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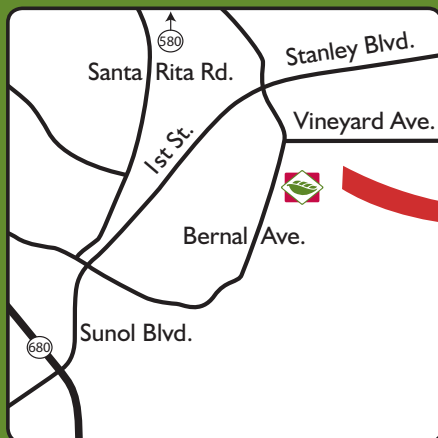
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Whitney's legacy: A gold record

When John Whitney packs up his office next month as he retires as principal of Pleasanton Middle School, he'll be sure to take the Gold Record and guitar that are the highlights of parallel interests he has in music along with education. In Pleasanton, he's known as the dedicated administrator from his years at PMS and three years before that as principal at Donlon Elementary. Yet on the rhythm and blues circuit, he's the lead guitar player with Annie Sampson and her band, playing weekend gigs along the California coast and at well-known local clubs such as Half Moon Bay Brewery and Armandos in Martinez. Over the years, after he graduated from Cal State Hayward (now East Bay) and before he settled down to a day job as a teacher at Wood Middle School in Alameda, Whitney played and wrote the music for bands on stages at county fairs, festivals and even the Monterey Jazz Festival. He missed out on Woodstock but would head there in a minute if there's ever a Woodstock II.

The students at Pleasanton Middle School know they have a principal with great musical talent. Along with three others on the faculty, he started a Rock & Roll Club at PMS 13 years ago when he became principal. Every Friday, the teacher/principal combo belts out songs at 7:30 a.m. to welcome everyone to campus, and it's quite a scene with sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders dancing, singing and applauding. The group also entertains at assemblies and may even take the stage during promotion exercises June 13 when eighth graders and their families celebrate the move to high school.

Whitney, who holds a degree in biology, spent time in his early years with his father Robert (now deceased), who taught physics at Cal State Hayward for 30 years and was a gifted teacher with a doctorate degree. John Whitney marveled at his father's rapport with his students. As the fast and tiring pace of playing multiple venues on the West Coast grew old, he seized on his father's success and signed on as a science teacher at Wood Middle School in Alameda. At the same time, he returned to college for an administration credential.

Pleasanton hired him as a dean at PMS, a position now called vice principal, and after a year or so sent him to Donlon Elementary as its principal. Whitney came back to PMS when the top job opened there and has been in charge of the



JEB BING

Pleasanton Middle School principal John Whitney stands next to his Gold Record of rhythm and blues songs on this best seller from the early 1980s and the guitar he still plays with Annie Sampson and her band.

school ever since. He uses the word "dynamic" to describe middle school students because "it's such a dynamic age as they move from childhood as young sixth-graders to beginning adulthood as eighth-grade teenagers. He knows them all, even remembering their names when they come back as parents to enroll their own children. In fact, five teachers now at PMS attended the school, themselves, and are now teaching alongside several teachers they had as students.

With his teaching and administrative years behind him, Whitney plans to become more active again on the music circuit. A look at Annie Sampson's band schedule this summer will keep him busy if he signs on to the seven performances she has scheduled through Aug. 2. They include the Iridium on Broadway in New York City on July 16-17, the Iron Horse in North Hampton, Mass., on July 14, and, closer to home, Freight and Salvage on Addison Street in Berkeley tonight and again at Armandos in Martinez on Aug. 2. Even as popular as Sampson's six-member band has become, another Gold Record is unlikely. Whitney got his in the early 1980s when one of his songs was on a best-selling, long-playing album. Although some bands still record on vinyl, Sampson's recordings are on CDs and even those are giving way to digital. Top artists don't pick up Gold Records anymore, some don't even get credit for what they produce.

Whitney says he'll pick up the pace as retirement sinks in, but he also plans to spend more time with his wife Liz, who teaches at Piedmont High School, and their two sons: Ren, a sixth-grader at Piedmont Middle School near where his mother works, and Colin, a junior at Foothill High School.

When asked about playing the Alameda County Fair or at Pleasanton's Concert in the Park, Whitney said, "You've given me two great ideas, maybe I'll see you there." ■

About the Cover

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What are you superstitious about?



Anna West
Middle school student

Oh, I'm terrified of walking under ladders. Not because I think it will bring bad luck to walk under a ladder, but because I'm afraid it will collapse on me.

Tom West
Global Healthcare strategist

My superstitions are usually positive. When I am heading out for something that is important to me, I have certain special clothes I like to wear. I feel like if I wear these special clothes, things will turn out well.



Andrew Worth
College student

Well, every time I get into uniform for the CSU Fresno Drum Corps, I always put my left pants leg on first, my left sock on first, my left shoe on first, and my left glove on first. By putting the left of everything on first, I know I will play my best.

Jessica Stubbs
Middle school student

I know it sounds very cliché, but I am most superstitious about black cats on Halloween and Friday the 13th. I am afraid they will bring bad luck.



Sotha Pen
Lead kitchen staff, New Leaf market

I have a pendant hanging from the rear view mirror of my car. My mother once had it blessed by a Buddhist monk. I keep it there in order to avoid getting into car accidents. I think it is working because I used to get into accidents often, and now I never do.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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DIGEST

NIF backdrop for 'Star Trek'

The makers of "Star Trek: Into Darkness" went boldly where few have gone before when they used the National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a film set, with the approval of the Department of Energy. Filming took place in 2012 during a normal maintenance cycle, and costs were reimbursed by the film company.

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Some swim programs relocate to Amador

Since part of the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton is closed for renovation this summer, some programs will be relocated to the pool at Amador Valley High. However, the 50-meter pool, locker rooms and office at the Aquatic Center will remain open.

Summer recreational swim will take place at the Amador pool at 1155 Santa Rita Road with admission paid at the Amador Theater box office. Swimming at Amador is recommended only for accomplished swimmers, and children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult swimmer.

Summer swim lessons and lap swims will take place at the Aquatic Center. Water Fitness classes will be offered at both sites.

Recycling Board has vacancies

The Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board has two vacancies, one for "an Environmental Educator employed as such on a full-time basis" and another for "a representative of the recyclable materials processing industry."

The Recycling Board administers the voter-approved Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiative, which levies an \$8.23 per ton landfill disposal fee that generates approximately \$8 million per year for waste reduction and recycling programs.

Terms are two years. The board normally meets on the second Thursday of each month, and its 11 members are paid \$100 per meeting.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. June 14. For more information, call (510) 891-6500.

City employees agree to higher pension contributions, but gain first wage increase in 3 years

3-year contract cuts city's costs by \$1.15 million

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council approved a three-year agreement Tuesday night with the union representing 220 regular city employees that will raise individual pension contributions to 8% by the end of the year and reduce floating holiday hours while also granting a 7% wage increase over the life of the new contract, the first pay increase in several years.

Julie Yuan-Miu, assistant city manager and director of administrative services, told the council that the new agreement, which includes a package of reduced benefits for newly hired employees, will reduce costs for the city by approximately \$1.15 million.

She said the agreement with the Pleasanton City Employees Association brings the municipi-

pal benefit and pension contribution plans in line with firefighters and police, who are represented by separate unions.

The council voted unanimously to approve the 55-page agreement, which had been accepted earlier by employee union members. The contract will take effect after the council ratifies the agreement at its meeting on June 4.

Individual pension contributions were raised initially to 2% in July 2011 at the same time a wage freeze was in effect due to the recessionary economy. Prior to that, the city paid all costs associated with police, firefighters and city employee health and pension benefits.

In December 2011, employees paid an additional 1%, and again last July added another 1%, bringing the current total contribution to

4%. The new contract raised that to 6% this month and adds another 2% in December, raising the individual contributions to 8%.

Also this month, employee wages will be raised by 2%, by another 2% in December, by another 1% in April next year, and by another 2% in April 2015.

In the new contract, employees will see their hours allowed for floating holidays reduced from 56 to 32. Floating holidays are similar to regular holidays but the hours are taken on a flexible basis and upon approval of a supervisor. The reduction of 24 hours is equivalent to approximately 1% of wages, Yuan-Miu said.

Employees hired since Jan. 1 also have re-

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JEB BING

Joining newly elected Pleasanton Councilwoman Kathy Narum (third from left) at her swearing-in ceremony Tuesday are (from left) her sister-in-law Kelli Reed, daughter Lisa, nephew Jack Reed, husband Jeff, daughter Jennifer, and her mother, Donna Reed. Lisa and Jennifer Narum have jobs in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio, and flew in Tuesday for the swearing-in ceremony. They both left Wednesday to return to work.

Newly elected Kathy Narum takes seat on Pleasanton Council

Family, supporters give standing applause at Civic Center ceremony

Newly elected Pleasanton City Councilwoman Kathy Narum was sworn into office Tuesday with her family at her side and to loud applause from a council chamber packed with her supporters.

Narum was sworn into office by Federal Judge Lawrence O'Neill of the U.S. District Court in Fresno. She took the council seat vacated by former Councilman Jerry Thorne when he was elected mayor last November and after the four-member council adopted a resolution declaring the results of the special all-mail-in ballot on May 7.

In that election, with 11,812 ballots cast, or 28.1% of the 41,984 registered voters in Pleasanton, Narum received 4,643 votes. She was followed by candidate David Miller, who received 3,159 votes; Olivia Sanwong, 2,014 votes; and Mark Hamilton, 1,873 votes.

After handshakes welcoming her to the council by Mayor Thorne and fellow council members Karla Brown, Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Pentin, Narum took her seat, bringing the council back up to full strength for the first time since the Nov. 6 election.

—Jeb Bing

Police: 'victim' faked tale of robbery, kidnapping

District Attorney will seek reimbursement of police costs

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

An attempted kidnapping and purse snatching reported to police last week turned out to be a false alarm — and a false report, according to a news release by the Pleasanton Police Department.

Jennifer Flores, 23, of Pleasanton, who claimed she and her infant son were the target of an attack May 16, was arrested at about 3 p.m. Wednesday for filing a false police report, a misdemeanor. She was booked into Santa Rita Jail after police took her into custody at her job in Dublin.

Flores originally claimed two men jumped her at about 6:20 p.m. in the 4400 block of Seminole Way, near the bus stop on the south side of West Las Positas Boulevard. She told police one of the men pushed her down and grabbed her purse while the other tried to make off with her baby in a stroller, abandoning it — and the infant — when it tipped over.

Police spent hours investigating the case because of its serious nature. As the investigation progressed, however, they became suspicious of the information they'd been given.

"A significant part of the investigation focused on the information that was provided by the victim," the release states. "As detectives spent more time with Flores, they discovered several major inconsistencies in her statement."

In fact, police said they found surveillance video of Flores leaving her purse at Domino's Pizza in Pleasanton about an hour before she reported the robbery.

The video also showed the purse with Domino's employees during the same time period Flores said the crime took place, and video from the next day showed her returning to the store to recover the purse she claimed had been stolen.

"Even after Flores recovered her purse from Domino's she continued to lie to detectives and perpetuate the false report of a robbery and attempted kidnapping of her infant son," the release states.

After Flores was taken into custody, a search turned up the property she'd reported as stolen.

"Flores finally admitted she fabricated the

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Independence Day jaunt: Philip and Emily Scholz, and their Weekly, reach the peak of Mount Elbert, the highest in the Rocky Mountains at 14,440 feet. They completed the hike with their family on July 4.

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Neighbors question park's lack of amenities

Woodthrush Park is up for review in September

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When Alan Mode received his copy of the Summer 2013 Activities Guide, he noted the list of Pleasanton parks and their amenities.

"Forty-three parks are a tribute to the city's planning, but there is one park which stands out," he said, "not because of its special facilities, but the fact that it has absolutely no amenities."

This is Woodthrush Park, which is a block away from his home on Gapwall Court.

"The three smallest parks (Civic, Delucchi and Lions Wayside) are one-fifth the size of Woodthrush, but they all have some amenities such as picnic tables and play areas. Woodthrush has nothing," Mode said. "At least at the minimum there should be a picnic table or two, so people could come and have coffee together."

City officials said the latest Parks and Recreation draft plan includes Woodthrush Park improvements, which are being fine-tuned.

Woodthrush, a 3.5-acre park, is surrounded on three sides by Woodthrush Road, Blackbird Drive and Skylark Way, which leads to Pleasanton Sports Park a block away.

Mature trees at Woodthrush shade much of the wide expanse of grass, which slopes toward Woodthrush Road. The park has benches at either end, a cement walkway, and drinking fountains at Blackbird Drive. The park was probably built in 1975 along with homes north of Blackbird.

City Landscape Architect Mike Fulford said he led a public hearing on the park in 2004 when the city proposed adding a small children's play area, picnics, barbecues and a basketball half-court.

"At the time the neighborhood sentiment, at least the few at the meeting, didn't want additional amenities," Fulford recalled. "In the end, all



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Some neighbors of Woodthrush Park have questioned why it doesn't have any amenities. In the past, neighbors have asked to keep it as is although now the city is considering improvements.

the city did was to replace the aging asphalt pathways with concrete."

The city has two kinds of park, neighborhood and community, Fulford explained. Community parks have restrooms and parking and are expected to draw from throughout the city. Neighborhood parks, such as Woodthrush, as intended for those in the immediate vicinity.

"Some neighbors who have been there their entire lives have that sense of ownership," Fulford said, and they felt adding amenities would draw more people. "They were concerned about outsiders. Everybody has different wants, different needs, we see it all the time. The city tries to balance all of that."

"It begs another question," he added. "Why when the park was first developed was it so abbreviated in the first place? These days we design lots of amenities from the very beginning."

Fulford also noted there is some truth to the point that the Sports Park with full amenities is right across the bridge off Skylark.

"The neighbors liked that it's a passive park," remembered retired Parks and Community Services Director Jim Wolfe. "They didn't want

it to become an area where teams would come practice. We did concrete work and that was it."

The Parks and Recreation Commission has a priority setting session each year, followed by its recommendations to the City Council, which happened earlier this year.

"Woodthrush Neighborhood Park was assessed as part of the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, and the plan does have recommendations to improve the site," said Susan Andrade-Wax, director of Pleasanton Community Services Department. "Currently the plan is in the draft phase, however once it has been refined it will be presented at a joint workshop of the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission. Staff believes that will occur most likely in September."

Before the workshop, the documents will be posted on the city website, easily accessible to the community, she said.

Alan Mode has already made his feelings known to Andrade-Wax.

"Pleasanton deserves better than to have a 'park' without any amenities, which is little more than a couple of vacant lots with grass," Mode said. ■



NICOLE STEWARD

Leading the way

Three students from Amador Valley High's engineering program, part of the district's new Project Lead The Way program, took first place at their first-ever competition. The students, Cristian Castro, Kalean Song and Clint Stewart, posing with their teacher, Tony Dennis, went up against 15 schools in San Diego on May 11. The three were recognized at a recent school board meeting, and each won a laptop computer, courtesy of Chevron, which sponsored the trip.



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Exercises at the 11-week Recruit Fire Academy included firefighting in the urban wildland interface.

Training prepares firefighters for specific emergencies

New recruits finish academy, are sworn into departments

Fifteen new firefighters for the Livermore-Pleasanton and the Moraga-Orinda fire departments graduated last Friday from the 11-week Recruit Fire Academy.

The recruits began with varying degrees of emergency services experience but received more highly technical training specific to the type of emergencies in this region. This included firefighting in the urban wildland interface, vehicle extrication, pressurized natural gas line firefighting, commercial structure firefighting and technical rescue training.

The newly graduated recruits are Aaron Bates, Darren Bourne, Ryan Capes, John Duffy, Adam Elliott, Joel Fischer, Robert Hernandez, Christopher Jesberg,



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Firefighter recruits receive highly technical training specific to the emergencies seen in this region.

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Haugen's spirit lives on in awards

Community members lauded for their contributions

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Good feelings filled the Veterans Memorial Building last Thursday as people gathered to support the values promoted by longtime school board member Juanita Haugen, who died in 2007 after a two-year fight against cancer.

The seventh annual Community of Character Luncheon and Awards Ceremony celebrated Pleasanton residents who practice the group's heralded traits: responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, honesty, respect and integrity. The program was founded in 2002 under the direction of Haugen and is supported by the city, the school district, the Chamber of Commerce and service and faith groups.

The awards ceremony, emceed by board member Kelly O'Lague

Dulka, began with a musical performance by Don Lewis of "The Power of a Dream" as a tribute to community activist Jack Dove, who died April 24.

This year's award recipients were Tom Fox, Jim Ott, Pam Yeaw and the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

"The value of a true leader is someone who gives and not takes," said former award-winner Robert Shapiro when introducing Fox. "That's what Juanita was noticing when she left us the legacy she did."

"Tom's motto in Rotary is 'Do good and have fun,'" Shapiro added.

Fox spoke briefly, noting he moved to Pleasanton in 1970.

"There is not a better place to live. It's full of people with good character that are willing to help," he said. City Councilman Jerry Pentin in-

roduced former banker and poet laureate Ott, saying they've worked together on community projects for many years and he's always regarded Ott as an elder statesman since he is three weeks older than himself.

"We're all blessed to be in this community," said Ott, who now is an English professor at Las Positas College.

Police Capt. Eric Finn introduced Yeaw, a longtime volunteer with the Pleasanton Police Department.

"The Juanita Haugen Community of Character award is really a lifetime achievement award," Finn said. "Each recipient has a rich history of making their mark in our little corner of the world."

He went on to laud Yeaw's thousands of hours volunteering with

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Which city is richest? Depends on how the numbers are run

Pleasanton near top according to several measures

BY GLENN WOHLTANN

Pleasanton came out near the top of a recent list of the wealthiest cities in America.

The city placed No. 3 in the nation, with San Ramon at the top. Danville didn't make the list — not because it's less wealthy, but because it's too small to count, and neither Dublin nor Livermore made the cut.

Personal financial advice website Nerdwallet put together a list of the top 500 cities in the country, based on population. Nerdwallet looked at cities that had the highest percentage in the nation of households bringing in \$100,000 or more a year.

As of 2013, the U.S. Census put Pleasanton's population at 72,296, making it the 488th largest city in America.

Pleasanton came in third in the nation for wealth, according to Nerdwallet's calculation of highest-earning households, with 59.8 percent earning \$100,000 or more. The website showed 22.3 percent earned \$200,000 or more; 14.7 percent made \$150,000 to \$199,999; and 22.8 percent made \$100,000 to 149,999.

San Ramon's population is 81,323, putting it at No. 420 in population; Danville had a

population of 42,457 and was No. 967 on the list of the largest cities in the country. San Ramon came out on top, according to Nerdwallet, with 63.5 percent of its population earning \$100,000 or more. Census figures show 25 percent of San Ramon households brought in \$200,000 or more; 16.4 percent brought in \$150,000 to \$199,999; and 22.1 percent brought in \$100,000 to \$149,999.

Danville — based on 2011 figures, the latest available for the town — was a close second, with 63.2 percent of households bringing in \$100,000 or more. Danville had more high-income households: 28.2 percent brought in \$200,000 or more. It had fewer households that took in \$150,000 to \$199,999 — 15.4 percent — but more households that brought in \$100,000 to \$149,999. Altogether, that put Danville slightly lower, using those figures.

A case could be made that household earnings is a slanted way of measuring numbers; some families in San Ramon, particularly in Dougherty Valley, have two or more generations earning wages.

Pleasanton placed second for average home prices, with an average of \$767,900, and using home

prices as an indicator put Danville on top at \$917,500, and San Ramon third of the three, at \$739,700.

Looking at the census numbers for median income put Danville on top at \$133,888. San Ramon also scored high at \$121,756 per household, and Pleasanton at \$120,437 per household.

So, which of the measures should be used to determine the wealth of a city? All three, according to Tracey Grose, vice president at the Bay Area Economic Institute.

"I would say they all are equally valid. The economy is a complex base, and you can only explain it by looking through the economic prism, if you will," Grose said. "You can portray a balance by looking at all three."

Grose said there's a fourth indicator, the "gini coefficient." That, she said, represents the distance between the highest income earners in an area and the lowest earners.

But, she said, the coefficient may not work to see which of the three cities is wealthiest, because it looks at a broader picture and can be "inconclusive" when narrowed to a specific city or town. ■



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The four honored this year were Tom Fox, Jim Ott, Pam Yeaw and the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

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the Police Department.

"She's truly an ambassador for our organization," Finn said.

Mayor Jerry Thorne introduced Rotary president Julie Lewis to accept its award.

"Rotary was responsible for many of the amenities we have in our community today," Thorne said. "If you've found shade at the Sports Park, it's because they planted trees."

He went on to list scholarships, holiday dinners, helping seniors with cleaning, distributing wheelchairs to those in need and more.

"It sounds very much like a Community of Character to me," Thorne said.

Rotary District 5170 Gov. Joe Hamilton also acknowledged the award and said he had been an educator and had known Juanita Haugen.

PUSD Senior Director of Pupil

Services Kevin Johnson was the last speaker, asking for donations to the Juanita Haugen Scholarship Fund.

"As far as I'm concerned she beat cancer because her spirit and character live on in this community," Johnson said. ■



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Heather Haugen Rizzoli, daughter of Juanita, chats with community supporters after the ceremony.

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Jeff Keena, Britanny McMahon, Frank Nasca, Gilbert Perez, Christopher Sillers, Ryan Stark and Mathew Venema.

The Livermore-Pleasanton and the Moraga-Orinda fire departments partnered in providing the Fire Academy to their newest recruits in an effort to be more efficient and cost effective. The process uses a regional approach to training, much as area organizations do

when they provide service.

Nine members of the Recruit Fire Academy were hired by the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department and six by Moraga-Orinda.

The graduation ceremonies were held at Safeway Corporate Center on Stoneridge Mall Road on Friday evening, hosted by LPFD Fire Chief Jim Miguel and MOFD Fire Chief Randy Bradley. The recruits had their badges pinned and were officially sworn in to their fire departments. ■



SHANNON REVEL-WHITAKER

Citizens Police Academy graduates

Members of the 2013 Citizens Police Academy graduate May 16 after 14 weeks of learning the inner workings of the Pleasanton Police Department: Mukta Bahl, Julia Clarke, Steven Collins, John Corralejo, Ian Davis, Raul Heredia, Sandeep Kaur, Karen Lamos, Linda Logan, Robert Logan, Kelsy Martin, Sally Martin, Miyoshi Narasaki, Jennifer Sabella, Mike Sedlak, Larry Smith, Frederick Spaulding, Lawrence Stein, Brianna Thomson and Marissa Wyatt, shown with Police Chief Dave Spiller, far left, and Officer Archie Chu, far right.

The academy is offered each spring to create closer partnerships with the community, educate and explain principles and procedures of law enforcement, and discuss the importance of public involvement in the policing process. Classes are taught by Police Department personnel and subject matter experts from other agencies and/or community groups. For more information, call 931-5233.

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Kottinger Place Task Force
Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Presentation by MidPen Architect, Dahlin Group regarding development on concept site plan, building layout, open space, parking and site circulation

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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Safeway raises \$10.8 million in April for people with disabilities

Easter Seals, Special Olympics among charities that benefit

By JEB BING

Pleasanton-based Safeway Corp. raised and donated more than \$10.8 million in April for Easter Seals, Special Olympics and a range of other charities that support people with disabilities.

This year's campaign brings the total donation from the annual Support for People with Disabilities campaign, along with other fundraising activities, to \$150 million to benefit some of the most respected and prominent charities that help people with disabilities live fuller lives.

"We are extremely grateful for each and every contribution that will help improve and transform the lives of countless people and ensure their disability doesn't define their lives or limit their personal potential," said Larree Renda, Safeway executive vice president and chairwoman of The Safeway Foundation.

Each of the company's affiliates, including Vons, Pavilions, Dominick's, Tom Thumb, Randalls and Carrs, collected donations at checkstands throughout April. In addition, the company and The Safeway Foundation partnered again with Rebuilding Together,

or people with disabilities.

The more than \$150 million raised over the years has financed or supported countless important projects. Funds donated by Safeway's customers have:

■ Trained Easter Seals staff across the country to help expand visibil-

■ Helped Easter Seals provide more than 37,000 hours of after-school care and other services for children with developmental disabilities in the San Francisco Bay Area through Easter Seals' Kaleidoscope program.

■ Provided free training and competition opportunities to more than 13,000 Special Olympics athletes in Arizona.

■ Helped Special Olympics Colorado expand to provide sports training to an additional 806 athletes.

■ Financed the renovation of 20 homes and 12 nonprofit centers nationwide through Rebuilding Together, benefiting nearly 5,500 individuals across the country. More than 1,800 Safeway employees donated more than 15,000 hours volunteering on Rebuilding Together projects.

"Year after year, Safeway's employees and customers go the

extra mile to support Easter Seals services for children and adults with disabilities," said James E. Williams, president and chief executive officer of Easter Seals. "We are proud of the positive impact for our clients, and the families that love them, made possible by our good friends at Safeway and The Safeway Foundation."

"We are thrilled with the results of Safeway's campaign for people with disabilities," said Special Olympics president and chief operating officer Brady Lum. "On behalf of more than 550,000 Special Olympics athletes in North America, I want to thank the Safeway store employees who tirelessly supported the campaign and the Safeway shoppers who made generous contributions to help ensure that their local communities are ones where all people are accepted, welcomed and celebrated for their gifts and talents." ■

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president and chief executive officer of Easter Seals

the nation's leading nonprofit providing critical repairs and accessibility upgrades to low-income homes and community centers, to renovate nine homes and nonprofit centers serving seniors and

ity of early intervention programs, which are critical for special-needs children, especially those with autism or other disabilities.

■ Supported 23 Special Olympics programs in 22 states.

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duced retirement plan benefits. The state's Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 took effect that date and requires that new employees who are enrolled

in the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) for the first time have the maximum benefit factor of 2.5% at age 67 formula, a change from the former 3% at 65 benefit.

Also, in a new Retiree Medical Program, instead of medical cov-

erage for two parties after retirement as current city retirees are now receiving, the new program covers the employee only and ends at the time those individuals become eligible for Medicare, which is currently 65 years of age. ■

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entire story and there was no truth to what she had reported," the release says.

She was booked at Santa Rita Jail with \$10,000 bail. Filing a false police

report carries up to six months in jail.

The Pleasanton Police Department spent about \$2,980 in staff time and resources investigating Flores' claim. The Alameda County District Attorney will ask that Flores be ordered to reimburse the department for its expenses. ■

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Thoratec gains FDA approval for its new Heartmate Pocket Controller

Device can slide easily, discreetly into front pocket

By JEB BING

Thoratec Corp., a Pleasanton-based designer and manufacturer of device-based mechanical circulatory support therapies, has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to market the HeartMate II Pocket Controller, a smaller version of its HeartMate II LVAD system.

The device saves, supports and restores failing hearts, company representatives said.

"In offering our next-generation

Pocket Controller device, we are providing a product that has been extensively tested and is designed for greater ease of use and safety," said Gary F. Burbach, president and chief executive officer.

"We have a significant amount of clinical experience and patient feedback from Europe that has highlighted the Pocket Controller's ability to deliver meaningful benefits in everyday living with this therapy," he added.

The Pocket Controller is de-

signed to support the active lifestyles that patients with HeartMate II LVADs are leading. The Pocket Controller is lighter and more compact than previous LVAD system controllers, and it features an intuitive user interface with enhanced information content. Additionally, with a single-side cable design, the device can slide easily and discreetly into a front pocket.

The Pocket Controller has also been designed to promote patient safety, through features including prioritized visual alarms, on-screen instructions and a backup battery, which can provide at least 15 minutes of full power during periods of inadvertent disconnections from power sources.

"Patients are living for extended periods of time on HeartMate II support, either while they wait

for a transplant or as a long-term, destination therapy," Burbach said. "The launch of the Pocket Controller provides an attractive option for these patients and advances Thoratec's mission, which is to improve the lives of individuals suffering from advanced heart failure."

Thoratec began training U.S. implanting centers on the Pocket Controller this week. Following clinician training, the Pocket Controller will be available for new patients as well as for current HeartMate II patients eligible to upgrade their existing system controllers. ■

About HeartMate II

HeartMate II is the most widely used and extensively studied LVAD in the world. Featuring innovative design elements, includ-

ing proprietary textured surfaces, blood immersed ruby bearings and open flow paths.

Thoratec's HeartMate II has proven to be a highly durable device capable of long-term circulatory support. In clinical testing, over 80% of HeartMate II recipients became virtually free of heart failure symptoms shortly after implant and sustained those improvements for the full two-year follow-up period. Moreover, controlled clinical trials as well as large-scale commercial experience have demonstrated significant improvement in patients' functional capacity, with 94% of HeartMate II recipients able to perform the six-minute walk test after six months of support.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Fly the flag, honor our veterans

Let's support the Memorial Day observance Monday starting at 10:30 a.m. just south of the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard. The VFW, American Legion, Pleasanton Military Families and others hold this annual event to pay tribute not only to those who have sacrificed their lives in defense of our country, but also to the hundreds of Pleasanton veterans and those still on active duty in the military from our community, many in harm's way in Afghanistan. Early Monday, the Scouts will place flags on veterans buried at Pioneer and St. Augustine Catholic cemeteries, also on Sunol Boulevard just south of the Senior Center. It's another place for families to visit to honor the fallen.

Memorial Day was traditionally observed on May 30. But in 1968, the national holiday was moved to the last Monday in May to create a convenient three-day weekend. Despite opposition, all 50 states, including California, began complying with the change of date in the early 1970s. That change has no doubt undermined the very meaning of Memorial Day, contributing to what we see today as the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day. This weekend, which marks the beginning of the busy summer season and school graduations, has also become a time of retail sales specials, family get-aways and backyard barbecues. Hopefully, we'll find an hour or so to join in Monday's Memorial Day observance or at least remember to fly the flag outside our homes and businesses. ■

Taxpayers: Here we go again

It's too early to know just how far two costly attorneys — one from San Francisco and another from Oakland — plan to take their threats of litigation against the city of Pleasanton over the hillside protection ordinance called Measure PP, but their yet-to-be identified (presumably) Pleasanton clients want to delay and substantially change the measure before it becomes law. Lawsuits over the ordinance and the demand that Measure PP undergo a review under the California Environmental Quality Act, or CEQA, will no doubt be costly for taxpayers who have already paid millions of dollars in court costs, attorney fees and penalties over land use legal decisions and settlements.

Tuesday, the City Council postponed until at least June 4 a second and final reading of the Measure PP ordinance, which would have buttoned up scores of public hearings, community meetings and workshop discussions since Measure PP was adopted by voters in November 2008. The delay came at the advice of City Attorney Jonathan Lowell and City Manager Nelson Fialho after they received letters from environmental attorney Stuart Flashman of Oakland and Kristina Lawson, representing the San Francisco law firm of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. It's not clear who Lawson's Pleasanton clients are, although Flashman states that he represents "The Ridge & Hillside Protection Association," which he said is an unincorporated association of Pleasanton residents and taxpayers. Basically, both law firms object to the Measure PP ordinance because it "attempts to modify the (voter-approved) measure without a vote of the people of Pleasanton."

Fialho and Lowell argue that a legal analysis of the Measure PP initiative before it went to voters determined that citizen initiatives, such as Measure PP, are not subject to a CEQA evaluation. Flashman counters, however, that so many changes have been made to the measure since the 2008 vote that a full environmental review is needed, and he's prepared to go to court to force that review. This could be another lengthy suit that, win or lose, Pleasanton taxpayers will pay for. ■



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LETTERS

Quack, quack

Dear Editor,

A big thank you to Kristen Hart and Roy Fickens with the city of Pleasanton's Animal Control. They were so kind and patient helping rescue eight baby ducks from the storm drain in front of our home. Roy took them to the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek where they will be well cared for. Our neighborhood is grateful for all their assistance.

Marcia O'Neill

neighborhood place their trash cans on the sidewalk on Sunday afternoon in preparation for a Monday morning pickup. This of course blocks pedestrian access to sidewalks and forces pedestrians to unsafely venture out into the street or try to squeeze by the cans.

I suspect I am not alone in my safety concern, and wonder if this might be an opportunity to raise more community awareness to residents about this issue. A simple fix would be to not put your cans on the sidewalk, but put them in the street instead. Or, simply don't put trash cans out before 8 p.m.

Craig Mynatt

Trash can hazards

Dear Editor,

With the beautiful Pleasanton weather upon us, I've been taking frequent Sunday evening walks. In doing so, I've noticed that many Pleasanton residents in my neigh-

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Reporter Sierra Rhodes about to board "Witchcraft," a B-24 from 1944 that flew 130 missions in World War II and is the only one of its kind still flying. Inside the airplanes that will be part of the Wings of Freedom Tour 2013 this weekend are (clockwise from above left) the bomb bay of the Boeing B-17; a gun turret in the B-24; the bomb bay doors and catwalk in the B-24; and the P-51 Mustang viewed from the B-24 in flight.



BEWARE THE BOMB BAY

Flight on World War II bomber proves
to be adventurous, emotional —
and totally awesome

STORY & PHOTOS BY SIERRA RHODES



I have never considered myself an adventurous person. I favor turn signals, never go anywhere without a map and a cell phone, and I've made it all the way to 23 without taking candy from a stranger.

To my surprise when asked if I wanted to go on a flight in a World War II bomber, rather than replying, "Are you crazy?!" I said, "Sure, why not?" Those three simple words haunted my dreams for weeks before the flight. On the morning of my adventure, they rang in my ears like some sort of preemptive funeral dirge.

Kevin Ryan, a pilot who lives in Pleasanton and has been involved with the Collings Foundation for more than 20 years, was waiting for my fellow journalistic lunatics and me last Wednesday at the Livermore Municipal Airport. Kevin looked bright-eyed and bushy-tailed while I yearned for coffee, sleep and the safety of solid ground.

The flight to Santa Barbara, where we were to meet the bombers, was smooth and beautiful. Kevin and his 1976 Cessna 182 delivered us safely to land, and I tried not to appear too grateful to have both feet solidly on pavement. As a person with mammalian vs. avian anatomy and a morbid dread of falling from thousands of feet, I had no desire to challenge Mother Nature by flying again so soon after landing. That is, until I turned around and saw the planes.

The Wings of Freedom tour was created as a flying testament to the bravery and tenacity of the human spirit — honoring the flight crews, ground crew workers who made and flew these bombers as well as the people they served to protect. I don't think I understand the significance of these planes and their experience until I was in their presence. Seeing them, I could understand why the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress and Consolidated B-24 Liberator were so revered as the backbones of the American effort in World War II. They were daunting, intimidating, strangely beautiful and — to me — totally awesome.

All my fears and adventureless instincts flew out the bomb bay. Suddenly I was a little kid going to Disneyland for the first time, running around and peering into the giant machines, climbing in and out through every nook and cranny.

The greatest challenge of the flight proved not to be gathering the courage to fly — though my sense of self-preservation was still firmly against boarding a craft more than half a century old — rather choosing which piece of history to experience.

The P-51 Mustang, one of the most iconic planes that perhaps turned the tide in WWII and whimsically was named "Jane," was unfortunately not an option, but that left two amazing aircraft



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choose from. The most widely recognized aircraft from WWII was the B-17 Flying Fortress named "Nine-O-Nine," and one of only eight still in flying condition. The 1944 Consolidated Liberator, dubbed "Witchcraft," flew a record 130 missions over Europe and is the only craft of its kind still flying the world.

Riding in "Witchcraft," the last of a species, was too tempting to resist. Clambering through the same spaces as had all those young soldiers was thrilling and profoundly sad, knowing that with its memories, triumphs and losses, "Witchcraft" would one day no longer take to the sky.

After I signed my life away to the care of the B-24 and her crew, there came what I will call a prolonged anticipation period — a very long wait. Three hours later, "Witchcraft" returned from its local flight and we boarded to make our journey to Monterey.

As each engine of the B-24 started up, a cloud of smoke billowed out behind the propellers, and my anxiety returned with even more colorful death scenarios. The force of the wind from the propellers nearly knocked me over, ruining any attempts to look fearless and nonchalant.

Hauling camera case and purse on my shoulder, I crawled up through the open bomb bay doors and levered myself up onto the catwalk. The catwalk between

the front and rear of the plane was little more than a plank, half a foot wide with few places to hold onto.

"Don't step on the bomb bay doors. They will open." The words of the puckishly melodramatic crewman returned to my mind as we passengers buckled ourselves into our seats. Inside, "Witchcraft" was all sharp edges, narrow spaces and a truly disturbing number of gaps in the frame with views of the world below.

My hair whipped in front of my face and tangled over my forehead even before takeoff, and as the B-24 taxied down the runway and gathered speed for liftoff, I held on for dear life. The wheels parted ways with the ground, and I let loose an embarrassing squeal, thankfully drowned out by the roar of the four engines.

Shortly after takeoff a loud bell rang, and we were free to wander. Once again my fear was gone and I eagerly scrambled to the waist guns and the open windows. The view of the coastline was breathtaking, and though I tried to capture the wonder with my camera, the pictures hardly do it justice.

I slithered through the bomb bay, balancing carefully on the catwalk and hoping my typical clumsiness would take a hiatus. I made it to the front of the plane unscathed and crawled on hands and knees into the gun turret. I couldn't get the grin off my face. The world was

sprawled below, and the waves looked like splashes of blue and white paint.

The air was cold but bearable up at 1,500 feet, and I spent the hour-long flight keeping myself warm by exploring every part of the aircraft. I made a perch in the tail turret, a place slightly sheltered from the wind and with a clear view to everything we were leaving behind. It also afforded a clear shot to the P-51 that danced and barrel rolled alongside of us like a hyper little kid.

When we strapped back in for landing, and when we finally disembarked, the giant grin was still plastered to my face. I didn't want to leave. I wanted to stay up in the sky and make "Witchcraft" my new home.

The Wings of Freedom Tour comes to Livermore on Sunday with the P-51 Mustang, the B-17, and my dear partner in flight, the B-24. The trip may seem steep at \$425 a pop, but I can safely say that despite my reservations, there is no experience like this one.

There was a moment on "Witchcraft" when another passenger turned to me with an expression of unparalleled joy on her face. Her words as she spoke — yelled — in my ear will stick with me for a long time as a perfect summary of my adventure: "Would you trade this for the world?"

My answer: "Not for anything." ■



Wings of Freedom Tour 2013

WHAT: Ground tour and flights of legendary World War II airplanes

WHO: The Collings Foundation

WHERE: Livermore Airport General Aviation Terminal

WHEN: May 26-28

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

hoping for a hit

BY GLENN
WOHLTMANN

An Amador graduate is hoping to make it big time on the small screen with an animated show premiering tomorrow on Nickelodeon.

The show is called "Sanjay and Craig," about a boy and his pet snake. It debuts in what's been known for years as the primo spot for cartoons — Saturday morning.

Jay Howell, a 1993 grad, is co-creator of the series.

"I'm also the art director here as well. That means I'm in charge of how the show looks, all the characters and all that stuff," Howell said.

The hook of the show is that Sanjay and his friends know Craig can talk, but none of the adults do.

Howell didn't break into Nickelodeon the traditional way, by approaching the network with an idea or a script.

"I took a different route than most people. I started doing stuff with my partner Jim Dirschberger. We started making cartoons on our own and putting them on the Internet. I would also make my own comics as well," he said. "I think I have a pretty fun sense of humor, doing it suited me pretty well."

The network approached them after some of the animation the two were doing drew their attention.

"They saw the cartoons Jim and I were doing," Howell said. "They asked, 'Do you think you'd be interested in doing some children's cartoons?'"

He said "Sanjay and Craig" was the first show they pitched.

"Right away, they wanted to see some more, so we pitched another one, but they kept coming back to 'Sanjay and Craig,'" Howell said.

It's not the first time Howell's work has appeared on Nickelodeon — he was character designer for the popular show "Bob's Burgers" — but it is the first time he's been at the helm. He left "Bob's Burgers" to work on the new show.

"Once they pick you up, they start paying you to do the pilot, it's called development," he said. "Development is a very long road to go down. It evolved all the way up to us writing the actual show, and the characters still change a little bit. It's an interesting process, really. You have to show the network that you know the characters and that you've developed them really strongly."

Howell, who's 38, describes himself as a late bloomer.

"I'm all self taught. Amador Valley High School was my last art class — Mrs. (Evie) Moriguchi," he said, adding that while he wanted to be an artist, he really didn't have a career path mapped out. "I just wanted to draw and ride my skateboard and enjoy life. I didn't start getting my career together until I was 30."

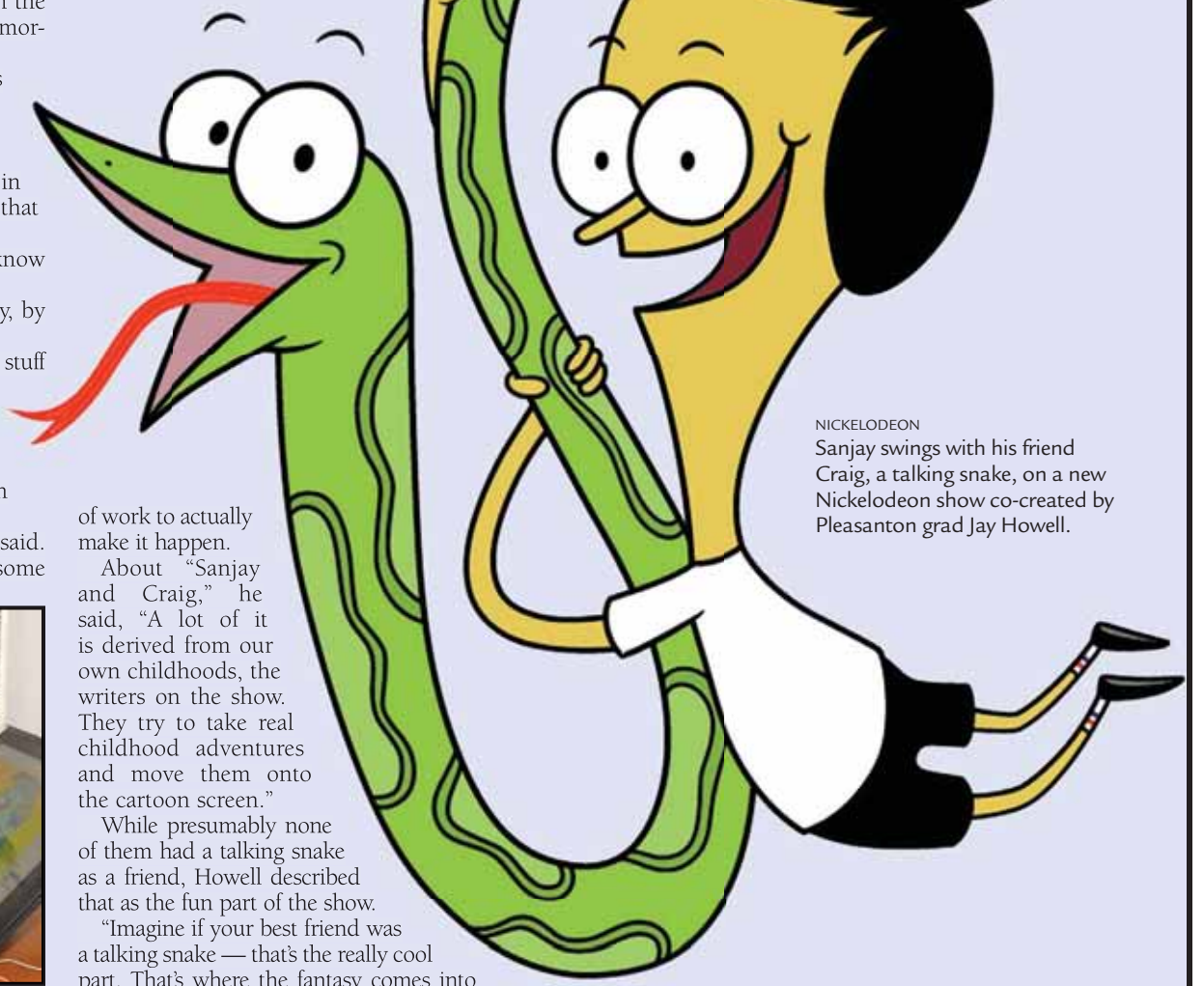
That's not to say he hasn't been doing art. Howell has had a recent solo show of his work at FFDG gallery in San Francisco, entitled "Enthusiastic Person," as well as putting out zines, self-created magazines.

"It just started to work out about five years ago, I guess," he said.

He said "getting a TV show is pretty exciting," but added it's a lot



Jay Howell works on digital animation for the show, which can be seen tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m.



NICKELODEON
Sanjay swings with his friend Craig, a talking snake, on a new Nickelodeon show co-created by Pleasanton grad Jay Howell.

of work to actually make it happen.

About "Sanjay and Craig," he said, "A lot of it is derived from our own childhoods, the writers on the show. They try to take real childhood adventures and move them onto the cartoon screen."

While presumably none of them had a talking snake as a friend, Howell described that as the fun part of the show.

"Imagine if your best friend was a talking snake — that's the really cool part. That's where the fantasy comes into the show," he said.

Craig is also a master of disguise, and that plays a big part in the debut, in which they break into a local hospital to see the first ever butt transplant. That's standard fare for Nickelodeon these days: funny, a little twisted, and with a bit of an edge. These aren't your parents' cartoons.

Nickelodeon has given "Sanjay and Craig" some time to build an audience, with 20 half-hour shows slotted.

"It can take up to six months per show, so you're working on multiple shows at the same time," Howell said.

Stylistically, he said, "We use a lot of hand-painted backgrounds. Our show has an early '90s Nickelodeon feel to it, I try to make it what I grew up on."

A lot of animation these days is done in Korea, and Howell went there to work with some of the overseas team.

But he spends much of his time, literally, at the drawing board. "Basically, I'm drawing from morning to night every single day," Howell said.

Some of the actors lending their voices to the characters are well known, including Linda Cardellini from "Mad Men," Matt Jones from "Breaking Bad" and Kunal Nayyar from "The Big Bang Theory."

Howell, Dirschberger and Andreas Trolf are co-executive producers. The first episode airs at 10:30 a.m., tomorrow, May 25. ■

Amador alum's

cartoon show

premieres

tomorrow on

Nickelodeon

Pleasanton to hold Memorial Day ceremony Monday

Morning event to include patriotic music, tribute to veterans

By JEB BING

Pleasanton's annual Memorial Day observance will be held starting at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the garden area just south of the Pleasanton Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard.

The event, hosted by the American Legion Pleasanton Post 237 with the assistance of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Pleasanton Post 6298, honors all military veterans including those now on active duty and especially those who died while serving their country.

Parking and restrooms are available at the Senior Center.

A preliminary musical interlude by the Pleasanton Community Band under the direction of Bob Williams will begin the ceremony with the program of tributes to start at 11 a.m.

The keynote speaker will be Maj. Gen. David Baldwin, the commanding general of the California National Guard.

Directly following the ceremony will be a free barbecue at the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. Junior and senior high school students who won the Patriotic Essay contest will be recognized at the barbecue.

The "Voice of Democracy" award will be given to Sricharana Mup-



The Honor Guard arrives at last year's Memorial Day observance at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

pidi, a senior at Amador Valley High School who was also on the school's "We The People" civics team that won second place in national competition last month in Washington, D.C. Nathaniel Wong of St. Joachim School in Hayward will receive the "Patriot Pen" award.

Tomorrow morning, as the Me-

morial Day weekend begins, Pleasanton Scouts will place special bronze grave markers with flags on veteran graves in the city's Pioneer Cemetery and at the adjacent St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery.

For more information, contact Patrick Leary at (816) 225-1805, or email commander.vfw6298@gmail.com. ■



Eagle Scouts Eric Hitchens, Jack Finney and Matthew O'Neil

Three Foothill High seniors — Eric Hitchens, Jack Finney and Matthew O'Neil — received their Eagle Scout Awards on April 28 in a Court of Honor at St. Clare's Episcopal Church. As members of Troop 908, the boys journeyed through Scouting together starting in kindergarten when they joined the same Tiger Cub den.

For his Eagle Scout project, Eric researched and planted 76 California native plants behind the amphitheater at the Alviso Adobe Community Park, providing a more native habitat. Jack designed and constructed a weather station, compost bin and wheelchair-accessible raised garden bed at Hearst Elementary. Matthew designed and installed flexible storage in the Foothill High band trailer and replaced aging shelving used to store uniforms.

Perfect time for a pet

Adoption fees waived next weekend at animal shelters

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Rosie looked sad and not just because she's a beagle. She was an older dog with a skin condition, and lived at Valley Humane Society waiting for her forever home after her first adoption didn't work out.

Then last year at the Maddie's Fund adoption event, a couple with a chihuahua mix came looking to add to their family, and Rosie's long ears perked up. Sure enough, they took her home.

"It was a match made in heaven," said Melissa Adkins, marketing and development manager at Valley Humane Society. "I think the gal was a school teacher so she would

be home during the summer and could get the animals accustomed to each other."

Valley Humane adopted out about 70 dogs and cats last year and very few were returned, Adkins said.

Maddie's Pet Adoption Days are scheduled again for the weekend of June 1-2. The event started in the Bay Area in 2010 and has found homes for 6,722 shelter dogs and cats.

This year there will be more than 100 adoption locations throughout the Bay Area, plus five communities across the country including New York City for the first time, with a goal of finding homes for 5,000 dogs and cats.

Some shelters in the East Bay, including Valley Humane, also will be at Stoneridge Shopping Center to adopt out their dogs and cats.

Some people come to the event pre-approved, and many look over the adoptable pets the week before either at the shelter or at valleyhumane.org.

"Then it's first come-first served," Adkins said. "There does tend to be a line, particularly on Saturday morning."

"Last year we had every one up on the website ahead of time," she added, noting that kittens may arrive at the last minute.

The adoptions are free during

Adopt a dog or cat for free

What: Maddie's Pet Adoption Days
When: June 1-2

Where: Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St.; telephone 426-8656; hours during adopt-a-thon: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

Other locations: Go to adopt.maddiesfund.org

the event.

"Normally it is \$100 for cats or \$150 for dogs, but everyone goes home fee-free," Adkins said. "And everybody's going home with a goodie bag — a catnip pillow or leash or whatever."

The University of Florida surveyed 1,928 adopters from Maddie's pet adoption events and concluded that successful adoptions do not require a fee; free adoption promotions such as these can increase adoptions without compromising the quality of a pet's life.

The shelters benefit from the adoptions during the event, with Maddie's paying from \$500-\$2,000 per animal, depending on whether they are a senior or have a medical condition that makes them more difficult to adopt.



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/J. XIA

Rosie the beagle joins her new family at the Valley Humane Society during last year's Maddie's Pet Adoption Days.

"It goes all right back into our programs," Adkins said.

Valley Humane Society pulls adoptable pets out of public shelters to find homes for them. VHS is a no-kill shelter so once it takes responsibility for an animal it will find it a home as well as the best medical care available, which takes money.

Maddie's Fund founders Cheryl and Dave Duffield, who also started PeopleSoft and Workday, have pledged \$4 million to pay the shelters for the adoptions during this year's event; participating groups have received \$4.4 million since 2010.

The Maddie's Pet Adoption Days are exciting for the shelter work-

ers, Adkins said, as they track each other's adoptions.

"It's like a marathon, it's really exciting to see," Adkins said. "Throughout the day we sent them pictures and our numbers on how many gone out so far. They put them out on Facebook and Twitter."

She said Valley Humane Society right now has more than 50 kittens in foster care with the mama cats, and more foster homes are needed, in addition to people to adopt the kittens — and the moms.

One danger of fostering is that many end up adopting their first charge.

"We call them foster failures," said Adkins with a laugh, admitting that she was one. ■



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Puddles, a 1-year-old gray tuxedo cat who was rescued as part of a hoarding situation, is hoping to find a home next weekend.

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GREAT BOOKS OF PLEASANTON The Great Books of Pleasanton book club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie at 846-1658.

Civic Meetings

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

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

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on

the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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

Classes

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

Clubs

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION The Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, meets at 10 a.m., the second Saturday of each month Sept. through May. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For more information contact the chapter's regent Diane Groome at dggroome@comcast.net.

DBE (DAUGHTERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) Welcome to ladies of British or British Commonwealth Heritage. DBE holds monthly

meetings at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday at Castlewood Country Club. Members focus on philanthropy, enjoy social interaction and form long-lasting friendships while contributing to local charities and supporting retirement homes in the USA. Call Edith at 998-3500.

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

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit www.PleasantonRotary.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at the Hilton Hotel, 7050 Johnson Dr. Call 580-7947 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

SPEAKER ERIC GOLUB AT TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED DINNER Humorist and author Eric Golub will speak at the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, June 13, at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Cost is \$26 members, \$30 guests. Contact Phyllis Couper at coupclan1962@pacbell.net or 462-4931.

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

Concerts

'SONGS OF RIVER AND SEA' Baritone Kurt Haller and pianist Daniel Lockert will present a program of "Songs of River and Sea" featuring John Masefield's maritime verse, from 4-5:30 p.m., Friday, June 2, at St. Claire's, 3350 Hopyard Road. Reception will follow. Contact Margaret at (415) 722-0488 or margaret.secour@gmail.com.

BROADWAY STAR OF 'WICKED' DAVID BURNHAM David Burnham, star of Broadway's "Wicked," will perform songs from many of his roles from 8-10 p.m., Saturday, June 8, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Cost is \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

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STARS OF THE FUTURE: HARP COMPETITION WINNERS RECITAL The winners of the prestigious Northern California Harp Competition will be in concert with special guest artist Seika Dong from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, June 2, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Cost is \$10-\$20. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

SWINGIN’ BLUE STARS OF THE USS HORNET Four vocalists plus a big band present a special musical tribute to the Armed Forces swing-style at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 26, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.. Cost is \$12-\$25, child/senior/group discounts available. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, or 931-4848.

Events

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE Pleasanton’s free annual Memorial Day observance, hosted by American Legion Post 237, will begin with music at 10:30 a.m. and the program at 11 a.m., Monday, May 27, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Contact Patrick Leary at (816) 225-1805 or email commander.vfv6298@gmail.com.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH IN SAN RAMON The Widow and Widowers of Northern California invite you to join a Breakfast/Lunch at noon, Sunday, May 26, at Clementine’s, 18070 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. RSVP to Marsha at 830-8483 or hskooog@comcast.net by May 23.

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

GET YOUR ART THING HAPPENING Come to downtown Livermore for Art Happens, 6-9 p.m., the second Thursday each month, at Bothwell Arts Center’s Downtown Art Studios, 62 South L St., Livermore. Download maps at www.bothwellartscenter.org. Contact 447-2787 or info@bothwellartscenter.org.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING IS TURNING 5 Join the fun as GNON celebrates 5 years, from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, June 4, at Girasole Grill Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Road. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. RSVP by June 1 to gnoners@gmail.com. Visit www.gnontrivalley.com.

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is \$17 adults, \$6 kids. Contact 838-9876 or info@good-guys.com, or go to www.good-guys.com.

JUNE TEA DANCE Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 proudly presents the June Tea Dance with live music, from 1-3:15 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, at Veterans Hall, 301 Main St. Donation of \$7 includes a light lunch. Proceeds used to help veterans and their families. Contact 443-222 or Joephylb@att.net.

LUNCH IN PLEASANTON The Widow and Widowers of Northern California invite you to join for lunch at noon, Wednesday, May 29, at Voodoo Kitchen, 6654 Koll Center Pkwy., Suite 300. RSVP to David at 833-7647 or hskooog@comcast.net by May 27.

MADDIE’S PET ADOPTION DAYS Come find your forever furry friend at Maddie’s Pet Adoption Days, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, June 1, and Sunday, June 2. Free adoptions offered to qualified adopters at more than 100 Bay Area locations. Visit <http://adopt.maddiesfund.org>.

NIGHT AT THE IMPROV Join San Ramon Improv U 8 p.m., Friday, May 24 for an interactive evening of improvisational comedy at Front Row Theater, 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Must be over 18. Tickets are \$10. Call 973-3343 or visit www.sanramonperformingarts.com.

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE Pleasantonians 4 Peace sponsors a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. The group reflects on the human and monetary costs of the war, honors veterans who have sacrificed, and visualizes ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. They plan to continue this monthly event as long as necessary. Contact Cathe Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

TEDxLIVERMORE CREATING OUR FUTURE Come to TEDxLivermore’s “Creating Our Future: Innovate + Educate,” a presentation of evolving education and vocation in today’s technological world, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, June 8, at Las Positas College, Livermore. Cost is \$75. Go to www.TEDxLivermore.com.

VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY’S GREAT CATSBY Enjoy an unforgettable evening of food, music, dancing and gambling with a Roaring ‘20s theme and music by the CoolTones at the Valley Humane Society’s Great Catsby, from 6-10:30 p.m., Saturday, July 27, at the Veteran’s Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Cost is \$65, or \$100 with poker. Contact Melanie Sadek at 426-8656 or msadek@valleyhumane.org

Exhibits

PERSPECTIVES ON MOUNT DIABLO This new exhibit explores the fascinating, diverse qualities and intriguing history of Mount Diablo, April 27-June 30, at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley located in the old train depot at 205 Railroad Ave., Danville. Contact 837-3750

or srvmuseum@sbcglobal.net.

Film

MAKE ’EM LAUGH: “ANNIE HALL” Las Positas College presents “Annie Hall” with film historian Dr. Candace Klaschus at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 6, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. See you at the movies!

Fundraisers

CELEBRATING OUR STARS GALA AND AUCTION Join Hospice of the East Bay for the Celebrating Our Stars Gala and Auction at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 1, at Diablo Country Club, 1700 Clubhouse Road, Diablo. For more information, visit hospiceeastbay.org.

CORKS AND CAPES Help fund Kiss the Toad Creations for true super heroes, children battling life-threatening illness, at Corks and Capes, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 5, at Wedgewood Banquet Center, 9430 Fircrest Ln., San Ramon. Cost is \$30. Register by May 31 at www.kissthetoadcreations.com.

FIREFIGHTERS FOUNDATION HOOK AND LADDER RUN Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation will host the Hook and Ladder Run on Sunday, June 2, at Wente Vineyards, 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore. The event benefits the Burn Foundation and other charities in the Tri-Valley. Cost is \$37 adults, \$15 kids. Go to www.onyourmarkevents.com.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO BENEFIT SERVICE MEMBERS The Pleasanton Veterans of Foreign Wars and other service clubs will host a free pancake breakfast to raise donations for the Pleasanton Military Families Support Group. Breakfast will be served between from 8:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, June 8. Call Doug Miller at 998-9905.

SLEEP TRAIN’S CLOTHING DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS Sleep Train is hosting its annual Clothing Drive, now through Sunday, June 23. Drop off donations of new clothing in all sizes at any Sleep Train location. For more information on the location of the nearest store, visit sleeptrain.com.

Health

CANCER SURVIVORS INVITED TO CELEBRATION OF LIFE Cancer survivors and their caregivers are invited to “Celebrate Our Future Birthdays with Humor and Hope.” Rakesh Patel, M.D., radiation oncologist, will present “Good News about Cancer Survival,” and Michael Pritchard, comedian, will present “A Dose of Laughter,” from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 12, at Faz Restaurant, 5121 Hopyard Road. Space is limited. RSVP by June 7 to 934-7640, ext. 305, or juliane.lee@cancer.org.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES San Ramon Regional Medical Center now offers a two-part educational series on Diabetes Self-Management for adults. Classes are being held monthly throughout 2013 on Saturdays or weekdays in the West Day Room in the hospital’s South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Part one classes: 1-4 p.m., Wednesday, June 12; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 13; 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3; and 9 a.m.-noon,



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Saturday, Nov. 9. Part two classes are: 1-4 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 14; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 14; 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12; and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. Barbara Reis, R.D., certified diabetes educator, will instruct the classes with other clinicians. Classes will discuss the risk factors, signs and symptoms of diabetes; blood sugar monitoring; medication; healthy eating; exercise; stress management; complications; and other important topics. A physician referral is required. Medicare and other insurances cover the classes. To enroll, call Barbara Reis at 275-6018.

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

Holiday

PICNIC IDEAS FOR HOLIDAYS

AND ANYDAY Come by New Leaf Community Market and discover the many products available for your Memorial Day picnic, from Noon-3 p.m., Saturday, May 25, at 6550 Bernal Ave. Call Emily at 621-7660, ext. 120.

Kids & Teens

ADOBE BRICK MAKING Come learn how our historic adobe was constructed and make one of your own to take home, 1-2 p.m., Saturday, May 25, at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Ages 6-12. Cost is \$5. Preregistration required at www.pleasantonfun.com using the code 54778. Call 931-3483 for details.

ALL ABOUT ANIMALS Discover the wonderful world of pets during a week-long camp full of stories, games and crafts, from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday, June 24-Friday, June 28, at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. Cost is \$250, snack provided. Ages 7-8. Contact 426-8656, ext. 13, or sreed@valleyhumane.org.

FIFE & DRUM CORPS Pleasanton-area youths (ages 8-17) are invited to join the 1776-era Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps of Pleasanton. This 3-year-old band has performed at more than 30 events. Visit www.youngamericanpatriots.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

ADDRESSING PROBLEM BEHAVIORS AND STRESS FOR CAREGIVERS Learn practical techniques for problem solving challenging behaviors common in dementia and practical techniques for addressing caregiver stress, from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 28, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5365.

GARDEN TALKS AT DEMO GARDEN The ACMG Livermore Demo Garden, 3575 Greenville Road, holds monthly Saturday Garden Talks: April 13 is "Selecting Low

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



TRI-VALLEY TV

TV Summer Camp adds a session

Due to the overwhelming response, Tri-Valley TV is offering a third TV Summer Camp session, being held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 12-16. The fee is \$495, and it is open to middle and high school students entering grades 6-12.

"Since we have such a large standby list, it is our pleasure to offer yet another TV Video Camp," said Tri-Valley TV Executive Director Melissa Tench-Stevens. "To insure your spot, sign up quickly for the remaining openings."

Now in its fifth year, the day camp includes an introduction to studio production, field production, writing, producing and digital video editing. Participants produce a TV program that will air on TV30.

The camp is located at the Tri-Valley Community Television Studios of TV28, TV29 and TV30 on the grounds of the Pleasanton Unified School District, 4663 Bernal Ave. For more information visit www.trivalleytv.org or call the station at 462-3030.

Water Shrubs"; May 11, "Selecting Ornamental Grasses"; and June 8, "Attracting Honeybees." All talks are 10-11 a.m. and are free.

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. 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.

FREE JOB SEARCH COUNSELING The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., offers free, 20-minute consultations with an employment recruiter. To make an appointment, call the Reference Desk at 931-3400, ext. 7.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ONLINE BOOK SALE Did you know you could buy books from the Friends of the Library at Amazon.com? The Friends have a year round magazine and paperback book sale in the library and have two major book sales a year. To buy books, visit www.amazon.com/shops/ptwnfriends or call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.

VETERANS FOR PEACE The new East Bay Chapter, No. 162, of Veterans for Peace meets at 10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at 6501 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. All veterans are welcome. To learn more about the monthly meetings, call Fred at 462-7495.

VFW-AL COFFEE AND DONUTS Every Saturday morning from 7:30-

9 a.m., the VFW and American Legion host coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. All veterans are welcome. Visit www.vfwpost6298.com.

On Stage

'A PASSIONATE AFTERNOON' OF OPERA Livermore Valley Opera presents an afternoon of beloved arias performed by professional opera singers at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 25, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Artist reception immediately following. Cost is \$10-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.com.

BALLET MASTERWORKS: VALLEY DANCE THEATRE Valley Dance Theatre will perform Balanchine's Chaconne, Katchurian's Masquerade and new pieces by Leroy Anderson and Arthur Sullivan. 7 p.m., Saturday, May 25, and 2 p.m., Sunday, May 26, at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Cost is \$25 adults, \$12 students. Call 373-6800.

Recreation

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY Join a naturalist/photographer as he leads you on a photographic journey off the beaten path, 4-5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 25, at Augustin Bernal Park, 8200 Golden Eagle Way. Ages 12 and up. Cost is \$5. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com with code 54766. Contact 931-3483.

THURSDAY BIKE RIDE Everyone is invited to join the Pleasanton Pedalers Cyclers on Feb. 7 for a 15- to 25-mile no-drop ride. The ride will be at a "social" pace and include a

stop for coffee and talk along the way. The group will meet in the parking lot of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., at 9 a.m. each Thursday, weather permitting. For details, contact Steve McGinnis at 200-3190 or PleasantonPedalers@bikerider.com. Free.

Scholarships

CULTURE TO CULTURE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP Culture to Culture is sponsoring a Mental Health Essay Scholarship to high school students of all grade levels. Write up to 1,000 words about the topic: "What is the No. 1 mental health issue affecting me and/or my friends." Deadline is May 31. Selected winners will receive \$500 scholarships. Email questions and submissions to C2C@culturetoculture.org. For more information, visit culturetoculture.org

Seniors

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

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail

on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

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

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

TRANSCRIBING FOR YOU

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

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

WANTED: SENIOR CITIZEN POKER PLAYERS Drop in to the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., from 12:30-3:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday to make new friends and have a friendly poker game. Small fee required. Ask about it at the front desk, or call Yvonne or Dan at 846-1555 for details.

Spiritual

BIBLE & BREW St. Clare's Episcopal Church would like to invite anyone in the community who is interested to join them for heartfelt fellowship, Bible Study, and a good cup of coffee from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday at 3350 Hopyard Rd. You don't need to be a member of St. Clare's to attend. Their hope is you will find this time of day convenient. Call the church office at 462-4802 or visit www.stclare-spleasanton.org.

FALL WORSHIP TIMES Sunday worship services resume their fall schedule at Lynnewood United

Methodist Church at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m. and childcare is at both services. Children's choirs meet every Sunday from 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m. Call 846-0221 or visit www.lynnewood.org.

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

Sports

BOYS LACROSSE SUMMER LEAGUE Pleasanton Lacrosse Club Summer League boys U9-U15 will have practice and instruction at 6 p.m. every Thursday and games on Sunday mornings, June 20-July 28. Contact 353-6503 or Information@PleasantonLacrosse.com, or go to www.pleasantonlacrosse.com.

BOYS RECREATIONAL SOCCER REGISTRATION Register for Ballistic United Boys Recreational Soccer. All boys ages 4-18 are welcome. Visit www.busc.org or register in person at the BUSC Office, 275 Rose Ave., Ste. 209 in downtown Pleasanton, from 9 a.m.-noon Monday and Wednesday; or 1-4 p.m. Thursday.

RAGE SOCCER REGISTRATION Registration is now open for Fall Rec Season for girls U5/U6 to U19 with RAGE soccer. New programs to enhance the recreational soccer experience include free coaching education and reduced fees for U5/U6-U7. Register at www.pleasantonRAGE.org. Early bird discount by May 31.

Support Groups

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit www.valleycare.com. 7:30-9 p.m. Free

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

CHILD LOSS Hope Hospice is holding eight-week sessions to provide a way to explore grief in a safe and supportive environment. Sessions will be held 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays, May 6-July 1, at 6377 Clark Ave., Ste 100, Dublin. Call 829-8770.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

'A Passionate Afternoon' of opera

Livermore Valley Opera is presenting "A Passionate Afternoon" tomorrow, beloved arias performed by professional opera singers baritone Roberto Perlas Gomez, mezzo soprano Betany Coffland and tenor Michael Dailey accompanied by Livermore Valley Opera Artistic Director Alexander Katsman at 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. An artists reception will follow immediately. Cost is \$10-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.com. Patrons are invited to come early and browse through the Harrington Art Gallery.



Roberto Perlas Gomez



Betany Coffland



Michael Dailey

CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP Overwhelmed by clutter? Learn how to deal with it by attending this Non profit Self Help Support group, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday (except some holidays) at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Dr., Rm. 7. Donation requested \$2-\$5. Call 200-1943 or visit www.clutterless.org.

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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets twice a month for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets from 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. For more information contact Suzi Glorioso at 443-1797 or email glorios4@comcast.net.

PET LOSS Hope Hospice is holding drop-in groups for adults to provide a way to explore grief in a safe and supportive manner. Sessions will be 7-8:30 p.m. on 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, at 6377 Clark Ave., Ste 100, Dublin. Call 829-8770.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly

meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

SPOUSAL/PARTNER LOSS Hope Hospice is holding free eight-week sessions to provide a way to explore grief in a safe and supportive environment. Sessions include sharing, coping strategies, exploring memories and discovering hope and finding meaning. Sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 2-June 20, at 6377 Clark Ave., Ste. 100, Dublin. Call 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

TRAGIC LOSS Hope Hospice is providing drop-in support groups for adults to explore grief in a safe and supportive environment. Sessions 6:30-8 p.m., on the 1st Monday of the month, at 6377 Clark Ave., Ste 100, Dublin. Call 829-8770.

TRANSITIONS Hope Hospice is holding 8-week sessions to explore grief in a safe and supportive environment. Sessions will be held 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, May 7-June 25, at 6377 Clark Ave., Ste 100, Dublin. Call 829-8770.

TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m., on the fourth Monday of every month, at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers

like doctors or specialists. For more information, call JoAnne at 875-0960.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GRIEF RECOVERY Have you or someone you know experienced the death of a spouse recently or within the last few years? Sharing their experiences during this 10-week class is helpful to their healing process. The class is from 7-9 p.m., Wednesdays, June 26 through Sept. 4, at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton. Find hope, support and successful ways to process this significant life event. Pre-Registration required. Call 833-9013 or visit www.calleycommunitychurch.org.

Volunteering

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Each year, volunteers help to make the Fair the success it is, and the 101st annual Fair needs you. Individuals, companies and organizations welcome. Interested volunteers can email Jamie Osborn at josborn@alamedacountyfair.com.

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

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Man dead in 'freak accident' on I-580

Pipe smashes through windshield, impales victim

A man was killed when a metal pipe came crashing through his windshield as he drove on Interstate 580 in the Livermore area Wednesday morning, a California Highway Patrol spokesman said.

The incident was reported west of Grant Line Road at 8:11 a.m.

The 33-year-old man was driving west on the highway when the metal pipe flew through the windshield of his 2003 white Volvo XC70 and impaled him, CHP Officer Tyler Hahn said.

The Volvo veered left into the center divider, went up an embankment and came to rest. The CHP arrived to find the driver deceased inside the vehicle and the engine still running, Hahn said.

Hahn described the pipe as about 2 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter. He said it is not clear where it came from.

"No witnesses saw it bouncing down the road, nobody's called in to say that they lost anything of this sort," he said.

Hahn said it appears to be a type of pipe used to help secure loads on large trucks.

The victim's name has not been released but Hahn said he may be from the Rocklin area near Sacramento.

Hahn called the case "completely a freak accident" and said it "literally is being in the wrong place at the wrong time."

No one else was in the Volvo at the time, and no other injuries were reported. Anyone with information on the case is asked to call the CHP at 828-0466 and ask for either Hahn or Officer Azevedo.

—Bay City News

POLICE BULLETIN

Police seek charges in hotel fraud

The Pleasanton Police Department is asking the District Attorney's Office to file charges in a May 20 case in which a woman racked up \$1,300 in charges at the Hilton Hotel, then left without paying.

The incident at the hotel, in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive, was reported at 11:58 a.m.

In other police reports:

- A resident of the 700 block of St. Michael Circle reported that someone had opened five charge accounts in his name and charged nearly \$1,200 to them. The charges were made between May 5 and May 18, but the resident originally

thought he was receiving junk mail and didn't open the first bills he received.

- A burglary during business hours at the Hallmark Store in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road netted collectibles valued at \$690. The statuettes of Jim Shore Disney figures were reported stolen at about 2:27 p.m. May 20.

- A resident of the 600 block of Division Street reported that someone in the Las Vega area had made seven charges on her credit card, totaling more than \$257. The woman reported the identity theft at about 11:15 a.m. May 1.

- Pleasanton police may have a suspect in a felony fraud reported at about 12:06 p.m. May 19. No other information about the fraud was available.

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

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 15

Theft

- 8 a.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle; auto theft
- 11:08 a.m. in the 3900 block of Fairlands Avenue; auto theft
- 11:59 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Auto burglary

- 3:08 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from structure

Threats

- 11:10 a.m. in the 3300 block of Smoketree Commons
- 11:22 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

- 7:51 p.m. in the 600 block of Rose Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 10:32 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance
- 9:24 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; DUI

May 16

Theft

- 11:14 a.m. in the 4500 block of Sutter Gate Avenue
- 11:15 a.m. in the 600 block of Division Street; fraud
- 3:43 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 8:24 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road; theft from structure

Vandalism

- 11:59 a.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

May 17

Theft from structure

- 1:35 p.m. in the 400 block of Main Street

Burglary

- 10:48 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 12:47 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road

May 18

Fraud

- 11:06 a.m. in the 700 block of St. Michael Circle

Auto burglary

- 10:19 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road
- 9:04 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Vandalism

- 2:34 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

May 19

Theft

- 10:36 a.m. in the 4000 block of Stanley Boulevard; fraud
- 12:06 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; fraud
- 3:58 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:17 p.m. in the 3700 block of Thistle Way
- 7:49 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure

Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:22 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Oak Vista Way; DUI
- 8:46 a.m. in the 100 block of Spring Street; marijuana possession

May 20

Fraud

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

Commercial burglary

- 2:27 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Auto burglary

- 9:27 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court

Vandalism

- 7:23 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Vervais Avenue
- 11:48 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court

- 2:09 p.m. at the intersection of Division Street and Del Valle Parkway

May 21

Theft

- 8:49 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; theft from structure
- 5 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:22 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:39 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:06 p.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive

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140 Lost & Found

Lost Camera
A Canon Powershot camera may have been lost along Embarcadero Road on the afternoon of Saturday May 4, 2013. The camera was in a blue and black case (the same size as the camera: roughly fist sized), with many small black rocks inside the front pouch. If anyone found this camera it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact Eric Smith by using the following email: EWSmith8@aol.com. Thank you!



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210 Garage/Estate Sales

PA: Citywide Yard Sale, June 8
Helping the environment and making money has never been so easy. Reusing - whether you donate, buy, or sell - is one of the best ways to reduce waste and keep usable stuff out of the landfill. **Join us for the Palo Alto Citywide Yard Sale on June 8.** Details will be posted on <http://www.PaloAltoOnline.com/yardsale/>
The map and listings will be uploaded to this page and be printed in the **June 7, 2013** edition of the **Palo Alto Weekly**.

Pleasanton, 3591 Touriga Drive, May 25, 8am-3pm
Garage/Moving Sale-Everything must go-we are moving out of state in July! Appliances (big and small), furniture, household items, sporting goods, knick-knacks. Saturday, May 25 from 8am-3pm 3591 Touriga Drive Pleasanton, CA 94566

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Real Estate Matters: The good and bad of Zillow

Elephant in room is that no one from Zillow ever comes to your home

BY WENDY MCPHERSON

When Zillow came online a few years ago, it was an instant challenge to real-estate appraisers and professionals and gave a great deal of perceived knowledge to the public.

It was much like the medical sites that came online where you could check out the headache and accompanying bloody nose you had last night and search out the fact that you now have an Ebola virus.

People would start out conversations with their real-estate agents: "Well, Zillow says my house is worth XXX." These values are placed on houses by Zillow with the use of algorithms. I believe that is a four-syllable word for formulas.

I also believe these values are based, in part, on the square footage of the house and the square footage of the lot, although many more components go into it. The elephant in the room with Zillow, of course, is that no human being from Zillow has ever been in the house to see if that 325-square-foot kitchen's main feature is dry rot or it has just been remodeled by Ralph Lauren. Or if the house has a serious floor-plan problem such as having to go through one bedroom

to get to another bedroom. Or...

Well, you get the picture. The absolute best model for the use of Zillow is a Fresno housing tract built in 1985 by a large nationwide home builder where there is complete consistency in the product and where the financial demographics indicate that most of those 218 Fresno homes may have not varied too much from their original construction.

The fact is that Zillow is far more precise where the homes are homogenous as opposed to heterogeneous.

Close surrounding areas do not meet this homogenous criteria. The houses here were not all built at the same time, and homeowners have the ability to do just about anything they want to their homes.

This is from Zillow's own website: "The Zestimate home valuation is Zillow's estimated market value, computed using a proprietary formula. It is not an appraisal. It is a starting point in determining a home's value. The Zestimate is calculated from public and user submitted data: Your real estate agent or appraiser physi-

See **ZILLOW** on Page 23



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SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin Apr. 1-12

Total sales reported: 12
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,100,000
Average sales reported: \$659,917

Livermore Apr. 1-12

Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$206,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,240,000
Average sales reported: \$555,771

Pleasanton Apr. 1-12

Total sales reported: 11
Lowest sale reported: \$271,000
Highest sale reported: \$870,000
Average sales reported: \$586,318

San Ramon Apr. 24-May 7

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$312,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,035,000
Average sales reported: \$714,933

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This weeks data represents homes sold during Apr. 1-May 7

Dublin

- 5316 Alagro Court** S. Lui to T. Ponnusamy for \$665,500
- 3967 Branding Iron Court** B. Otake to A. & S. Mohapatra for \$672,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #336** T. Nelson to D. & J. Mistry for \$435,000
- 6767 Hickory Lane** J. & V. Arca to X. Zhang for \$551,000
- 7674 Jasmine Court** L. & M. Santamaria to S. Putman for \$457,000
- 3763 Rimini Lane** S. Luong to Leung Trust for \$679,000
- 6039 Round Hill Drive** K. & E. Gorman to W. Liu for \$1,100,000
- 3209 South Bridgepointe Lane** Platter Trust to S. Hashimi for \$890,000
- 6630 South Mariposa Lane** KB Home to M. Wong for \$603,500
- 6708 South Mariposa Lane** KB Home to J. Domingo for \$625,000
- 11827 Southwick Court** J. & C. Sipple to J. Hummell for \$841,000
- 8480 Wicklow Lane** J. & K. Zummo to RLC Homes for \$400,000

Livermore

- 2658 5th Street** S. Clare to T. & T. Miller for \$410,000
- 846 Alexander Street** Stark Trust to S. & C. Fong for \$372,000
- 1192 Alison Circle** S. & S. Gilbert to P. Walker for \$645,000
- 2833 Alnwick Avenue #11** B. & V. Ng to Y. Cho for \$410,000
- 5416 Arlene Way** D. Manning to M. Lopez for \$605,000
- 1541 Buttercup Court** J. & V. Stouffer to S. & T. Russ for \$370,000
- 386 Call of the Wild Way** Kennedy Trust to E. & M. MacLeod for \$985,000
- 352 Charlotte Common** Patrick Lyman & Associates to J. Levine for \$370,000
- 2593 College Avenue** J. & M. Armtrout to Porter Development for \$1,100,000
- 1236 Deep Creek Road** M. & S. Wadyka to S. & S. Hartz for \$755,000
- 2173 Del Monte Street** C. Heiman to D. & K. Balajadia for \$500,000
- 9030 Doubletree Lane** Straight Trust to H. Pham for \$1,130,000
- 534 Fontonett Avenue** J. & M. Lemm to A. Atkinson for \$400,000
- 679 Geraldine Street** Neef Trust to S. Neef for \$437,500
- 168 Gillette Place #108** Signature at Station Square to K. & M. McKay for \$419,500
- 1002 Glenn Common** L. & F. Trigueros to R. Dinwiddie for \$206,000
- 934 Logan Street** C. Choi to Y. Liu for \$461,000
- 1087 Murrieta Boulevard #247** C. Byrnes to Fallis Trust for \$215,000
- 1558 San Remo Court** M. & S. Bove to R. & R. Shahi for \$1,240,000

- 132 Selby Lane #4** Shea Homes to R. Rapp for \$441,000
- 132 Selby Lane #5** Shea Homes to M. & G. Gauss for \$406,000
- 132 Selby Lane #6** Shea Homes to C. & C. Smuda for \$440,000
- 132 Selby Lane #7** Shea Homes to C. Cantu for \$445,500
- 558 South Livermore Avenue** Oliver Trust to Thissell Trust for \$575,000

Pleasanton

- 4432 Arbutus Court** H. Lee to A. Khan for \$815,000
- 5748 Belleza Drive** D. Gambart to F. & V. Nulman for \$450,000
- 4932 Blackbird Way** Pilling Trust to A. & C. Das for \$870,000
- 4284 Diavila Avenue** I. Yoo to F. Mahmoudi for \$685,000
- 2812 Garden Creek Circle** Merrill Trust to W. He for \$712,000
- 4221 Garibaldi Place** Gallo Trust to H. Cao for \$635,000
- 3461 Norton Way #3** J. Kondel to Q. Chen for \$271,000
- 4059 School Street** J. & B. Carney to C. & T. Youngberg for \$600,000
- 2573 Secretariat Drive** C. Hadden to C. Cohen for \$590,000
- 3468 Smoketree Commons** M. Reyes to A. Navarini for \$315,000
- 4167 Torino Court** D. Thippavajjula to Y. Hui for \$506,500

San Ramon

- 9085 Alcosta Boulevard #398** Baron Trust to Y. Feng for \$312,000
- 3031 Bernard Avenue** C. Nelson to T. & J. Cory for \$605,000
- 554 Fallen Leaf Circle** A. & K. Stearns to Toy Trust for \$780,000
- 724 Fountainhead Court** Freitas Trust to H. & J. Demello for \$555,000
- 124 Laredo Court** M. & N. Bannister to D. & A. Fresorger for \$625,000
- 219 Lasso Circle** Pult Trust to E. & C. Perezalonso for \$880,000
- 94 Lone Pine Court** S. Kaplan to G. & M. Griro for \$857,000
- 4064 Marblehead Drive** J. & J. Hawley to M. & C. Hubbard for \$1,035,000
- 116 Shadowhill Circle** C. & J. Camberg to A. & M. Sandru for \$680,000
- 5307 Sherwood Way** M. Najm to D. & K. Prabhu for \$707,000
- 2932 Silva Way** S. Solodoff to C. & M. Hobson for \$869,000
- 9709 Thunderbird Drive** S. Coll to K. Ly for \$800,000
- 1058 Vista Pointe Circle** Deming Trust to T. Chen for \$787,000
- 775 Watson Canyon Court #140** K. & K. Yoshimoto to Paslin Trust for \$382,000
- 5113 Whetstone Way** Shapell Industries to C. Lo for \$850,000

Source: California REsource

ZILLOW

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cally inspects the home and takes special features, location, and market conditions into account.

We encourage buyers, sellers and homeowners to supplement Zillow's information by doing other research such as:

- Getting a Comparative Market Analysis (CMA) from a real estate agent
- Getting an appraisal from a professional appraiser
- Visiting the house (whenever possible).

Zillow has now been around for about seven years and it has become an excellent tool in many ways for both buyers and sellers. They have sophisticated statistical tools, charts, graphs, pictures, helpful links, loan information. It is a virtual smorgasbord of real estate information.

Once you log onto Zillow, you can quickly become a real-estate voyeur. What did your neighbor's house really sell for? Did they actually get \$3.4 million when you know their roof has been leaking on and off for six years and their garage floods every time there is a heavy rain?

Another thing to do is research your own neighborhood for price information and then compare it to the current Zestimate. As soon as you see a house come on the market, check out its Zestimate and then compare it to what it eventually sells for.

Regardless of big data manipulation and algorithms, it is still the buyers that make the market. Zillow is a great starting point, then listen to the people who are in day-to-day touch with the buyers.

Wendy McPherson manages about 145 agents for Coldwell Banker in two Menlo Park offices, plus Woodside and Portola Valley. She can be reached at WMcPherson@cbnorcal.com.

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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Livermore

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Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

4175 Alba Ct \$449,000
Sat 1-4 Jennifer Branchini 577-6113

4 BEDROOMS

5877 San Juan Way \$1,090,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Wally Moxley 519-8998

3737 Nicole Ave \$1,595,000
Sun 1-4 Jennifer Branchini 577-6113

San Ramon

1 BEDROOM

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HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

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