, Tas-

sano said later. Signals are in the city's general plan for Valley Avenue but are not in the short-term vision, due to the installation cost of \$250,000 in addition to a monthly maintenance cost, he said.

Tassano is currently reviewing the names of residents who volunteered to be on a neighborhood committee to develop a traffic calming plan, which will have to be approved by 50% of the residents.

To be added to list to receive further information about the Black Avenue traffic calming efforts, telephone Tassano at 931-5670 or email mtassano@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

Castlewood **OPEN HOUSE**

DATE:
September 16 -
4:00-7:00pm

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And we can't host an event without a few goodies from the kitchen, so we'll be serving up some hors d'oeuvres and refreshments too!

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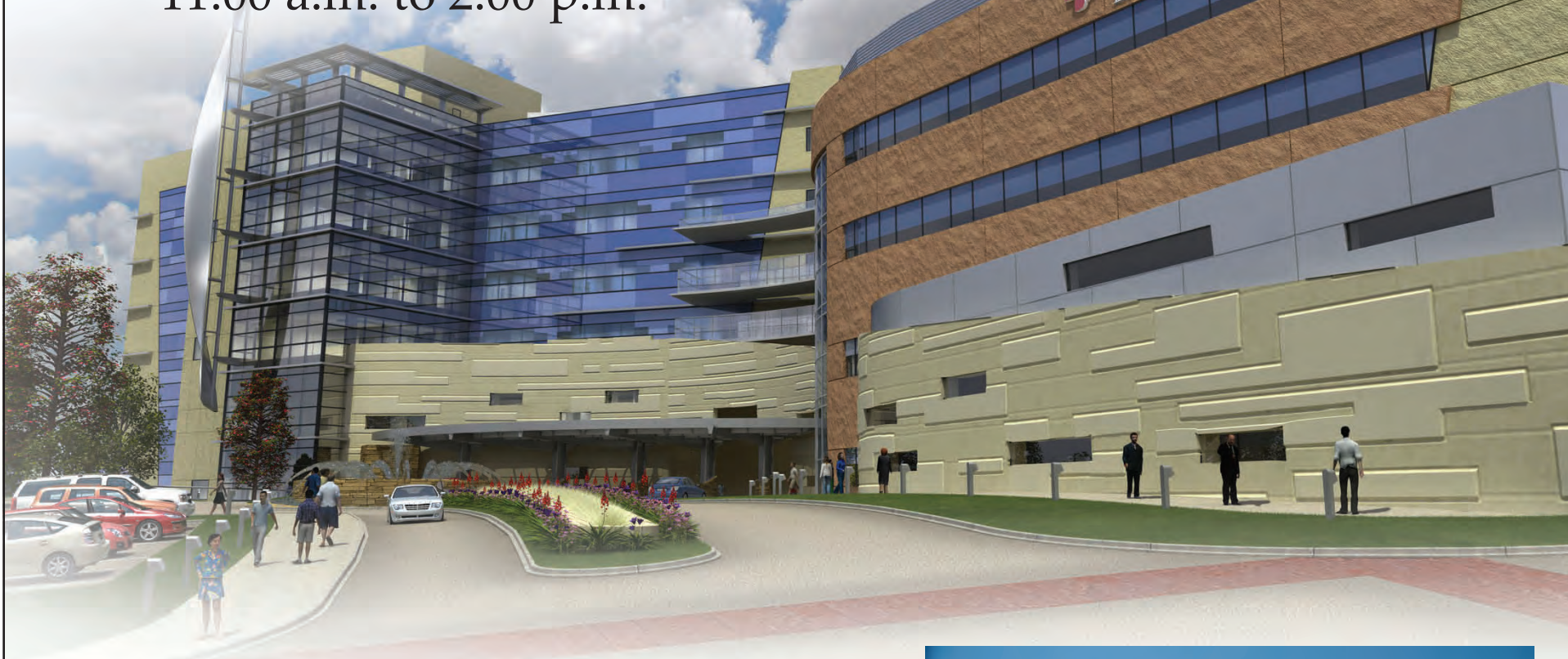
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Remembering 9/11

Captain Rod Leijten (left) and Captain Peter Richert of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department raise the flag into a half-staff position at ceremonies Tuesday in front of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department headquarters on Nevada Street during a public ceremony observing the 9/11 anniversary.



JEB BING

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Stoneridge Drive BofA robbed, suspect escapes

'Threatening note' handed to teller

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Bank of America in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive was robbed Monday by a man who entered the bank at around 1:35, handed the teller a note, took the money and escaped.

Neither the contents of the note nor the amount taken is being released by police.

"Responding patrol units quickly arrived and established a perimeter, however, the suspect fled prior to their arrival," a Pleasanton police news release said. "Further investigation revealed that the suspect entered the bank and handed a teller a threatening note."

The man is described as a black male, 30 to 40 years old, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, clean shaven, with a medium build. He was wearing a white hooded sweat-shirt with a dark stripe down the back, gray pants and sunglasses. The suspect fled in what police describe as a vehicle similar to a 1970s era Ford Ranchero, brown in color with a white camper shell.

No weapon was seen and no one was injured in the robbery, and neighboring police departments have been informed about the holdup. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100. ■

PUSD board backs two competing education funding bills

Grant: 'If either one passes, public education wins'

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton School Board decided Tuesday night to hedge its bets and back both competing education spending plans up for a vote in November.

Board members saw merits in each of the two propositions, Prop 30, backed by Gov. Jerry Brown, and Prop 38, which was proposed by Molly Munger.

Prop 38, also known as "Our Children, Our Future," would also allow schools — not Sacramento — to decide where money should be spent. It would provide more money to school districts across the state, but that money wouldn't arrive until the 2013-14 school year.

Before that, automatic triggers cutting school funding would kick in, although those triggers would not be pulled if Brown's plan, Prop 30, passes. Brown's state budget was built on the premise that his tax increase would pass. His plan, if passed, would maintain flat funding to districts, although Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, has said "flat" funding would actually mean a loss of money to the district.

In the discussion Tuesday night, Board President Joan Laursen acknowledged that "neither of them is perfect."

"At the end of the day, those (trigger) cuts will be enacted, so Prop 30 not happening is bad for us," Laursen said. "That being said, new

money is better than flat funding."

She said she'd recently seen Munger speak, and noted that Munger herself said she'd vote Yes on both propositions.

"Prop 30 is her insurance," Laursen said.

The board — with the exception of Jamie Hintzke — agreed the district should support both propositions. Hintzke backed Prop 38.

"Having local decisions made about funding is important. We get a lot of local control," Hintzke said. Regarding Prop 30, she said, "What makes me nervous about it, every year, it's subject to political manipulation."

Other board members expressed some misgivings about backing both propositions.

"In the beginning, I was a little leery of voting for both (but) we need to have one of them pass," said Board Member Valerie Arkin.

Board Member Chris Grant worried that the option of voting for two different funding plans would baffle people.

"My biggest concern is confusion," Grant said. "The bottom line is, if either one passes, public education wins."

He said polls currently show a 50-50 chance of either one winning.

If both bills get a vote of more than the 50% needed to pass, the one with more votes would take effect and the other would be declared void. ■

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Business News

Special kosher wine for Jewish New Year

'Bringing together local wine culture, local Jewish community,' rabbi says

The Jewish New Year, which begins this year at sundown next Sunday, will bring with it new excitement for the Tri Valley's Jewish community.

Following months of planning and in time for the 2012 harvest, the Chabad of the Tri Valley and Mitchell Katz Winery are undertaking a joint venture in observance of the Jewish New Year, which begins this year at sundown next Sunday.

A Livermore Valley kosher wine is being produced at the Mitchell Katz Winery, which is donating the grapes, barrels, and all the equipment for this first production.

"We see ourselves as an integrated part of community life and we are happy to partner with the local

Jewish community to produce a premier kosher wine", said Mitchell Katz, the winery owner.

Rabbi Raleigh Resnick of Chabad of the Tri Valley is providing the rabbinical supervision and overseeing the kosher production.

"I see this new project as a wonderful way of bringing together the local wine culture and the local Jewish community," Resnick said. "After all, the Jewish people probably have the oldest codified relationship to wine of any people on earth."

In Jewish tradition, wine is considered a holy beverage and an important part of many ceremonies. For this reason, the equipment is specially sterilized and the wine

is handled and bottled in a very specific manner. Additionally, all ingredients and yeasts used in the process are certified kosher.

Daniel Kozak of Livermore, a member of the Jewish community with wine-making experience, has spearheaded the project and is coordinating the logistics.

"This inaugural year we hope to produce approximately 75 cases of Cabernet Sauvignon," Lozak said. "Once we see the process through to fruition, we can begin planning for future harvests."

Chabad is setting up a blog to engage the community in the kosher winemaking production. A community contest to name the wine also will be online. ■

Dublin could save \$14 million with energy upgrades

New streetlights, solar panels energy has city 'going green,' mayor says

Chevron Energy Solutions has signed an energy services agreement with Dublin to overhaul the city's infrastructure and install solar energy panels.

The work is aimed at reducing the city's future utility costs with Dublin officials estimating that the program will generate more than \$14 million in savings over the next 25 years.

The energy services agreement establishes Dublin as the first among cities in the Tri-Valley to launch an aggressive and comprehensive energy action plan aimed at reducing a city's carbon footprint by upgrading facilities and infrastructure, said Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti.

By financing the program using anticipated energy savings, and with Chevron Energy Solution's help in capturing more than \$650,000 in expected solar incentives and rebates, the Dublin government will not need to invest any capital dollars to implement the transformative program.

"This is a goal the city has been talking about for years," Sbranti said. "Now, we see we can have the best of both of worlds. We're going green and realizing environmental benefits, but we're also seeing huge financial benefits in saving \$14 million over the next 25 years."

"This is one of the most holistic, comprehensive energy action plans of any city in the country," he added. "This is a really exciting day for Dublin."

Citing the environmental and financial benefits of the program, Vice Mayor Kevin Hart added, "This program is a true reflection of Dublin's innovative spirit and our commitment to moving the City forward."

In addition to installing photovol-

taic solar arrays at all city facilities to offset energy usage, Dublin also will replace approximately 3,000 streetlights with efficient LED lighting technology, which is expected to produce better light quality and result in lower ongoing utility and maintenance costs.

Other improvements include upgrades to interior and exterior lighting at city facilities, the pump and filtration system for the city's public swimming pool, and the air circulation systems at the Dublin Civic Center and public library.

Jim Davis, president of Chevron Energy Solutions, said energy efficiency experts worked closely with the city of Dublin to consider many possibilities in designing the energy action program. The company will engineer and install the various improvements and upgrades over the next few months, with construction expected to be completed by summer of 2013. ■



Tim Sbranti

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Pleasanton Reunion:

Rick and Lori Schussel from Pleasanton; Peter and Michelle Williams, formally from Pleasanton and now living in Evergreen, Colo.; Kathy and Ron Otvos from Pleasanton; and Marsha and Dave Buck, formerly from Pleasanton and currently living in San Tan Valley, Ariz., got together while on vacation to reminisce about the good old days in Pleasanton and to catch up on the current news in the Weekly. Michelle and Marsha are both retired Pleasanton school teachers.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



DAWN WILSON

Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2013.

Welcome to the Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2013

This week marks the 23rd time Leadership Pleasanton has launched another eight-month program to offer a select group of city, civic and business leaders an intense and rewarding look at how our community operates. At the launch breakfast Wednesday, City Manager Nelson Fialho, himself a Leadership Pleasanton graduate, called it "an absolutely great program" that gives participants a chance to meet, hear and see first-hand the managers of key public and private organizations.

The 28 members of the Leadership Class of 2013 will now follow the more than 600 alumni, including many who were at Wednesday's breakfast, in meeting with city political and administrative leaders, including Fialho, school board members and Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi and her staff, law enforcement, hospital and other health organization representatives, cultural arts and recreation leaders and even members of the local media who spend a day talking about the importance of covering local news.

Started in 1988 by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and now co-sponsored by the city of Pleasanton, Leadership Pleasanton identifies emerging community leaders and offers them broad exposure to issues considered vital to our community. In a sense, it is an education forum in which participants look into the myriad of private businesses, public agencies, nonprofits and elected officials who make up the economic and political environment of Pleasanton. Through these contacts, interactive exercises and field trips, participants expand their leadership skills, knowledge and influence on our community. The contacts they make along the way often are helpful in their own careers.

The program also has been successful in encouraging participants to take a personal and greater interest in the city in which we live by serving on public and nonprofit commissions, boards and advisory groups. A number of leaders now serving in these capacities first learned of the opportunities in Leadership Pleasanton classes. As Fialho told the Class of 2013 on Wednesday, it's this involvement and awareness of the needs and opportunities in Pleasanton that sets this community apart from others.

Members of the Class of 2013 are Steve Baker, Baker Financial Consulting; Bryan Bowers, Hodnfield Properties; Randy Brown, PMZ Real Estate; Anna Maria Carter, Hilton Hotel; Donna Colteaux, a resident; and Michele Crosse, of the city of Pleasanton's Community Services Department.

Also in the class are Grace Kato, Walmart; Steve Kirkpatrick, Pleasanton Community Development Department; Penny Lane, Karlsson & Lane accountancy corporation; Sara LeBrun, Pleasanton Marriott; Greg Lewis, Pleasanton ClubSport; and Dora Lozano, Pleasanton's Operations Services Department.

Others in the Class of 2013 are Cathy Malone, University of Phoenix; Mackenzie Matthews, Beets Hospitality Group; Ruth McAninch, Blue Oaks Church; Peggy Carpenter, Valley Teachers Resource Center; Sheryl Morgan, Hewlett Packard; Janet Mullaney, a resident; Jack Kimel, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department; and Paul Perez, Heritage Bank of Commerce.

Members of the Class of 2013 also include Arman Prasad, 1st United Services Credit Union; Jeffrey Blair, Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau; Serena Rhoton and Harold Roundtree, both of UNCLE Credit Union; Linda Sandifur, violinist; Jill Schultz, Tri-Valley YMCA; Heather Stanek, Pleasanton ClubSport; and Nicole Steward, Pleasanton Unified School District.

We join with others in the community in welcoming these new community leaders to the Pleasanton Leadership Class of 2013. ■



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to comment on the editorial.

LETTERS

Vote for Thorne

Dear Editor,

I was the Founding Chairman of the Pleasanton Military Families Support Group from its inception in 2003 until the early fall of 2009. When we decided to do "Welcome Homes" for Pleasanton men and women returning from combat tours, Jerry Thorne took it upon himself to step forward at each and every one of these events, some held at night and in the rain and cold, others held in hot and sunny 100-degree weather. He has presented dozens of letters of sincere appreciation and recognition to these combat veterans over these several years, and without exception has been an excellent representative of the leadership and the community of Pleasanton. I think some of the inspiration for Jerry's participation came from his service in the U.S. Army and knowing the lack of appreciation given to veterans of the Vietnam War when they returned. Jerry further took it upon himself to recognize many returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan at meetings of the Pleasanton City Council. They were very appreciative as were their families.

I know that Jerry will make an

excellent mayor — he has many qualifications, including an excellent career in the private sector, his service on the City Council, and his love of Pleasanton, which has been his home for many years. Another advantage is that he is retired and I am sure he is ready to work almost full time as the mayor of the city of Pleasanton. I urge voters to vote for Jerry Thorne for mayor.

Chris Miller

True civic servant

Dear Editor,

Please vote for Jerry Thorne for Mayor of Pleasanton. I know him well as we served together as commissioners. He knows how to manage budgets, economic alternatives, personnel; he knows how to make proper decisions based on his experiences and talent as a former manager of one of this country's major corporations. He has consulted many organizations here in Pleasanton to learn and understand the needs and will of its citizens.

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Howard G. Seebach



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44th annual Harvest Festival opens today at Fairgrounds

IT'S HARVEST TIME

why not a festival to celebrate?

story by **JEB BING**

It's Harvest time around the country with grapes coming off the vines here in the Tri-Valley and crops being harvested in the Central Valley to the east.

So why not a festival to celebrate?

The Harvest Festival Original Arts & Crafts Show plans to do just that when it opens its doors at the Alameda County Fairgrounds at 10 a.m. this morning. The three-day, 40th anniversary festival tour will last through 5 p.m. Sunday

The show features over 24,000 handmade arts and crafts, including jewelry, woodturnings, art and photography, specialty foods, clothing, décor and much more. In addition to the handcrafted wares, this year's show also offers special entertainment and live music, artist demonstrations, foods and prize drawings.

"Forty years ago, we never imagined how much this event would grow," said Nancy Glenn, the Harvest Festival show manager.

"We started as a small community marketplace in San Francisco where artists could congregate to create and

sell their products," she said. "Now, we hold eight shows in California, one show in Arizona and one show in Nevada. We're so proud to have such a wonderful group of talented craftspeople and loyal attendees year after year."

For the fourth year, the Harvest Festival will support the Alameda County Community Food Bank by offering \$2 off admission to anyone who brings a monetary donation or non-perishable food items to the show. The Food Bank serves one of every six residents living in the county, Glenn said.





The Food Bank is looking for volunteers to help in this year's distribution efforts. Anyone interested can, call Kathryn Weber at (510) 635-3663, Ext. 28, or email her at kweber@accfb.org.

The event is also partnering with the Oakley Raiders Youth Football and Cheer league as the official show charity and will offer the youth sports organization half of the proceeds from every shopping bag sold. The Oakley Raiders also will host the interactive KidZone, dressed as goblins in the "Make It and Take It" area where they will create individual bags of Halloween candy. Children can participate in hands-on arts and crafts in the zone by making personalized labels to staple to their crafts.

A free child identification program at the show will be offered by New York Life Insurance. Company representatives will issue IDs for children and also will teach them to them how to stay safe in their own home, at school and while out playing with friends.

In fact, show-goers will be able to find something for all age groups. The Cash Tribute Band featuring James Garner will headline this year's all-day outdoor stage entertainment with musical hits of the legendary "Man in Black" — Johnny Cash. Also appearing on the main stage will be comedian and entertainer John Park with his "Funny Waiter Show."

And, after spending the day food trucks will be available at the Fairgrounds, offering both gourmet food and music.

Drawings for prizes will take place at 1:15 p.m. all three days on the show's center stage with top prizes including an Amazon Kindle Fire.

All artisans featured at the Harvest Festivals are vetted by the Harvest Festival management team to ensure products are all handmade and made in the U.S. The juried process also ensures a rich mix and diversity of merchandise.

Festival hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors who are at least 62 years old, \$4 for teens between 13 and 17, and no charge for those 12 and under. Tickets are valid for re-entry all three days.

For those who can't make this show, the Harvest Festival organization has eight more coming between now and Christmas, including in Anaheim, Del Mar, Pomona, Sacramento, San Mateo, San Jose and Ventura, as well as in Las Vegas and Phoenix.

For more information, call 800-346-1212 or visit www.harvestfestival.com.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest Festival Original Arts & Crafts Show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend will feature 24,000 handmade arts and crafts as well as (clockwise from left) comedian and entertainer John Park with his spectacular plate spinning finish at "The Funny Waiter Show"; many works of art to browse through and buy; displays of individually designed and handmade vases; the Cash Tribute Band featuring James Garner with musical hits of the legendary "Man in Black" Johnny Cash; hand-crafted purses in all shapes, sizes and designs; and artist demonstrations, even on the hand.



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: PUD-89, Kier and Wright – Consider the application of Hendrick Automotive Group for PUD Development Plan to allow demolition of an approximately 2,950 sq. ft. building and construction of an approximately 6,260 sq. ft. building to provide automotive detailing services, an inventory parking lot, and related site improvements at 3932 Old Santa Rita Road
- Public Hearing: PUD-80-01-12M/P12-0841, Consider the application of Tri-Valley Chinese Bible Church for a Major Modification to the Planning Unit Development for Valley Business Park (VBP) to allow State-registered schools as a Conditional Use; and consider a Conditional Use Permit for State-registered Heritage School to operate a Kindergarten through Fifth Grade school within an existing Tri-Valley Chinese Bible Church building at 1055 Serpentine Lane
- Public Hearing: Adopt a resolution approving a combined appropriation from the Citizens' Options for Public Safety Program (COPS) Year 16 Funds and the Police Department's Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds
- Approve the Draft Schematic Plan for Bernal Community Park, Phase 2

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation from FY 2011/12 Contract Service Agreements Agencies and Review of Final Performance Reports
- Selection of a Commissioner to Serve on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee
- Prioritize List of Pleasanton Specific Human Services Needs Assessment Strategies

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 7:30 a.m.

City Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation on PtownLife
- EVC Priorities Subcommittee Reports
- Continuation of Discussion regarding Business Attraction

Housing Commission – Rescheduled to September 27, 2012

The City of Pleasanton invites you to apply for vacancies on the following commissions and committees:

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Economic Vitality Committee – 1 representative from each of the following categories:

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- Green Economy/Environmental Industry
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- Medical Technology
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Library Commission – 1 Member, 1 Alternate Member

Youth Commission – Representatives from each of the following categories:

- Village High School Freshman/Sophomore – 1 Member
- Thomas Hart Middle School 6th or 7th Grade – 1 Member

Youth Master Plan Oversight Committee – 1 Middle School Parent Representative

Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Citizens Advisory Committee

3 Pleasanton representatives

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's web site at

<http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>. For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.**Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 5, 2012.**If you are interested in serving on a commission or committee that has no current vacancies listed, you may register your interest in future vacancies by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027 or by completing an interest card on our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME**The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

POLICE BULLETIN

Three report identity thefts

Three residents were the victims of identity theft over the last week, according to Pleasanton police reports.

In a Sept. 5 report, a resident in the 3300 block of Smoketree Commons Drive reported that new accounts were opened in his name and about \$7,200 in charges were made starting Aug. 1.

On Sept 6 in the 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive a man reported that two charges had been made on his credit card totaling \$1,763; the victim was successfully able to dispute the charges with his credit card company.

In a Sept. 11 report, a woman resident of the 5900 block of Arthur Drive reported she'd received two credit cards in the mail — one from Walmart and another from Citibank — that she'd not applied for; no charges were made on either account.

In other police reports:

- A transient was arrested at about 10:21 p.m. Sept. 7 at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and the Gate 5 entrance to the Alameda County Fairgrounds for having four credit cards belonging to two other people. Hayvenn Shakur, 39, was arrested for misappropriation of lost property. He told police he'd found them and was planning to mail them back.
- Keith Maurice Truitt, 48, of Pleasanton was arrested in the 5200 block of Northway Road at about 9:37 a.m. Sept. 11 for using a credit card without permission and possession of stolen property. Police say Truitt took a credit card from the female victim's purse and charged \$1,338 at Home Depot between July 24 and Aug. 23, which was discovered when the victim received her bill. Truitt did odd jobs around the house.
- Myra Pamela Lawson, 47, of Walnut Creek was arrested for fraud and possession of a controlled substance for forging a prescription at Custom Care Pharmacy at 4271 First St. Lawson was taken into custody at about 2:51

p.m. Sept. 8 when she picked up the prescription.

- Toilet paper was among the items stolen in a burglary in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive. In addition to the \$15 in bathroom tissue, a \$100 bike, four pairs of women's shoes worth \$250 and five pairs of men's shoes worth \$200 were stolen; entry was through a shared garage door that had been left open. The burglary occurred between 3:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Sept. 8.

- An attempt to steal earrings worth a dollar led to charges against a man at Stoneridge Shopping Center. Deontae Steven Hardy, 21, from Pittsburg was arrested at about 5:07 p.m. Sept. 6 for possession of burglary tools — a booster bag — and for giving a false name to police.

- Titus Tenesgen Norton, 20, of Pleasanton was arrested 11:14 a.m. Sept. 8 in the 6900 block of Valley Trails Drive for receiving stolen property, a Garmin GPS unit, after an officer spotted a suspicious vehicle parked at Evangelical Free Church.

- A commercial burglary reported at 2:32 p.m. Sept. 11 at Public Storage in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard netted three Elvis-shaped whiskey decanters worth \$1,000, a \$70 bowling ball bag, \$120 bowling ball, \$75 bowling shoes and a three large decorative wreaths worth \$40 total. The lock on the storage unit had been removed.

- A Sept. 11 grab-and-run theft netted a \$550 phone from the AT&T Mobility Store in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. A male and female stole the phone off a display wall and ran off at about 8:44 a.m.

- Camera equipment worth \$2,400 was stolen in a Sept. 5 residential burglary in the 4500 block of Lakewood Street; a bedroom window had been left unlocked.

- A \$1,300 bicycle was stolen after a garage door had been left unlocked at a home in the 2200 block of Tanager Drive.

- Erik William Aires, 19 of Roseville was arrested on a Sacramento felony warrant for possession of a controlled substance at about 8:13 p.m. Sept. 11 at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 4

Burglary

- 8:28 p.m. at the intersection of Ironwood Drive and Cornerstone Court

Drug/alcohol violations

- 8:43 a.m. near the intersection of Hopyard Road and Interstate 580; paraphernalia possession, possession of methamphetamine

Sept. 5

Theft

- 3:36 p.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Flemington Court

- 7:59 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

- 5:21 p.m. in the 8000 block of Canyon Creek Circle

Sept. 6

Auto theft

- 2:36 p.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

Auto burglary

- 11:58 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:31 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Santa Rita Road; DUI

- 1:45 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue; possession of marijuana on school grounds; furnishing marijuana

- 11:27 p.m. at the intersection of Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road; DUI

Sept. 7

Vandalism

- 10:26 a.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive

Alcohol violations

- 1:39 a.m. in the 4400 block of Stoneridge Drive; DUI

- 2:10 a.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive; public drunkenness

- 11:22 a.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Drive; DUI

- 1:41 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Avenue; prescription fraud, possession of a controlled substance

- 11:31 p.m. in the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI

Sept. 8

Shoplifting

- 12:40 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

- 3:13 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 7:53 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Auto burglary

- 11:56 a.m. in the 5200 block of Genevesio Drive

DUI

- 12:01 a.m. on Hacienda Drive between Central Parkway and Summer Glen Drive

Sept. 9

Shoplifting

- 5:20 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 5:33 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 5:45 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:52 a.m. at the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Muirwood Drive; DUI

- 2:36 a.m. in the 3000 block of Chardonnay Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

Sept. 11

Theft

- 3:51 p.m. in the 3500 block of Mercato Court

Paraphernalia possession

- 11:16 p.m. in the 7100 block of Corte Balboa

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



Italian Coast, a pastel by Linda Garbarino, is part of the Pleasanton Art League exhibit that opens tomorrow afternoon at the Harrington Gallery with a reception and awards ceremony.

Annual PAL art show opens tomorrow

Harrington Gallery exhibits regional talent

The Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery will showcase the region's artistic talent with the annual exhibit of Pleasanton Art League (PAL) members' works opening with a reception tomorrow, Sept. 15, and running through Oct. 20.

Tomorrow's reception, which includes an awards ceremony, will take place from 1-3 p.m. and is open to the public.

Works at this visual arts exhibit will represent a wide variety of media including watercolor, oil,

pastel and photography as well as two- and three-dimensional pieces.

Also on exhibit will be the Pleasanton community drawing, "Alphabet Soup," which contains drawings made out of initials of children who attended the Pleasanton Farmers Market on July 14. The drawing will be sold by a silent auction during the PAL exhibit with proceeds benefiting PAL's youth scholarship fund.

PAL membership is open to all interested artists in the Tri-Valley area and beyond. Membership forms are available at www.PAL-ART.com.

More information is available from Linda Sailors at madammayor@comcast.net, or Norma Webb at normawebb@comcast.net.

The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton. Harrington Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and for one hour prior to each Firehouse Arts Center performance and during intermission. Donations are appreciated. Call 931-4849 for more information or go to www.firehousearts.org. ■



Other paintings in the exhibit are an oil of the Firehouse Arts Center by Amy Leung, and an oil of a foal by Kathleen Hill.



COURTESY LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

Lovely gardens, master quilts

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club is offering a garden and quilt tour of 10 beautiful and unique gardens from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 22-23. The quilts are made by Linda Schmidt, master quilter. Tickets are \$25, good for both days. Proceeds support the Garden Club's community service projects. Tickets with maps may be purchased in advance and on the tour weekend at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore.



COURTESY VHS

Last year's Paws in the Park drew canines and their human friends in special T-shirts.

Put your pack together for Paws in the Park

Dog walk to raise money for Valley Humane Society

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Spend a day in the park with your family, friends and dog for charity. If you don't have a dog, Paws in the Park is a good time to acquaint yourself with the folks from Valley Humane Society, which provides wonderful dogs and cats to loving homes.

Paws in the Park, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave., is Valley Humane Society's second annual pledge-driven dog walk and festival to raise money to support its animal shelter and community services. Companies or groups of friends are forming "dog packs" to fundraise together and walk as a team. The goal is to raise \$20,000.

The walk is about one mile, around the park. Besides walking to raise money on the 23rd, walking your dog is good anytime,

point out the organizers — it is good for your health and that of your dog plus is a great way to bond.

As a thank you, the dog pack that raises the most money will be rewarded with a private Yappy Hour, sponsored by Main Street Meat and Fish.

The festival will feature lots of fun activities for dogs and their friends, including canine demos including Flyball, Nosework, Rally Obedience, Disc/Frisbee and Performing Dogs; a costume contest and a talent contest. For a complete schedule, go to <http://pawsinthepark.valleyhumane.org>.

There will also be gourmet food trucks, pet-themed vendors, fun for the kids, and educational clinics.

Valley Humane Society is located at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. Call 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org. ■



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Auditions

STRING PLAYERS NEEDED The first rehearsal of the Livermore-Amador Symphony will be from 7:30-10 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18, at East Avenue Middle School, 3951 East Ave., Livermore. It needs string players, especially violas and cellos. Concerts begin with the Pops, Nov. 2, at the Livermore Community Center followed by four concerts in December, February, March and May given at the Bankhead Theater. Call 447-8789 or visit www.LivAmSymphony.org.

Author Visits

THE POWER OF CREATIVE NONFICTION THE PERSONAL ESSAY AND HOW IT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE Acclaimed author Victoria Zackheim will be the guest speaker at the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch monthly meeting from 1:30-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd. Zackheim is the author of the novel "The Bone Weaver" and editor of five anthologies. The CWC welcomes both members and non-members. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non members. Email reservations@trivalleywriters.org. Pleasanton.

Classes

BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN Las Positas College

Community Education offers Beginning German on Thursdays starting Sept. 27 from 7:15-9:15 p.m. For more information or to register, call 424-1467 or visit www.laspositascollege.edu/community-ed.

PARENT PROJECT Axis Community Health & Dublin Police Department present the Parent Project, a nationally acclaimed program that gives parents the tools they need to prevent or change problematic adolescent behavior. The classes are from 6-9 p.m., Sept. 26 through Dec. 12, at Valley High School, 6901 York Ave., Dublin. Cost: \$100 per person, \$150 per couple. Call 201-6210 or visit www.axishealth.org.

Concerts

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL PIANO RECITAL A piano recital co-sponsored by the Alameda East Branch of the Music Teachers' Association of California and the Asbury United Methodist Church will take place from 7:30-9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at the church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Jessie Wang, 17, will perform treasures of the piano repertoire by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Ravel, Scriabin and Schumann. Refreshments served. All ages welcome. Call 443-2514 or email accoll@comcast.net.

MARK ANDERSON, CLASSICAL PIANIST Asbury Live Presents concert series is proud to host Professor Mark Anderson at the

piano. Anderson also owns the New World Music Academy in Pleasanton. The concert is at 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Call 447-1950 or visit www.asburylivepresents.com.

Events

COME-IN-UNITY CARNIVAL St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church invites the Community from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sept. 22 & 23, to its second annual Come-in-Unity Carnival, at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Pleasanton. The family event will have fun games, Mediterranean cuisine, and live music. A portion of the proceeds will go to orphans in Africa. Free shuttle service from downtown every 20 minutes at Main & Neal streets. Call 216-9298 or visit www.facebook.com/come.in.unity.

EARLY BIRD DINNER The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California would like to invite you to join them at an early bird dinner at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Sweet Tomatoes, 4501 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Special Senior Event Cost is \$6.99. RSVP to Hilda by Monday, Sept. 24, at 398-8808.

JAZZ NIGHT WITH GAUCHO The music of Gaucho, a gypsy jazz sextet, will entertain following a BBQ dinner from 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at St. Clare's Episcopal

Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. All are welcome to purchase tickets \$40 for adults and \$25 for children, under 12 are free; you don't need to be a member of St. Clare's. Call 462-4802 or visit www.stclare-spleasanton.org.

LOSE FOR GOOD Weight Watchers will be hosting a Lose For Good from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at Weight Watchers Center, 4811 Hopyard Rd., Pleasanton. Join them for this very special one-day-only offer, prizes and more. The Open House will host a Lose for Good food drive to benefit Alameda Food Bank; bring a non-perishable item to donate. Learn more about Weight Watchers. Call 858-4055 or visit www.weight-watchers.com.

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

ROSH HASHANA CELEBRATION Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will host a Rosh Hashana celebration, beginning with an optional walk to Anyo Creek, followed by a potluck dinner, a secular humanistic ceremony, and a reception. The event, which takes place from 4-8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16, at Bothwell Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore, will include



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TRI-VALLEY COLLEGE & CAREER

FAIR High school students and their parents can meet with representatives from Community Colleges, CSUs, UCs, Private & Out-of-State colleges; Military & ROTC recruiters; Vocational & Technical Schools from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, at Granada High School, 400 Wall St., Livermore. Call Danille Mintz at 606-4800, ext. 3520.

TRI-VALLEY WOODCARVERS 40TH

ANNUAL SHOW Enjoy beautiful carvings, wood-burned and turned pieces of art, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 22-23, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton. There will be soap carving for youngsters. For adults, demonstrations on carving, painting, whittling contest, silent auction and more! Meet the artists, and shop a little. Stop by the country store for great bargains. Call 829-0310.

Fundraisers

'A STARRY NIGHT' AUCTION AND GALA

"A Starry Night" is an annual evening gala with dining, dancing, silent auction and charitable giving to benefit RAGE soccer, First Tee of The Tri-Valley and School of Imagination. Hosted this year by KTVU Channel 2's Mark Ibanez, the event is from 5-11 p.m., Saturday,

Sept. 29, at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton. Tickets are \$150. Call 462-6007 or visit www.astarrynight.org.

4TH ANNUAL PARTY PALOOZA

TO HELP CANCER PATIENTS Party Palooza is coming to the Tri-Valley in Sept., Oct. and Nov. to benefit the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. The nonprofit organization will have 10 individual events to raise money to help local cancer patients. Donations do not go to research and development or to finding a cure. All proceeds go toward providing pain relief to someone suffering with cancer - today. These special events are smaller-scale social events, hosted by Tri-Valley residents and companies, each raising funds to support this 100% all volunteer foundation. A full list of events and details is available at www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org/palooza.

BROTHERS, BAR ROOMS AND BANDITS

The Museum on Main is holding its annual fundraiser, Brothels, Bar Rooms and Bandits, from 6-10:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Return to Pleasanton of 1890s and enjoy gambling with friends and eating great food. Western attire encouraged. Cost of \$45 includes barbecue dinner, gambling chips and entertainment. Tickets available at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton, or call 462-2766.

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.

Health

DISCUSSION ON THYROID ISSUES

Dr. Michael Ruscio is guest speaker at 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the Tri-Valley YMCA, 6693 Sierra Lane, Dublin, to discuss thyroid problems. Learn how to improve your energy, mood, weight and more. Event is free but must RSVP. Call 263-4443.

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.

TRI-VALLEY CARES All are welcome at the next monthly meeting

of Tri-Valley CAREs from 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment was founded in 1983 in Livermore by concerned neighbors of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, one of two locations where all U.S. nuclear weapons are designed. Tri-Valley CAREs' overarching mission is to promote peace, justice and a healthy environment. For more information call 443-7148 or visit www.trivalleycares.org.

On Stage

COUNTRY JOE McDONALD

Country Joe McDonald will pay tribute to Woody Guthrie at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. McDonald will open with "This Land is Your Land" and continue with Guthrie's famous Dust Bowl ballads, children's songs, country songs and union songs. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Seniors

SENIOR CLIPPER CARDS A representative from BART will be at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday, Sept. 17, and can issue Senior Clipper Cards to those 65 years of age and older. Bring a driver's license, passport or identification card. Clipper Cards offer seniors a discounted rate for BART. For more information, call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Spiritual

CHRISTIAN VOCALIST LARA MARRIOTT

Lara Marriott will be debuting her first full length CD at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 22, at Centerpointe Church, 3410 Cornerstone Ct. The concert will feature Marriott's own compositions as well as songs that the "Not Just on Sunday Band" leads in worship on Sunday mornings. Admission is a can of food or dry goods to be donated to the Alameda County Food Bank. Call 846-4436 or visit www.centerpointechurch.org.

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Public Meetings:

SUBJECT: Water Rates Under Review
DATES: Wednesday, September 19 and
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Sports



Rage U16 girls win Soccer City Championship

Pleasanton's U16 Orange team ended its summer with a bang, capturing the crown in its hometown tournament over the past weekend. Coached by Mike Beiler, the squad notched victories over Diablo FC, 4-0; FC Elk Grove, 4-1; and Danville Mustang, 1-0, to reach the finals, where they beat a talented North Valley United team from Redding.

The defensive unit held opponents to few quality chances, allowing only one goal over the weekend, includ-

ing two vital shutouts. The defense was also regularly involved on the offensive end with goals from defenders Darby McLaughlin and Priscilla Wong, including the game winner by Wong in the final minute of the third match. Rounding out the superb defensive play were Kailey Sanchez, Bridget Beck, Sara Gibbons, and GK Raquel Nino. Defender Emily Roskopf was injured and did not play.

In Sunday's championship match, forwards Arianna Cunha, Natalie

Reichenbach, Anna Copenhagen, Rikki Alberts and Loren Roundtree combined with midfielders Nicole Lindke, Devon Buteau, Kamryn Brown, and Emmalee Lancaster to maintain good possession and create multiple scoring chances, but North Valley held firm, not allowing a goal until late in the first half. With under 10 minutes left, forwards Anna Copenhagen and Arianna Cunha combined once again for their sixth goal of the weekend.

The decisive goal came on a dynamic sliding move by Copenhagen to finish an excellent shot by Cunha that bounced off the right post. The second half saw North Valley pick up their intensity to tie the game, and the Pleasanton team seemed to fade a bit down the stretch, allowing some chances on goal.

However, the strong defense and possession game ultimately prevailed, highlighted by some remarkable saves by GK Raquel Nino, and the team held on to celebrate an exciting 1-0 victory and its first championship of the season. ■



EDITH POSADAS



CACC Tri-Valley wins soccer gold

The CACC Tri-Valley Soccer Club, consisting of more than 100 Chinese soccer lovers based in Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon, took home the gold from the mid-aged Soccer Tournament of NCCAF Sports Event in August, held in Union City. The players are professionals who work during the week and hold soccer practice on the weekends.

NCCAF is the largest Ethnic Chinese sports events outside Asia; more than 10,000 amateur athletes participated in this event, organized by several Olympic veterans. The soccer tournament drew more than 30 teams with 600 athletes and 100 referees and staff members. This was the first time a Tri-Valley team won the 10-year-old tournament, which has been dominated by teams from the South Bay and San Francisco.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ORDER DECLARING STATUS OF NEWSPAPER AS ONE OF GENERAL CIRCULATION (Gov C §6021) No. HG12646076 Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

In the Matter of the Petition of EMBARCADERO MEDIA To Have the Standing of the Pleasanton Weekly as a Newspaper of General Circulation Ascertained and Established. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 11, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Dept. 31, Law and Motion Department of the above-entitled court, located at 201 13th Street, Oakland, California, Petitioner intends to apply for an Order declaring the Pleasanton Weekly to be a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Pleasanton, County of Alameda, State of California.

Dated: August 30, 2012
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, Petitioner

VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AND ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION (Gov. C §6008, §6020) No. HG12646076 Superior Court of California, County of Alameda.

In the Matter of the Petition of EMBARCADERO MEDIA To Have the Standing of the Pleasanton Weekly as a Newspaper of General Circulation Ascertained and Established.

Petitioner WILLIAM JOHNSON alleges:

1. Petitioner is the President and Chief Executive Officer of EMBARCADERO MEDIA.
2. EMBARCADERO MEDIA is a California corporation and owner of the newspaper known as the Pleasanton Weekly.
3. Said newspaper is a newspaper of general circulation published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the City of Pleasanton, having a circulation of approximately 14,000.
4. Said newspaper has within said city for which it seeks adjudication as a newspaper of general circulation, a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers which constitutes a substantial distribution to paid subscribers in Pleasanton, California.
5. The Pleasanton Weekly has been established, in existence under the specified name, Pleasanton Weekly, and published, issued from the place where the newspaper is sold to or circulated among the people and its subscribers, at regular intervals of not less than weekly in Pleasanton, California, for more than 12 years prior to the date of the petition.
6. The Pleasanton Weekly has maintained a minimum coverage of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character of not less than 25 percent of its total inches during each year of the three-year period prior to the date of this petition.
7. The Pleasanton Weekly has only one principal office of publication and that office is 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, California 94566, which is in the city for which it is seeking adjudication.

WHEREFORE, PETITIONER PRAYS for judgment ascertaining and establishing Pleasanton Weekly as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in §6008 of the Government Code, for the City of Pleasanton, County of Alameda, State of California.

DATED: August 29, 2012 at Palo Alto, California.

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON
Petitioner

VERIFICATION
I, WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, declare: I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Embarcadero Media, the publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, and I am duly authorized to make this declaration. I have read the foregoing petition and know the contents thereof are true and correct. If called upon to testify, I could competently attest to all of the facts stated in the petition. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this Declaration was executed on August 29, 2012 at Palo Alto, California.
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON
Petitioner

Brown signs bill on broker's license requirements

College-degreed applicants must have major/minor in real estate

By JEB BING

Gov. Jerry Brown this week signed a bill that closes a loophole in an applicant's experience requirements for a real estate broker's license in California.

Sponsored by the California Association of Realtors, the new rule states that in addition to meeting stringent educational require-

ments and passing a broker's exam, an applicant for a real estate broker's license must first become a salesperson and acquire at least two years of full time experience in real estate, working under the supervision of a broker.

Before, the law allowed an exception to the experience requirement for those

with a college degree that included a specialization in real estate. The CAR said that over the years, the "degree broker" exception has been interpreted to apply to any degree.

Assembly Bill 1718 clarifies that the degree claimed as an exception must actually include a major or minor in real estate. ■

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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Blackhawk

3 BEDROOMS

871 Redwood Dr \$828,000
Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 280-8500

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

3752 Platt Ct. \$925,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

4 BEDROOMS

20 1/2 Castlewood Dr. \$1,529,000
Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

6270 Camino Del Lago \$789,900
Sun 1-4 Lisa Sterling 980-9265

803 Bonde Ct. \$635,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Mike Carey 963-0569

3207 Sylvaner Ct. \$619,000
Sun 1-4 Mike Carey 963-0569

Livermore

4 BEDROOMS

6332 Owl Way \$579,000
Sat/Sun 12-3 Miranda Mattos 583-1111

Walnut Creek

4 BEDROOMS

124 Creekdale Rd \$925,000
Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 280-8500

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during August 2012

Dublin

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$250,000
Highest sale reported: \$726,000
Average sales reported: \$528,375

Livermore

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$125,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,005,000
Average sales reported: \$519,280

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$295,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,850,000
Average sales reported: \$738,656

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$178,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,129,000
Average sales reported: \$608,389

Source: California REsource

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Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 3743 SEPTEMBER CT
SOUTHWESTERN STYLE HOME \$913,900
6 BR 4.5 BA 3,553 Sq.Ft. Remodeled w/Permits. Kit. w/ Fam. Rm Combo & Fireplace. Hot Wtr Recirculation Sys. 925.847.2200



DANVILLE
2112 SHOSHONE CIR
GATED COMMUNITY! \$527,000
3 BR 3 BA Open Flr Plan. Spacious Kit. Formal Din. & Liv Rm. Mstr w/jetted tub & huge walk-in closet. 925.847.2200



DUBLIN
Open SAT/SUN 12-3 11391 CRESTA LANE
WESTSIDE BRIAR HILL HOME \$669,000
4 BR 3 BA Private Location, yet close to many amenities such as BART, 580/680 FWY. Total Remodel! 925.847.2200



PLEASANTON
3627 ANNIS CIR
GREAT ONE STORY HOME!
High ceilings. Built-In Oak work center & bookshelves in Living Rm. Side Access For RV/Boat. 925.847.2200

DANVILLE

DANVILLE
1250 COUNTRY LANE
CUSTOM RANCHER W/POOL! \$1,448,000
5 BR 3.5 BA Upgraded home w/In-law Apt. Kit/Ba w/Granite. Formal Liv/Din Rm. 5 Stall Barn & raised garden 925.847.2200

HERCULES

112 PEPPERWOOD ST
MUST SEE! \$259,900
4 BR 2 BA Beautiful Home with lots of potential! 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

2479 CHARDONNAY WAY
BEAUTIFUL ESTATES HOME \$1,187,000
5 BR 3.5 BA pl/spa/putting green in bckryd, 1/3 acre lot, 2 bds down, master w/freplce, loft area upstairs 925.847.2200

Open SUN 1 - 4 852 OLD OAK RD
SOUTH LIVERMORE HOME! \$934,900

5 BR 4 BA Like New! Large Chef's Kit, Dual Staircase, 3 Car grg. Landscaped. Exceptional Home & Location! 925.847.2200

5403 CARNEGIE LOOP
BEAUTIFUL HOME W/POOL & SPA \$789,000
6 BR 4 BA Open Flr Plan. Gourmet Kit w/granite & island, SS appl., Hrd Wd Flrs, Lrg Mstr, Pool & Spa. 925.847.2200

1801 MARINI LANE
GORGEOUS HOME IN DUNSMUIR \$729,500
4 BR 3 BA Hrdwd Flrs. 2 bdrms on main flr. Gourmet Kit. w/refrigerator included. Newer paint & carpet. 925.847.2200

5464 MAYBECK LN
CRAFTSMAN STYLE HOME! \$710,000
4 BR 3 BA Hrdwd Flrs. Formal Dining rm. Downstairs bd rm or office. Lrg Mstr w/views. Private backyard! 925.847.2200

1275 NICE COURT
COMING SOON! \$550,000

4 BR 3 BA Cul-De-Sac Location!! Full Bed/Bath on main floor. Lrg Eat-In Kit., wood flrs, and much more! 925.847.2200

2254 FOURTH STREET
WONDERFUL 1920'S HOME! \$455,000
3 BR 2 BA Residential, Live/Work, commercial/Business. Lrg Rms w/Oak Flrs. Antique Drs. Fireplace in Fam 925.847.2200

341 N STREET
LOTS OF POTENTIAL! \$180,000
Level Lot for Building! 925.847.2200

PLEASANTON

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5 BR 3 BA Lush & Private Backyard. Friendly Court Location. Walk to Community Pool & Tennis! 925.847.2200

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38 CASTLEDOWN ROAD CASTLEWOOD, PLEASANTON
OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY 1-4P.M.

Located in the desirable and historic Castlewood Country Club on Pleasanton's West Side, this gorgeous home overlooks the beautiful lower Castlewood golf course on a private .37 acre, gated, oak tree studded lot. Completely redesigned and rebuilt in 2002 with a unique Great Room concept, spacious, open living areas, high ceilings, Brazilian cherry floors, and crown moulding.

Featuring a 2850 square foot single level floor plan with 3 spacious bedrooms plus office, 3 full baths, separate Guest Suite, and a high end gourmet Kitchen.



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9480 BLESSING DR, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN THE PRESERVE



This 193+/- acre privately owned land, known as Blessing Ranch, offers privacy and views. Close to 580/680 interchange. For more information contact the Moxley Team.
\$4,000,000

885 KOLLN STREET, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN JENSEN NEIGHBORHOOD



PENDING

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

4263 JENSEN ST, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN JENSEN NEIGHBORHOOD



PENDING

3BD 2BA 1,350sf. on a 6,076sf. lot. Single level in highly sought after neighborhood. New carpets & flooring; updated throughout. Close to schools & downtown!
\$580,000

3456 PALERMO WAY
LOCATED IN AMALFI AT SORRENTO DUBLIN



DUBLIN RANCH
2BD 2.5BA 1,435sf. condo. This end unit offers 3 patios with amazing views. Includes two car attached garage, pool, spa & more!
\$466,500

5501 DEMARCUS BLVD #603, DUBLIN
LOCATED IN ELAN AT DUBLIN STATION



JUST LISTED

1BD + Loft 1BA 950sf. Condo. Newly constructed condo with vaulted ceilings, floor to ceiling windows offering views of the valley. Loft is located on second floor and both levels offer private balconies.
\$237,010

3623 CAMERON AVE, PLEASANTON
LOCATED IN MOHR/MARTIN ESTATES



1 ACRE lot, 5 BD, 3 BA. Updated kitchen w/ granite counters, breakfast bar & dinette area. Dual side yards offer room to expand! A private well, pool; a rare opportunity in the heart of Pleasanton.
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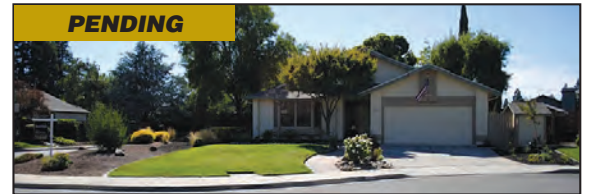
• Empty Nesters seek minimum 4bd/2ba, 2000+/-sq.ft with modest yard up to \$900,000



COMING SOON
4730 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton
 3bd/2ba, 1,722+/-sq.ft, Granite kitchen with Travertine floor, remodeled baths, Pella windows, Cathedral ceiling, Hardwood floor. Offered at \$749,000



COMING SOON
4862 Woodthrush Road, Pleasanton
 4bd/3ba, 2,146+/-sq.ft "Gallery" model, Granite kitchen and baths, Hardwood floors, walk to schools, parks and shopping. Offered at \$795,000



PENDING
3847 Phoebe Court, Pleasanton
 4bd/2ba, 1,900+/-sq.ft, Granite kitchen and baths, vaulted ceilings, large yard, walk to K-12 schools, shopping and parks. Offered at \$749,000



SOLD IN 5 DAYS
4844 Merganser Court, Pleasanton
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SOLD FOR \$849,000



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5063 Blackbird Way, Pleasanton
 4bd/2ba, 2,167+/-sq.ft "Holiday" model
REPRESENTED SELLER & BUYER
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SOLD
2499 Crestline Road, Pleasanton
 4bd/2ba, 2,112+/-sq.ft "Gatewood" model.
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SOLD FOR \$750,000

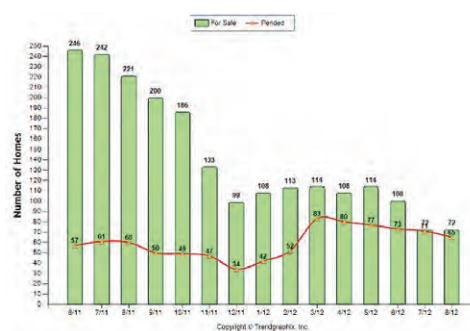
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**The latest from The 680 Blog
 High Demand, Low Inventory..So What's New?**

The inventory of single family detached homes in Pleasanton remained unchanged (and very low) at 72 in August. As I mentioned last month, that is the lowest inventory level here since early 2005. August's inventory was less than a third of what it was in August 2011 (221). Pended sales, while strong, continued the steady decline they have been on since March. Pended sales in the past three months were 10% higher than they were a year ago. Pended sales in the sub-\$1 million market segment remained very strong and were higher than inventory for the third consecutive month. Homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million saw a 45% drop in pended sales in August, after an unusually strong July. Overall, there were 65 pended sales during August, down six or 8%, from 71 in July. 60 sales pended during August of 2011. Inventory was unchanged at 72, compared to 221 just one short year ago (that's less than a third of the available homes we had in August of last year). Inventory relative to pended sales actually ticked upward to 1.1 months, compared to 1.0 month in July.

There was virtually no change in the market for homes priced under

\$1 million. Inventory rose by one unit to 37, while pended sales also increased by one to 50. There was about .7 months of inventory relative to pended sales at the end of August, unchanged from July. This segment accounted for 51% of Pleasanton's Inventory at the end of August. The mix of pended sales in this price range increased to 77% in



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20 1/2 Castlewood Dr



JUST LISTED!

Like a Model Home! Fabulous home with 4 BR plus bonus room, 3 baths, granite/cherry/stainless kitchen, upgraded baths, plantation shutters, and private lot! **\$885,000**



PENDING SALE!

Stunning luxury home with 4 BR plus office & bonus room, 4 1/2 baths, exquisite granite & stainless kitchen. Luxurious master suite, and private 1/3 Acre lot backing to vineyards with views! **\$1,459,000**



JUST SOLD!

Pristine Custom home with 4 bedrooms plus office & loft, 5 baths, state of the art granite & stainless kitchen, travertine flooring, designer finishes and touches throughout, and private .46 Acre flat lot on a quiet private road! **\$1,630,000**



JUST SOLD!

Fabulous luxury home in pristine country setting! 5 BR plus bonus room, loft, & office, 7 baths, 1 acre flat lot with outdoor kitchen, granite, hardwood floors, and designer features inside & out **\$1,795,000**



JUST SOLD!

Stunning luxury home with 5 BR + office, 5 1/2 BA, hardwood floors, granite & stainless kitchen, and a tropical oasis rear yard with sparkling pool, spa and waterfall. **\$1,525,000**



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OAK LANE



369 OAK LANE, PLEASANTON
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DANBURY PARK

PENDING!



1431 GROTH CIRCLE, PLEASANTON
Premium location, two bedroom, two bathroom, approximately 1345 square feet, extensively upgraded single level home with open floor plan, adjacent to park. Kitchen has new granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Bathrooms are upgraded with granite countertops, new plumbing fixtures and hardware. Vaulted ceilings, new window blinds, new tile flooring, private atrium area, & upgraded landscaping. Conveniently located near Downtown, Mission Plaza Shopping Center, Amador Shopping Center, The Aquatic Center, and Amador Valley Community Park. **OFFERED AT \$539,500**

MURIETTA MEADOWS

JUST CLOSED - REPRESENTED BUYER



27 ROCKROSE STREET, LIVERMORE
 SWEET!!! Stoneybrook Estate Home-shows nicely! Great curb appeal-sparkling clean. Hardwood and tile flooring downstairs. Vaulted ceilings in Living room & Dining room. Dramatic circular staircase. Large Master bath with separate shower and tub. Park like backyard with large patio and beautifully manicured lawns. 1 Bedroom/1 Bathroom downstairs. **SOLD FOR \$520,000**

HIDDEN OAK

SOLD



1010 LAMB COURT, PLEASANTON
 Former model home, upgraded throughout, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2029 sq. ft. Built in 1999. Premium 3654 sq. ft. Corner lot. Upgraded contemporary kitchen, adjacent family room, formal dining & living rooms, wood burning fireplace, two car garage, walk to downtown (1 minute walk to main street). Crown molding throughout, dual pane windows downstairs, triple pane windows upstairs (most), upgraded carpeting, dual zone heating & air conditioning, ceiling fans/lights in all bedrooms, two inch wood blinds in kitchen & family room. **SOLD FOR \$640,000**

CUSTOM HOME

SOLD!



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**

BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD!



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! Attendance area for great schools. Walk to Mission Park & Downtown Pleasanton! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000**

PLEASANTON VALLEY - "BIRDLAND"

SOLD!



2449 MINIVET COURT, PLEASANTON
 "The heart of Birdland" Location, Location, Location! Quiet court is walking distance to Woodthrush 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-"Gatewood" 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

SOLD!



5598 BERWIND AVENUE, LIVERMORE
 Highly upgraded single level home on premium cul-de-sac, 9927 square foot lot! Three bedroom, two bathrooms, with approximately 1500 square feet. Upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, wood flooring and new carpet. Large park-like private rear yard with extensive custom stamped concrete work and custom patio overhead structure with fan. Spacious grass areas, Side-yard access and separated storage area with spacious shed. **SOLD FOR \$425,000**

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

OAK MANOR

SOLD!



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

OAK PARK

SOLD!



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





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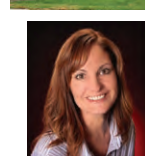
2561 Glen Isle Ave, Pleasanton

Great open floorplan. 2330+ sqft. plus large loft. 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA. Hardwood floors, neutral paint décor, stainless appliances. Back yard includes: garden area, pool & spa w/outdoor shower. Please call for a showing. **SOLD at \$705,000**
Multiple offers



1042 Nelson Court

Home is 3179 sqft. / Lot size is 9227 sqft. 5 Bedrooms, 3 Full Baths, 3 Fireplaces, 3 Car Garage. One Bedroom on Main Level, New Garage Doors. Pool, Nice Court Location. Walking Distance to Schools, Mission Park & Downtown. Listed at \$925,000

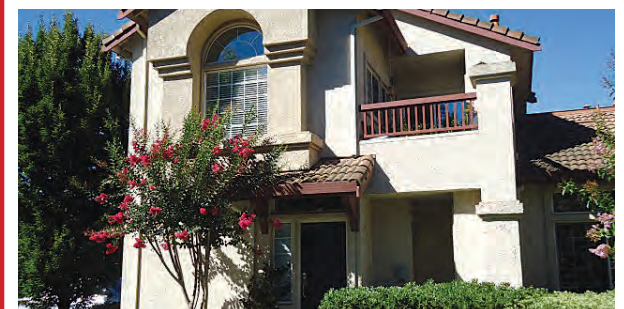


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