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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

How much does a City Council seat cost?

Former Councilwoman Kay Ayala and community activist John Carroll, both committed council watchers and frequent speakers, showed up at the Pleasanton City Council meeting last Tuesday to complain about hefty campaign donations being given to certain candidates in the current municipal races. Ayala spent much more than her allotted three minutes reviewing \$1,000 donations being made particularly to Erlene DeMarcus, a transportation consultant, who is one of three seeking election to the City Council on Nov. 6. Two others are also in the race for the two available seats: Planning Commission Chairman Jerry Pentin and the candidate Ayala and Carroll support, Karla Brown.



Kay Ayala

In reading the lists of contributors, Ayala emphasized investor James Tong, whose offices are on Hopyard Road and whose firm has worked with developers to build millions of dollars of commercial and multifamily housing here and in Dublin. He also was/is the man behind building homes in Oak Grove, a project Ayala, Brown and others successfully fought in a referendum to stop. DeMarcus, by the way, works for Tong's firm.

What I found disturbing in the short 10-minute diatribe Tuesday night wasn't so much the Ayala/Carroll campaign "disclosures," which are posted regularly on the city of Pleasanton web page for all to see, but the steady bashing of a City Council candidate who wasn't even in the chambers. Mayor Jenifer Hosterman, who's usually quick with the gavel to warn speakers when their three minutes are up, allowed Ayala to continue. If the candidate being blasted had been mayoral candidates Jerry Thorne or Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who were both on the dais, I think Ayala would have been stopped in her tracks. Hosterman did say when the commentaries were finished that city law allows \$1,000 contributions as

long as they are disclosed and nothing prevents an individual who works for an investment firm, or a real estate firm as Brown does, from running for public office.

When you look at the DeMarcus campaign, she has received \$31,075 to date in her bid for a council seat. Jerry Pentin has raised \$30,993, but Brown has only received \$14,755 in contributions. As for the mayoral candidates, Cook-Kallio has \$27,665 with Thorne slightly ahead at \$32,139. Although most of the contributions are in the \$100 range, there are a few that might raise more than just Ayala's eyebrows. Among the heavy hitters for DeMarcus are a number of Tongs, presumably related to the investor, and who, like James Tong, also gave \$1,000 to the DeMarcus campaign. They include Celestin Tong, Jennifer Tong, Michael Tong, Rebecca Tong and Ronald Tong.

Ayala pointed out that several others who also contributed \$1,000 as individuals include Chi Wong, John Wong, Hong Yao Lin and Mei Lin. There's nothing to say that because these donors have Chinese-sounding names that they are part of the James Tong financial dynasty, but Ayala may be on to something. Even so, there's not much to "buy" in a candidate for Pleasanton City Council when the hundreds of donors include many others with possible special interests.

Cook-Kallio has support from Dutra Enterprises of Fremont (\$400), E&S Ring Management Group of Los Angeles (\$500), and the California Apartment Association of Sacramento (\$1,000). The owner of Del Valle Business Park, Frank Auf der Maur, contributed \$1,000 in \$500 segments to Jerry Thorne's campaign. The Capillas—Frank, Michael and Muriel—gave a total of \$650. ERFI Associates of Los Angeles contributed \$1,000.

Some may question why any candidate for local office in a city the size of Pleasanton needs \$30,000 in a war chest. Except for printing hundreds of costly yard signs and a few window posters, and, of course, "Vote for Me" ads in the Pleasanton Weekly, local candidates don't face the huge costs of television ads. \$30,000, give or take a few thousand, even Brown's \$14,000, strikes me as an adequate fund base to get your name better known to the voting public. ■

About the Cover

Adrian Flores and his wife Nelly have been selling Mexican food from their truck on Vineyard Avenue for more than 10 years, even before the trucks began to provide popular social and fundraising opportunities. Photo by Cathy Jetter. Design by Kristin Herman.

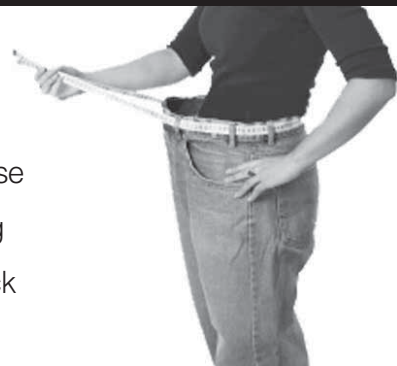
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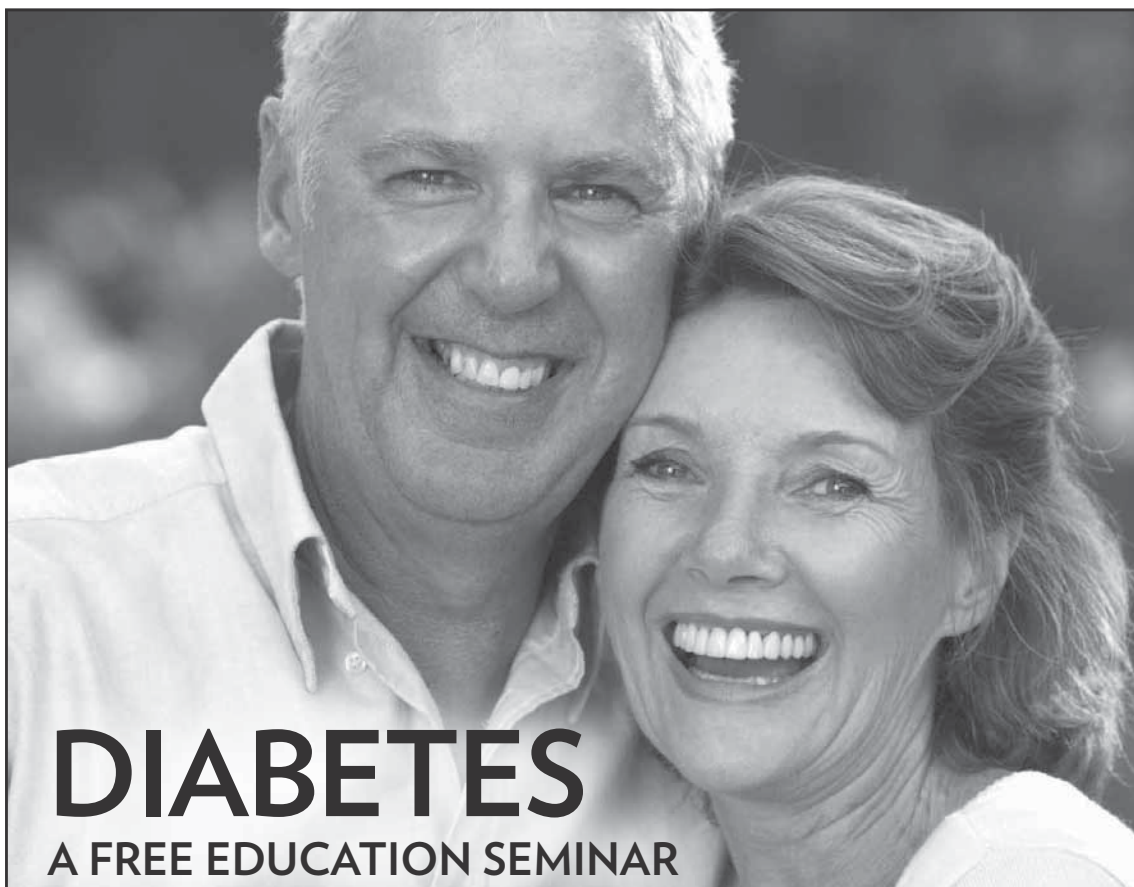
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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?



Andrea Esparza
Sales

My shyness. I am in sales and often have to pretend that I'm not shy in order to do my job. I love the flexibility of my schedule, but it's a challenge sometimes.

Kadi Larson
Student

I would like to be shorter. I don't like being taller than everyone.



Joel Myer
Clerk/student

I am happy the way I am, flaws and all.

Holly Hafford
Student

I wish I was more motivated and didn't procrastinate. I don't manage my time wisely, and it often sets me back.



Tammy Kygar
Mom/artist

I wish I had better time-management skills. I usually cram way too much into a day, and end up falling into bed, exhausted, much later than I should.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

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




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DIGEST

Planning Parks, Rec

Pleasanton will host its first community workshop for its comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan, from 6:30-9 p.m. Monday at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St.

A Parks and Recreation Master Plan Task Force will develop a master plan, but Monday's meeting is a chance for residents to give input. This first workshop will focus on characteristics of the community, its recreation programs, trends and issues, and the role of parks and recreation.

Information is on the city's website, www.ci.Pleasanton.ca.us, or call Community Services Director Susan Andrade-Wax at 931-5340.

Crime prevention

The Pleasanton Police Department is celebrating October as National Crime Prevention Month with community activities and projects, starting with webcasts at PleasantonPD.org. The webcasts, hosted by crime prevention officers, will have information on current significant cases, special events and crime prevention.

The Crime Prevention Unit will host "Coffee with a Cop" from 8-10 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Tully's Coffee, 349 Main St., offering residents the chance to ask questions.

The police are also widening their reach with the use of Nixle, a free text/email/web based system that sends real-time information to subscribers.

For more information about fighting crime in your neighborhood, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 931-5233.

Looking to volunteer?

A free Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival will be one-stop shopping for volunteer opportunities in town, from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. There also will be emergency preparedness information and tips on a healthier lifestyle, and the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative will provide a barbecue lunch as a fund-raiser for the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarships.

The free weekly World Walk to Wellness will take place from 9-10 a.m., starting at Centennial Park and ending at the festival.

Corrections

Last week's story "PUSD performance continues to climb, API shows" should have given the score for Mohr Elementary as 965, with a change of +8.

The Italian Film Festival at Las Positas College noted in last week's Digest took place last weekend.

City OKs new Housing Element

Action ends 7-year legal battle that cost \$3.9 million

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council voted 4-1 Tuesday night to add a new Housing Element commitment to the city's General Plan, a move that ended seven years of debate, lawsuits and confrontation with state authorities and an affordable housing coalition.

The council's action also closes a contentious period dating back to 2001 when the state notified Pleasanton that its housing element was out of date and no longer in compliance with state law, which could open the city to lawsuits by those believing they were disenfranchised in obtaining the housing they needed here.

"All of this is now over," said City Manager Nelson Fialho. "The state HCD (California Department of Housing and Community Development) advised us that once we approve this new housing element, with the changes it recommended, our General Plan will again be

certified. That means we will be in full compliance with state guidelines and will no longer be a target of lawsuits."

Tuesday night's action came after the council rezoned ample acreage throughout the city to satisfy state and court-ordered requirements to provide more housing for low-to-moderate income families. That included sites in Hacienda Business Park where BRE, a nationally known developer of affordable housing, will soon start construction of high density, high rise apartment buildings to accommodate at least 650 families.

The council also recently rezoned another nine sites totaling 75 acres for similar developments, although no builders have yet applied for permits to develop those parcels.

Although relief has finally come to council members, commissioners, task force participants and city staff that the years of planning and negotiations are finally over, the action

came far too late to avoid costly litigation and determination by HCD to more closely monitor new developments in Pleasanton.

Since the city was served with its first lawsuit in 2005, its litigation costs have soared from \$293,350 in 2009, \$2,776,142 in 2010, \$186,733 last year to \$658,514 this year. Because the city lost in defending those suits, it also had to pay Urban Habitat, the affordable housing coalition that filed the suit, its legal fees as well.

"The total payment for all litigation and legal fees was \$3.9 million," Fialho said, adding that the fees do not include staff or in-house times spent by the city attorneys involved in the seven year legal efforts.

Councilwoman Cindy McGovern cast the lone vote against the Housing Element measure, citing her concern over the increased oversight state authorities will now have over local zoning and development issues. ■



JEB BING

Forty-year-old senior living complex Kottinger Place, as well as nearby Pleasanton Gardens, will be torn down in phases over the next two years and replaced with larger, upgraded apartment buildings.

Senior housing to be razed, rebuilt, expanded

City to replace Pleasanton Gardens, Kottinger Place

Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens, two of the city's aging, subsidized affordable housing developments for qualified older residents, will be torn down in phases over the next two years and replaced with larger, upgraded apartment buildings that will accommodate nearly twice as many who live there now.

That was the decision of the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night as it approved a pre-development analysis report, giving exclusive negotiating rights to Foster City-based Mid-Peninsula Housing, the developer, owner and manager of more than 90 properties with 25% senior communities.

MidPen, as the company is called, has been meeting with the Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force to determine project priorities. With council approval, MidPen will now prepare a site plan for a new Kottinger Place

development between Kottinger Drive and Vineyard Avenue, and including the aging Regalia House that will also be razed.

Current development estimates for the two sites range from \$59 million to \$62.8 million with a city contribution from its senior housing fund of \$8.2 million.

New housing on both sites will be largely single story units with far more kitchen, bathroom and closet space than the units now have and with upgrades in electricity and plumbing, including air conditioning. Some of the buildings on what is now the Kottinger Place site will be two stories in height with a few rising to three stories, with elevators. When completed, the apartments will accommodate 189 tenants.

When completed, the two sites will likely

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Suspect in '84 murder of Foothill freshman in court

'Let me kill you like I killed her'

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Days after Tina Faelz was stabbed to death in April 1984, her accused killer Steve Carlson threatened to kill another "like I killed her," according to testimony at Carlson's preliminary hearing.

Faelz, a 14-year-old freshman at Foothill High School, was wounded 44 times in the fatal attack, stabbed in her back, chest, neck and torso, cut on her face, and suffered cuts that medical examiner Thomas Rogers described as "consistent with defensive wounds."

Rogers testified that Faelz died of "multiple stab wounds and incised wounds" from what was likely a single-edged 3-1/2- to 4-inch knife; both her carotid artery and jugular vein were severed in the attack.

Carlson, now 44, has pleaded not guilty to Faelz's murder. He was arrested last year in the 28-year-old case after what police described at the time as a fresh look at evidence. New DNA testing methods led them to Carlson, who has a lengthy criminal history and is a registered sex offender.

In court Tuesday, Carlson, dressed in a red Alameda County Jail outfit, watched his former friend testify about his behavior on the day Faelz was killed.

Todd Smith told the court that Carlson normally had a fascination for the gruesome, but opted that day to stay at his home after neighborhood teens, classmates of all three, discovered the body.

"Anything that was exciting, he wanted to be part of, know what was going on," Smith testified, adding that Carlson's attraction to the morbid extended to throwing live lizards into the family's garbage disposal.

When Smith told Carlson that a body had been found near a culvert used as a shortcut by

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Tina Faelz



Steven Carlson

Park District accepting bids on waterslides

Proposals due Dec. 20, probably too late for 2013 season

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Wanted: Experienced concessionaire to develop, maintain and operate the waterslides at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area.

The East Bay Regional Park District opened the bidding process last Friday for someone to save the waterslides, an effort supported by Pleasanton residents who have appeared at public meetings for the last year and a half to urge officials to keep the facility open and include it in long-range plans.

Proposals must be received by 4 p.m. Dec. 20, but it is doubtful whether the facility would be open for the 2013 season, according to Jim O'Connor, assistant general manager of the Park District. The developer would need to have funding in place to get permits, including a building permit from Pleasanton, and health and safety permits as well as others from the county that would require inspections.



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Horatio Wolffe, 9, and other children make a plea for the waterslides at a Pleasanton Planning Commission meeting in April when East Bay Regional Park District representatives made a presentation.

"It's a hybrid between a public pool and an amusement park," O'Connor said. "State laws will apply as well."

The four waterslides are located on about 3.5 acres, which include a maintenance building, office, storage, separate men's and women's restrooms with dressing areas and lockers, and a picnic area with a shade structure, picnic tables and barbecues. Renovated or replaced facilities, besides the slides themselves, will have to be ADA compliant.

Last month, Water Ventures, a water park developer based in Lake Forest, said in a comprehensive report on the waterslides for the Park District that necessary improvements would cost \$885,100. O'Connor said that after adding engineering costs, permitting and inspections, the cost would be closer to \$1.4 million.

The Rapids waterslides were opened in 1981 by Glenn Kierstad under a 25-year contract. After its expiration, the operation continued with year-to-year agreements with its season running from May through September.

Inspections last winter led the Park District to conclude that the

facility had too many safety issues to open for the 2012 season. Kierstad said at a public meeting in June that when he was put on a year-to-year lease he could not afford to make capital improvements.

The new concession agreement is being offered for a term of five years with an option of extending another five years. Proposals for the waterslide facility must also include a marketing plan, according to the request for proposals, which stated, "The district has a vested interest in the park performing well and making money."

Kierstad said the waterslides brought \$90,000 per season in concession and parking fees to the Park District.

The new proposal guidelines state that the concessionaire must pay the district 10% of the gross receipts for entry fees, picnic fees, and the sale of snacks and beverages. The concessionaire would also pay a maintenance fee of 5% of the gross receipts.

The Park District is planning two group visits to the site in November for those developing proposals, which will also be a chance for them to ask questions. ■

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MURDER

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Foothill high students, "He said he wasn't going down there," Smith told the court.

Smith noted that Carlson had changed into shorts and that his hair was either wet or greasy.

"He had clean clothes on and appeared to be clean," Smith testified.

Carlson, he said, referenced Faelz when he threatened to kill his younger brother when the two went to Carlson's home that day.

"He said, 'Come here, little boy, let me kill you like I killed her,'" Smith told the court. He said that led to him punching Carlson, then calling the police to report what he'd heard.

He said the officer who answered the phone didn't take him seriously.

"I remember clearly, he said, 'Thanks a lot, kid,'" Smith testified.

However, defense attorney Cameron Bowman noted that there was no record of that call.

Bowman also pressed Smith on differences between his initial state-

ments to police — when Smith was among the suspects in the case — prompting Smith to say a number of times that he either could not remember what he'd told police or, in some cases, not remember the interview at all.

The defense attorney also pushed Smith about inconsistencies about that date Carlson made the comment about "killing her." He pointed to police interviews over the course of three weeks, and asked why Smith hadn't brought up the threat Carlson had made during any of those interviews.

Bowman also noted that Smith called his memory "hazy" in a 1986 interview with police.

Smith admitted under questioning that he has a felony record for possession of stolen merchandise and several misdemeanor convictions as well.

A preliminary hearing is not an indication of guilt; based on the evidence, Superior Court Judge Larry Goodman will decide whether there is enough evidence to hold a trial. ■

Police officer, deputy and attorney sued

Lawsuit claims little done to stop illegal actions

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

A Pleasanton man has filed a \$3 million federal lawsuit against a local police officer, an Alameda County sheriff's deputy and a San Ramon attorney.

Brian Lancaster is asking for a jury trial, claiming, among other things, false arrest and false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, conspiracy to interfere with civil rights, defamation of character and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The lawsuit stems from a bitter divorce and custody battle. In court documents, Lancaster claims his ex-wife, Lisa Secord, convinced San Ramon family attorney Leslie Regina to obtain confidential documents. Lancaster also alleges her current husband, Trey Secord, recruited his friend, Pleasanton police Officer Tim Martens, to arrest him by planting false evidence.

In his suit, Lancaster claims Martens, who knew Trey Secord from transactions through his online model car racing business, use his position as a police officer "to conduct unauthorized research and obtain confidential information," and that he used his position as an officer to make a Jan. 16 traffic stop against Lancaster.

"Initially, Martens falsely accused (Lancaster) of unlawfully possessing drugs and drug paraphernalia," and Martens "knowingly filed a false police report," leading Lancaster to be arrested based on false evidence, according to the lawsuit, filed Oct. 9.

Lancaster's lawsuit also claims that both the Pleasanton Police Department and Alameda Sheriff's Office either did nothing or conducted "sham" investigations into the behaviors of their officers.

City Attorney Jonathan Lowell said in a statement this week that the city rejected Lancaster's claim for damages in August 2012.

"The City has not been formally served with Mr. Lancaster's lawsuit, has not yet reviewed the complaint, and generally doesn't comment on pending litigation. From the caption of the lawsuit, it is evident that the City of Pleasanton's and Officer Martens' involvement in this matter is very different from that of the other defendants," Lowell said in his statement. "Officer Martens was never placed on administrative leave. Officer Martens remains employed by the City of Pleasanton in good standing."

Lancaster also claims Regina enlisted her boyfriend, Ryan Silcocks, to provide private information to be used against him. It alleges Silcocks illegally accessed the Alameda County Sheriff's database to get information, then forwarded that to Regina.

In a Jan. 17 email, Silcocks states Lancaster was arrested Jan. 16, that a magazine for an AK-47 was found at his home, that he had "multiple domestic violence restraining orders," and "is 'a known crystal methamphetamine addict.'"

Silcocks, according to the suit, also stated that "two females are

currently in danger," although he knew Lancaster had never been arrested for or convicted of drug use or possession.

Lancaster's suit also claims that Lisa Secord, Silcocks and Regina requested that Martens file an amended police report, claiming ammunition was found in his car during the Jan. 16 stop. That led to a Department of Justice search of Lancaster's home.

Due to a temporary restraining order, Lancaster was not allowed to possess firearms. Those firearms later turned up at the Secords' home in Washington state, after a search that came when Lisa Secord was charged with defrauding the YMCA for child care costs, a felony.

Silcocks and Regina were each arrested on misdemeanor charges stemming from the alleged sharing of confidential information; both have pleaded not guilty. ■

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Fabulous view: Gary and Grace Martell kicked off 2012 with an eight-day Caribbean cruise with a dozen close friends and family. With their Weekly, they visited the Historic Old San Juan Cemetery in Puerto Rico, known for its views.

HOUSING

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share a common name, yet to be decided, and be jointly managed under the auspices of the city. Social service aides and other senior-focused services will be housed in the new facility.

Although the City Council, task force and Housing Commission have now approved the preliminary MidPen plan, the developer will come back with a more detailed plan as to how to proceed. One criteria imposed by the group is that no one will be displaced because of the construction, with tenants, who range in age to their 90s, being able to stay in place or move to temporary housing nearby at the developer's cost.

The sprawled out, mostly single story campuses on both sides of Kottinger Drive are totally different from earlier proposals that called for closing Pleasanton Gardens and selling the site and building a multi-story, high density apartment building to replace the cottages at Kottinger Place.

Because there was no unanimity on the task force and among other groups, plans for addressing the poorly insulated, small senior apartments have been stalled for years. Only recently was MidPen called in to help the redevelopment proposal, partly because the current City Council wanted this project among its accomplishments before turning over the governing reins to a newly elected mayor and council on Dec. 4.

For 40 years, Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens have provided homes for senior residents with their campuses located less than a block from Cole's market on First Street and only a long block farther from downtown Pleasanton.

"My grandmother was at Kottinger Place for many years and she loved it," Mayor Jennifer Hosterman said Tuesday night. "What we've had there is truly amazing. And as for how long it's taken to develop a final plan, well, that's 'the Pleasanton Way.'"

Dolores Bengtson agreed. "I've been on this task force

for eight years and it's great to reach agreements with everyone involved, including neighbors," she said. "This plan also gives us the flexibility for maintaining as much open space as possible; even a community garden might go there. That would be a match made in heaven."

Besides Hosterman, City Council members added their praise of the agreement reached with MidPen.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio: "Everyone who has touched this project and looked at did a fantastic job."

Cindy McGovern: "This could probably be the best project we have ever done."

Jerry Thorne: "I remember working on this way back when I was on the Parks and Recreation Commission. I'm glad to see it now happening."

Matt Sullivan: "The task force has been working through this process since 2004. That's a long time to serve on a committee, but they've accomplished something very positive at the end of the day."

—Jeb Bing



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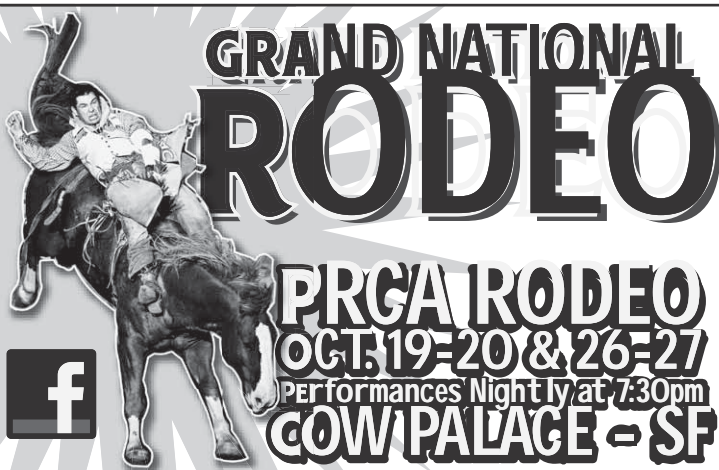
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Stratford School opens 17th campus in Pleasanton

Private school, founded in Danville, now serves preschool, elementary students through Bay Area

By JEB BING

Stratford School, an independent private school serving children from preschool through the 5th grade, showed off its new 17th campus in Hacienda Business Park Tuesday to more than 100 parents, educators and business leaders.

The school, located at 4576 Willow Road, was founded in 1999 when Sherry Adams opened the first Stratford School in Danville. Since then, Stratford School has expanded in communities throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, including Danville, Fremont, Los Gatos, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale, and now Pleasanton.

Stratford has been voted the best preschool, elementary and middle school by readers of Bay Area Parent. Stratford School is WASC accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Although Tuesday was a special reception for the Pleasanton community, classes at Stratford actually began Aug. 27.

The school's mission, Sherry Adams told the gathering, is to create a school community that inspires children to realize their full potential, while providing a safe and nurturing school environment.

"To support this mission, Stratford brings together principals, teachers and parents who are passionate about education," she said. "Together, we provide the best possible learning environment for our students."

The Pleasanton campus formerly was the home of Carden West School, once a national private elementary school that encountered financial difficulties, forcing it to close its local school.

The management team of Stratford School's Pleasanton campus includes Matt Wulfstat, president; Jessie Channey, preschool principal; Sanny Figueroa, elementary school principal; and the school's founder Sherry Adams. ■



At left, Stratford School students gather for the celebration welcoming the public to their new school. At right, administrators join in the celebration in the Hacienda Business Park school, Stratford's 17th campus. They are (from left) Matt Wulfstat, school's president; Sherry Adams, who founded the school in Danville in 1999; Jessie Channey, preschool principal; and Sanny Figueroa, Stratford's elementary school principal.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Swalwell for Congress, DeSaulnier for State Senate, Buchanan for Assembly

Congressman Pete Stark, a 20-term U.S. Representative who has served a part of Pleasanton and a larger part of the East Bay longer than many of us have lived here (or even been alive), is taking a lot of heat for seeking re-election. Some consider him, at age 80, too old to stay in Congress, although many who have been older have served with distinction. Others argue that his home on the Eastern Shore where he lives with his younger wife and young children is too far from the district he represents, although many congress members and senators, including Dianne Feinstein, have long ago moved into homes closer to the Capitol. Jerry McNerney, who leaves us next month due to redistricting, is perhaps the exception, flying home almost every weekend to Pleasanton.

Our problem with Stark is not where he lives or his age, it's his politics. His voting record is so far to the left that he made Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi seem almost conservative. His strong liberal views now outpace most of the far left in Congress and at a time when political leaders of both parties are moving toward the center.

That's why we like Eric Swalwell, a Dublin Councilman and Alameda County prosecutor. Still a Democrat like Stark, Swalwell is a moderate whose supporters cross party lines and include business and even union leaders. Swalwell, at age 31, promises to bring new energy and younger ideas to Congress, including a mobile Congress initiative that we like that would allow representatives to spend more time with their constituents (and their families) in their home district. He says he'll work on reducing the national deficit but not at a pace that would threaten today's feeble economic recovery. As a local lawmaker, Swalwell is also closely identified with local schools and sees first-hand the impact federal legislation has on state and local education. Although fairly green in terms of political experience, he has the savvy to be our representative in the newly aligned 15th Congressional District.

As for the newly aligned 7th State Senate District, Mark DeSaulnier has our endorsement. As chairman of the State Assembly and now the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, he has pushed through funding for a wider, safer Highway 4, eBART expansion in Contra Costa County and drilling of the fourth bore of the Caldecott tunnel. While not well known in Pleasanton, which his new district now represents, he has been at numerous receptions and political rallies since taking on this part of Alameda County.

Due to a quirk in the new redistricting, DeSaulnier will also have the helping hand of our long-term State Sen. Ellen Corbett, who keeps her job of representing Pleasanton in the old 10th District until her term expires in 2014. That's two state senators for the next two years. Not bad if we need something from Sacramento. The other Mark in this race, Mark Meuser, DeSaulnier's opponent and a Republican from Walnut Creek, has never held an elective office. He's a small business owner and an attorney, but, frankly, we haven't seen him campaigning enough in the Tri-Valley to think of him as a viable candidate.

In the state's new 15th Assembly District, we endorse Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, a legislator well known in Pleasanton. A former school board member in the San Ramon Valley, Buchanan also has an extensive business background and she has served this district well since first being elected to the Assembly in 2008. Her opponent is Republican Al Phillips, a Livermore resident who works in construction. He is a member of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. We prefer Buchanan over Phillips. ■



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LETTERS

Cook-Kallio clear choice

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton's choice between two qualified candidates for mayor bears directly on what the city will look like in the future. Strangely, discussions of this choice frequently point to Measure B, a county-wide tax measure where everyone in the county gets exactly one vote. The choice for mayor might be better informed if voters looked at issues closer to home. For example, how would the candidates approach something thorny, like resolving the long-term budget?

Conventional "business practices" would be one method: canceling pensions, reducing benefits, cutting staff, and selling off assets. Let's see — there's police, fire, water and sewer, streets, sports fields, the aquatic center, golf course, etc. The tricky part is: How much can you cut without compromising those parts of our quality of life that you appreciate most? How much crime can we tolerate? How many fires do we really need to put out? Do the sports fields really need to look so nice?

Another approach would be to work together with the city and residents to find responsible paths forward. Government, after all, is the way that everyone comes together to achieve things that none of us can do alone — those things that make life better for all of us. Cheryl Cook-Kallio represents the working-together approach to ensuring the quality of life that we all enjoy in Pleasanton. Please vote for Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

Mike Moran

Thorne's leadership

Dear Editor,

Please vote Jerry Thorne for mayor of the city of Pleasanton on Nov. 6. Jerry served as a Parks and Recreation commissioner for 10 years and strongly supports the city's park and recreation facilities and programs. Jerry was instrumental in the city acquiring the Bernal property and continues to work so that it benefits everyone, from kids to seniors.

Jerry believes we should honor the commitments we have made — he has continued to work toward the goal of a sustainable public employee pension program — one that is affordable and funded. The "Great Recession" has challenged much of "normal"; Jerry has been active, involved and, most importantly, engaged.

Jerry's leadership draws upon a great many experiences, from being a former business executive to his broad community and volunteer service resume and military service. He truly is a voice of honesty, experience, and confidence in our community and beyond.

Jack O. Balch

Karla, creative thinker

Dear Editor,

We strongly support Karla Brown for Pleasanton City Council. Karla believes that we need to preserve the charm of our unique Historic Downtown, its surrounding neighborhoods and vintage homes. As an active member of PHA (Pleasanton Heritage Association), Karla has worked with the group to publish a monthly newsletter. She believes growth should be slow and smart. Protection of our ridgelines and open space are also important issues for Karla. She led the effort to put ridgeline protection before voters, who voted overwhelmingly for strict protections.

Karla is an open-minded, creative thinker, whose willingness to listen to all citizens will enable her to work with other council members to maintain our quality of life, while working cooperatively with neighboring cities regarding traffic, water quality and regional land uses.

Vote for Karla Brown on Nov. 6.

Brian and Christine Bourg

Cook-Kallio deserves vote

Dear Editor,

Cheryl Cook-Kallio deserves your support for Pleasanton mayor in the upcoming election. She has demonstrated top notch leadership, she is not afraid to take on the tough issues, is supported by almost all other locally elected officials in our surrounding area, and will be a full time mayor for Pleasanton.

Cheryl demonstrated her leadership when she tackled the Stoneridge Drive road improvements issue when no other person on the City Council would take it on. Her efforts led the City Council in making decisions which have now allowed the road to be under construction.

She is a known leader among other elected and appointed people, ranging from state officials, county officials and locally elected officials in the five city sub-region we live in.

As a former mayor and very involved elected official when I was in office, I have watched Cheryl as she has learned the system, and gained the respect of other officials.

I ask you to vote for Cheryl in the November election; we need her proven leadership.

Ken Mercer

Thorne non-political

Dear Editor,

We are fortunate to have two viable candidates running for mayor, however I disagree with the basis for your endorsement.

I was very surprised when I read that the Weekly endorsed Cook-Kallio for mayor. This is the

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first time, since I moved here in 1966, that our city election has become political. If the decision for your endorsement of Cheryl is, as you stated, because of her political connections, it places Pleasanton behind the desires of the party, rather than our community. Pleasanton has always been able to solve its own problems without the help of a political party. Jerry Thorne is non-political and he places his priorities on the community, not a political party.

You are correct that Jerry's leadership and vision for the community has well served Pleasanton. I find it ironic that you mention the support of the business community for Cheryl, when the Chamber of Commerce endorsed Jerry Thorne. Jerry's passion and understanding of the community is exactly what we need.

Joyce & Bob Shapiro

Thorne for mayor

Dear Editor,

Elect Jerry Thorne for Pleasanton mayor.

Jerry Thorne, as a member of our Pleasanton City Council, has proved himself to be an effective, responsible leader and an independent thinker. He is a man of integrity, known for his "grassroots" efforts, who listens and works with us. His strong and experienced voice has helped bring more consensus and

cooperation to the City Council, resulting in decisions and actions that serve well Pleasanton's people, businesses and government.

Jerry is a trusted businessman, environmental engineer, family man and community leader.

Jerry Thorne is well recognized for representing our Pleasanton City Council on numerous regional, state and national commissions and boards. In Pleasanton he led the fight for lighted, multi-use sports fields, for a teen center, for a youth club, and for civic arts facilities to be built on the Bernal Property. He has recognized the fast growing aging population in Pleasanton and is committed to continuing strong services to our Senior Center and to promoting programs that provide assistance to seniors, including improved transportation.

Jerry Thorne will be an outstanding mayor of Pleasanton. We need his strong and thoughtful leadership. Let's get Jerry elected again.

Dave Melander

Vote for Pentin

Dear Editor,

As a 43-year resident of Pleasanton, I am pleased to give my support to Jerry Pentin for Pleasanton City Council. I met Jerry over 20 years ago when he and his family moved to Pleasanton. Over the years, I have worked with Jerry on a number of charitable and community projects. You can be assured that Jerry works hard to

fulfill the commitments that he makes. As a local business owner, he understands the need for cooperation between the city and the local business community. His work on the Callippe Golf Committee, the Parks and Rec board and with the City Planning Commission has shown his commitment to Pleasanton and has given him a great insight to the issues facing Pleasanton today.

Please vote for Jerry Pentin.

Jack Parker

Cook-Kallio for mayor

Dear Editor,

I am supporting Cheryl Cook-Kallio for Mayor. Cheryl has superb communication skills and a clear understanding of how all levels of government work. She displays a willingness to make hard decisions based on what is best for the entire community. Quite simply, Cheryl will provide the strongest leadership for our community as we address critical future issues.

Pleasanton is not an island. Whether we like it or not the future of Pleasanton will depend to a certain extent on the ability of our leaders to work well with our city neighbors, the county and the state. Only by working together will we be able to protect those values so important to us all while meeting our commitments and addressing common concerns. Cheryl enjoys the respect of local and regional leaders of business, unions and all levels of govern-

ment. That good relationship will be of tremendous value when we need to sit at the table with those leaders to discuss and solve mutual problems.

Our children's education and development is my highest concern. Cheryl has spent her career as an educator and understands the importance of close and supportive city/school relationships. I trust Cheryl to not only work well with the school district to achieve the highest level of city cooperation possible but to serve as an advocate for those city services and programs that contribute so significantly toward the development and health of our youth.

Exercise your right to vote and vote for Cook-Kallio for mayor.

Dolores Bengtson

Vote for Brown, Thorne

Dear Editor,

Please join me in voting for Karla Brown for City Council and Vice Mayor Jerry Thorne for mayor. Both are long-time residents that have circulated petitions that have helped keep Pleasanton a great place to live. Brown and Thorne have focused on getting to know Pleasanton residents the old fashioned way — petitions, walking neighborhoods, dropping fliers, being at the farmers market, etc.

Karla, endorsed by the Sierra Club, was a proponent for a successful petition for ridge-top and hillside protection and has been

very involved in Pleasanton's Transit-Oriented Development and East Side Specific Plan task forces.

Jerry, very active in many civic activities prior to becoming a City Council member, circulated an initiative to build much needed sports facilities for Bernal Park. He also has supported families of troops serving overseas and has been active in welcoming military personnel back to Pleasanton.

Contrast that to two of their challengers: One (Erlene Demarcus, a former consultant for developers) has received substantial campaign funding from a series of \$1,000 contributions from out of town interests and developers, many of those who are responsible for uncontrolled growth and traffic congestion in Dublin and Fremont. Another (Cook-Kallio) has sought the endorsement from multiple unions, state officials, members of county boards and officials from other cities.

If residents want Pleasanton to continue to have small-town charm rather than the uncontrolled growth of Dublin and Fremont, please join me in voting for representatives that will represent the residents of Pleasanton — Brown and Thorne.

Anne Fox

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The mafia has come to Pleasanton and there are plenty of people who are happy to hear it. Rest assured there'll be no godfathers or hit men associated with this organization — they bring nothing but good food, good will and good fun to downtown.

The Food Truck Mafia, and the 100-plus, independently-operated food trucks it organizes, has turned the asphalt covered open space of Amador Valley High School's parking lot into a home for one of the hottest food trends in the country. The décor may be slightly less than casual but everything needed for a great eating experience can be found at the makeshift dining venue — easy parking, plenty of seating, musical entertainment, and between eight and 10 contemporary food trucks featuring trendy menus that change by the season and the week.

Sure, the hours are fairly limited — they're only open on Tuesdays from 4:30 till 9 p.m., and they won't be around once the rain sets in, but no reservations are required and the dress code is very liberal. And, thanks to the big-picture thinking of Phil Woodman, food truck owner and founder of the Food Truck Mafia, 10% of the proceeds go to support the Amador Marching Band.

Food truck as destination dining has been a growing trend since the fad first took root in Los Angeles in 2008. However, like most "new" ideas, the flashy, highly decorated trucks roving the streets today can trace their roots to a business that actually dates back over a century.

The original meals on wheels, known then as chuck wagons, roamed the prairies of the United States, following the pioneers and providing sustenance to cowboys and other nomadic settlers as they crossed the country in search of new land or work. A natural evolution brought about the portable hot dog stands and the nondescript, white-sided trucks offering the typical stale sandwiches and construction worker lunches that first come to mind when thinking roadside repast.

Phil Woodman's world is a whole different kind of kitchen. "The people who own food trucks today are young chefs. They're foodies and culinary school graduates who can't afford to start a restaurant. They change the menus and they move around and they go with what works," Woodman said.

As for the colorful, eye-catching advertising that borders on artwork covering the sides of the truck, Woodman said it's what people will remember about today's trucks in 10 or 15 years.

"The trucks needed to stand out, to get attention," he explained. "And now people expect to see the big, graphic wrapped trucks. It's become part of the culture."

Modern culture has played a big role in bringing recognition to the food truck fare as real cuisine. The Food Network has caught the attention of food lovers everywhere with The Great Food Truck Race, now in its third season, while social media keeps the culinary converts in close contact with their favorite trucks.

Woodman uses both Twitter and Facebook to help local fans, which number in the thousands, keep track of which trucks are where as the organization schedules 10 events per week throughout the East Bay.

Each of the Food Truck Mafia events is run in conjunction with a not-for-profit host who receives a percentage of the profits. Woodman says this business model has proven to be a natural, and much needed, fit for both groups.

"When I got into the business two years ago, I tried to get into a food truck event in San Jose and I wasn't allowed in," he said. "Even though I would have paid to be a part of it, I couldn't get in. On the way home I thought, 'Let's find a way to never tell people "no."'"

Woodman also decided that while he wanted to make money off his truck, there was no need to make money off the event itself — and the Food Truck Mafia concept was born.

"The way the Food Truck Mafia works, we support our family of trucks, and we support the community," Woodman said, pointing out that it's not just the monetary donation making a difference.

"When I was growing up we had block parties, Fourth of July parties, these were part of the social scene in the community. Now, there are no fireworks, no block parties, no real community interaction. At Food Truck Mafia events there are neighbors showing up, hanging out with each other, bringing community back. Even restaurants can't do that."

Restaurants can be the big objectors to the food trucks' presence in the community, and Woodman understands their

concerns. But having owned a restaurant himself, he believes food truck events can actually improve business at a downtown establishment.

"When I had my restaurant in Niles, if a food truck had shown up, I would have been closed minded, too, at first," he said. "But knowing what I do now, I would say, before you have an opinion, take a good look at the numbers. See if your numbers aren't going up on the Tuesday or Wednesday night of an (food truck) event. There are hundreds and even sometimes a thousand extra people coming to the downtown because of the food trucks. Find a way to take advantage of that, to bring some of those people into your restaurant."

For those who are enticed by the menus but still recall the days when food trucks bore the unsavory and mostly undeserved "roach coach" reputation, Woodman says customers should eat with ease, dismissing concerns about the cleanliness of today's food trucks.

"I've owned both restaurants and food trucks and let me say this: When the average restaurant opens, it gets its first license and they might not see the health inspector again for a couple of years. Food trucks get scrutinized eight times a year or more," he said. "We have a great relationship with the health department."

As far as taxes, licensing and permits, Woodman says the Mafia trucks are probably over permitted.

"In my company if we do business in a city, we have a license to do business in that city, and when we do business in a new county, we get a license to do business in that county. Whatever the rules for a business are, we follow them," he said.

Laws guiding the development of the industry, however, are not so clear.

"The way food trucks are operating today is new," Woodward explained. "Laws are based on the old ice cream truck style of business and they are not favorable for food trucks, though they are evolving."

California is trying to create a set of standards that will clarify the rules of the business but in the process, good intentions are sometimes getting in the way of common sense.

"About eight months ago, a law was proposed to ban all food

on dining is redefined
e kitchens come to town

CATHY JETTER



Food Truck Mafia comes to Pleasanton each Tuesday evening, setting up shop in the parking lot at Amador Valley High School, contributing a percentage of its profits to the school's Marching Band, which is raising money to participate in the Fiesta Bowl Band Competition and Parade on Jan. 1 in Arizona. The trucks are known for their colorful graphics outside, and the delicious eats they cook up inside.

Trucks from setting up within one half mile of all schools," said Woodward. "But when they started to map that out, it literally had no place for a truck to park. The idea was that they were protecting schools and kids from unhealthy food, but it really hurt our feelings given what we are trying to do for the community and the school programs."

Members of the Amador Marching Band would agree that the Food Truck Mafia has been instrumental in helping the music program meet its fundraising goals. Ellen McGraw, VP of fundraising, first contacted Woodman in February, just hoping to find a way to feed those participating in the school's jazz festival.

It was a complete success," McGraw recalled. "Everyone loved the variety of food and the program made some money at the same time."

A few months later, the Food Truck Mafia was looking for a weekly Tuesday night spot on its calendar and, recalling the school's excellent downtown location, asked McGraw if Amador would like to host the Mafia dinner events.

Having recently accepted an invitation to play at the Fiesta Bowl, the band was already looking for fundraising opportunities. The Food Truck Mafia has made all the difference.

"We are on track to meet our financial goals," McGraw reported. "No matter how many scarves or reusable bags we sell, the Tuesday night events are going to get us through."

The Food Truck Mafia and its mobile gatherings will remain popular in the downtown food scene until the rains come and outdoor dining isn't so fun.

So what will a true truck foodie do till the skies clear? Simply take a short drive to the best kept food truck secret in Pleasanton: Just outside of Ruby Hill, west of the Isabelle/Alameda intersection, is an old fashioned, unassuming truck, serving some of the best Mexican food in the valley.

Adrian and Nelly Flores have been setting up shop and preparing fresh sopes, tacos and salsa for people who live and work in Pleasanton — or pass through on their commutes — for more than 10 years. La Cocina may not be fancy, but it's good, and the Floreses are guaranteed to be there, rain or shine, no Facebook update needed. ■



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Community Pulse

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POLICE BULLETIN

Thousands of dollars in jewelry stolen in two home burglaries

Two homes less than a half mile away from each other were hit by a thief or thieves the same day and near the same time, according to police reports.

Jewelry worth more than \$52,000 was stolen in an Oct. 10 burglary in the 2600 block of Vista Diablo Court. A ring, with an aquamarine stone, valued at \$25,000 was stolen, along with an \$8,000 blue sapphire ring, a \$7,000 diamond ring, and a \$6,000 tennis bracelet. Also taken were two \$2,500 watches, a men's gold and silver watch, and a woman's gold and diamond watch, along with a \$100 watch, a \$1,050 laptop, a video game console worth \$150, about \$60 in video games and a \$15 novel. The break-in was

reported at about 4:21 p.m.; a garage door had been left unlocked.

That same day jewelry and electronics were stolen from a home in the 2500 block of Yolanda Court. Two Tag Hauer watches were taken, one worth \$1,500 and another worth \$500, along with pendants worth \$1,000 and \$750, and two sets of earrings worth \$300 and \$200. Also stolen were a \$200 wedding band and \$200 cash. In addition to the jewelry, a \$2,300 MacBook pro was stolen, along with a \$800 iPad, video games worth \$350, a \$300 DVD player, a Nintendo DS valued at \$150 and two iPhones worth \$200 apiece. The burglary occurred between 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.; entry was gained by breaking a window.

In other police reports:

- Three men lost their shoplifted goods but escaped after pepper spraying a security guard who tried to stop them in an Oct. 12 incident at Walmart, according to

a police report.

The three suspects had put about \$417 in goods — DVDs, disposable razor cartridges, over-the-counter medicines and video games — in a box and attempted to leave the store at about 9:10 p.m. A security guard who tried to stop the trio was doused with pepper spray, but the men dropped their box before getting away by car.

- A would-be strong-arm bandit apparently bit off more than he could chew when trying to force a man to use his ATM card to withdraw cash from Chase Bank in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road at about 7:32 p.m. Oct. 11. The victim overpowered the thief, throwing him to the ground, and ran to his vehicle. The suspect escaped without any cash.
- Four women from San Francisco were arrested around 8:44 p.m. Oct. 9 for trying to make off with a \$300 cubic zirconium ring from Bailey, Banks and Biddle, a jewelry store at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Uniqua Monay Mackey, 20, and Talera Leasena Brewster, 20, were arrested for felony shoplifting, possession of stolen property and conspiracy. Tory Marie Sprague, 21, and Markida Ululani Blueford, 22, were arrested for possession of stolen property and conspiracy.

- Lawrence Leroy Jones, 52, of San Leandro was arrested Oct. 12 for failure to register as a sex offender.
- A \$1,000 Fender Jazz Bass and \$90 laptop were stolen in an Oct. 10 burglary at a home in the 400 block of Vineyard Avenue. The break-in was reported at about 11:31 a.m.; entry was gained through a rear window of the home.
- DJ equipment worth more than \$10,000 was stolen from a vehicle parked near Club Neo sometime between 12:45 p.m. Oct. 4 and 9:50 a.m. Oct. 9. Two amplifiers worth \$4,849, a \$2,849 processor, and a \$2,499 16-channel remote server were stolen along with a \$1,399 mixer, 11 speakers worth \$4407, and video screens worth

about \$643.

- Cash and other items were stolen in two Oct. 14 burglaries. In one, a \$200 laptop taken from the victim's room at the Sheraton Hotel in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, reported at about 12:26 p.m. There was no forced entry.

An unlocked garage door at a home in the 3700 block of Angus Way led to the theft of \$890 in cash, \$228 in sports equipment, a \$50 flash drive, personal belongings worth \$75, and passports and other documents.

- In an Oct. 15 burglary at Lexus of Pleasanton in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive, a \$50 wallet was stolen from an employee's desk. The worker received a call from his credit card company saying someone had tried to use the card at Walmart, nearby. Police have a suspect in the case. That incident was reported at 11:25 a.m.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 9

Theft

- 7:38 a.m. in the 300 block of Briane Court; identity theft

Public drunkenness

- 2:28 p.m. in the 200 block of Abbie St

Oct. 10

Theft

- 2:08 p.m. in the 660 block of Bonita Avenue; identity theft
- 2:19 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; identity theft, theft

Weapons charge

- 2:39 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of a weapon on school grounds, possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

Vandalism

- 11:31 a.m. in the 7800 block of Foothill Knolls

Public drunkenness

- 3:51 a.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road

Oct. 11

Theft

- 3:17 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Rd; felony shoplifting

Vandalism

- 8:38 a.m. on Harvest Circle and el Valle Parkway
- 2:46 p.m. near the intersection of I-580 and Santa Rita Road
- 5:20 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Oct. 12

Theft

- 7:54 a.m. in the 1100 block of Kolln Street; auto theft
- 10:28 a.m. in the 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive; forgery
- 1:05 p.m. in the 4000 block of Sherry Court; identity theft
- 4:09 p.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft
- 11:42 a.m. in the 2200 block of Segundo Court; identity theft
- 8:21 p.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; grand theft, auto tampering

Weapons charge

- 9:34 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; use of pepper spray, felony shoplifting

Burglary

- 3:58 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

Battery

- 11:46 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Oct. 13

Theft

- 12:31 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

- 5:48 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; felony shoplifting

- 6:50 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft

- 8:35 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft

Auto tampering

- 10:18 a.m. in the 5500 block of Black Ave

DUI

- 3:44 a.m. on Andrews Drive

Oct. 14

Auto theft

- 4:39 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Dr

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:05 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Kottinger Drive; DUI

- 3:48 a.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue; DUI

- 10:23 p.m. at the intersection of Dublin Canyon Rd and Laurel Creek Dr; under the influence of drugs

Oct. 15

Identity theft

- 11:59 a.m. in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:31 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Rd; possession of a controlled substance, possession of a false prescription, possession of a prescription in another's name, methamphetamine possession, paraphernalia possession
- 8:41 a.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance
- 11:14 a.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness

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Oct. 16

Auto burglary

- 12:01 p.m. in the 4600 block of Carson Court

Battery

- 8:54 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Dr

Vandalism

- 6:30 a.m. in the 7200 block of Valley Trails Drive

Drug violations

- 12:02 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Springdale Avenue; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, under the influence of a controlled substance

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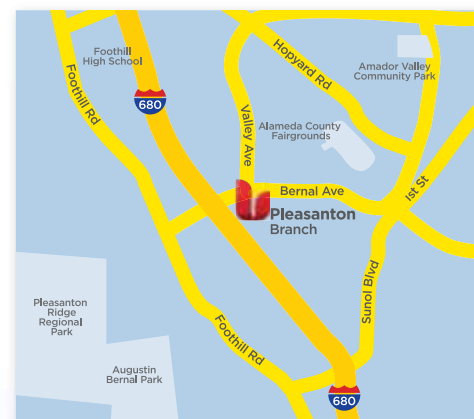


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Pleasanton has gone to the dogs. More than 8,500 dogs are on exhibit in dog shows taking place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend, starting yesterday and running through Monday. It's the Harvest Moon Classic Dog Cluster with five days of dog shows, competitions and vendors — and it's free.

The shows are great events for families, said Jean Heath, a retired captain in the U.S. Navy who lives in Pleasanton and is quite renowned in the world of dog breeders and dog shows.

"If you're interested in a purebred you will see nearly every breed there," she said. "It's a huge show."

Those looking for a particular dog can see some from every variety and talk to the knowledgeable owners about the breed's particular characteristics.

"The emphasis now is on rescue dogs, but if you go to a reliable breeder, you're more apt to get what you want," Heath said.

Most of Heath's dogs have been schnauzers and terriers.

"Terriers are more independent," she explained. "And miniature schnauzers are wonderful little dogs."

"I got my first miniature schnauzer when I was stationed in Philadelphia after having seen one in a Rochester, Minn., department store, in 1957," she recalled.

She was stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia as its physical therapist when she bought Sir Chip of Rainybrook, aka Chipper.

"He eventually started going to work with me everyday — because he was tearing up my apartment," she said.

One physical therapy technician in her department was a corpsman named Bill Cosby. Chipper became popular with the patients, as did Cosby.

"At the end of the day they would keep us all entertained," Heath said. "Bill Cosby had a wonderful insight into human beings."

Heath lost touch with Cosby until



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Top: Retired Navy Capt. Jean Rees lives in Pleasanton with her Lakeland Terriers, (left) Black Watch the Cardinal, called Padre, and Awesome Blossom, who was the top winning Lakeland Terrier in the world. Above: Padre is awarded Best in Show by the Utah Valley Kennel Club in 1999, one of his many honors.

1972, when she was attending the annual conference of the American Physical Therapy Association and he was the headliner. He remembered Chipper well, and Heath told him that she was breeding miniature schnauzers as a hobby. Cosby began to partner with her, and for 38 years they worked together in breeding and showing dogs.

"The first dog we co-owned was a champion — Fat Albert," Heath said. "We've had different breeds through the years, with professional handlers. We had the top Lakeland Terrier (Awesome Blossom), who won 100 Best in Shows; she's the top winning Lakeland Terrier in the history of the breed worldwide."

"We also had a Dandy Dinmont Terrier who was the No. 1 dog in the country, the most winning Dandy of all time," she added. "We called him Harry. He's now retired in Australia."

Heath and Cosby still stay in touch.

"I turned 80 in July and threw

this party at the Callippe Golf Course, and that dear man called the club," said Heath.

After living in Pleasanton on and off since 1969 she retired here in 1997. Now she participates less in showing dogs and spends most of her time playing golf, she said, but loves when the dog shows come to the Fairgrounds.

"Thursday, Friday, Sunday and Monday are all-breed shows. Saturday are Independent Specialties," she said. "The two shows on Thursday and Friday are Skyline Kennel Club, and Sunday and Monday are Del Valle Kennel Club."

Events include conformation, obedience, rally and agility, with a special junior showmanship competition held Sunday afternoon.

Heath and a friend from Southern California will be showing three miniature schnauzers:

■ One champion female, Sathgate Black Watch Gussied Up, called Gussy;

■ One pursuing champion, Sathgate Black Watch Glory Be, Glory Be; and

■ One puppy, 6-month-old Sathgate Black Watch Huck Finn, Huck.

"People come from all over," Heath said. "You'll see a large number of motor homes and big rigs that the professional handlers travel in. Our terriers will be in the Young California building." ■

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

'There's a place for us'

Kristina Stasi and Robert Lopez star as Maria and Tony in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theater's "West Side Story," which opens tomorrow night and runs through Nov. 4, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore. This lively landmark Broadway musical transports Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" to modern-day New York City, as two young idealistic lovers struggle to survive in a world of hate, violence and prejudice. Performances are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 1 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 373-6800 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org.



Careers

PARAGON OUTLETS JOB FAIR The Paragon Outlets Job Fair will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave. in Livermore. More than 70 of the 120 stores plan to participate in this hiring event. Interested applicants are requested to carpool, dress appropriately, wear comfortable shoes, bring multiple copies of their resumes, be ready for interviews, and have a positive attitude. No registration required. For details, call 960-4143 or visit http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/ed/paragon_outlets/job_seekers.asp.

Clubs

GREAT BOOKS CLUB This month the Great Books Club will discuss "The Old Gentleman" by Francis Hwang from the book, Even Deadlier Sin. Contact Peter MacDonald to get a copy of the selection. The meeting is from 7:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. (Group meets every fourth Wednesday except December). Call 462-0191 or email Peter MacDonald at pmacdonald@macdonaldlaw.net.

Concerts

VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE Valley Concert Chorale kicks off its 49th season at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21, with "Songs of Laughter - An Afternoon with Gilbert and Sullivan," at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Enjoy tasty treats, silly songs, and prize drawings. To see the 2012-2013 concert schedule, visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org or call 866-4003. \$40/per person.

Events

BREW CRAWL COMES TO DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON Downtown merchants, restaurants and local breweries come together on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the second annual Halloween Brew Crawl, hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Patrons can shop along Main Street and sample a variety of beer and food pairings. Wear a Halloween costume and get in the spirit of the holiday! Tickets are \$30. For details, call 484-2199 or visit www.pleasantondowntown.net.

CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL A Candle Light Vigil will be held to remember those

lost to the disease of addiction and those who are still suffering from the disease, at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. The event is sponsored by Mothers With A Purpose, NOPE (National Overdose Prevention & Education) and NCAPDA (National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse). Visit www.motherswithapurpose.org.

DELVALLE FOLK DANCERS Like to folk dance? Don't know how, but want to learn? Then grab your dancing shoes and join the DelValle Folk Dancers at the International Dance Festival for New Dancers from 1-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton.

DRUG AWARENESS FORUM Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Rd., will be the location of a free Drug Awareness Forum at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22. There will be a panel of speakers representing the schools, police department, Mothers with a Purpose, and Axis Community Health to provide attendees a wealth of information. Pleasanton.

DUBLIN HARVEST FAIRE Come to the Harvest Faire for some autumn fun at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way in Dublin, noon-6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20. Enjoy hay wagon rides, a pumpkin patch, haystack play, petting zoo, fall nature crafts, face-painting and tours. For details, contact Jasmine Deonnelly at 556-4504 or jasmine.deonnelly@dublin.ca.gov. Free.

Film

'BAG IT' TO SHOW AT FIREHOUSE The city of Pleasanton will host a free screening of the award-winning environmental documentary, "Bag It," at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. This film follows "everyman" Jeb Barrier as he navigates our plastic world, having decided to take a closer look at our cultural love affair with plastic. A free reusable bag will be given to attendees. For more information about recycling, visit www.PleasantonRecycles.org.

FREE TEEN MOVIE - 'HUNGER GAMES' The movie "Hunger Games," rated PG13, will be shown at this teen-only event for ages 13-plus from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free popcorn, candy, beverages and door prizes. Did you read one of the California Young Reader Nominees? You can vote that night! Bring a friend. Call 931-3404 or email tparaham@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Fundraisers

CRAFT FAIR AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST Thomas S. Hart Middle School's third annual Pancake Breakfast and Craft Fair is from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at Thomas S. Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Rd., Pleasanton. A breakfast of pancakes, eggs and sausage is just \$5.

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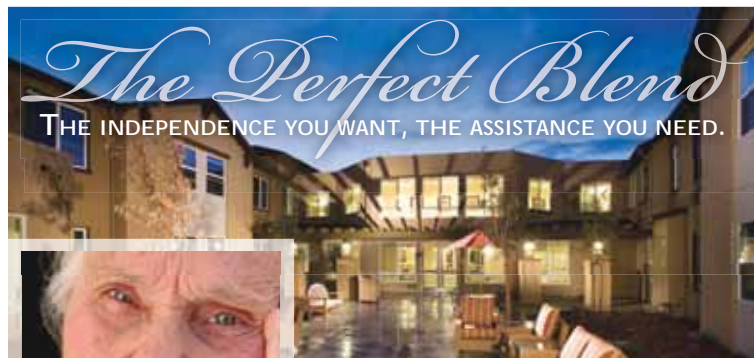
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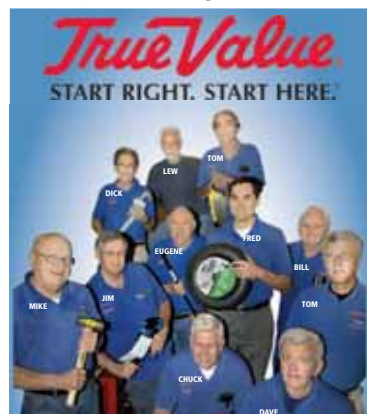
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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Field Trip to the Downtown area for a sound demonstration regarding the Downtown Hospitality Guidelines

Energy & Environment Committee

Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Climate Action Plan implementation update
- Recycle Water Presentation
- Sub-committee report out
- Community outreach update

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Community Workshop

Monday, October 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.
Veteran's memorial Building, 301 Main Street

- This workshop will focus on the community's characteristics, recreation programs, trends & issues, and the role of parks & recreation in Pleasanton.

Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee - Cancelled

Monday, October 22, 2012

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

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.

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



Nominate a hero today!

Complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/Tri-ValleyHeroes>.

We are also looking for sponsors for the program and for the individual awards. Please contact Gina Channell-Allen at gallen@PleasantonWeekly.com or 925-600-0840 for information.

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The event is a fundraiser for its Band/Strings Department. Call 425-0882.

Holiday

7TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT (& TENNIS) The Pleasanton Tennis Complex, Hopyard Road and Valley Ave., will host this popular event from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 26. Tennis buffs should bring their frightening forehands and scary serves, while kids and adults can come in costume to tour the Haunted Hallway of Horror, enjoy treats, and play some tennis games. For details, call 931-3446.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS FOR ALL AGES Pleasanton's Community Services Department offers a wide range of fun and spooky Halloween activities throughout October. The season kicks off at the Firehouse Fright Night Movie Festival, at 8:30 pm., Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Parkside Patio behind the center at 4444 Railroad Ave. The feature movie is "Ghostbusters" (PG), so come as your favorite character from the movie. Tickets: \$10. Visit www.cityof-pleasantonca.gov.

PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY The fourth annual Pumpkin Carving Party at Alviso Adobe Community Park will be held 1-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27. The park is located between Old Foothill Road and Foothill Road, on the west side of I-680. \$5 for residents; \$7 for non-residents. To pre-register, visit www.pleasantonfun.com or call 931-5340.

On Stage

AMADOR VALLEY'S 'PRIDE AND PREJUDICE' In a society where subtle snubs and deceit proliferate, is it possible for Elizabeth and Darcy to look beyond his pride and her prejudice, and to make the best match of all? Find out at "Pride and Prejudice" at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, at 7:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, Oct. 25, through Saturday, Nov. 3. Visit www.amadordrama.org. \$8 students/seniors; \$10 adults.

PLEASANTON'S TEEN IMPROV TROUPE Don't miss 'Nightmare' A Terrifying Fun Night of Improv," as presented by Creatures of Impulse Teen Improv Troupe at 7:30 p.m.,

Thursday, Oct. 25; Friday, Oct. 26; and Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets for students with a valid I.D. are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door; general admission \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For details, call 931-4828 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

Volunteering

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE A public blood drive will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 20 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Pope John Paul II Hall, 4005 Stoneridge Dr. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: CCOP) to schedule an appointment.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR HOLIDAY CELEBRATION The city of Pleasanton will host its annual Hometown Holiday Celebration, from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, along Main Street. The centerpiece of this free event is a festive, community-based parade, followed by the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main. Volunteers are needed to serve as support with barricades, hospitality, stage decoration, parade check-in, parade formation and disband, parade marshals, etc. Youth volunteers, ages 13-17, are welcome. To download an application, visit www.hometownholiday.com. For more details, call 931-5352 or email hometownholiday@cityofpleasantonca.gov.



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Tinsel Teas

Friday, November 16, 10am and 2pm.

Embrace Christmas in the City as you partake in high tea, purchase your chance drawing tickets for the beautiful trees and get a jump start on your shopping in the Holiday Gift Boutiques.

\$45/person

Silent Night Soiree

Friday, November 16, 6:30pm.

Kick off the holiday season with dining and dancing with friends. Enjoy a gourmet, sit-down, served dinner, bidding on your favorite silent auction basket and shopping in the Holiday Boutiques.

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Silver Bells Luncheon

Saturday, November 17, 10:30am-1:30pm.

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Sports



Tie-breaker ends with BUSC victory

Ballistic United U15 Premier won the Stockton Monarcas Champions Cup tournament Sept. 29-30 in Manteca. The boys qualified for the championship game as the team with the highest points total after defeating Santa Rosa Black Oaks, 3-0; home team Stockton Monarcas, 4-2; and Merced Atlas Academy, 3-0. In the championship game, Ballistic United and Atlas played to a 1-1 tie in regulation time. Ballistic United converted all five penalty kicks in the tie-breaker to take home the trophy.

Team members are: Coaches Josh McKay and Pablo Espinosa, with (back row, l-r) Jeffrey Klei, Tim Sanford, Rodrigo Diaz, Armon Ojuola, Nick Tucker, Omeed Ziari, Julian Dessouky, Zach Connolly, (front) Geoffrey Wiederecht, Sam Molz, Jamal Dessouky, Cameron Ritchie, Jackson Still, Mitchell Wilson and Adolfo Trujillo. Not pictured: Ryan Racer.



Rage Orange wins tourney in Tahoe

The Pleasanton Rage U14 Orange girls coached by Luis Siu won the Barcelona Norcal Copa de las Sierras Tournament over Labor Day in Tahoe, with results from four games Saturday and Sunday placing them in the championship game on Monday. The score was 0-0 in the championship game, which went into two overtimes then on to penalty kicks for a win. Goalie Mandy Buck excelled at stopping penalty kicks, and the Rage girls that took the penalty kicks put them in goal to win the championship. Players are Sophie Adams, Mandy Buck, Maddie Cring, Sammie Devette, Emily Gee, Ellyn Lee, Meg Macgregor, Hannah Myers, Sophie Nethery, Jenna and Jessica O'Neal, Meg Pickett, Hannah Schwartz, Faith Shinnick, Maddie Simmons, Izzy Skinner and Pam White.

SPORTS DIGEST

Amador football on TV

Tri-Valley Community TV30 will broadcast tonight's Amador Valley vs. Granada football game, starting at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday. The game, which begins at 7 p.m. tonight at AVHS, will not be broadcast live.

Next week, the Oct. 26 game between Foothill and Livermore High at Livermore will be broadcast on the same next-day schedule.

Play by play and color announcing will include TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr. B" Baljevich, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti and former pro football 49er Guy McIntyre with field reporting by TV30's Anna Kagarakis. Interviews during the game will include coaches, principals, students, mayors and others.

For complete air dates and times, visit www.trivalleytv.org. The games may be viewed via Video on Demand at the website the following Monday, and DVDs of the games also may be purchased.

PREP LINE-UP

Oct. 19

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon, home
- 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Granada, home

Oct. 20

- Cross Country: TBA, Mt. SAC, away

Oct. 22

- Girls Golf: 9 a.m., AVHS vs. NCS Qualifier @ Deer Ridge
- 9 a.m., Foothill vs. NCS Qualifier @ Deer Ridge

Oct. 23

- Girls Tennis: TBA, AVHS vs. Cal High, home
- 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Girls Water Polo: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Foothill, away
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, home

4 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore High School, home

Oct. 25

- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Cal High, home
- 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Girls Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Cal High, away

■ Boys Water Polo: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. AVHS, away

Oct. 26

- Girls Tennis: TBA, AVHS vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Football: 7 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, away
- 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore High School, away

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Housing starts rise 2.3% in August on strength in single-family

Big gains in Southern, Midwestern states offset by 4.3% decline in West

By JEB BING

Nationwide housing production rose 2.3% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 750,000 units in August, according to newly released figures from the Housing and Urban Development office (HUD) and the U.S. Census Bureau.

This increase was fueled entirely by gains in the single-family sector, where the pace of new construction rose in every region for a combined 5.5% gain to 535,000 units.

"Builders across the country have been reporting noticeable improvement in the number of serious buyers who are in the market for a new home, and today's report shows that this is translating to some welcome gains in construction activity," said Barry Rutenberg, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Gainesville, Fla.

"While there is still plenty of room for improvement, it's encouraging to see this continuing trend that is spurring much-needed job growth," he said. "For every 100 new single-family homes that are built, 300 new jobs are created."

Added NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe: "The pace of overall housing production has been edging gradually upward all year as consumers become more confident in their local housing markets, and

the latest data are further evidence that the housing recovery is here to stay."

"That said, the pace of this recovery continues to be constrained by various hurdles, including a tough lending environment, inaccurate appraisals and more recently, rising prices on key building materials," he added.

At 535,000 units, single-family housing production hit its fastest seasonally adjusted annual pace in more than two years this August. Meanwhile, multifamily housing production declined 4.9% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 215,000 units.

Regionally, combined starts numbers were mixed, with the Midwest and South posting gains of 20.7% and 3.7%, respectively, and the Northeast and West posting respective declines of 12.6% and 4.3%. However, single-family starts rose in every region in August.

Issuance of new building permits, which can be an indicator of future building activity, edged down 1% to a rate of 803,000 units in August following a surge in the previous month, with single-family permits holding virtually unchanged at 512,000 units and multifamily permits down 3.0% to 291,000 units.

Regionally, combined permitting activity rose 7.9% in the Midwest and 0.7% in the South, but declined 7.7% in the Northeast and 6.4% in the West in August. ■

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Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 519-8226

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Dublin

- 3329 Araldi Lane** D R Horton to A. Kondepudi for \$563,000
- 11460 Betlen Drive** Mendoza Trust to F. Spinardi for \$515,000
- 3159 Central Parkway** Taylor Morrison of California to R. Walter for \$671,500
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #211** Toll Dublin Limited to V. Yalamanchili for \$372,500
- 7108 Elba Way** B. & J. Konkle to L. Zapata for \$505,000
- 3420 Finnian Way #328** Toll Dublin Limited to J. Fox for \$200,000
- 4329 Foxford Way** Hayes Trust to N. & P. Sivakumar for \$736,000
- 8047 Holanda Court** C. & A. Mendence to V. Om for \$390,000
- 5634 Idlewood Street** Spears Trust to P. & R. Tipparaju for \$635,000
- 7008 Lancaster Court** M. Ramirez-Torres to D. Chou for \$434,000
- 4836 Landmark Way** P. Singh to K. Hafeez for \$615,000
- 5741 North Dublin Ranch Drive** Yee Trust to J. Duong for \$795,000
- 5204 North Forestdale Circle** A. & A. Thakur to S. & D. Patel for \$640,000
- 7465 Oxford Circle** A. Shaikh to J. & L. Allanson for \$375,000
- 3169 Paolo Terrace** Taylor Morrison of California to D. Comay for \$678,000
- 7958 Serena Court** Cejda Trust to R. & B. Lewis for \$480,000
- 7323 Starward Drive #15** Bank of New York to L. & N. Siow for \$125,000
- 3354 Vittoria Loop** Standard Pacific Corporation to P. Koh for \$660,000
- 3366 Vittoria Loop** Standard Pacific Corporation to S. & P. Khanna for \$639,000
- 5739 West Cog Hill Terrace** A. & F. Wakeely to G. & S. Tumber for \$929,000

Livermore

- 1166 Big Basin Road** F. & S. Qureshi to P. & B. Dash for \$520,000
- 1811 Broadmoor Street** D. Ledee to C. Peralta for \$406,000
- 3615 Carrigan Common** T. & V. Schad to F. Fucilla for \$215,000
- 5321 Celeste Avenue** S. Smith to T. & L. Miceli for \$345,000
- 844 Cherokee Drive** L. Gagui to J. & L. Pennisi for \$329,000
- 3874 Dartmouth Way** Mccurry Trust to C. Reiss for \$305,000
- 704 Debra Street** S. & G. Swagerty to RWW Properties for \$305,000
- 3326 Dyer Road** JP Morgan Chase Bank to Sandford Trust for \$551,000
- 373 Elizabeth Court** D. Gonzalez to C. Qu for \$276,000
- 1647 Embassy Circle** R. & J. Hasper to K. & J. Lee for \$690,000
- 168 Gillette Place #101** Signature at Station Square to Simpson Trust for \$359,000
- 4038 Guilford Avenue** J. Mulligan to M. & E. Nunes for \$485,000
- 5239 Irene Way** Patrick Lyman & Associates to N. Benedict for \$492,500
- 2587 Kellogg Loop** Lvs Title Trust to D. Smith for \$710,000
- 3180 Kennedy Street** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to Y. Hagopjanian for \$335,000
- 4774 Lantana Avenue** J. Trout to R. & D. Kirkendall for \$350,000
- 403 Leona Drive** A. & D. Kralj to G. Mancini for \$410,000
- 2908 Lusitana Court** R. & J. Wood to P. & A. Colestock for \$1,012,000
- 2100 Marina Avenue** Mann Trust to S. Pacheco for \$300,000
- 762 Mayview Way** S. & K. Beard to T. & A. Mesnickow for \$490,500
- 2498 Merritt Place** M. & G. Ross to M. McCurdy for \$745,000
- 3664 Montrose Place** Sotelo Trust to S. & K.

- Kirkpatrick for \$725,000
- 5378 Moonflower Way** Department of Housing to U. Kathrani for \$254,000
- 5648 Mt. Day Drive** D. Lambert to B. & A. Garcia for \$566,500
- 1436 Olivina Avenue** G. & D. Ella to J. Chen for \$238,000
- 2061 Pleasant View Lane** R. Groth-Hill to Signer Buick Cadillac for \$1,050,000
- 78 Rainier Avenue** Jackson Trust to R. Lyon for \$470,000
- 578 Regulus Road** N. Snavelly to Saxton Trust for \$850,000
- 27 Rockrose Street** M. & R. Holmes to M. Yu for \$520,000
- 166 Selby Lane #1** Shea Homes to R. Ostrowski for \$338,000
- 166 Selby Lane #2** Shea Homes to P. Mulia for \$304,000
- 5920 Singing Hills Avenue** J. Overman to L. & J. Hopper for \$280,000
- 764 South K Street** Maher Trust to M. & P. Torretto for \$700,000
- 361 Virginia Drive** D. & M. Mantach to M. Johnson for \$415,000
- 807 Wagoner Drive** E. Caires to Maqdoor Homes for \$250,000

Pleasanton

- 4118 Alba Court** J. & A. Lyon to K. Nagreddypally for \$470,000
- 4121 Alba Court** Graham Trust to A. & S. Jain for \$475,000
- 4839 Arlene Place** Pellowski Trust to Patel Trust for \$1,020,000
- 6052 Ashley Court** H. Zhang to A. & R. Roosevelt for \$505,000
- 5962 Bryce Canyon Court** Y. Tang to I. Cho for \$590,000
- 3105 Chardonay Drive** S. & P. Evans to Y. Wang for \$865,000
- 1587 Chatham Place** Ponderosa Homes to R. & L. Clark for \$879,500
- 1063 Crellin Road** Weaver Trust to P. Dustman for \$720,000
- 435 East Angela Street** S. Kolia to M. Desousa for \$580,000
- 3909 Empire Court** T. Nolan to V. Sharma for \$588,000
- 4845 Funston Gate Court** Switzer Trust to E. & T. Stein for \$851,000
- 4116 Grant Court** R. & K. Mancini to V. & T. Alexander for \$1,500,000
- 2560 Grappa Place** Davis Trust to Groefsema Trust for \$1,260,000
- 1431 Groth Circle** Keele Trust to Maher Trust for \$539,500
- 3347 Harpers Ferry Court** C. Nance to R. & E. Bailey for \$550,000
- 4108 Moller Drive** T. Li to K. Sequeira for \$500,000
- 4113 Moller Drive** Rodriguez Trust to Grimes Trust for \$465,000
- 4925 Monaco Drive** Shaw Trust to P. & L. Strauch for \$840,000
- 456 Montori Court** D. Eichelberger to C. Chen for \$960,000
- 4128 Pleasanton Avenue** Truex Trust to C. Ashley for \$890,000
- 5054 Porta Rossa Circle** K. & W. Park to R. & V. Joshi for \$771,000
- 3232 Pueblo Way** J. Rocha to M. Cheng for \$240,000
- 4340 Railroad Avenue** Stoll Trust to J. & K. Johal for \$350,000
- 4034 Rennellwood Way** JP Morgan Chase Bank to B. & T. Hamamoto for \$462,000
- 5755 San Antonio Street** R. Vanslyke to J. & E. Christensen for \$685,000
- 5641 San Carlos Way** Harrop Trust to J. Zagajeski for \$420,000
- 534 San Miguel Court** H. Liu to A. Hatami for \$732,000
- 3334 Santa Rita Road** A. & V. Blue to J. Vogt for \$295,500
- 4421 Valley Avenue** D. Pafumi to G. Lankipalle for \$378,000
- 3529 Wind Cave Court** Wells Fargo Bank to M. Angel for \$577,500

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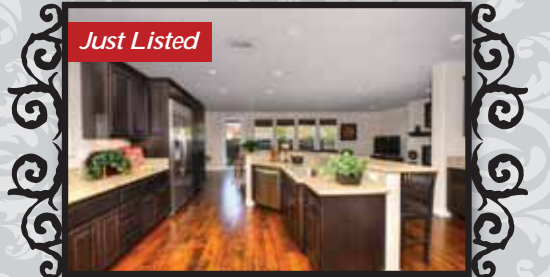
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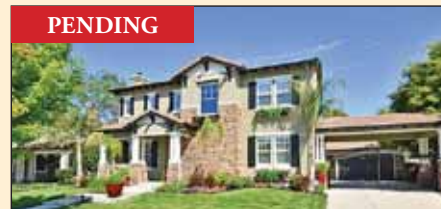


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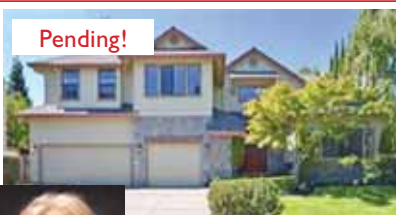
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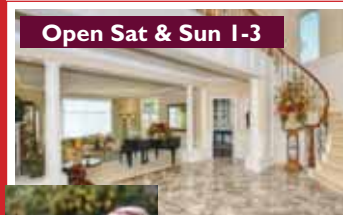


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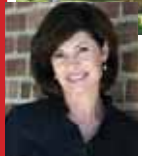
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