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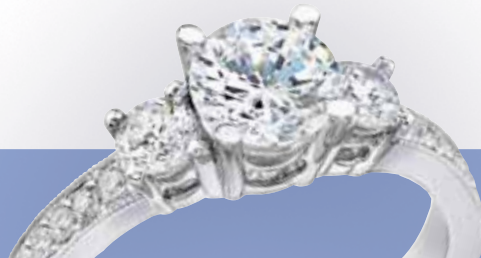


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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Downtown Pleasanton has special appeal

Pleasanton Downtown Association director Laura Olson wowed Realtors last week with her report of measures being taken to brighten nightlife in the city's downtown and add diversified restaurants and shops that appeal to a broader range of diners and shoppers.

The city's new Hospitality Guidelines, approved by the Pleasanton City Council, now allow alcoholic beverages to be sold until 11 p.m. any night, an hour later than before, and without any special permits that used to take restaurant applicants months to obtain at significant costs. Even the allowable decibel level has been raised so that small bands, combos and individual musicians can play at any downtown restaurant or store to their heart's content and throughout the day. Olson said a retailer who wanted to add musical talent to attract shoppers was often discouraged by the long wait time required to get a city permit.

Olson told members of the Valley Real Estate Network that the PDA will hold 48 events this year, including its popular First Wednesday street parties and Friday night Concerts in the Park, both which are attracting thousands to downtown Pleasanton through September. The PDA's five-year plan lists 77 action items to boost downtown businesses where scores of retailers and restaurateurs are on waiting lists for available space. In Farmers Market, alone, Olson said more than 300 vendors are waiting for spaces to open.

New businesses come and go in Pleasanton's downtown as in other cities, she said. Acadia Health, a newly established natural health store, just opened at 608 Main St. and Workbench Main Street, a branch of the well-known hardware store in Mission Plaza at Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road, will open in the former Domus store at the end of August. The franchise holders of Round Table Pizza lost their franchise and closed two weeks ago, but the property owner already has new prospects seeking the space, including one that may open a Round Table Pizza there again. A new wine bar will soon open on Railroad Avenue, a Corner Crepery has signed for a store on Main Street and a Carob Ice Cream store will open shortly in Tully's Plaza, which Coldstone left this spring.

Asked how Pleasanton's downtown compares to Livermore's,



JEB BING

Laura Olson, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, with Dave Stark, public affairs director at Bay East Association of Realtors at Valley Real Estate Network meeting where she talked about the city's downtown.

Olson said the two are strikingly different although both complement each other. Both Olson and Livermore Downtown's executive director Rachael Snedecor sit on the board of the California Main Street Association, both are involved in their respective community organizations, including the chambers of commerce and historic preservation efforts, and the two organizations occasionally co-sponsor downtown shopping events with seasonal sales promotions in each city. Still, the ambiance is different with Pleasanton offering a true historic atmosphere with buildings dating well back into the 19th century. Livermore, on the other hand, benefited from millions of dollars through a redevelopment agency, which paid for rebuilding First Street and adding new amenities, including the Bankhead Theater and the acquisition of land for an even larger performing arts center. RDAs, which Pleasanton never had, have since been declared illegal which means cities such as Livermore that were counting on those funds must find other sources to continue projects it had planned.

Nightlife is also different in the two communities, Olson said. Livermore appeals to a younger crowd with a downtown movie theater as a key attraction. Although Pleasanton residents, in a survey, said they want more similarly exciting attractions in our downtown, when consideration was under way of the Hospitality Guidelines measure, many told the PDA and City Council they didn't want a downtown filled with teenagers or bars that would be open late at night. As a result, Olson, the PDA and the City Council took a more moderate approach, extending the time for alcoholic beverages to be served to 11 p.m. across the board but continuing tight controls on which establishments can remain open later.

"So we're always running and moving to make our downtown appealing, exciting and diversified," Olson told the Realtors to loud applause. ■

About the Cover

Horse racing draws throngs during the Alameda County Fair; some of the trainers developed their love of horses hanging around the stables and the track while growing up in Pleasanton. Photo by Vassar Photography. Design by Rosanna Leung.

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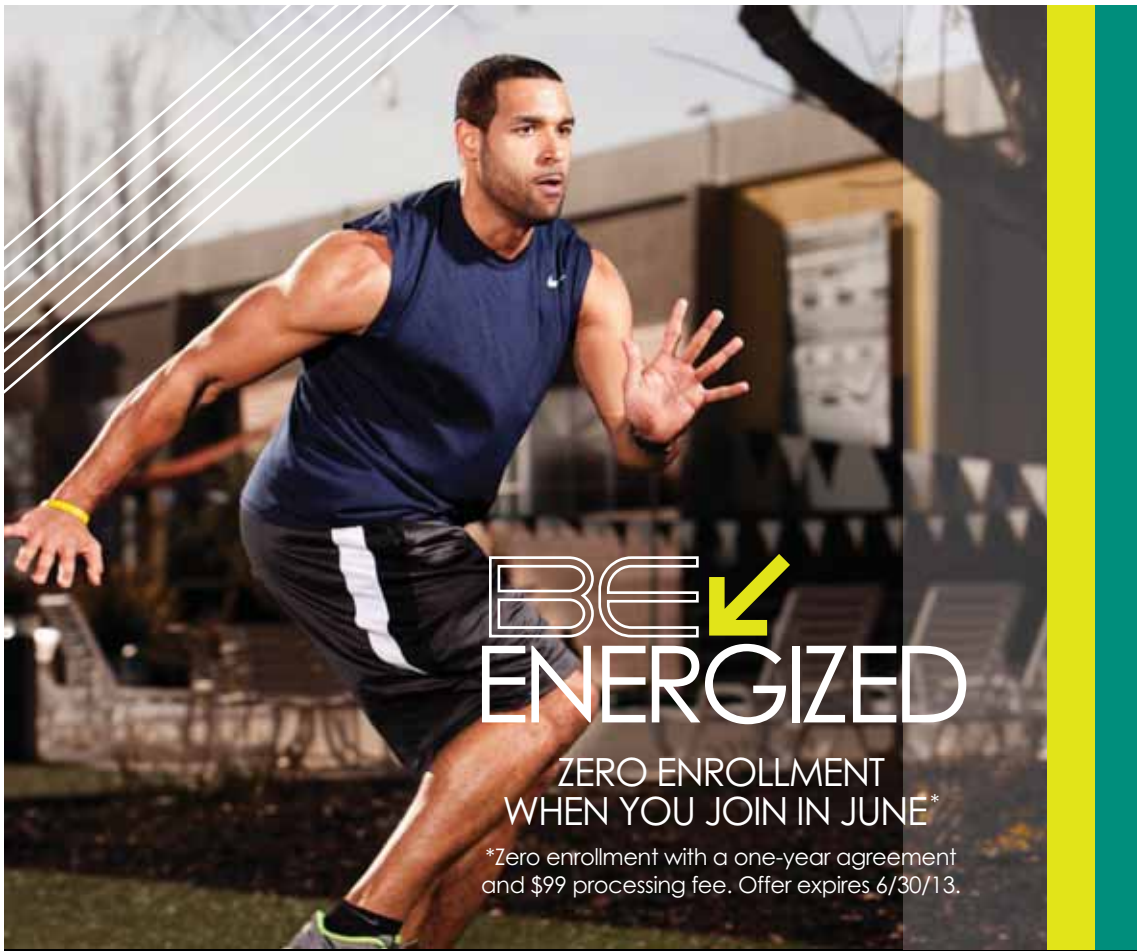
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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?



Joyce Lewis
Retired speech therapist

I would absolutely eat only boysenberry pie with vanilla ice cream. I am a dessert person, and that is my most favorite dessert.

Dick Lewis
Attorney

It would definitely be peanuts. I love the way they taste, they're crunchy, and they have lots of nutritional value.



Madison Thorng
Middle school student

If I could never eat anything else, I'd eat only spaghetti with marinara sauce. It is the best comfort food I can think of, and I'm always in the mood for it.

Eliav Feiger
Elementary school student

I would eat only cookies if that were all I could eat. There are so many different kinds, so I would never get tired of eating them. And I've never met a cookie I didn't like.



Steve Davis
Attorney

I would eat peanut M&M's. They taste great, they pack some protein, which is always good, and they melt in your mouth, not in your hands. As far as I'm concerned, they're fit for a king.



—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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

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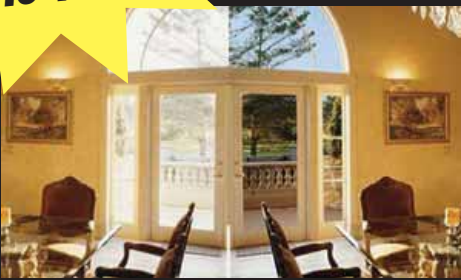
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DIGEST

399 volunteer to leave Lab

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory offered 600 employees a voluntary separation in May, and 399 of them accepted, with most concluding their employment last week, said spokeswoman Lynda Seaver. The Lab now employs just under 6,200 people.

The program was offered to address budget challenges in fiscal year 2014, and the departing employees came from all different departments, said Seaver. As part of their package they each received one week of pay per year of continuous service, up to 26 weeks.

"What we're doing now is to step back and assess where we are, our skills mix," Seaver said. To fill any gaps, employees will be moved within programs or across programs, she said; the Lab will not be hiring externally.

In 2008, the Lab also offered voluntary layoffs, which resulted in 215 departures; that year, it also laid off 440 involuntarily.

Library goes pre-historic

The Pleasanton library was extra busy this week as children began the summer reading program, "Pre-Historic Pleasanton." The children's area has been enhanced with dinosaurs, saber-toothed tigers, ancient sea creatures and cave men.

Children of all ages can become "junior paleontologists" and pick up a game board to track the time they spend reading, with prizes for every 10 hours. Other activities for library junior paleontologists include weekly movies, story times and crafts.

Last year, when the theme was the Olympics, nearly 4,000 Pleasanton youngsters signed up to participate. For more information, visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us or call the Children's Desk at 931-3400.

Lecture on Lincoln

Historian Gerald Henig will deliver a free talk on "Abraham Lincoln and the Struggle against Slavery and Disunion: A Sesquicentennial Perspective" in conjunction with the traveling exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," which is at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., through July 28. By focusing on Lincoln as emancipator, commander-in-chief, political leader, architect of Reconstruction and an uncommon common man, Henig, emeritus professor of history at CSU East Bay, will separate fact from fiction.

The talk begins at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 23, at the Pleasanton library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

Pleasanton Council hears plan to develop east side

High density housing, school, industrial site considered for city's 'last frontier'

By JEB BING

After nine lengthy meetings and presentations to several committee and commissions, including the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night, it's still anybody's guess what the East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force will recommend for developing more than 400 acres of mostly empty land east of Valley Avenue.

In its first detailed look at plans before the council, Brian Dolan, director of Community Development, said preliminary considerations show between 1,000 and 2,279 single-family and multifamily housing units could be accommodated on the site. At least 25% of the planned high density housing would be reserved for very-low to low-income tenants.

These new affordable, or workforce, housing units would help Pleasanton meet new state housing requirements that will take effect in 2014, and would be in addition to those now being built to accommodate current requirements.

The east side acreage under consideration is part of an 1,100-acre site that extends east from Valley Avenue along proposed extensions of Busch Road and Boulder Street and north of Stanley Boulevard and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Busch, according to preliminary plans by the task force, and possibly Boulder would be extended from Valley to a new and extended El Charro Road. El Charro would be extended from I-580 south to Stanley, with an under-crossing at the railroad tracks. That project alone, Dolan said, would cost an estimated \$27 million.

The area being considered for more housing, an elementary school, park, retail stores and light industrial is sometimes called Pleasanton's 'last frontier' because it would make use of the only large tract of land left within the city limits for new development.

The site being planned includes the current Operations Service Center and fire training facilities

on Busch Road, with Pleasanton Garbage Service and its large recycling center and refuse storage yard farther east. Early plans by the task force called for moving these two facilities, but council members noted Tuesday that would cost millions of dollars with no sure way of funding it.

Dolan and Janice Stern, the city's Planning Director, showed land use maps that take the site under consideration to the Livermore city limits and close to the protection zone of the Livermore Airport. About 60% of the site consists of three lakes under the control of Zone 7, with water levels that rise and fall depending on the season and where no development would take place.

About 100 acres, however, are outside of the Urban Growth Boundary, a rigid fixed boundary approved by voters in 1996 where no future Pleasanton growth is allowed. Councilwoman Karla Brown said that if any of those acres are considered

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MIKE SEDLAK



Welcome to the Fair

First through the gates off Valley Avenue at 11 a.m. Wednesday morning were Julie and Quinn Murphy with little brother sleeping through it all in the stroller. Perfect 70-degree weather, \$1 ticket prices, and the freshness of opening day drew crowds to enjoy the Alameda County Fairgrounds and all it had to offer.

PUSD OKs \$115 million budget

Board agrees to teacher bonus, bond refinance that would save taxpayers money

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton School Board approved a \$115 million budget for the 2013-14 school year Tuesday night that includes more than \$750,000 in deficit spending.

Board President Jeff Bowser abstained from voting; although according to legal counsel he is eligible to vote, Bowser decided against it because his wife is part of the teachers union's bargaining unit.

Both the total budget and the deficit spending are down from the current year, which ends June 30. This year, the total budget was more than \$117 million, and the district spent \$1.4 million more than its total revenues.

The district paid for both shortfalls by dipping into reserves, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said.

Among the items included in the new budget is a one-time, 1% bonus for teachers and increases in stipends for those who have a master's or doctorate degree. Those stipends will go from \$500 to \$750 for master's degrees and from \$600 to \$750 for doctorates. Those with doctorates receive both stipends.

Employees with advanced teaching credentials will also receive a stipend increase from \$500 to \$750 a year, and an additional \$500 for the year they receive the certification.

The district expects to spend more than \$1.3 million for stipends, bonuses and other compensation for the upcoming year.

The new budget also increases the highest pay for longtime teachers from \$98,045 to \$99,000 a year.

"We feel that the agreement offers a fair and reasonable compensation to our employees," Bill Faraghan, assistant superintendent of human resources, told the board.

A fact sheet provided by the district notes

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Memorial on Sunday for Foothill Road bicyclist

Woman who loved nature will be remembered in park

A memorial service has been set for Sunday for the bicyclist killed in an accident on Foothill Road on June 9. The celebration of the life of Diana Hersevoort, 58, will be held at 11 a.m. June 23, at Dublin Heritage Park, 6600 Donlon Way.

The park was chosen because her mother was a lover of animals and flowers, said Heather Grimm. Hersevoort was also a fan of tie-dyed clothing, something Grimm hopes people will wear to her memorial.

Hersevoort and her husband Joe, Dublin residents, were riding north on Foothill Road near Golden Eagle Way at about 1 p.m. when the two were hit by a car, according to Pleasanton police. She was thrown from her bicycle and was pronounced dead at the scene. Joe Hersevoort was taken to a hospital where he was treated and released with a broken leg.

The car, a 2004 silver Dodge Neon, was driven by an 18-year-old Pleasanton man who was also heading north, police said, and the cause of the collision remains under investigation. Sev-

eral witnesses have come forth, and preliminary information indicates that the Hersevoorts were riding single-file in the bike lane when they were hit.

Police say tests — probably blood tests for alcohol or illegal substances — will not be concluded for at least two weeks on the driver of the car. The Pleasanton Police Department will forward the results and its examination of the accident scene to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, which will decide if charges will be filed against the young driver.

Police were at the scene several days following the accident; meanwhile, the scene became an informal memorial to Hersevoort, with flowers placed along the road near where she was struck.

—Glenn Wohltmann



Diana Hersevoort

Former teacher charged with decade-old sexual abuse of child

New charges filed after request to determine he'd been rehabilitated

By GLENN WOHLTMMANN

A former elementary school teacher from Pleasanton who was already convicted of possessing child pornography now faces charges of sexually abusing a child.

Michael Schoop, 63, was charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office with four counts of sodomizing a youngster "under the age of fourteen years and more than ten years younger than defendant," according to documents filed with the court. The second case was alleged to have been three weeks after the first, and the third and fourth cases at a school book fair.

The incidents, court documents say, took place the first time in a portable classroom at Mission Val-

ley Elementary School in Fremont between Jan. 1, 1998, and Dec. 12, 1999. Schoop was a special needs teacher at the school during the time.

Schoop was also charged with engaging in oral copulation or sexual penetration with a child under 10, according to an Alameda county jail website.

The former teacher was arrested June 12 in Pleasanton. He was ordered held on \$410,000 bail.

A source confirmed that Schoop had asked officials to determine he had been rehabilitated since an earlier conviction for child pornography. While looking into that request, investigators say they found evidence that led to the new charges.

Schoop was convicted on Oct. 28, 2003, on a California charge of possessing obscene matter depicting a child under 18 and on Nov. 18, 2002, on a federal charge of possessing child pornography. He was originally charged with sexual abuse but those charges were dismissed as part of a plea bargain.

If convicted, Schoop faces up to eight years in prison on each of the sodomy counts and 15 years to life on the charge of molesting a child less than 10 years old. He also faces violent felony enhancements to any sentence and would also have to register as a sex offender, and provide blood samples.

He is set for a pretrial hearing on the new charges on June 26 in Oakland. ■

Staff responds to Plan Bay Area comments

By JESSICA LIPSKY

Planners from the Metropolitan Transportation Committee (MTC) and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) reviewed and discussed public comments on Plan Bay Area at a four-hour meeting last Friday.

"There is a lot of interest to see how the plan can support some of local efforts," reported ABAG Planning Director Miriam Chion. "We need to integrate other regional agencies into the next cycle to tackle issues of air quality and sea level rise."

The long-range transportation and land-use plan aims to comprehensively provide more housing and transit choices in all nine Bay Area counties in a way that reduces pollution. The effort grew out of the Senate Bill 375, which requires each of the state's 18 metropolitan areas to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from cars and light trucks.

Local activists have been vocal in their opposition to the plan, which calls for more clustered development near transportation centers to decrease the environmental impact.

At last Friday's meeting, MTC and ABAG staff heard the results of a telephone poll and summaries of public hearings held throughout the region on the draft plan. Approximately 1,250 residents attended the public hearings and 385 spoke, John Canapary of Corey, Canapary & Galanis Research said. More than 508 letters or emails commented on the draft plan and environmental report. Twelve focus groups also drew 181 participants.

Canapary told the joint staff that many residents raised questions about implementation of the plan's goals while others had concerns about the methodology for forecasting GHG reductions. Some smaller cities are concerned about the perceived weakening of local land use authority, he added.

His research office also conducted a telephone survey, questioning 2,516 residents throughout the Bay Area in March and April of this year. It polled residents on areas of concern and measured their thoughts on the importance of Plan Bay Area as a whole.

"A very high share of residents

felt this type of plan was important, at 84%. Ten percent were neutral or didn't know, and 1% felt it wasn't important," Canapary said.

"We also looked at data regionally to see how it broke out by county. ... San Francisco had a 89% high importance rating, and Napa (County) at the bottom with 77% importance."

The top reasons residents gave for the importance of Plan Bay Area were the need for better transit and less car-based travel; the need for a regional plan to have accountability and avoid inefficiency; and because people cannot afford to live near work or school. Opponents to the plan said they were against "big government" or didn't trust the government, didn't want their taxes raised or found the plan unnecessary.

Forty percent of residents said improving the local economy was the most important component of Plan Bay Area, and 40 percent said providing access to affordable housing and transportation was a top factor. Eighteen percent identified reducing driving and GHG emissions as the most important goal.

The most divisive issue during polling was the issue of regional and local control in planning, Canapary said. Forty-four percent of respondents said regional planning should guide housing and community development while 53 percent believe in more local control. The issue of planning control was split among urban and suburban populations, the latter of whom generally preferred local control.

"Key reasons for regional opposition included that local government knows needs of citizens better; it's unrealistic to get counties to agree; and local agencies and decision makers should be able to work together regionally," Canapary said. "People are saying, 'I'm not against regional planning, but give me a choice of the two,' and they want to make sure locals are involved." ■

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Harvest Park break-in case resolved

'They were bragging about what they'd done'

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Four students involved in a late May vandalism at Harvest Park Middle School were likely among the five expelled by the school board Tuesday night.

For legal reasons, the district cannot confirm they were the ones involved, but the expulsions were the first disciplinary actions taken by the board since the incident occurred over Memorial Day weekend, sometime between 11:30 a.m. May 24 and 8:15 a.m. May 28.

It could not be confirmed what school the students attended, but the four confessed to the break-in, Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuber said.

"The suspects were identified because they were bragging about what they'd done to other students," Schlehuber said. "One of the other students that overheard the suspects bragging about it came forward and notified school administration."

He said school officials brought in one of the students, who confessed to being involved.

"He gave up everyone else," Schlehuber said. "The others were all cooperative and took responsibility for everything that took place."

The damage was not as serious as originally indicated. The district estimated the damage at \$25,000.

According to the initial report at the scene, filed by Community Service Officer Teri Steiner, "an unknown suspect entered the secured library and smeared fecal matter on the floor near her front librarian desk, the light fixture above the desk and on her desk chair. There was a 'got homework' book marker with fecal matter stuck to her computer monitor."

That book marker came from a stack of the same book markers located near her desk.

Steiner's report said both the east and north library doors were secured.

"There were no signs of forced entry to the library doors or to the roof hatch. The roof hatch opens to a computer room near the library. The door to the computer room was found propped open using a computer," the report said. "There were no signs of forced entry to the computer room door."

The report notes the library does not have an alarm system or security cameras.

The juveniles also drew a penis on the librarian's desk calendar, according to the report.

Police declined to prosecute the four.

"It's basically juvenile mischief. The elements of vandalism weren't there," Schlehuber said at the time.

No expulsions were on the school board June 4 agenda, although a district official said at the time the four were not allowed back to school for the duration of the year.

After the last school board meeting, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said, "We're in the discipline process."

The students may have been spotted on their way to the break-in.

During the investigation, a witness told police she was gardening in her front yard and observed male juveniles on bikes inside the courtyard area of the school near the office. The school is secured with a gated fence but in the past, she said, she'd seen juveniles climb over the fence with their bikes. ■

COUNCIL

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for development, Pleasanton voters would have to approve the boundary change in a special election.

Ten speakers addressed the council during the two-hour public meeting. They included former Councilwoman Becky Dennis, who said the city needs more affordable housing, and another who said the high density proposals being considered for this project on the east side should be reduced and applied more evenly throughout the city.

Julie Testa, who talked about overcrowded schools and the fi-

ancial constraints that might curtail the school district's ability to fund a new school in the east side parcel, suggested the task force consider developing the property as another Rossmoor, the retirement community in Walnut Creek.

About the only agreement among council members at Tuesday's informal workshop was to extend El Charro to Stanley, and Busch Road to El Charro. They favored an early decision on that aspect of the East Side development to avoid a long controversial debate later on such as the one that delayed the Stoneridge Drive extension for years. ■

Council installs 2 new Planning Commissioners

Nancy Allen, Herb Ritter are long-time community leaders

By JEB BING

Community leaders Nancy Allen and Herb Ritter were installed Tuesday night as new members of the Pleasanton Planning Commission.

They will fill vacancies created when Commissioner Phil Blank was termed out after eight years and former Commissioner Kathy Narum was elected to the City Council last month.

Ritter has been a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Commission for the last five years, where he also served a year as the commission's chairman.

Allen, who has been a member of the city's Eco-

nomics Vitality Committee and most recently on the East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force, has 25 years of corporate experience, working for companies including AT&T, Pacific Bell and Charles Schwab. Previously, she also led a citizens' group, Stop Pleasanton Gridlock, which focuses on improving traffic across the city.

Ritter, a sales executive with Schneider Electric, is also general manager for Ritter Family Estates, a commercial real estate holding firm. A member of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton North, he has been active on the city's Trails Ad Hoc Committee

and community sports. An Eagle Scout, he is committee chairman of Boy Scout Troop 916 and Sponsor Chairman of the Foothill High School Athletic Boosters.

Allen holds a bachelor's degree in economics from UC Davis. Ritter holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Washington State University. Both hold Masters in Business Administration (MBAs) from St. Mary's College.

They will take their seats on the Planning Commission at its next meeting, June 26. ■



Nancy Allen



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PUSD hires principals, vice principal

Two administrators latest to depart district

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

A Tamalpais High School principal has been named the new principal of Amador Valley High School, succeeding Jim Hansen, who is retiring.

Tom Drescher served for five years as the principal at Tamalpais High in Mill Valley from 2008-13. He also served as assistant principal, also at Tamalpais High School, in the Tamalpais Union High School District during the 2007-08 school year.

Before taking on administrative positions, Drescher was a high school counselor, head counselor and guidance director for eight years. He began his career as a special education teacher for five years in New York state.

Drescher has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the State University of New York, a master's in counselor education from Canisius College, a Catholic college in western New York State, and his administrative credential from UC Riverside. He is currently completing work on a doctorate degree in education at San Francisco State University.

At its meeting Tuesday night, the board named Lynnette Chirrick, a principal at Ceres Unified School District, to step in as the new Donlon Elementary principal, the fifth principal in as many years. She replaces Stephanie Ceminsky, who is relocating with her husband to the San Diego area.

Chirrick has served as an elementary school principal in the Ceres Unified School District for five years. Prior to becoming principal, she taught second and third grade and also served as an elementary vice principal and an assistant coordinator, all in the Ceres school district.

According to an online profile, Chirrick completed a master's degree in educational leadership at CSU Stanislaus and recently served as the head of M. Robert Adkison Elementary

School in Modesto.

The board also named Ryan Templeman as a new vice principal to split his time between Harvest Park and Pleasanton middle schools. Templeman was a social studies teacher at Amador Valley High School.

PMS Vice Principal Lisa Hague was appointed by the school board to coordinate program improvement for the entire district.

"We're very fortunate to have her," Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said.

Meanwhile, two Pleasanton administrators have taken positions outside the district.

The Burlingame School Board appointed Dr. Ken Wyatt as its new assistant superintendent of administrative services. Wyatt was hired at the Burlingame board's May 28 meeting. He is director of special education at the Pleasanton district and replaces Assistant Superintendent Jud Kempson, who is leaving the district to attend law school in Washington, D.C.

Mohr Elementary Principal Ben Fobert is leaving the district to take a post as the founding principal of Mountain House High School in Mountain House, where he lives. Fobert will remain with the district through part of the summer, coordinating Pleasanton's summer school program. ■



Tom Drescher, new principal at Amador Valley High



Lynnette Chirrick, new principal at Donlon Elementary

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that teacher concessions have saved the district \$7.2 million since 2009.

The teachers' contract begins July 1. The district remains in contract negotiations with its classified employees' union.

The board unanimously approved contract extensions for Ahmadi, Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares, and assistant superintendents Faraghan and Odie Douglas. Those extensions do not include pay increases other than what may have already been included in their contracts.

As of her last contract, Ahmadi earned \$220,000 with 223 days of service and 24 vacation days a year.

Cazares, who was named deputy superintendent in December, will be paid \$191,375 a year. She will also receive a \$1,300 master's degree stipend and a \$4,000-a-year contribution to her retirement plan. Cazares' \$7,200 car allowance was rolled into her salary.

As of his last contract, Faraghan earns \$181,644, plus a \$1,300 master's stipend and a \$1,650 doctorate stipend, along with a \$600-per-month car allowance. Douglas, who was hired in May, will receive \$162,340, plus master's, doctorate and board certification stipends, which were not specified in his contract.

Cazares, Faraghan and Douglas all work 220 days per year.

Also part of the new budget is \$500,000 set aside for medical insurance through CalPERS. The board agreed to contribute \$150 a month per employee, with future payments to CalPERS medical insurance in lieu of pay increases or other compensation for teachers.

In outlining the budget to the board, Cazares said much will remain unknown until mid August.

"We're going to have to play catchup," she told the board.

The state Legislature is ex-

pected to pass a budget by its June 30 deadline, but it will be subject to line-item vetoes by Gov. Jerry Brown. There are currently two different formulas that could be used to calculate state payment to schools, one of which, known as the Local Control Funding Formula, could put an extra \$934,000 in the district's coffers, according to Cazares.

About 20 parents, many with their children in tow, pushed one final time for the board to set aside money for smaller class sizes in kindergarten, second and third grade for the coming year.

Emmeline Chen, who spearheaded a campaign to cut class sizes for first grade, said she'd received enough in commitments from parents to pay the difference between that potential extra money and what smaller classes would cost. She also suggested that the money previously committed by the district for smaller first-grade classes be split to provide slightly smaller classes for students in kindergarten through third grade.

"I feel like there is some flexibility, and I would urge you to look into that before you adopt a budget tonight," Chen told the board.

Both of Chen's suggestions were dismissed by board members who said by the time the district knows the final outcome of the budget, it would be too close to the start of school to hire teachers and allocate the necessary classrooms. It was also noted by Bowser that the district was required to pass a budget before June 30.

The board did commit to look into smaller class sizes in the future, but several members said there are a number of other programs that have been cut that should be considered as well.

"I am not prepared to change our budget," said Board Member Joan Laursen. "I would like to see us come back in August with a plan to get where we want to be."

The district has budgeted \$2.9 million for class sizes of 20 students to one teacher for the 2014-15 school year, but could shift the money elsewhere under Brown's plan that would provide schools with a lump sum, rather than designating it to specific programs.

Bowser listed a host of other programs totaling \$3.7 million that had been cut and should be considered along with smaller class sizes.

The board also approved a bond refinance plan that could save homeowners an average of \$1.21 to \$1.34 per \$100,000 of assessed value over the next 10 years, with savings of \$1.90 to \$2.09 per \$100,000 of assessed value in 2014.

The district will need to consider adding new elementary schools, according to a demographer's report presented to the board Tuesday night.

"We see the need for at least one new (elementary) facility in the next 10 years," Isaac Johnson, a spokesman for Davis Demographics and Planning, told the board.

Johnson said that, depending upon the number and type of homes — single-family homes, condominiums or apartments — built under the city's East Pleasanton Specific Plan, the district could see as many as 1,710 new families in the area.

"It's really seven years and when you consider timing, it's really two or three years out," said Board Member Chris Grant, pointing out the district would have to acquire land, among other things.

"Any development is going to bring students and we have to consider what kind of schools we want," Ahmadi said.

Johnson said the district could need two new elementary schools when the city is built out.

Both Laursen and Board Member Jamie Hintzke said they'd like the district to create a time line for building schools and how new students could be housed in the interim. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Bottom of the world: Todd and Brenda Walberg bundle up in Port Lockroy, Antarctica, a historic British scientific research station established during World War II. While down there, they went native and took the Polar Bear plunge in the 36 degree ocean.

PPIE announces spring grant winners

\$2,400 in grant awarded for student groups

Nine student groups were the final recipients of grants for the 2012-13 school year from Pleasanton Partnerships in Education. The nine recipients are:

- Foothill High School Program "Every Fifteen Minutes," Olivia Hanjen, \$400, to educate students about the risks associated with drinking and driving;
- Horizon's Yearbook Group, Itzallana Sanchez at Horizon High School, \$200, to create a school yearbook;
- "U R Beautiful" Campaign, Asia Kang at Foothill high, \$150, a self-esteem campaign with the goal of preventing teen suicide, depression and bullying;

- "Uncontained Potential" Program, Tristan Maas at Foothill, \$200, installing artworks to communicate the unlimited possibilities of education;
- Amador Valley High School, "We the People" National Competition, Adriana Morton at AVHS, \$300, for the civics team to travel to the national competition;
- Wounded Warrior Blanket Project, Mikkel Ricafrente at Valley View Elementary, \$300, for students to tie and sign blankets and send them to wounded soldiers for encouragement;
- Middle School Chess Club/High School Mentors, Samuel

- Saldinger at Pleasanton Middle School, \$250, for high school students to help middle school students start a chess club and teach them rules and strategies so younger students can compete in tournaments;
- Spanish Club, Brooklyn Still at Donlon Elementary, \$100, to promote the learning of Spanish by using puzzles, CDs, Books and vocabulary cards; and
- Bhangra Club, Sanjum Grewal at PMS, \$500, to purchase costumes and props to be used annually for the Bhangra Club Performance at the school's multicultural talent show.

—Glenn Wohltmann

Business News

Edited by Jeb Bing, jbing@pleasantonweekly.com

Girl Scout helps line Hacienda Business Park with American flags with American flags

Amanda McKenzie's patriotism keeps flags flying through July 4

BY NICOLE STAHL

Amanda McKenzie has always loved the distinctive wreaths that decorate the Hacienda arches during the winter holiday season. So when it came time for the life-long Pleasanton resident to pick a project for her Girl Scout Gold Award, the iconic image — “everyone knows it,” she enthuses — came to mind as an inspiration.

“I’m artsy, and I like to have different decorations for different holidays,” said the freshman at Amador Valley High School. The holiday she had in mind was the Fourth of July, and the project she developed focused on encouraging a wave of patriotism throughout the community. In particular she envisioned an American flag display in the park.

McKenzie fleshed out her proposal and approached Pleasanton City Councilwoman Karla Brown, who referred her to Hacienda. In collaboration, McKenzie and Hacienda came up with the idea of hanging 3-foot by 5-foot flags from the lampposts along Hacienda Drive from I-580 to West Las Positas Boulevard, and on Stoneridge Drive from Hopyard Road to Santa Rita Road. A total of 50 flags — “one for each state,” McKenzie notes — were installed by Flag Day, June 14, and will be taken down after the Fourth of July.

“My goal is to get people excited about patriotism,” she said. “I would like all Pleasanton residents to put out an American flag on July 4th.”

Following the seven steps to the Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, McKenzie crafted a campaign, giving it a snappy name — Pleasanton United in Patriotism, or PUP — and creating a red, white and blue banner with a little dog as a logo. The banner is on display on the booth she hosted at the First Wednesday Street Fairs in May and June and will host again July 3 to reach out to the community.

Her natural gift for promotion is in evidence not just in the artistic appearance of the booth but in the assortment of children’s activities available, from temporary flag tattoos to coloring pages. The craft projects keep the youngsters amused while McKenzie urges parents to put out a flag over the



HACIENDA BUSINESS PARK

Girl Scout and Amador Valley High School freshman Amanda McKenzie offers flags and other patriotic materials at this month’s First Wednesday. With help from Hacienda Business Park, she arranged to have U.S. flags posted on lampposts through the park.

upcoming holiday. McKenzie also prepared a flier for the Pleasanton Downtown Association to distribute and has arranged for PUP to be promoted by Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne.

PUP is not McKenzie’s first venture in community activism. For her Girl Scout Silver Award, in seventh grade, she put on a talent show to raise money for a piece of equipment for the nonprofit Hoofprints on the Heart in Livermore.

In her “free” time, she is a springboard diver on the Amador varsity diving team and this summer will run an art camp for children.

While undecided about future career plans, ultimately McKenzie hopes to combine her artistic talent and flair for promotion in the business arena, building an impressive resume to offer future employers.

For more information, pick up a PUP flier at Pleasanton’s Friday night Concerts in the Park or at the Farmers Market on Saturdays.

Nicole Stahl writes for the Hacienda Business Park newsletter. This article appeared in Hacienda NETWORK on June 18.

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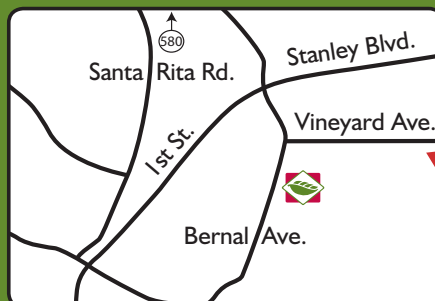
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GUEST OPINION

By CHERYL COOK-KALLIO

What transparent government means

Issues are vetted in public process to make city's decisions

When I was new to the Pleasanton City Council in 2006 a former council member complimented me on a vote, but also said, "I wish you had said more about how you arrived at the decision." I was being careful not to talk too much. Her comment caused me to reflect on what transparent government means.

Council members, as a group, are prohibited from talking about agenda items outside the public process. The Brown Act allows for two of the five to talk but seeks to prevent a series of conversations with each other that could influence a vote prior to the public conversation. Written and email correspondence, as well as information submitted by stakeholders, are all part of the public record. The entire council then must make sense of this in full view and on the record of what is before us. Any agenda item should be vetted as part of the public process, hearing a staff report, inviting public comment, and then engaging in a critical thinking conversation that hopefully results in sound decision making.

This critical conversation becomes even more crucial with a new council. We all receive the staff report a week or so before the meeting. This gives us time to review it. Often we will hear from interested parties and

have individual meetings; I will visit the site, by myself or with others. Seeing the project site helps me better understand the issues, however each council member approaches the gathering of information differently. All of these bits of information come together at the council meeting when the real discussion takes place. It is imperative that we ask the questions of staff and then listen to the public and each other to enable that give and take. There are three reasons why a council member asks a question. The first is to clarify information. Equally important is to ask questions or make comments to make sure the information is reflected on the record. Lastly, it helps our community understand how we balance competing interests to arrive at a decision that serves the best interests of Pleasanton.

Sometimes it may feel like we are spending too much time on something. However, the decisions we make have the potential to affect thousands of people for generations. Sometimes our decisions cost millions of dollars. It helps all of us to hear our thought process out loud, especially with a new council. In the long run it will help this current council to better serve the citizens of Pleasanton. It is what we were elected to do.

Cheryl Cook-Kallio has served on the City Council since 2006. She is currently in her fourth term as vice mayor.



EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



CITY OF PLEASANTON

Alviso Adobe, built in 1854 and restored five years ago as a Pleasanton park and historic attraction, may soon attract more visitors with the East Bay Regional Park District acquisition of 150 acres behind it.

Alviso Adobe: Unique site needs boost in visibility

When the Alviso Adobe was restored and opened to the public five years ago, there was an expectation that this unique site that tells the story of California from its earliest human history would be one of the Tri-Valley's, if not the Bay Area's, best interpretive parks. Sadly, that hasn't happened and the \$4.5 million project seems to be languishing, both in its appeal beyond Pleasanton and its relatively obscure location without any major promotional signs on the nearby freeways or even on Foothill Road where it is located.

Now the possible acquisition by the East Bay Regional Park District of the 150-acre Castleridge hillside behind the adobe may attract hikers to that section of the Pleasanton Ridge and to the Alviso Adobe Community Park. An agreement by Pleasanton and the regional district could make it a staging area at the start of the Castleridge trail, an easier climb up the ridge than other pathways. Both at the start and at the end of their journey, hikers could be provided with refreshments in an adobe canteen, one of many amenities the historic site needs to draw more visitors. As it is, there isn't even a kitchen sink that you think would have been included in the multi-million-dollar restoration. Pleasanton Naturalist Eric Nicholas, the sole caretaker of the adobe park, has to fill canteens for those enrolled in activities, classes and organized hikes from faucets in one of the two restrooms at the site.

The Alviso Adobe Community Park is a 7-acre park built around an adobe house constructed in 1854 by Francisco Alviso and is a rare surviving example of an early American adobe that was continuously in use until 1969. The building is registered as a California Historical Landmark. Construction of the park was initially planned to begin in 2000, but the city could not secure funding until 2007, when the project was finally begun. Besides the adobe, which is furnished as it would have been in the 1920s, the park contains a replica of an old dairy and interpretive displays of Ohlone Indian culture.

With the recession of 2007, programs, promotions and staffing that might have beefed up the adobe park were shelved along with other major Pleasanton projects. Since the \$10 million Firehouse Arts Center opened in 2010, and until last month, capital improvement projects in Pleasanton have been frozen along with many other city expenditures. Two weeks ago, at the request of a citizens' group, the City Council agreed to put Alviso Adobe improvements back on its priority list, but with consideration not before 2015.

Still there are some actions that could be taken to add to the adobe's appeal. Modest weddings, poetry readings, outdoor musical events or a version of Shakespeare in the Park could be held there, with small fees paying for some improvements, notably a kitchen. Even a few goats or one or two head of cattle could make a visit to the park more realistic. The Cultural Arts Council has hosted several art shows at the site. These should be continued, with picnic tables added for families to lunch at with a panoramic view of Pleasanton and the valley below that is truly spectacular.

Restrictions against events were imposed when the adobe was opened at the insistence of homeowners across Foothill Road that feared heavy traffic into the adobe park and noise would adversely affect their neighborhoods. Protests even doomed the once-planned rebuilding of a silo that dominated the property when it was a dairy, a potential eyesore some said although it might have become a landmark for those trying to find the site. Still, what few major public activities have taken place have occurred without complaints and show that the park, both in its steep hillside location above Foothill and Eric Nicholas' insistence on peaceful gatherings, and its historical attractions have been good neighbors.

With the East Bay Regional Park District purchase of the adjoining Castleridge property, Pleasanton may now find that the \$4.5 million spent on saving and restoring the adobe and creating the city's most unique public park was worth it. ■

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Trash can body case ends with conviction

Woman found in Pleasanton may not be only victim

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

The man who killed the young woman whose body was left in a trash can beside a road in Pleasanton has been sentenced after pleading guilty to her death.

Javier Sandoval, 35, was sentenced June 12 for the killing of Ana Flores-Pineda, 25. Sandoval pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to 15 years to life.

Flores-Pineda's body was found inside a 45-gallon trash can on Dublin Canyon Road in Pleasanton on May 24, 2012. Her identity and the circumstances of her death were a mystery for months until Stockton police made the connection between the body and a missing person's

report filed by her friends a few weeks after her disappearance May 2.

Stockton police initially looked in the Pleasanton area after Sandoval's cell phone was recorded being used in Pleasanton on the evening of May 3, but no connection was made between the body and Flores-Pineda's disappearance until Stockton detectives conducted a follow-up on the missing persons case.

Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehner said at the time that Flores-Pineda had been in the trash can for "a few weeks."

The young woman's body was badly decomposed and her identity had to be confirmed using DNA.

Stockton and Pleasanton police departments worked closely together to narrow the focus on Sandoval, who was arrested by Stockton police on Oct. 31.

Evidence indicated that Flores-Pineda was murdered in the Stockton home she shared with Sandoval.

It may not be the first time Sandoval killed. At the sentencing, San Joaquin County Deputy District Attorney Mark Ott filed a statement and included documents of the suspicious death of Sandoval's deceased wife, Jaqueline Estrada.

Those records indicated the former wife died of manual strangulation, which was how Flores-Pineda died. ■

POLICE BULLETIN

Two homes burgled

Two homes in Pleasanton were hit by burglars in separate events in recent days.

In one, jewelry worth an estimated \$2,300 was stolen from a home in the 3400 block of West Las Positas Boulevard on June 17. Taken were three rings valued at \$600 apiece — one sapphire ring and two ruby rings — along with a \$500 set of pearl earrings; entry was through an unlocked sliding door between 7:20 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

In the second, three bicycles were stolen from an apartment complex in the 4000 block of Vineyard Road between midnight June 7 and noon June 14. One was valued at \$349, another at \$99, and the third at \$70. Entry was made by breaking in the front door.

In other police reports:

• Denise Michelle Vejmolá, 38, of Hayward was arrested around 7:48 p.m. at Macy's Mens in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road for petty theft, which was elevated to a felony because she had three or more prior convictions. Vejmolá was also arrested on a felony probation violation.

• Natasha Rashae Parks, 24, of Fresno was arrested on a felony warrant at about 9:56 p.m. June 14 in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. The warrant is from Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for fraud.

• Police have a suspect in a June 15 felony fraud at Wells Fargo in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road in which a woman passed a bad check for \$2,100.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 12

Theft

- 10:05 a.m. at the intersection of Owens Ct and Owens Dr; auto theft
- 1:54 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft
- 4:13 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft
- 7:37 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Auto burglary

- 2:28 p.m. in the in 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:07 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road; DUI
- 10:38 p.m. in the 1700 block of Greenwood Road; paraphernalia possession
- 11:08 p.m. in the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, under the influence of drug, paraphernalia possession
- 11:32 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Ave and Northway Rd; DUI

June 13

Theft

- 11:54 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 2:27 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft
- 3:37 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft
- 5:13 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:17 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue; theft
- 8:48 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Auto burglary

- 11:30 a.m. in the 5200 block of Franklin Drive

Marijuana possession

- 11:31 p.m. in the 3200 block of Gulfstream Street

June 14

Sex offense

- 4:01 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

- 8:24 a.m. in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive; theft

- 5:42 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft

Vandalism

- 7:28 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

June 15

Theft

- 6:37 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

DUI

- 3:26 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Dr and Stoneridge Mall Rd

June 16

Vandalism

- 11:14 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 7:02 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

June 17

Theft

- 2:39 p.m. in the 2600 block of Calle Reynoso; theft
- 3:27 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft

Auto burglary

- 5:17 p.m. in the 7000 block Johnson Dr

Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:47 p.m. in the 2100 block of Cascara Court; public drunkenness
- 9:43 p.m. in the 3000 block of Chardonnay Drive; possession of methamphetamine
- 11:51 p.m. in the 3000 block of Chardonnay Drive; undisclosed

June 18

Theft

- 12:01 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting, paraphernalia possession
- 3:25 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 5:22 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Auto burglary

- 2:49 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 6:41 a.m. in the 4500 block of First Street

Public drunkenness

- 8:31 p.m. at the intersection of Amador Court and Vineyard Avenue



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The Alameda County Fair offers 12 days of live racing, a popular attraction that draws huge crowds. People can learn more about each day's races at 11:30 a.m. when the track announcer and publicist go over the racing entries.

Off to the races

Some horse trainers are products of the Pleasanton track

BY DENNIS MILLER

John Anderson, 50, can remember plenty about the good old days at the Alameda County Fair when he was a young boy growing up in Pleasanton.

"I remember going to the Fair with \$2 and it would last all day," said Anderson, one of the year-round horse trainers at the Pleasanton track. "I also remember having two bucks in my hand when I was in fourth grade trying to find someone to make a bet for me."

Anderson is one of the trainers that keep their stable of horses at the Pleasanton training facility. He is also one who grew up around the track, and his family was involved in the horse business.

Other Pleasanton trainers, like Jeff Bonde, Dan Morgan and Kent Molinaro, also spent time in their childhood around the track and, as is the case each year, the trainers raised in Pleasanton are in the spotlight while the Alameda County Fair is in town. The Fair is open through July 7, and the 12-day horse racing meet runs Thursday through Sunday during each of the three weeks of the Fair.

Anderson's Pleasanton racing ties go way back. His parents were both trainers, and initially, Anderson

went away from training, opting instead to try becoming a jockey.

"I left Foothill (High) when I was 16 and tried being a jockey at Golden Gate Fields, but I was always fighting weight issues and it didn't work out," said Anderson. "In 1979, I went to work with my mom."

He's been at it ever since, and now Anderson is ready for another Alameda County Fair on his home track — and the pressures that come with it.

"You always want to win when you're at home," said Anderson. "I am glad to see it come, but I am glad to see it go as well."

Dan Morgan was also around the track growing up, as his father Hugh was a starter at the track, in charge of the starting gate crew. Growing up locally was all about the horse racing industry, he recalls.

"My dad was the starter and both my grandfathers were trainers," explained Morgan. "I started working as a groom for Jack Phillips and eventually started getting horses of my own."

After buying some colts in 1980, Morgan dove in head-first and has been going strong ever since. After

spending his early years training in Northern California, Morgan relocated to Arizona and Turf Paradise years ago where he still resides a majority of the year.

Morgan used to come back frequently during the Fair circuit, but for the last few years he has gone to Del Mar in the San Diego area. But this year he is back, and the old Pleasanton crew is happy.

"It's kind of neat that he's back," said Molinaro, another trainer. "We haven't seen much of him the last couple of years. When Danny comes home, his whole family is out there. It's kind of like the prodigal son has returned."

Morgan's 19-year-old daughter Danielle is working this summer for Jim Burns at the track and his wife Sue, a teacher in Arizona, spends time working as a pari-mutuel clerk at the Fair.

"It's always great to come home for the summer," said Morgan. "It is always fun having people come up and ask you what you think. Even when you tell them you don't have a shot, they are going to bet on your horse anyway."

Morgan also enjoys crossing paths with people he grew up with in Pleasanton.

"I saw Dean (Shotwell) the other day," said Morgan of a former high school classmate with whom he once owned a horse. "And it was great to see the local legend Mike Chandler at the barns the other day."

Molinaro, 49, didn't have family that worked around the track, but rather he had a father, Bob, who bought horses and a home that had plenty of land and plenty of horses.

"My dad bought a horse with Chris Beratlis (another old-school Pleasanton personality) in 1972 or '73," said Molinaro of his introduction to the sport. "I liked the handicapping aspect of racing and I loved being around the animals."

As he got older and showed a solid aptitude for the horses, Bob helped him get a job with J.W. Robinson, who trained Bob's horses. Working as a groom, Kent soaked up as much as he could, and in 1986, he became a trainer at the age of 23.

Molinaro worked out of Bay Meadows and Golden Gate Fields for years before coming home to Pleasanton about seven or eight years ago.

"What's funny is the first 10 years



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(as a trainer) I never had any luck in Pleasanton,” said Molinaro, who is married with two boys. “But the last 15 years, it’s always seemed like I’ve done well.”

That is vital for a person raised in this town.

“If you are pointing for something — and we are when Pleasanton rolls around — if you are stabled here, you should have a little advantage,” said Molinaro.

Like Anderson, Molinaro echoes the sentiment that three weeks, at least for now, is a perfect duration for the meet.

“It’s great that it is that length of time,” said Molinaro.

At 58, Jeff Bonde is the elder statesman of the Pleasanton crew and has seen his share of big moments, saddling horses in the Ken-

tucky Derby and the Breeders’ Cup.

Bonde started training when he was 17 after having worked for Jerry Dutton, as well as looking up to trainers like Jerry Hollendorfer, long the king of the Northern California conditioners. Now Bonde often does battle with Hollendorfer’s horses in graded stakes races, throughout not only California but across the country.

And while Bonde has been in major races around the world, Pleasanton still is a major meet for his team.

“The Fair has always been something that everyone looks forward to,” said Bonde. “It’s changed throughout the years, but it’s always been a big meet when you are around so many people you grew up with. It’s always a lot of fun.” ■



NATALIA KIM

The horse trainers at the Fairgrounds include several who are from Pleasanton and spent time in their childhood around the track.



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Racing news

The Alameda County Fair has 12 days of live racing, Thursday-Sunday all three weeks, with the daily post time at 1:15 p.m.

Highlights include:

* At 11:30 a.m. each racing day, track announcer Frank Mirahmadi and Fair racing publicist Dennis Miller will go over the racing entries.

* A morning workout seminar will be held starting at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 29,

with trainers and former jockeys.

* Another solid stakes card, including the debut of the \$75,000 Casual Lies on Thursday, July 4.

* Win, Place and Show: Every day of live racing, the contest drawing will pay \$100, \$75 and \$50 for three people.

* \$10,000 Putting Contest: Every day of racing, three contestants are drawn to try and qualify as one of the top

three and a spot in the finals on Saturday, July 6.

* Hat Contest: Prizes for children and adults.

* Hippity-Hop Contest: For children 7-10, after the fourth race each racing day.

* Trackside Terrace: Experience live horse racing up close and in style with VIP seating over-looking the race track.

For more information, go to www.alamedacountyfair.com.



Kent Molinaro



John Anderson

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

Human trafficking: It's real and it's local

Cop shares investigation guidelines in his new book

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

When Ryan Cantrell worked as a high school resource officer with the Hayward Police Department, he sometimes had to track missing teenage girls. What he found was disturbing.

"The girls were not necessarily run-aways but they were lured into the sex trafficking trade," he said. "They take 13- to 14-year-old girls, they recruit them off the street or in the mall, and the average time is about 48 hours to get them out on the street."

Cantrell, a Pleasanton resident, soon found himself transitioning each workday to the violent sex world, where the exploiters tattooed their victims, some as young as 9 years old.

"There are designated areas known as prostitution tracks, where pimps bring them to work the streets," Cantrell explained. "An example of that is International Boulevard in Oakland. You'll find 15 to 40 girls or women working at any time."

Concerned with the grim situation, he applied to the vice unit, where he learned to recognize human trafficking in many forms.

"There was an Asian brothel working in our city — that particular case really got me into it," Cantrell recalled. "This lady and guy were running it since 2004, and we started working the case in 2010."

He began to realize that prosecuting human traffickers is also important because it is related to other illegal activities, including property crimes, violent crimes and drug trafficking.

"A lot of drug traffickers have gone from dealing drugs to being pimps and exploiting girls," he said. "Once you sell a pound of cocaine it's gone, but you can put a girl on the track and sell her over and over again."

"The girls fall in love with these guys. It's hard to get them to turn against their pimps."

Cantrell calls the men "exploiters of children and women" rather than

"pimps," a term he believes has been glorified on television and the movies.

"They can make over \$700,000 a year — three to five girls working every day, \$500 average a day, per girl," he said. "There's big money to be made."

The Asian brothel case was a year-long investigation, Cantrell said; it had 12 different brothels in Alameda, Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties, working out of apartments and next to businesses, and moving frequently.

"We were getting lots of complaints," he said.

"They were complex organizations, fed by Asian organized crime," he said. "It was a year-long investigation, then we found out the girls were actually being trafficked. We recovered eight victims — all these girls were Taiwanese nationals in the U.S. legally on tourist visas."

The women were recruited in Taiwan, and most had families so their exploiters could threaten to reveal they were working as prostitutes. Ultimately the exploiters were convicted.

"The tough part was keeping the victims here to testify," Cantrell said. "That's key."

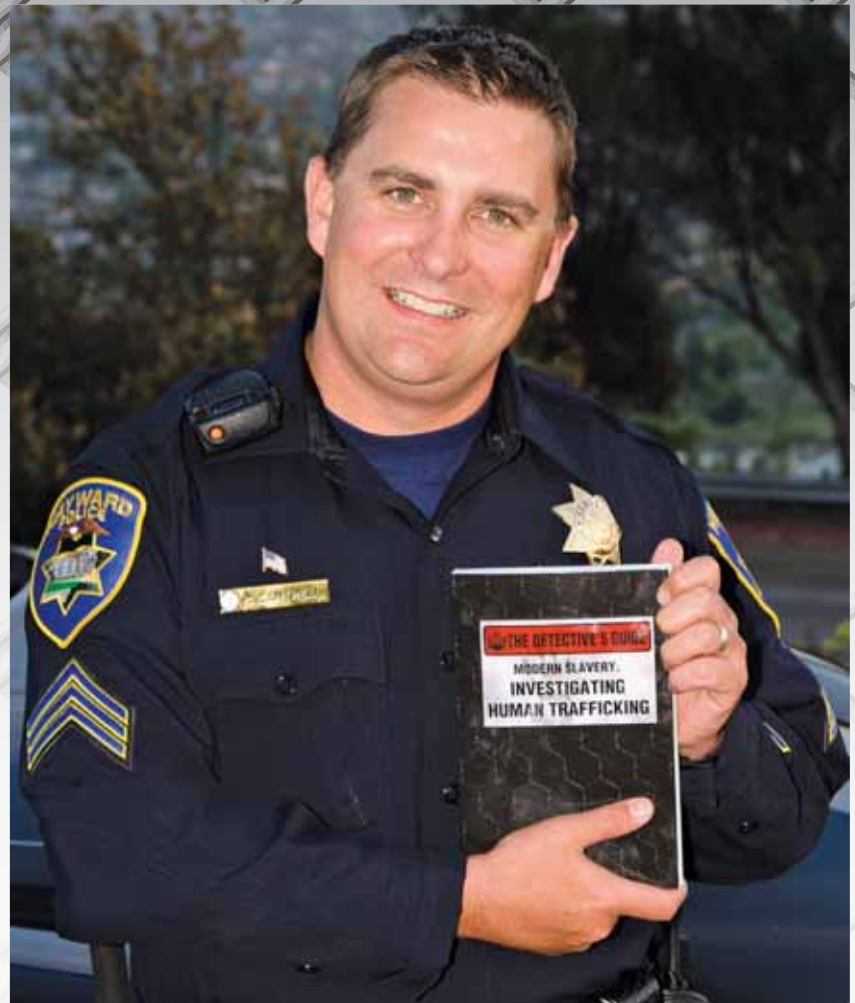
He learned so much from this case and others about human trafficking that he decided to write a book that would help other investigators. It came out in January, and he hears back from detectives who use it for interviewing.

"My expertise is human trafficking and brothel investigation and domestic child exploitation," Cantrell said. "Sex trafficking is one component. It's a brutal, horrific crime."

He said most police organizations have guidelines but he wanted to help others recognize the problem as well as pursue prosecution.

"If you have children, especially girls, you need to read this book," he said. "It's in every neighborhood, every back yard, in every city, in Pleasanton."

Cantrell has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Cal



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Hayward Police Department Sgt. Ryan Cantrell, who lives in Pleasanton, wrote a book on human trafficking to help other investigators recognize the problem, recover the exploited girls and women, and pursue prosecution.

State Hayward and formal training in Child Prostitution Investigations and the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children from the Department of Justice.

"We know there are girls that operate out of hotels in Pleasanton," he said. "There are any number of websites. You can order up any color, any size, any fetish, in any location — there's a list of girls that fit that criteria, and within an hour you have a girl at your house or an appointment to visit one."

The websites operate offshore, out of the reach of American law enforcement, he said; Craigslist was popular for awhile but the website took a stand and eliminated it.

"Men who share chats have their own system of intelligence," he said. "I love catching these guys who think they can avoid the cops. They can be very prominent guys."

Cantrell's vice squad started a task force with others in the area to pool resources and train officers in how to identify sex trafficking.

"There is so much more that can be done," Cantrell said. "My motivation to write the book was to get word out about it. I've had calls from social workers who said it is good information to have."

He also did a training for PG&E engineers. Massage parlors are often a cover

for brothels, he said, and if PG&E workers do an inspection they should know to look for illegal living quarters and girls who are covering or who look really young. Some of these establishments are unlicensed and provide sexual services, he said, while others are quasi-legitimate — the owner encourages the women to offer services.

"They are very hard to shut down," he said.

Another red flag might be if a customer needs to be buzzed in, or if it doesn't sell gift certificates.

"My focus is share information with other cops to conduct good comprehensive investigations that arrest exploiters and recover victims," Cantrell said. "My priority is recovering the girls and arresting and convicting the exploiters."

Cantrell is now a supervisor in the patrol division. But he continues to spread the word about human trafficking, which includes not just the sex trade, but slave labor and extracting organs to sell.

"More people are in slavery right now than ever have been in the history of the world — on every continent and in every country," Cantrell said.

"The Detective's Guide — Modern Slavery: Investigating Human Trafficking" by Ryan D. Cantrell is available online. ■

'Macbeth' in the Park

The San Francisco Shakespeare Festival and the city of Pleasanton are presenting "Macbeth" this summer in the 31st season of Free Shakespeare in the Park.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturday, June 29-July 14, at Amador Valley Community Park on the corner of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue. Audience members are welcome to bring blankets and picnics to enjoy the free professional theater under the stars.

"Macbeth" is memorable for its suspenseful plot and thrilling scenes of witchcraft and swordplay, and is regarded as one of the Bard's major tragedies, along with "Hamlet," "Othello" and "King Lear."

Audiences will recognize Macbeth's famous soliloquies, including "Is this a dagger which I see before me?" and "Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow," as well as the witches' rhyme, "Double, double toil and trouble, fire burn and cauldron bubble."

"Macbeth" is often referred to by actors as "The Scottish Play" and "The Bard's Play" because of the long-standing theatrical superstition that speaking the name Macbeth inside a

theater will cause disaster. Known as the "Scottish curse," it is believed to come from reports of calamities during productions dating all the way back to Shakespeare's time.

Some claim that the source is the witches' curses; others that the traditionally high cost of staging the play curses the production company. A fun theory is that Shakespeare himself stole a cauldron for the first performance from some revengeful witches who then cast a spell on the play. Shakespeare only began to refer to the play as "that Scottish play" after learning the James I, whose Scottish heritage he was trying to celebrate, did not enjoy it.

Michael Ray Wisely, who has appeared here in 2003, 2006 and 2012, returns as Macbeth. Emily Jordan, also a veteran of the Pleasanton stage, plays Lady Macbeth. Ryan Tasker is Macduff. Kenneth Kelleher returns to direct his 11th Shakespeare in the Park with SF Shakes.

Wisely and his wife Wendy McGlothlin worked with Pleasanton's Children's Theater Workshop and its founding director Andy Jorgensen, and continued as company members for another five years.

This year the kids Bay Area Shakespeare Camp program is all about "Macbeth," too, with shows on the final day of camp, which in Pleasanton runs July 22- Aug. 2.)

For more information, call the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival at (415) 558-0888 or visit www.sfshakes.org. ■



Michael Ray Wisely plays Macbeth in Free Shakespeare in the Park.

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Sports



Relay team places 1st in EBAL

The Foothill High Girls Varsity 4 x 100 Relay Team took first place at the 2013 East Bay Athletic League Track and Field Championships, held at Monte Vista High School on May 11. Team members are Emily Topielski, Haley Lukas, Adria Revell and Natalie Reichenbach. While placing first, the girls also broke their own school record for the second time this season with a time of 48.65. They broke the record for the first time April 17 in a dual meet against Cal High with a time of 49.13. The previous school record had been in place since 2009 with a time of 49.20. The team is coached by Jorge Quero, head coach of the Foothill High School Track and Field team.

Outstanding Athletic High School Awards show on TV30

TV30's 2013 Outstanding Athletic High School Awards, which took place May 30, is airing now through Aug. 31 at the following times.

TV30:
 Wednesday 7 p.m.
 Thursday noon
 Friday 8 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m., 9:30 p.m.
 Sunday 5 p.m.

TV28:
 Monday 3 p.m.
 Thursday 5 p.m.
 The show is 90 minutes long.

Tennis tourney draws dozens


The Lifetime Tennis Memorial Day Junior Tournament 2013 held at the Pleasanton Tennis Park drew 20 boys and nine girls between the ages of 8-15 from Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Castro Valley. Christopher Ma was the gold finalist winner, with Bernardino Navarini winning the silver. Bronze went to Vignesh Rao (far right).




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Concerts

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Events

BRUNCH/LUNCH IN PLEASANTON The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for a brunch at noon, Sunday, June 30, at Pasta's Trattoria, 405 Main St. Please RSVP by June 27. Contact Ruby at 462-9636 or hsk-oog@comcast.net.

CBAZAAR STYLEBASH Get ready to enjoy the Indian flavor of fashion. Cbazaar StyleBash is here 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23, at 4545 Chabot Drive. To register go to www.cbazaarstylebash.com/#!pleasanton/c9qz.

SUNOL FARM TOUR Everyone is invited to a tour of the Sunol Ag Park, greenhouse, pasture raised chickens and much more presented by Terra Bella Family Farm, on Sunday, June 23, at 505 Paloma Way in Sunol. Call Farmer Shawn at 202-8020.

Fundraisers

HUGE GARAGE SALE TO HELP OUT THE HMS CHEER SQUAD Come to this huge, multi-family garage sale to help out the HMS Cheer Squad. Find gently used treasures, clothes, household items, toys, games, and more, from 8-4 p.m., Saturday, June 22, at 6795 Paseo San Leon.

YMCA CHARITY POKER TOURNAMENT Support a great cause and enjoy a night of food, friends, and fun! No limit Texas Hold 'Em at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 23, at 6693 Sierra Ln., Suite F, Dublin. Cost is \$100 donation/entry fee. Food and beverages included. Contact tvinfo@ymcaeastbay.org.

Health

DAY OF ORGANIC BEAUTY Enjoy a 20-minute organic facial and consult from AcquaCures Founder and Certified Organic Lifestyle and Beauty Coach, from noon-6 p.m., Thursday, June 27, at New Leaf Community Market, 3550 Bernal Ave. Preregistration \$5; will be reimbursed at consult. Call 621-7660, ext. 120.

Kids & Teens

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



JEB BING

Warm weather draws music fans

Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concerts in the Park continue this evening with Ruckatan Latin Tribe playing Latin/Reggae World Music from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park at Neal and First streets. Bring blankets and chairs and dine al fresco while enjoying music and the festive vibe with your neighbors.

for doggie devotees, 1-4 p.m., Monday, July 22-Friday, July 26, at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. Cost is \$250. Ages 10-15. Contact 426-8656, ext. 13, or sreed@valleyhumane.org.

FAMILY CYCLING WORKSHOP The family that rides together thrives together. Join the East Bay Bicycle Coalition's League Certified safety instructors Saturday, July 13, at Amador Valley Community Park, 4477 Black Ave. Contact Robert at (510) 845-7433 or robert@ebbc.org.

Lectures/ Workshops

INFORMATION ON SUCCESS WITHOUT STRESS Are you burnt out and need a boost to help you out at work? Check out this free seminar to help you keep your focus and bring that zing back into your step, from 7-8 p.m., Tuesday, June 25, at Art of Living Center, 6690 Amador Plaza Road, #215, Dublin. Register at <http://tiny.cc/JunTVInfo>

Miscellaneous

FREE TOUR: WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND WATER RECYCLING PLANTS Learn how 10 million gallons of Tri-Valley wastewater is treated every day from 1:30-3 p.m., Wednesday, July 10, at DRSRD Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7399 Johnson Dr. Free! Reservations required. Contact Lori Martin at 875-2282 or martin@drsrd.com.

FREE WINE TASTING AT NEW LEAF New Leaf Community Market hosts a different winery each week in the Wine Department from 5-7 p.m. Fridays. Come taste and educate your palette at 3550 Bernal Ave. For ages 21-plus. Call 621-7660, ext. 120.

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

GOLDEN FOLLIES REVUE See this fast paced Las Vegas-style revue featuring award-winning chanteuse Darla Wigginton at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 23, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$15-\$25, youth and senior discounts available. Get tickets at www.firehousearts.org or call 931-4848.

Seniors

PLEASANTON SOLE MATES - WALKING GROUP Walking is one of the easiest and most cost effective forms of exercise for adults. Join our weekly walking group from 8:45-10:15 a.m. Wednesday mornings at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Walks are approximately 2-3 miles. 925-931-5365. www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org

Sports

GOODBYE OLD BUDDY GLOVE DRIVE Give your old baseball glove a second chance at making a new kid happy by donating it. Gloves collected will be donated to the Livermore Junior Giants league. Donate now through Monday, July 15. Drop off at Meadowlark Dairy, 57 W. Neal St. Contact Braxton Fletcher at 519-7978 or sfbrax@gmail.com.

PLEASANTON RAGE SOCCER REGISTRATION Registration continues for the Pleasanton Rage Girl's Soccer Fall Rec Season for girls U5/U6 to U19. Rage has new programs to enhance the Rec soccer experience including revamped Rec Flight programs, free coaching education, and reduced fees for U5/U6-U7. Go to www.pleasantonRAGE.org.

Support Groups

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.

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. Contact Suzi Glorioso at 443-1797 or email glorios4@comcast.net.

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. Learn more at www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

Volunteering

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• **P13 0051, Brian O'Toole**

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a tutorial facility for students in Grades K-12 at 1241 Quarry Lane, Suite 110.

• **P13-0998, Bodymax PT**

Application for Conditional Use Permit to operate a martial arts studio in an existing building located at 6668 Owens Drive.

Kottinger Place Task Force

Monday June 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
 Operations Services 3333 Busch Rd.

- Please visit the website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view the agenda for this meeting

Commission Vacancies Recruitment

The City Council is accepting applications for the following Commission Vacancies:

Committee on Energy & the Environment

Economic Vitality Committee
 for the following groups:

- Green Economy/Environmental Industry
- Medical Technology
- Residential Real Estate Developer

Youth Commission

Village High School (by fall 2013 freshman through junior)
 Thomas Hart Middle School (entering 6th or 7th Grade by fall 2013)

**City representative to the Alameda County
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Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>. For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

If you are interested in serving on a commission or committee that has no current vacancies listed, you may register your interest in future vacancies by completing an interest card on our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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Anne "Nan" Cohan (née Anne Marie Walsh)

Jan. 10, 1922 – June 1, 2013

Nan Cohan passed peacefully on Saturday June 1st knowing she was cherished by her large family and countless friends. The devoted mother of two daughters and five sons, grandmother of twelve and great-grandmother of three, Nan was preceded in death by her husband Gene Cohan. She was a beloved mother-in-law, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend.

Nan, born Anne Marie Walsh, was raised in New York City. Both her parents were Irish immigrants - mother Sarah Ryan from County Kilkenny and father Michael Walsh from County Sligo. Nan and Gene married in Astoria, New York in 1947 then spent twenty years living around the world before settling in Pleasanton. Their children's birth certificates

show part of Nan and Gene's global trek starting in New York then touching down in Territory of Hawaii, Japan, California and Kwajalein, Marshall Islands.

Admired for her spirit and soul, Nan was a valued co-worker, an extraordinary cook and a wonderful hostess. Each of her many homes became the place to be and she made everyone feel welcome and appreciated.

Arriving in the summer of 1967, Nan embraced Pleasanton as home. After many years working for the City,



she will be remembered as a champion of services for seniors and those in need in the community at large. She supervised Pleasanton's Senior Recreation program for over ten years and was instrumental in planning, developing and realizing Pleasanton's Senior Center.

The "Nan Cohan Volunteer of the Year" award has been given each year since 1994 by the City of Pleasanton Senior Center. The award recognizes a volunteer for outstanding efforts to serve the Center, its clients and the community. The award is named in recognition of Nan's years of exceptional service to the City as an employee and as a volunteer for many organizations and causes.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Nan's name to:

Wiesner Memorial Senior Fund
 4444 East Avenue
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Forever treasured, Nan's life will be celebrated on June 28, 2013 with Mass at St. Augustine Catholic Church at 10:30 AM, then burial at St. Augustine Cemetery. Nan's family invites all of her friends to join us in this remembrance and at a Pleasanton gathering to follow.

Harry Loos

Sept. 29, 1923-June 10, 2013

Harry Loos passed away in the early morning hours of June 10, 2013 at the age of 89. Harry is survived by his wife of 70 years, Irene R. Loos of Pleasanton, his sons Larry A. Loos of Hayward and James L. Loos



of Pleasanton, grandsons James C. Loos, Anthony F. Loos and Jeremy A. Loos, great grandchildren Ryan J. Loos, Emma M. Loos, Owen J. Loos and Wyatt A. Loos. Harry, the son of Heinrich G. Loos and Ana M. Wacker, was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and four sisters.

Harry was born in Scottsbluff, Nebraska where he graduated from high school and met and married Irene Schenaman. He started a small construction company, building homes, cement irrigation ditches, and other buildings and structures. He was a member of the Nebraska National Guard, was a founding member and coach of 23 Club, a little league baseball program, and was active in the Scottsbluff Nebraska Junior Chamber of Commerce. Harry loved to fish, hunt, garden and raise farm animals. In his later years, he remained very active and loved playing bocce ball.

Harry and Irene moved to California in the '70s where Harry became an insurance adjuster until injuries and health forced him to retire. Throughout his life, he was always the first to offer help to others and was known for his friendly and energetic personality, even during the years he resided at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation where he passed away. A memorial service for Harry will be planned for his family and close friends at a later date. The family requests no flowers and any donations should be made in Harry's name to your favorite charity.

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California home sales, prices spring higher in April

Median price surpasses \$400,000 mark for 1st time in 5 years

By JEB BING

Fueled by high demand and tight inventory, California home sales and prices both experienced strong increases in April, with the median price surpassing the \$400,000 mark for the first time in five years.

"California's housing market maintained its momentum in April, getting the spring home-buying season off to a good start," said Don Faught, president of the California Association of Realtors (CAR) and vice president and managing broker for Alain Pinel Realtors in Pleasanton.

"Southern California regions such as Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego led the way in both month-to-month and year-over-year sales increases, while sales in the Bay Area region as a whole posted a healthy monthly gain but dipped slightly from last year," Faught said.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 423,510 units in April, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations and MLSS statewide. Sales in April were up 1.3% from a revised 417,880 in March but down 3.7% from a revised 439,770 in April 2012.

The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2013 if sales maintained the April pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home climbed 6.3% from March's revised median price of \$378,960 to \$402,760 in April, signaling the first time since April 2008 that the statewide median price has exceeded the \$400,000 mark (and was the highest since then). April's price was up 28.9% from a revised \$312,500 recorded in April 2012, marking 14 straight months of annual price increases and the 10th consecutive month of double-digit annual gains.

nual gains.

The median sales price is the point at which half of homes sold for more and half sold for less; it is influenced by the types of homes selling as well as a general change in values.

"The upsurge in the median price continues to be driven by an increase in sales in the upper-price range, where low inventory is less of an issue," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

"Over the past year, home sales in the \$500,000-and-higher market segment posted a year-over-year gain of 35% on average, which contributed to an increase in the statewide median price of nearly 30% from the previous year," she added.

Other key facts of CAR's April 2013 resale housing report include:

- The available supply of homes for sale was essentially unchanged from March, but was down markedly from a year ago. The April Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes was 2.8 months in April, down from 2.9 months in March, and down from 4.2 months in April 2012. The index indicates the number of months needed to sell the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate. A six- to seven-month supply is considered normal.

- Increased market competition has significantly driven down the time on market compared with a year ago. Homes sold more quickly in April, with the median number of days it took to sell a single-family home decreasing to 27.9 days in April, down from 29.4 days in March and down from a revised 48 days for the same period a year ago.

- Mortgage rates dipped in April, with the 30-year fixed-mortgage interest rate averaging 3.45%, down from 3.57% in March 2013 and down from 3.91% in April 2012, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable-mortgage interest rates were flat from March, averaging 2.63% in April, but down from 2.78% in April 2012. ■

HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

7109 VALLEY TRAILS DR., PLEASANTON, \$770,000



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 8-June 4

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- 1924 Bloomington Way** Brown Trust to S. & J. Sutton for \$788,000
- 7531 Bonfield Court** V. Owen to Shurtleff Trust for \$493,000
- 4162 Clarinbridge Circle** Sounsou Ventures to D. Wong for \$477,000
- 7787 Crossridge Road** Barrett Trust to P. Reichert for \$650,000
- 7947 Diana Lane** J. Massie to T. Zhang for \$555,000
- 7903 Dry Creek Drive** B. Huffaker to D. Nguyen for \$1,070,000
- 7148 Dublin Meadows Street #G** A. Syed to D. Dai for \$356,000
- 7068 Dublin Meadows Street** H. Ocain to H. & F. Koeksal for \$430,000
- 4326 Fitzwilliam Street** J. & E. Sim to A. Goin for \$451,000
- 3360 Maguire Way #110** J. Roush to M. Shahbaz for \$465,000
- 3259 Monaghan Street** G. & D. Elias to D. & M. Ambler for \$537,000
- 7444 Oxford Circle** A. Camilleri to G. Lam for \$460,000
- 6953 Stagecoach Road #H** J. & P. Lee to X. Xu for \$260,000
- 6967 Stagecoach Road #H** T. & D. Murphy to M. Chan for \$378,000
- 2302 Valentano Drive** D R Horton to S. Manikonda for \$1,138,500
- 2318 Valentano Drive** D R Horton to U. Vyawahare for \$1,098,000

Livermore

- 826 Adams Avenue** Armstrong Trust to C. Chan for \$436,000
- 1141 Baltusrol Court** W. Lutz to A. Chahal for \$630,000
- 655 Bethal Place** S. & R. Worth to J. & T. Powers for \$525,500
- 1304 Buckhorn Creek Road** C. & C. Dipinto to M. & K. Stephenson for \$770,000
- 1976 De Vaca Way** K. Denney to X. Wang for \$410,000
- 823 Debra Street** W. & L. Porter to C. Hewitt for \$550,000
- 3884 East Avenue** W. & D. Buhnerkempe to A. Ahmadzai for \$352,000
- 5123 Felicia Avenue** Turnage Trust to M. & J.

- Costa for \$450,000
 - 2348 Gamay Common** S. & S. Demarco to R. & L. Jansen for \$1,025,000
 - 530 Heligan Lane #2** Shea Homes to S. & M. Rusmisl for \$490,000
 - 530 Heligan Lane #4** Shea Homes to T. Yockey for \$531,500
 - 173 Heligan Lane** C. Jairam to S. Misson for \$415,000
 - 3180 Kennedy Street** Yunona & Associates to R. Dias for \$553,000
 - 1244 Lakehurst Road** Burrow Trust to B. Palmer for \$481,000
 - 521 Leona Drive** K. & D. MacHi to M. Sheridan for \$525,000
 - 944 Lisbon Avenue** S. Reynosa to HPROF Limited for \$460,000
 - 247 Mulqueeney Street** S. Ingwerson to Z. Feng for \$535,000
 - 118 Selby Lane #2** Shea Homes to J. Mahmoud for \$326,500
 - 6193 Skylinks Court** L. Edwards to G. Meagher for \$610,000
 - 2590 Tapestry Drive** M. Hernandez to W. & N. Kopp for \$900,000
 - 135 Turquoise Way** J. Hall to J. & C. Jones for \$583,000
 - 3918 Yale Way** Y. Wang to S. & S. Daugherty for \$435,000
- ### Pleasanton
- 2541 Arlotta Place** S. & J. Herman to R. & L. Thompson for \$1,452,500
 - 2789 Calle Alegre** Woodruff Trust to W. Aston for \$1,035,000
 - 5032 Carducci Drive** M. & R. Morgan to E. Scherer for \$869,500
 - 5731 Dakin Court** Tru North Properties to C. & A. Mann for \$1,729,000
 - 2476 Heatherlark Circle** R. Pero to U. Nguyen for \$431,000
 - 550 Montori Court** C. & D. Mitchell to Y. Li for \$1,045,000
 - 1358 Santa Rita Road** D. Ginocchio to C. Suh for \$585,000
 - 3047 Tonopah Circle** Syed Realty to S. So for \$390,000
 - 5111 Venice Court** Y. Liu to L. Liu for \$90,000
 - 1178 Via Di Salerno** Aselage Trust to D. & A. Rinetti for \$1,750,000
 - 1249 Via Di Salerno** D. Johnston to Y. Lee for \$2,809,000
- Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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- 3 BEDROOMS**
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- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 272 Rachael Pl** **\$525,000**
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- 1129 Lund Ranch Rd** **\$1,225,000**
Sat 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200
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- 23 Deer Oaks Ct** **\$1,860,000**
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Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273
- 1924 Palmer Dr** **\$1,180,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Andrea Rozran 858-4198
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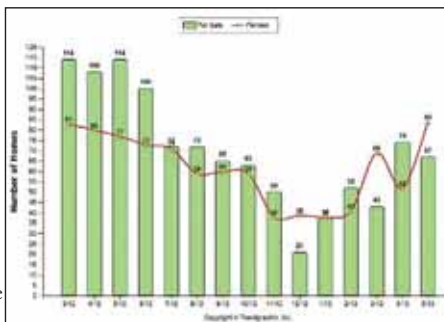
Overall, 84 sales pended during May, up 62% from 52 in April. There were 77 pended sales during May 2012. Inventory fell from 74 at the end of April to 67 at the end of May, a 10% drop. Inventory relative to pended sales fell to below one month (0.8 months) again at the end of May, after being at 1.4 months at the end of April.

Pended sales of homes priced under \$1 million increased 43%, from 35 during April to 50 in May. Inventory fell from 34 at the end of April to 27 at the end of May, a 21% decline. Inventory relative to pended sales was nearly cut in half, from about 1.0 month at the end of April to about 0.5 months at the end of May. Both pended sales and inventory were lower than a year ago (68 and 59, respectively). Homes priced under \$1

million accounted for 40% of Pleasanton's inventory and 60% of pended sales for May, compared to 46% and 67%, respectively for April.

Homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million saw pended sales increase 79% in May to 25, from 14 during

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