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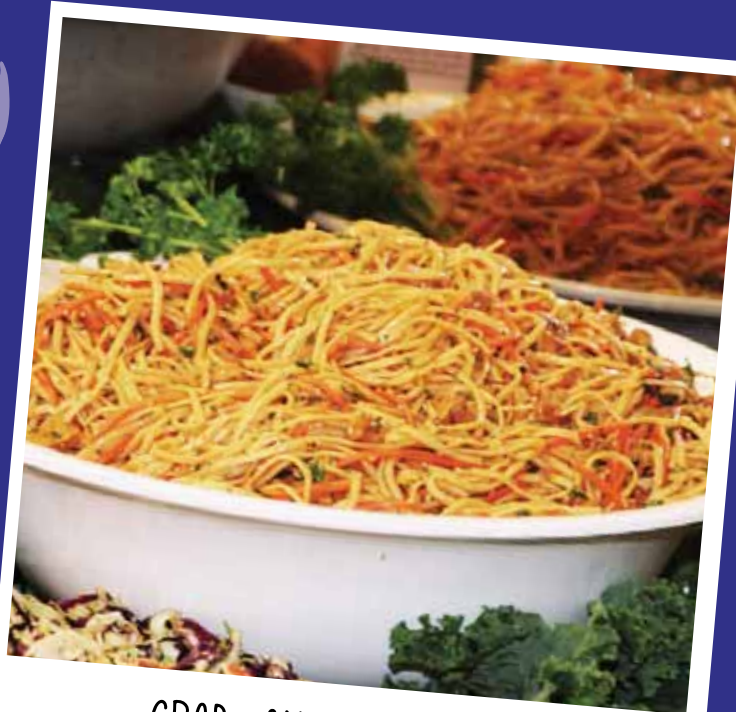
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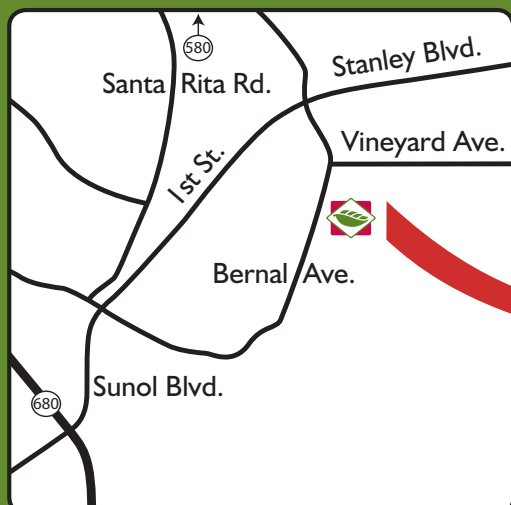
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AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

Crowds cheer Sbranti as he starts Assembly race

With a cheering crowd packing an Alamo restaurant to capacity and local and state leaders at his side, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti last week launched his campaign for election to the 16th State Assembly District in November 2014. He is now one of three seeking to succeed Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan, a Democrat, who will be termed out next year after six years of service. The other announced candidates are Danville mayor Newell Arnerich and Orinda mayor and gubernatorial adviser Steve Glazer.

Sbranti counts 15 years as a teacher at Dublin High School, eight years of holding key positions in state education organizations and 10 years of elected service in Dublin, including the last seven years as mayor, among his credentials for seeking election to the state Assembly. If the support shown at the kickoff rally continues, he could be the candidate to beat.



Tim Sbranti

Buchanan, who is chairwoman of the Legislature's Education Committee, opened the rally by endorsing Sbranti for office. She said he is well-known and liked by business groups, labor leaders and, "most important, he's an educator." He's been a statewide leader in education, particularly in his role as the political chairman of the California Teachers Association and president of the nonprofit foundation Californians Dedicated to Education. Those credentials distinguish Sbranti from the other two candidates, Buchanan said.

Tom Torlakson, state superintendent of public instruction, followed, telling fellow Sbranti supporters that the Dublin mayor's "whole trajectory in life has been to help other people and to lead." Calling him a teacher's teacher and coach's coach, Torlakson recalled the days Sbranti walked precincts when he was campaigning for an Assembly seat, himself.

Adding to the campaign fervor, Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-15th) made a special trip from Washington, D.C., to boost Sbranti's candidacy. The two have had a long relationship, with Swalwell at one time Sbranti's student at Dublin High. "I'll keep calling him 'Mr.' Sbranti as long as I live," Swalwell quipped.

Swalwell talked about Sbranti's

support through the years, steering him to an internship on Capitol Hill, later encouraging him to come back to Dublin and a position in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, then onto several Dublin city commissions and finally to election to the Dublin City Council. Sbranti, "at great personal risk," then campaigned for Swalwell, who defeated longtime Congressman Pete Stark in the congressional race. "It's pay-back time, and I'm here to help," Swalwell said to loud applause.

Sbranti wants to bring the same pro-growth agenda he's championed in Dublin to the state, along with the same positive business environment and good labor relations. With his family roots in Contra Costa County dating back five generations, he's aware of what many call "the glory days of California." Being an eternal optimist, Sbranti said California's best days are ahead and he wants to be part of that forward-thinking momentum.

Dublin has put solar panels on every municipal building, has a jobs-housing balance second to none and has forged strong and successful partnerships with business, labor and environmental advocates. He said he would do the same as a state assemblyman.

Acknowledging praise from Buchanan and Torlakson, Sbranti agreed that his passion is education. He wants to work with Torlakson and legislators to broaden the curriculum in public schools to include more elective courses, such as shop. While it's important to prepare students for Stanford, Berkeley and Harvard, schools must also meet the needs of those who will attend community and state colleges, or no college at all.

Sbranti also cited the urgency to find solutions to the Bay Area's transportation needs. Looking outside together from the Dublin Civic Center onto a crowded Interstate 580 one afternoon, a businessman told him that state taxes and regulations, often touted as barriers to business in the state, aren't the horrendous problem facing commerce. It's the gridlocked freeways which are taking his employees many hours of commute time each week to reach their destinations at a tremendous loss in productivity, the businessman said, along with regular stalls in moving goods to and from the ports of Oakland and Stockton.

These and other problems facing California can be solved, Sbranti said. Having worked successfully with constituents and organizations with various agendas, Sbranti told supporters that he will work to bring the same good government practices at the state level as he's achieved in Dublin. His rally in Alamo was a good start. ■

About the Cover

4-H members — right to left, Kamryn Brown with her goat Milo from Abbie 4H; Cheyenne Harper, also from Abbie 4H; and Alex Castello from Mountain House 4-H — parade their market goats before judges at the 2012 Alameda County Fair. Photo courtesy of Karen Brown. Design by Kristin Herman.

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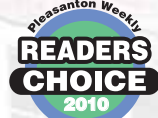
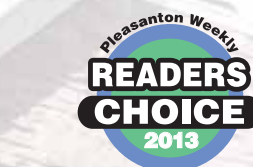
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Streetwise

ASKED AT THE FAIR

What do you enjoy most about going to the Alameda County Fair?



Amy and Rebecca Pollitz

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Our favorite part about the Fair is the thrilling rides. Our absolute favorite ride is The Viper. It spins and tosses us around — a lot.

Miranda Bohen

Elementary school student

I love playing all of the arcade games and being able to win those big, giant stuffed animals. My other favorite thing about the Fair is spending time going on all of the scary rides with my daddy.



Daniela Williamson

High school student

My favorite thing about the Fair is just spending time walking around with my mother and my brother, taking in all of the exciting sights, sounds and smells. And of course I really like the rides, and people-watching, too.

Yarden Fuentes and Ilyssa Shields

Middle school students/friends

Well, we just came from one of the concerts, and it was fantastic. The performer was Francesca Battistelli. She is a Christian pop singer and she was totally awesome.



Jill Albers

School lunch aide

I go to the Fair every year because I absolutely love the fireworks show. It feels like the 4th of July even though it's not. I also really like the free concerts by all the old bands from when I was a kid.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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

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DIGEST

Movies in the park

This Thursday, the city will kick off its fourth season of free movies in the park, to run for the next six weeks. The PG-rated films will be shown at dusk at Amador Valley Community Park, 4301 Black Ave., on a 26-foot screen. Contests, games and sing-alongs are scheduled before the movie.

Seating will be blankets in the front, low-back beach chairs in the center, and higher chairs in the rear. Residents are asked not to place blankets or chairs on the lawn area before 10 a.m.

The season kicks off Thursday, July 11, with “Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax,” a visually spectacular adventure featuring the voices of Danny Devito, Zac Efron and Taylor Swift.

Band aid

The U.S. Marine Corps Band will be able to play at the Scottish Games in Pleasanton this year, thanks to freshman Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), who successfully pushed through his amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act. The amendment fixes a bureaucratic snag that blocked military bands from playing at community events; now it is permissible if the organization funds the band’s expenses.

The Scottish Highland Gathering & Games draw roughly 35,000 people and are held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Swalwell’s district on Labor Day weekend. The Caledonian Club, which runs the games, had been told that this year the Marine Corps Band would not be able to perform even though the organization promised to fund the band’s expenses, as it has in previous years.

Livermore OKs ice rink

Hockey teams and recreational ice skaters will soon have a second ice rink in the Tri-Valley. The Livermore Planning Commission voted 5-0 recently to OK plans for an indoor ice skating facility on a 8.3-acre site on Preston Avenue.

Tri-Valley Ice will have two rinks for skating, hockey, figure skating and skating lessons. It will also have skate rentals, party rooms and a snack shop that will offer beer and wine.

Correction

Two names were omitted from the list of retirees in last week’s Pleasanton Weekly. The school district’s list did not include the names of Santos Castro, a noon supervisor at Pleasanton Middle School, or Christina Clark, who worked in resource reading at the district office.

BART strike has less impact on Pleasanton in first week

Independence Day week vacations soften crunch

By JEB BING

Pleasanton commuters who rely on BART trains to get to work have been bracing through the Independence Day week for worsening travel conditions if the strike continues into Monday.

Major freeways remained crowded as the strike continued although the strike did not have the major impact on commuters that was feared. That could change Monday when the thousands who took part or all of this week off head back to work.

Especially in Pleasanton, because of quick action by city officials in tandem with BART and other agencies to handle morning traffic, commuters had it easier than in other locations. Buses serving BART’s alternative commute service, referred to as “bus bridges,” were at the East Dublin/Pleasanton station by 5 a.m. Monday through Wednesday and were moved out regularly, sometimes even with a few empty seats. By mid-morning, buses were sitting empty along Owens Drive waiting for passengers.

Pleasanton commuters also benefited by BART’s decision Tuesday to add more buses to

serve the East Dublin/Pleasanton station and the two other East Bay stations where the bus-bridge service was offered. That meant that 36 charter buses served the three stations, double the numbers that were available Monday.

Even though commuters and car-poolers could park free in both Dublin/Pleasanton station parking lots, there were plenty of empty spaces at both lots during the week.

Officials said many commuters took the suggestion of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and handled office work by telecommuting from home or simply stayed home this week.

Many companies closed Friday as well as yesterday for the Independence Day holiday with many employees also taking the first days of the week as vacation time.

Pleasanton police will be back at the BART stations Monday to monitor traffic and assist in any strike-related issues.

At least one bargaining sessions was scheduled between BART management and representatives from Service Employees International Union Local 1221 and Amalgamated Transit

Union Local 1555 since midnight Sunday when the union contracts expired. The key issues in the talks, which began April 1 but broke off last Sunday night, are pensions, health benefits, salaries and safety.

The strike is the agency’s first since a 1997 action that lasted six days.

“A strike is always the last resort and we have done everything in our power to avoid it,” SEIU Local 1021 spokeswoman Josie Mooney said. “Unfortunately, BART seems intent on forcing a strike.”

BART officials, however, have said they offered a pay raise amounting to more than 8% over four years in their latest contract proposal but have met with repeated resistance from union negotiators.

“We’ve sweetened the deal by \$6 million, we doubled our wage proposal, and they came down half a percent -- that’s where we are right now,” BART spokeswoman Alicia Trost said before a new negotiating session got under way.

The BART strike has cost the region \$73 million a day in lost labor productivity, according to the

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

Daniel Huang explains microexpressions, which can be used by detectives to help decide who’s guilty of a crime and eliminate the innocent.

Teens turn teachers in summer program for kids

SciFY aims to encourage younger students to think about science

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Members of Amador Valley High’s Science For Youth Club — SciFY, for short — have taken it on themselves to put on a series of afternoon courses this summer at the library with the hope of inspiring younger people.

“We were already doing presentations, but it wasn’t packaged in a way that appealed to kids, so this summer I wanted to make it into one big thing, kind of making it kid friendly, hoping they would come back next time,” said Daniel Huang, 17, one of SciFY’s members and a senior at Amador. “I saw there was a lot of improvement that could be made.”

So far, it seems to be working. On July 1, a presentation called Crime Busters drew

about a dozen kids, who worked their way through a number of stations to track down an evildoer.

The kids had to make their way through eight suspects, using evidence to sort out the innocent from the guilty. At each station, the kids could eliminate one suspect, using fingerprints, blood analysis, facial expressions, fiber analysis and fluids to track down the bad guy.

Along the way, they got stickers, and those who successfully identified the perpetrator were eligible for prizes.

“To keep kids coming back, if you go to every booth during our presentation, you

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Pleasanton woman defrauded by son and his wife

Pair guilty of stealing nearly a half million dollars, elder abuse

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

An Auburn man has been sentenced to 60 months in prison for bilking his 86-year-old mother, a Pleasanton resident, out of her life savings, nearly a half million dollars.

Mark Champlin, 61, now faces a restitution hearing on Aug. 29.

Champlin originally claimed he was innocent. The Auburn-area Realtor switched to a guilty plea in May, copping to six counts of grand theft and six counts of theft from an elder, all felonies. He was sentenced June 24.

The case came to light when Champlin told his sister “that their mother was ‘running out of money’ and may need to be moved to a cheaper care facility,” according to a court document prepared by Pleasanton police Investigator Keith Batt.

His mother is a resident of Eden Villa Assisted Living on Mohr Avenue, where she’s lived for years due to “physical handicaps and mobility challenges,” Batt’s report says.

Champlin and his sister both had debit cards issued to them, and Champlin was supposed to pay his mother’s bills, which amounted to little more than paying her room and board, some small necessities, doctor co-pays and prescriptions.

Instead, he used the account as his own, charging things including car rentals, a stay at the Hyatt Hotel in Lake Tahoe and Netflix movie rentals, Batt’s report says. He also withdrew cash from the account, according to the report, which says he paid down the principle on his wife’s home, paid \$1,600 a month for his medical insurance and bought his mother gifts using her own money.

Champlin told Batt that his mother suffers from dementia, and said she’d agreed to let him use her money for himself. However, Batt interviewed the woman and found her “sharp and mentally alert,”

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JESSICA LIPSKY

Luscious landscaping seeks new home

The landscape garden section of the Alameda County Fair is a cool favorite for many Fair-goers, and gardeners might like to avail themselves of the chance to purchase the plants and other display items when they go on sale at the end of the Fair. The sale begins at 6 p.m. Sunday; the 2013 Fair draws closes at 10 p.m. But before then, the Fair is featuring a full weekend with races, shows and all the Fair fun.

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Livermore Lab launches Community Gift program for local nonprofits

Program provides \$100,000 to support organizations in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin counties

By JEB BING

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory launched its annual Community Gift Program this week to benefit local nonprofit organizations.

The program provides a total of \$100,000 in awards to support organizations addressing science, technology, engineering and mathematics education, community service and philanthropic needs.

Qualified organizations and government agencies serving Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties, where most of the Laboratory's employees live, are eligible to apply. Gifts will be awarded in amounts from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

Established in 2008, the program received 66 applications for grants in 2012. Twenty-six applications were selected for awards, the majority of which served children in the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County, with a focus on science and math education and cultural arts.

The Community Gift Program expands upon the Lab's community giving.

In December 2012, the Livermore Lab matched \$1 million in employee donations to the Laboratory's HOME (Helping Others More Effectively) Campaign. The HOME Campaign also benefits community/nonprofit agencies in the Tri-Valley, San Joaquin Valley and the greater Bay Area.

Since 1997, HOME has raised

more than \$1 million annually through employee donations that go directly to agencies selected by employees.

Last year, LLNL employees pledged more than \$2.5 million to the HOME Campaign, the largest amount ever raised during the years of conducting the campaign. The contributions benefited more than 400 local agencies. Adding the \$1 million LLNS match brought the total contribution to more than \$3.6 million.

"For more than 60 years, we have been part of this community and we continue to vastly appreciate the support we receive," said Parney Albright, president of Lawrence Livermore National Security, which manages the Livermore Lab for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

"It is both an honor and pleasure to be able to help support our community through this Gift Program," added Albright, who is also the director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

All organizations interested in applying to the Community Gift Program must submit a gift application to LLNS by Aug. 29. To be eligible, organizations must be sustainable and financially viable and accountable for spending and program results. All applicants will be notified of the outcome by Oct. 31.

More information on LLNS and its Community Gift Program is available at www.llnslc.com. ■

FRAUD

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according to the report. Batt said she was "shocked" to find out he'd been using her money and had never authorized him to do so.

"I told Mark that a review of the bank records indicated that Mark's entire life expenses were paid with (his mother's) account. I told Mark it appeared to me that he took advantage of his mother" Batt says in his report. "I explained that it would be hard for any reasonable person to agree that 'when times are tough' it is reasonable to take vacations, eat out at restaurants, receive spa treatments, etc. I also told him it would not be reasonable

to 'pay down' the principal balance of the mortgage on a home, when he is making claims that he needs to borrow to make ends meet."

Batt also said Champlin also paid little attention to his mother, and that he knew little about her physical condition.

Under current state law, he'll only serve 50% of his sentence, and could be eligible for release as early as March 2015.

Meanwhile, a jury found his wife, D'Arshi Champlin, 48, guilty of 11 related felonies. She's set to be sentenced July 12 at Hayward Hall of Justice for five counts of grand theft, five counts of theft from an elder, and one count of receiving stolen property. ■

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get checked off and you win prizes,” Huang said. “We have small bouncy balls, really cool stamps and stickers, tattoos, key chains, and really small toys.”

Crimebusters is just one of the courses. The others are Clean Energy, Robotics, Space Exploration, Nuclear Science and Ecosystems.

Steven Chang is among the core group of four — Huang, club President Christine Chen, Jennifer Yip and Yashwanth Nannapaneni — who set up and man the booths.

“We wanted to have a more scientific program other than just reading books,” Chang said.

SciFY was formed a couple of years ago with idea of teaching younger kids about science.

“We’re also trying to move in a direction where science interacts with their lives,” said Huang, who’s in charge of promoting the program.

The program has been held at the library for more than a year, according to Chen, 17, a senior at Amador.

“In the beginning, we would just show up to the library and set up and hope that people would come, people from the library. It was really laid back,” Chen said. “After a while, we started having new members and we realized that wasn’t enough.”

So the group came up with a marketing strategy to bring in more of their target audience, elementary and middle school students.

“We never had a flier, so this time I wanted to design a flier — or at least ask my friends to create a flier — that would appeal to kids and parents at the same time,” Huang said.

In addition to the hands on sessions, the kids are posed questions designed to get them to think.

“This year we really wanted to focus on group discussions,” Huang explained. “In our presentation we stop and talk about questions, even things we don’t know.”

For example, in a recent session on robotics, the audience was asked to think about the larger implications of automation: What would happen if a robot took their parent’s job?

“The parents like these discussions,” Huang said. “It does a good job of teaching them to apply what they just learned.”

Chen joined SciFY as a sophomore after being introduced to the club by a friend.

“We wanted to introduce concepts that kids wanted to think about, things where they would say, ‘I really liked that,’ and that would spark their interest in science,” she said.

Originally, the program was targeted toward middle schoolers, but last year, the club began incorporating elementary schools with an eye toward getting kids to consider joining ESO, the Elementary Science Olympiad.

“We are hoping they take what they know and apply it to something even bigger,” Chen said. “What we want to do is let kids experience what real world material is like.”

While some clubs are focused on getting students volunteer hours — which have become important for college applicants — Chen said SciFY is a labor of love for those involved, with a core of volunteers in addition to those manning the stations.

“This whole club, every single person is dedicated to it,” she said. “Every single member has made a huge effort.”



Linda Du teaches how detectives use fingerprints to identify suspects in a crime, showing kids how to take their own fingerprints and how to use fingerprints to identify suspects.

Science! Science!

Science For Youth Club sessions:

2 p.m. July 8: Robotics
7 p.m. July 10: Space Exploration
10:30 a.m. July 16: Nuclear Science
10:30 a.m. July 17: Crime Busters
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1:30 p.m. July 25: Clean Energy
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JENN TEITELL

Staying cool

Lori O'Sullivan, a caregiver coordinator with Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley at the Senior Center, arranges board games on a table as the building acted as a cooling center for residents last Friday through Wednesday. The city of Pleasanton offered the center as a place to escape the heat and relax comfortably as temperatures climbed into the 100s each day.

TAKE US ALONG



Born to race: In the heart of Cars Land in Disney's California Adventure, Karla Garcia holds up the Pleasanton Weekly's appropriate issue, "Born to Race," after she and her husband Craig rode the new Radiator Springs Racers six times in a row.

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JENN TEITELL



MARY LOU CREEK

Lecture promises to be home run

Museum on Main celebrates America's national pastime in "An Evening with Babe Ruth" on Tuesday, July 9, its monthly lecture in the Ed Kinney Series.

Exactly 99 years to the day Ruth was sold by the minor leagues to the Boston Red Sox, beginning his major league career in baseball, Pleasanton welcomes the Bambino, portrayed by Frank Mullen. Mullen is an investigative reporter, teaches journalism at the University of Nevada, and is a nationwide performer of historical characters.

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Cost is \$10 general admission; \$5 members and seniors; and \$3 students/teachers. Call the museum at 462-2766. ■



BART

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business advocacy group, the Bay Area Council. Its figures are mostly based on estimates of lost hours and productivity from longer commute times due to traffic delays or taking alternate public transit.

"The Bay Area Council and our 250 members companies im-

plore the BART unions to end this damaging strike and return to the bargaining table, and we urge both sides to reach a fair and reasonable agreement," Bay Area Council president and CEO Jim Wunderman said.

According to the council, the economic impact of the strike could in fact be much larger if considering the costs of workers

not spending money by staying home or otherwise altering their routine, increased fuel prices because of clogged freeways, and that workers telecommuting may not maintain the same level of productivity.

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Walmart set to open Pleasanton Neighborhood Market

85 new employees trained, ready to greet customers

By JEB BING

Walmart is preparing to open its Neighborhood Market on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton within the next week or two although a specific date won't be determined until all renovations are completed.

The new store is taking over the long-closed Nob Hill supermarket on Santa Rita Road near West Las Positas Boulevard.

"When we open, we'll have a lot of festivities and special offers," said Alton Wheeler, Pleasanton store manager. "We want to have everything in place when we're ready to go."

In a walk-through of the new market Monday, it was clear much still needs to be done. Although the general merchandising section on the right side of the store seems complete, with shelves carefully stocked with health and beauty products, paper towels and much more, cooling units and bins on the left side where frozen goods, produce and refrigerated packaged goods will be sold still stood empty. Vendors will bring those in when Wheeler gives word it's time to open.

Walmart has revamped the Nob Hill store with wider aisles, new entry and exit doors, high white-painted ceilings with brilliant lighting and all new cooling units, a fresh meat section and a pharmacy. Check-out stands line the front of the store with some set up for self-checkout and computer stations that keep track of inventory as well as customer suggestions.

"We want to listen to our customers and have them tell us what they're looking for and what they need," Wheeler said. "Every Walmart market has the ability to tailor its merchandise and service to meet what customers want."

That includes a coffee bar, which Wheeler's store doesn't have. If enough shoppers and commuters stopping at the store on their way to work want coffee and a donut, Wheeler said he'll put the service in.

Wheeler has hired 85 employees (called associates at Walmart) and most of them are now back in Pleasanton after weeks of training at other Walmart Neighborhood Markets. Monday, some were busy price-coding incoming jars of baby food and canned foods in a maze of boxes vendors were delivering



JEB BING

Alton Wheeler, manager of Pleasanton's new Walmart Neighborhood Market on Santa Rita Road, says he and his newly-hired 85 employees should have the supermarket ready to open later this month.

as others took those products to display shelves.

Overhead, construction crews were installing and adjusting ceiling lights and crossbars for holding information signs. Fortunately for them, with the temperature outside reading 102 degrees, all the outside work is completed except for putting the name on the front of the store.

The 33,000-square-foot store is located in the Meadow Plaza shopping center south of West Las Positas Boulevard. Raley's, which owns Nob Hill, closed the store three years ago, and merchants in Meadow Plaza and the adjoining Santa Rita Square Center have been waiting anxiously for a new large anchor grocer to move in to help revitalize their businesses.

Wheeler said they'll be among the first guests invited to his opening day party. Other than saying it will be on a Wednesday and in July, he's yet to name the date. ■

Don't get 'spoofed' by rogue callers

Take precautions with strangers on the phone, or online

By JASON ALDERMAN

When caller ID first arrived on the scene, it seemed like a godsend to many people: Now you could easily identify who was on the line and ignore unwanted calls, whether from telemarketers, an ex-boyfriend or an unfriendly collection agency.

But as often happens, unscrupulous individuals soon began manipulating the technology to defraud people by pretending to be someone else. Their scheme is called "caller ID spoofing" and disturbingly, it's perfectly legal in many cases.

Here's how caller ID spoofing works and what precautions you should take to avoid being victimized.

For a very low cost, businesses and individuals can use widely available caller ID spoofing software to generate calls that alter the telephone number and/or name which appear on the recipient's caller ID screen.

Police, private investigators and collection agencies have used legal spoofing services for many years. Others who might have a legitimate reason to hide their identity when making a call include domestic violence victims and doctors returning patient calls who don't wish to release their private telephone numbers.

Beyond that, the lines of legality begin to blur.

The Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009 prohibits anyone from transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm or wrongfully obtain anything of value. Violators can be penalized up to \$10,000 for each infraction. Unfortunately, such penalties haven't dissuaded many scammers.

One common scam involves spoofers pretending to represent a bank, government agency, insurer, credit card company or other organization with which you do business. They count on you being reas-

sured after recognizing the company's name on your screen. Under the pretext of warning about an urgent situation (breached account, late payment, pending insurance claim, missed jury duty summons, etc.), the spoofer will try to coax you into revealing personal or account information, supposedly to verify their records.

Often these are robocalls, where a recorded voice asks you to stay on the line to speak to a representative or call another number for more information. Do not. If you suspect the call might possibly be genuine, contact the company yourself at the toll-free number found on your card, account statement or the company's website.

You should never reveal your full Social Security number, mother's maiden name, credit card number, passwords or other private information over the phone unless you initiated the call yourself. Someone possessing such information could use it to gain access to your existing accounts to withdraw or transfer money, raise credit limits or snoop around your recent activity, among other intrusions.

ID thieves also can use your personal information to open new credit accounts (e.g., credit cards, mortgage or car loan), create a new identity or even obtain a job fraudulently. Often, you won't even realize something's wrong until a collection agency, or the IRS, starts hounding you for unpaid bills or taxes.

Another common caller ID spoof involves hacking into someone's voice mail account. Many cellphone users never bother to set up passwords on their voice mailboxes. And, since many voice mail systems grant access to callers phoning from their own number, a hacker could easily spoof your number and gain access to your messages.

Bottom line: You wouldn't give your personal information to a stranger on the street. Take the same level of precaution with strangers on the phone, or online.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.



Jason Alderman

State Fund begins distributing \$100 million in dividend payments

Policyholders to receive 10% of 2012 estimated annual premiums

State Fund, which has offices in Pleasanton, will begin issuing dividend payments to eligible policyholders early this month.

The \$100 million dividend will be paid on the 2012 policy year. Eligible policyholders will receive approximately 10% of their 2012 estimated annual premium.

"The dividend is a direct result of sound investment returns and improved efficiencies at State Fund," said Tom Rowe, State Fund President and CEO. "We are committed to helping make California business possible and this dividend supports a brighter future for employers."

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About earthquakes

Dear Editor,

Regarding your May 31 Streetwise question about earthquakes in our area, in earthquake country, quake probability increases with time since the last major earthquake. Tectonic stresses build up over time until released. Faults in the Bay Area represent the boundary between the Pacific Plate and the North American Plate, and these two plates have been grinding together for millions of years and we can expect more periodic earthquakes. Estimates for the average recurrence interval for a major earthquake (7M) on the Hayward Fault range from about 140 to 210 years, and the last major quake on that fault was 1868.

Pleasanton is close enough to the major faults (Hayward, Calaveras, San Andreas Faults) to have very strong ground shaking with potential landslides, liquefaction, etc. Additionally, other lesser active

faults in the vicinity are capable of damage (e.g., Greenville Fault).

The following is info from the 2007 WGCEP for its 30-year prediction time frame:

■ 15% chance for a 7.5 M or greater in Northern California (the 1989 Loma Prieta quake was 6.9 M)

■ 63% chance for a 6.7 M or greater in the Bay Area

■ 31% chance for a 6.7 M or greater for the Hayward-Rodgers Creek Fault (another source uses 19.4% probability for the Southern Hayward Fault)

■ 7% for the Calaveras Fault (located west of I-680/Foothill Road)

For earthquake info, Google the Pleasanton Seismic Safety Element, ABAG (for earthquake scenarios), USGS, WGCEP, California Geological Survey, FEMA, etc.

The good news is that there is much info available and potential earthquake damage/injury can be reduced with proper preparedness and actions.

George Reid

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THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Task force plan can make sure Pleasanton meets state housing numbers

Plans for developing a 400-acre site on Pleasanton's east side along Stanley Boulevard with high density housing and more commercial and office buildings are making progress. The East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force, which has been meeting since last August, is about halfway through its assignment to determine the best uses for a 1,000-acre site that includes 600 acres of lakes controlled by Zone 7. Until recently, the rest of the property was largely beat up over the years by former owner Hansen Aggregate and its quarry mining operations. Hansen has sold its Pleasanton holdings to Legacy Partners, which wants to develop the site. While mining operations will continue for another 20 years east of the lakes in Livermore, land on the Pleasanton side gives Legacy and the task force an opportunity to accommodate new housing requirements issued every seven years by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the state's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

We call it an "opportunity" because the 1,000-2,200 housing units being considered for the east side site, many of them in the state-required mid- to lower-income category, could fill the state's demand to 2030 and beyond. That means that, with Hacienda Business Park filling up fast to meet RHNA's and the already court-ordered requirements, those units would not have to be built in existing Pleasanton neighborhoods.

Granted, few want to see our established neighborhoods "disturbed" by high-rise, high density apartment houses in the various empty lots around town where these "in-fill" projects could be built. But Pleasanton, facing demands also being made of other California cities, has no choice. The city argued unsuccessfully in court against RHNA and Urban Habitat, an Oakland-based affordable housing coalition, that its 1996 housing cap of 29,000 units blocked any more housing here. After spending \$3.5 million defending the cap, Pleasanton lost and the court gave Urban Habitat and the state the authority to impose housing numbers determined by ABAG. In response, 75 acres of vacant land, mostly in Hacienda, have been rezoned and four major developments are under way or nearly approved for more than 2,000 units in high density projects.

The East Side task force was formed to consider the best uses of the property Legacy wants to develop. In its "check-in" last month with the City Council, the task force suggested six land use options. The two-hour-long public meeting with many making comments showed this is fast becoming a controversial process. Few want to see 2,200 housing units built on the east side, but many agreed that might be a proposal to carry forward for a costly, probably year-long environmental review. Planners can always downsize from an approved EIR but to add housing numbers to one requires another review.

There was also concern over the Pleasanton school district's bid that the task force include a school site. Some suggested that a new school, if the district can ever afford to build one, would best be located in Hacienda Business Park where more housing will soon be built. Objections also were made that the task force plans include developments outside of the voter-approved urban growth boundary. That's true but it was pointed out that the 100 acres outside that boundary would consist mostly of the Zone 7 lakes with some commercial development also possible, including the relocation of Pleasanton Garbage Service's recycling center on Busch Road. That could be allowed under the General Plan with City Council approval.

With the long list of suggestions and objections, the task force will now resume its planning efforts with a target date of completing its plan in 2014. That'll be none too soon for Pleasanton, which will face a whole new set of RHNA housing numbers in December next year. Those will be state required new housing orders that the city can ill afford to ignore again. ■



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50th anniversary

Jean and Bob Cole of Pleasanton are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in Baumholder, Germany, on July 7, 1963, where Bob was stationed as an Army officer and Jean was a teacher in the Department of Defense school system. They lived in 18 homes in 20 years, and recall that Bob was often dispatched to "perform other duties" when the moving van arrived, leaving the task of reestablishing the household and caring for the kids to Jean, his "wonder woman." Bob spent two years in Vietnam, each time embarking within weeks of the arrival of one of their two sons, Bobby and Bradley.



In 1980, wishing to avoid moving the boys during their high school years, Bob retired from the Army and the family made its last move, this time to Pleasanton. Bob continued to travel in international business and Jean joined Valley Teachers Resource Center in Dublin. Both have been retired since 1999; Jean is involved in golf and volunteer activities while Bob pursues photography related hobbies. To celebrate their Golden Anniversary, the Coles traveled the length of the Baja Peninsula in February, spent three weeks touring Northern Ireland and Ireland in June, and look forward to an African photo safari in August.

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4-H at the Fair

Whole lot of work
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for 4-H kids

BY JESSICA LIPSKY

PHOTO BY JESSICA LIPSKY



Top: Cuddly 4-H members bunnies are an attraction at the Fair. A pygmy goat is friendly to visitors.

Dozens of students from all over the Tri-Valley are busy showing their “pet projects” at the Alameda County Fair. Members of local 4-H clubs and Future Farmers of America have dairy cows, goats, chickens, sheep and other home-grown animals as part of the yearly livestock exhibit, which includes an auction on the Fair’s last day, which is Sunday.

Getting an animal to the County Fair takes more than a trailer and an aptitude for husbandry. Exhibitors invest hundreds of hours over the course of the year feeding, cleaning and handling their project animals to make sure each is in the best shape possible.

For Amador Valley High student Cheyenne Harper, 16, of Pleasanton’s Abbie 4-H that means studying up on the biology of her animals and practicing proper showmanship — in addition to the regular care of her family’s dozen or so goats, several pigs and a horse.

“I have to practice showing them, walking around and standing them up on their legs. I have to wash them before the Fair and clip their fur,” Cheyenne said of her three dairy goats, Nelly, Breezy and Thumbelina. “I’m practicing a lot, making sure my goats look good and conditioned. I just make sure that they have good fur, so I feed them minerals and fresh water, too.”

Cheyenne entered the showmanship category — where she has previously won best in show — and spent months before the Fair prepping her goats for inspection by professional livestock evaluators. Judges evaluate their mammary system, which Cheyenne improves by feeding her goats foods high in protein, such as alfalfa.

Other participants enroll in the market category, where animals are auctioned and sold at a price per pound. Parker Brown, president of Abbie 4-H, raised two pigs for this year’s Fair and entered the market and showmanship competitions.

“When we first get them in early March or late February, we feed them, give them food and clean cages. Now we have to give them supplements, exercising them and giving them certain amounts of food to make sure they reach weight limit,” Parker said.

Each animal group has weight limits, and Parker’s pigs can weigh from 210-280 pounds, though he’s aiming for 265. Animals must also be owned several months before the Fair in order to qualify for market competition.

“You want to make sure that animal has a straight back and good muscle tone. That is why you work and exercise your animal,” said Tassajara 4-H member Margie Graver-Dowd, 16. “You don’t want a fat animal. It doesn’t taste good, it looks ugly and you get very, very little meat off it. A strong, sturdy, lean animal is much tastier.”

Margie, a junior at California High School, raised a goat and a sheep for the market and showmanship contests at the Contra Costa County Fair. To make sure her animals were in shape for the Fair, she developed a feeding schedule and tracked her animals’ weight.

Exercising animals for a fair ensures that they will handle well during showmanship, Margie added. She placed with both animals in showmanship competitions, and her goat placed first in its market weight division, earning \$8 a pound. After months of working with her goat and sheep, Margie made money on what she considers to be an investment.

“This year I’m in the black; before the Fair I was in the red financially because animals are expensive,” she said, adding that she paid about \$625 for this year’s Fair entries. “You add feed and grooming supplies and other expenses to that and it’s pricey. This year I made about \$300.”

The work isn’t done once an animal is placed in its pen at the Fair’s livestock tent. 4-H members often spent 10- to 14-hour days at the Fair grooming, cleaning and discussing their projects with attendees.

“Since I show all these different animals, I usually have a show every day. I usually get there, clean out pens, feed them breakfast and clean out waters if I have to,” Cheyenne said. “Then I get the



Top: Parker Brown of Abbie 4-H shows his Hampshire barrow at the competition, and said he was aiming for their weight to be 265. Above: Right: Abbie 4-H member Cheyenne Harper with judge Karen Smith and her prize breed and best doe in show.



COURTESY KAREN HARPER

2012 market hog judging contest at the Alameda County Fair. He raised two pigs for this year's show, left: A 4-H member clips her lamb as others busily groom their animals and clean the cages. and dairy goat Nelly, who won champion senior doe, nubian, champion nubian for best udder of



CAMMIE CLARK

White Yorkshire mama pig and her piglets are also a popular draw in the livestock exhibit.

animal ready for show, cleaning them out, then I have to get dressed and ready. Or if it's showmanship, I study up on quiz questions, then show them."

Parker arrives at the Fair between 7 and 8 a.m. to clean pens and wash his pigs. After morning feedings, all the 4-Hers have a meeting and two to three people are put on "barn duty" — where members will sweep aisles, talk to the public and change feed bins — for several hour shifts. Everyone is on barn duty at least twice, Parker said.

"The most difficult part is probably the heat, because it's late June, mid to early July and pigs don't sweat. So we're at the Fair all day cooling them down," Parker added. "The worst part is getting them calm and keeping them focused and stuff. We give them water. We don't want them dehydrated. We'll wash them twice a day and feed them."

However, what might seem like a whole lot of hard work is also a ton of fun for 4-H kids, many of whom enjoy the long days spent with friends and family. Danville-based Tassajara Valley 4-H, which shows at the Alameda County Fair, has 30 to 40 Fair participants and many in the rabbit category.

"They are there for 12 to 14 hours and have the run of the Fair. They just have so much fun," said Tassajara Valley 4-H Coordinator Christina Riley.

Parker said he enjoys hanging out with 4-H friends from around the East Bay that he doesn't normally see during the school year, and it helps pass the time. Margie added that the atmosphere among 4-H participants isn't overly competitive, and people are very helpful.

"I like seeing people I haven't seen for a whole year. There's a lot of cooperation, everyone helps each other out. If someone needs help undressing a lamb and I'm not busy, I will just walk up to them and help," she said.

Emotions can flare up at the end of the Fair, however, once animals are sold. Even though participants spend several weeks prior to the Fair searching for a buyer, the reality of auctioning an animal can be tough.

"The hardest part is after the auction because you've raised this animal and worked with it and worked with it, and then you have to say goodbye," Margie said. "It's kind of like losing a pet. But there's the thing about the money afterward, and that does make up for it, but it's still not fun."

Parker, on the other hand, doesn't think it's hard to part with his animals. After 12 years of participating in 4-H, he's learned to think of his animals

as investments rather than pets.

Cheyenne said that her feelings of loss depend on the animal.

"With my sheep and pigs and market goats, sometimes it can be hard but you know you can do it again next year," she said. "It's harder when you do really good with them and you know you worked hard, so it can be sad to see them go."

The Alameda County Fair has a schedule of animal showings on its website at www.AlamedaCountyFair.com, and the junior livestock auction takes place Sunday morning.

But the livestock tent is open to animal lovers all day throughout the Fair, with 4-H club members in attendance. ■

After the auction

The junior livestock auction will be held at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, July 7. Rabbits, chickens and hogs are generally sold at the beginning of the auction; and beef, lambs and goats are sold after a lunch break.

Those who buy a pig, sheep or steer from a 4-H member at the County Fair have a number of options. They can take the animal home, usually to breed; have it slaughtered and the meat processed for their own use; or buy the animal to make a donation, but let it go to a commercial market. Hauling the animal to the butcher is paid for by the Fair but the buyer pays for the processing itself.

The buyer pays a kill charge and must specify what meat processor to use; in a few days, the butcher will call to ask how to cut the meat and where to deliver it. 4-H experts recommend that new buyers request a sample of all types of cuts because the "standard cut" doesn't include tenderloin.

Additional charges apply for cutting and wrapping and are outlined in the auction day catalog. Buyers can expect to get about 75% of the hog's market weight back as meat.

For a tax write-off, buyers deduct the market price from what they paid for the 4-H project. If a buyer pays \$2.50 per pound for a 220-pound pig, the price will be \$550. If the market rate for swine is 40 cents per pound, the buyer can deduct the entire difference, which in this case would be \$462.



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Foodies unite as they taste test new products



COURTESY NATIONAL FOOD LAB

Two food lab volunteers prepare products for testers.

Livermore's National Food Lab seeks food testers

BY ISABELLA OHLMEYER

I love to eat, so when the opportunity came to taste test at a food lab in Livermore, I jumped at the chance. I felt even more excited when I found out that at the end of the test, I would get paid.

Still, I was hesitant when I first walked into the National Food Lab – I had no idea what I was getting into or if I would even enjoy the food. Testers are not informed beforehand what we will be tasting; we find out once we are in the testing room. We are given numbers, which become our names for the testing.

When I arrived, the receptionist handed me a survey with questions asking how much I like certain types of coffee, who does the grocery shopping in my household, and if I prefer store-bought coffee or brand name coffee. I told the truth, which is that I never drink coffee.

Ten to 20 people were with me in the waiting room, eager to be called in to take the test. We were asked to turn off our cell phones and not talk about the test to fellow tasters.

Once inside, we were asked to first smell and observe, then taste the coffee along with various types of creamers. Despite my distaste for coffee, I was thirsty, so I completed the test – and received money in an envelope as a gratuity for being a food tester. What I soon learned is that there has been a growing demand for food testers over the years.

The National Food Lab, a food testing and consulting firm, began in Berkeley in 1976 because there was a need in the marketplace for research and development in the food and beverage industry. In late 2008, the lab moved to its current location in Livermore.

Food manufacturers for various products contact the National Food Lab and instruct it to hold food testing sessions to ensure that their products are palatable, even



Anonymous people test products at the National Food Lab in Livermore. Testers are called up to four times a year to do tastings and receive a gratuity of \$30-\$60, depending on the length of time required.

tasty. The sessions also test how to market the product and what would appeal to the consumer.

Anyone from a 5-year old boy to an 80-year old woman is eligible to taste test food or beverage products. Once individuals sign up to be testers either online at the National Food Lab website or by calling the firm, their information is stored in a large database.

“Our manufacturer clients have a specific criteria of who their market is for certain tests, in which we go through a screening process to determine eligibility,” said Kevin Waters, president and CEO of the National Food Lab. “Some tests will require women ages 12-25 who are at a certain income level, while others require men ages 40-65 who make a certain amount of income per year.”

The National Food Lab operates under confidential agreements and asks testers not to divulge information regarding the products, which include yogurt, fruit

juices, frozen lasagna, coffee and fresh produce. Tests are administered by a team of consumer science majors and temporary workers who help give the evaluations. The end results of the food test go straight to the manufacturer and are not shared with the food testers.

Individuals are only allowed to be testers up to four times a year to allow for a diverse tester base. For their time and efforts, they are given cash, depending on the day's product. I've received from \$30 to \$60 for different testings, which took from one to two hours.

I have been a tester up to four times every year since 2010 and I love it. When I get an email about participating in a survey to see if I am eligible, I always take the opportunity. The product I taste is not always to my liking, but I always approach it professionally.

For information about becoming a food tester, visit www.thenfl.com or call the National Food Lab at 828-1440. ■

Little frocks en route to Nigeria

Girl Scouts sew 175 dresses to send overseas

BY ISABELLA OHLMEYER

Opening your heart to one another through giving is rewarding, found 17 Junior Girl Scouts from Lydiksen Elementary, who worked in partnership with Hope for Women's Dress a Girl project.

The girls, members of Troop 30274, dedicated two to three hours each day after school for a year and a half to create 10 dresses each, for a total of 175 dresses to be donated to young girls at a Catholic parish in Nigeria.

Sherri Kennedy, mother of one of the girls, is the driving force behind this act of kindness. Kennedy opened her home to the Scouts, taught them how to sew dresses, and even created kits for the young volunteers, ages 10 to 11, with the essential supplies needed to make a dress.

"The moment I showed them the slideshow filled with information about making dresses for girls around the world, the girls were excited and eager to start this project," Kennedy said. "The Girl Scouts truly do believe this is a good cause, and that making dresses for girls their same age is rewarding."

Kennedy had the idea of taking a picture of each girl with the dress she had created to send with a per-

sonalized message.

Troop leader Shobhan Beaudin is impressed by the girls and how they pursued the project.

"One thing I love about this group of girls is that they embrace community service greatly," Beaudin said. "By creating the dresses themselves, the girls have a personal attachment to this project and they ultimately feel important about what they've done."

Her daughter, Courtney, is one of the troop members, and she is an advocate for community service.

"It feels great to give back to people who do not have as much as we do in our lives. Usually we do community service in our area, but this time we are helping people in Nigeria," she said.

The fabric and supplies were donated by individuals and Crosswinds Church in Dublin, plus were purchased by the troop's money earned from cookie sales. The dresses will be taken to Suzanne Beck, who is the local representative for Dress a Girl Around the World, to be sent to the little girls in Nigeria.

For more information on how to get involved with Dress a Girl Around the World, call (480) 699-5418. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Above: Junior Girl Scouts Ishana Ram (left) and Brenna Kennedy iron dresses they made to send to girls in Nigeria.

Below: Showing off their hand-sewn dresses are (left to right) Avni Adhikari, Brenna Kennedy and Fariba Rahman. Their troop worked for a year and a half to create 175 dresses to send to Nigeria through Dress a Girl Around the World.



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Marge Headley celebrates with friends on her 100th birthday.

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JESSICA LIPSKY

Marge Headley was born June 5, 1913. A "Marge bar" made a nice birthday present, using photo taken circa 1933.

Marge turns 100, thanks to positive attitude and good genes

She lived in Pleasanton for 30 years, worked at Main Street bank

By JESSICA LIPSKY

A lack of vegetables, milk or exercise hasn't stopped Margerie "Marge" Headley, who turned 100 years old. A recent world traveler, she said the secret to her longevity is a positive attitude.

Her birthday was June 5, and she celebrated among friends and family by enjoying chocolate bars printed with a portrait of her at 20.

"I don't know how I ever got to be 100; I never did anything right. I don't exercise, and I don't drink milk. I don't drink water, I don't eat vegetables, but I think whatever I'm doing works for me," Headley said, adding that she probably has good genes.

Headley remains in good health, and her mind is sharp; she said she can easily recall incidents from her childhood but has difficulty remembering more recent events. She was a resident of Orchard Way in Pleasanton for over 30 years and has lived at Villa San Ramon for 12 years.

"When I moved here there was just one traffic light on Hopyard Road. It was barn country when we moved here; it's really grown

tremendously," she said.

Headley spent the first half of her life in Pittsfield, Mass., near the New York border. The only child of Florence and Arthur Clark, a violist who ran an orchestra and taught piano and violin lessons, Headley said she was very close with her mother and greatly enjoyed accompanying her father when his orchestra performed at dances.

The centenarian still enjoys music and sings karaoke, often harmonizing with entertainers that come to the Villa. Headley believes participating in events in her community helps keep her vibrant.

"I'm upbeat, and I enjoy it here. I enter into things, and I do things," she said. "They always used to say, if a bus leaves the villa, Marge is on it. I think positive and keep busy."

Headley kept busy well beyond retirement, working at the U.S. Bank, formerly Pleasanton Bank, for 25 years until she was 73. In addition to knowing "where every penny was," Headley said she knew many Pleasanton residents.

When she had vacation time,

Headley and her husband, Fran, would travel the world. Over the course of their 47-year marriage, the two traveled to Guatemala, the Greek Islands, France and the South Pacific. The Headleys were also hooked on cruises.

"I love seeing things, meeting new people. The world is such a beautiful place, and you have such little time to see all the beauty, all the flowers. It's exciting to see the places I studied about," she said. "I always did everything. I never did anything really, really well, but I tried everything. I even rode a camel in Egypt. I would never forgive myself if I didn't do it."

Headley's fondest memories are of attending Middlebury College in Vermont, where she graduated in 1935 with a degree in French and Latin.

"Because I was an only child, having girls to be with and room with was heavenly," Headley said, adding that she and her friends enjoyed eating fresh maple syrup directly from trees.

Headley didn't want to sit around

after graduation, and, because there weren't many teaching jobs during the Depression, she took a position with General Electric in her home state. Five years later, she met her husband, and the two wed in 1941. Headley stayed in Massachusetts with their young children, Phillip and Don (now 70 and 67), while Fran, an electrical engineer, worked on the atomic bomb in New Mexico.

Fran retired from G.E. and took a job with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the late '60s. Headley said it took her about five years to get used to the "atmosphere and karma" of California, not to mention having to drive everywhere. Headley owned a Cadillac Eldorado for many years and enjoyed driving, much like her father, who owned four cars.

Headley will experience a new Californian atmosphere shortly as she prepares to move near her family in San Diego. With help from her son, she is packing a century's worth of clothing and knickknacks, along with her 2-year-old Parakeet Sammy,

for the next leg of her journey.

"I love anything pretty. My husband used to say I was born a princess," Headley said, laughing. "I have quite a lot of clothes. I enjoy mix and matching colors, I always liked clothes and purses. In 100 years I've accumulated a lot of them."

As style has evolved over the course of a century, so has Headley's perception of society. The world has changed, and not for the better, because of violence, she said.

"The world's entirely different, has different ideas. They think it's OK to have a gun in your pocket, that it's OK to shoot people. And I think it's due to the wars that we've been having," Headley said. "It's just a different world than I grew up in, certainly. We never had locked doors, and we played out in the dusk, the evening and never worried."

Regardless of her less-than-sunny view of the state of the world, Headley said her secret to longevity is maintaining a positive attitude. She also advises doing everything in moderation — except eating vegetables, of course. ■



Doll Lady by Dorothy Maestas



Chateau at Bourdeilles France by Anne Emery



Istanbul by Dorothy Maestas

Enjoy 'Painting Around the World'

Everyone is invited to "Painting around the World," an exhibit of works painted on trips led by Pleasanton artist Charlotte Severin.

"A wide variety of works will be shown from diverse countries, such as France, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Portugal, Spain and even China and Tibet and Sicily," Severin said.

The exhibit is at the Livermore Civic Center Library Gallery, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., through July. The public is also invited to an opening reception from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, July 6, to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- PUD-87, P13-1981 Sares Regis/E&S Ring**
Applications for: (1) Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan approval to construct 345 apartment units, an approximately 38,781-square-foot retail center consisting of four buildings, new surface parking, and related site improvements on an approximately 16-acre site located at 3150 Bernal Avenue (southeast corner of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard); (2) Development Agreement; (3) Affordable Housing Agreement; and (4) Growth Management Approval
- PUD-97, Ponderosa Homes**
Application for Rezoning of an approximately 2.1-acre site at 4202 Stanley Boulevard from C-F (Freeway Interchange Commercial) District to PUD-MDR/OS-PH & WO (Planned Unit Development – Medium Density Residential/Open Space – Public Health and Wildland Overlay) District and for PUD Development Plan approval to retain the existing residence, remove the washroom structure with residential unit, storage accessory structure, and the 32 mobile home spaces (hook-up, concrete pads, etc.), to construct 12 detached single-family homes
- P11 0899, AT&T**
Application for Design Review approval to install a wireless facility consisting of a 55 foot tall monopine and related wireless equipment within the Transportation Corridor behind 2126 Rheem Drive and adjacent to the Iron Horse Trail
- P13 1987/P13-1988, Amerco Real Estate Co.**
Applications for: (1) modification to the approved Conditional Use Permit (PCUP 109) Cor-O-Van Moving and Storage located at 5555 Sunol Blvd to accommodate a U-Haul moving, rental, and storage facility; and (2) Design Review approval to modify the site and building

Library Commission

Thursday July 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Ave

- Library Foundation
- Library 25th Anniversary events
- Patron survey of space needs

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday July 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave

- Visit 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:

- Business at Large
- 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 Mosquito Abatement District

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

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

Community Pulse

By Glenn Wohltmann, gwohltmann@pleasantonweekly.com

POLICE BULLETIN

Three arrested for weapons violations

Three men from outside the area were arrested for weapons possession in two separate incidents in recent days.

In one, James Michael Nieves, 30, of San Jose was originally the subject of a medical call. He was being worked on by lifeguards at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area but ran off when police arrived, jumping into his car and starting a chase that ended in Livermore, according to police reports.

Police attempted to stop Nieves because he was driving erratically. When he was finally stopped in the 100 block of El Caminito, Livermore, Nieves was arrested for reckless driving, attempting to evade a police officer, and paraphernalia possession, all misdemeanors, and possession of nunchaku, a weapon, which is a felony.

In the second incident, two San Leandro men were arrested for carrying concealed weapons, although one of the two was also arrested for carrying a blackjack, which is typically a leather-covered club with a flexible handle.

Gil Norberto Boim, 41, was arrested for possession of a blackjack, a felony, and carrying a concealed firearm, a misdemeanor. Robert Frederick Larson, 48, also of San Leandro was arrested for carrying a concealed firearm. Larson was on probation, leading to the search of the pair, who were pulled over after police spotted a missing front license plate and a brake light out on the vehicle the two were in.

In other police reports:

- Gerald Blake Johnson, 19, of Livermore was arrested at about 11:11 p.m. June 26 in the 5800 block block

of Laurel Creek Drive for possession of marijuana for sale, a felony. Johnson was arrested with 120 grams after police questioned him for being parked at Laurel Creek Park after dark, which is when the park closes.

- Four iPads worth a total of \$2,200 were stolen from Kaki Sushi in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road overnight on July 1, along with \$165 in cash and \$35 in change. Entry was made by kicking through a common wall between the business and the business next door, VIP Cleaners, which was also burglarized, with nothing stolen.
- A \$1,000 set of golf clubs and a \$20 wallet were taken from an unlocked home in the 4800 block of Arlene Place between 9 p.m. June 30 and 1:30 a.m. July 1.
- An unlocked garage door at a home in the 3800 block of Stonecliff Vista Way was the point of entry in a June 28 burglary that netted a \$1,000, 60-inch TV. Nothing else was reported stolen.
- A \$798 laptop, two air purifiers, one worth \$173.94 and another worth \$149, and an \$80 gaming keyboard were stolen in a shoplifting at Walmart between 4:11 and 4:24 p.m. No arrest was made, but police have video surveillance from the store.
- A Springfield .40-caliber handgun valued at \$675 and a \$200 camera were stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 7500 block of Driftwood Way between 2 p.m. June 23 and 1:30 a.m. July 1.
- Mailboxes at a number of homes were damaged in an early morning vandalism overnight on June 28. Five homes in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle reported their mailboxes had been targeted.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

June 26

- Theft**
 - 2:48 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
 - 5:35 p.m. in the 2200 block of Corte Melina; fraud
- Auto burglary**
 - 8:05 a.m. in the 1800 block of Sinclair Drive
- Drug/alcohol violations**
 - 9:20 p.m. in the 2100 block of Laguna Creek; public drunkenness

June 27

- Theft**
 - 9:20 a.m. in the 5900 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
 - 10:39 a.m. in the 3100 block of Valley Avenue
 - 2:58 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 6:11 p.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane; theft from structure
- Battery**
 - 6:20 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street
- Vandalism**
 - 7:36 p.m. in the 2300 block of Vineyard Avenue

June 28

- Child Abuse**
 - 5:20 a.m. in the 8100 block of Arroyo Drive
 - 5:20 a.m. in the 8100 block of Ensenada Drive
 - 5:20 a.m. in the 6100 block of Corte del Ray
- Theft**
 - 11:07 a.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from structure
 - 11:53 a.m. in the 5600 block of Sonoma Drive
 - 4:31 p.m. in the 6600 block of Via San Blas; bicycle theft

- Residential burglary**
 - 3:19 p.m. in the 3800 block of Stonecliff Vista Way
- Battery**
 - 3:27 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Reflections Drive
- Vandalism**
 - 2:11 a.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle
 - 2:40 a.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle
 - 2:41 a.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle
 - 2:41 a.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle
 - 12:24 p.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle
- Public drunkenness**
 - 3:09 a.m. at the intersection of Stonecliff Vista Lane and Sterling Greens Circle

June 29

- Theft**
 - 6:27 a.m. in the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way
 - 8:40 a.m. in the 2200 block of Via Espada; fraud
 - 1:54 p.m. in the 1900 block of Brooktree Way; auto theft
 - 4:32 p.m. in the 4100 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- Commercial burglary**
 - 5:10 a.m. in the 1100 block of Quarry Lane
- Auto burglary**
 - 10:32 a.m. in the 7500 block of Trotter Way
- Vandalism**
 - 6:19 a.m. in the 1100 block of Quarry Lane
- Drug/alcohol violations**
 - 7:41 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; methamphetamine possession, possession of paraphernalia
 - 11:34 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue; public drunkenness

June 30

- Auto burglary**
 - 5:23 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
 - 11:19 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road
- Vandalism**
 - 10:49 p.m. at the intersection of Old Bernal Avenue and Peters Avenue
- Battery**
 - 1:11 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Vineyard Avenue
- Alcohol violations**
 - 1:03 a.m. at the intersection of Paseo Santa Cruz and Valley Avenue; DUI
 - 1:52 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; DUI
 - 2:23 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; public drunkenness
 - 5:50 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness

July 1

- Theft**
 - 9:29 a.m. in the 5000 block of Owens Drive
 - 2:20 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- Burglary**
 - 3:36 a.m. in the 4800 block of Arlene Place; residential burglary
- Auto burglary**
 - 2:25 a.m. in the 7500 block of Driftwood Way
 - 5:39 a.m. in the 5100 block of Independence Drive
 - 7:16 a.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
 - 7:23 a.m. in the 2500 block of Raven Road
- Weapons violation**
 - 7:40 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road
- Public drunkenness**
 - 1:04 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



TVRT presents 'Oliver!'

The upcoming Tri-Valley Repertory Theater production of "Oliver!" stars Julia Etzel as Nancy, Trevor Gomez as Oliver, and Ron Houk as Bill Sykes. The musical is an adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel, "Oliver Twist," the story of a young London orphan who stumbles into a life of pickpocketing. It opens July 20 and runs through Aug. 4, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore. Tickets are available at the box office, or call 373-6800 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org.

Book Clubs

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

TOWNE CENTER BOOKCLUB The club meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 or visit www.townecenter-books.com for the current selection.

Civic Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

Classes

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

Clubs

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

DBE (DAUGHTERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) Welcome to ladies of British or British Commonwealth Heritage. DBE holds monthly meetings at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday at Castlewood Country Club. Members focus on philanthropy, enjoy social interaction and form long-lasting friendships while contributing to local charities and supporting retirement homes in the USA. Call Edith at 998-3500.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasanton-newcomers.com. Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

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

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

TRI VALLEY ROTARY MEETINGS Tri Valley Rotary is a small but energetic group, motivated and eager to make a difference in the community. Meetings are 6-8 p.m. every Thursday, at Castlewood Country Club Grill, 707 Country Club Cir. There is a \$5 meeting fee plus cost of meal. Contact info@trivalleyrotary.org or go to <http://trivalleyrotary.org>.

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

Concerts

A SALUTE TO RAY CHARLES AND ARETHA FRANKLIN Bay Area favorite Johnny Trotman returns with his popular performing group and special guest Felicia White with a salute to the songs of Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin at 8 p.m., Saturday, July 20 at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehouse-arts.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK: JAMES NAGEL BAND Pleasanton Downtown Association's Concert in the Park presents the James Nagel Band, 7-8:30 p.m., Friday, July 5, at Lions Wayside Park, on

the corner of First St. and Neal St. Free! Sponsored by Café Main and Baci Bistro & Bar. Next week: The Bacchus Brothers.

FUSION FOLK AMERICANA AT THE LIBRARY Jennings and Keller, an acoustic duo playing fusion folk americana, are giving a free concert at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 14, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call the library at 931-3400, ext. 4, for more information.

Events

AN EVENING WITH BABE RUTH Museum on Main celebrates America's national pastime in an Evening with Babe Ruth at 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 9, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$3-\$10. Call Museum on Main for ticket purchase and more information at 462-2766.

CRISMAN'S COMEDY SOUND CHECK Crisman's Comedy Sound Check presents Malcolm Grissom's "Can't Ain't Nothing But a Four-letter Word" from 8-9 p.m., Thursday, July 18, at Sanctuary Ultra Lounge, 2369 First St., Livermore. Go to www.malcolmgrissom.com.

ON THE TOWN



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

GNON'S GOING TO THE DOGS Girls Night Out Networking is partnering with the Valley Humane Society for a donation drive to help animals, at upcoming mixer, 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, July 17. For list of donations visit valleyhumane.org/how-to-help/wish-list/. RSVP to gnoners@gmail.com.

MUSEUM ON MAIN PRESENTS 'LINCOLN AND THE CONSTITUTION TODAY' The Constitutional crises that Abraham Lincoln faced in the 1860s, and their relationship to some of today's most pressing legal questions, will be the topic of a panel discussion program at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 7, at the Pleasanton Public Library. Call 462-2766 or go to www.museumonmain.org.

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

TASTE OUR TERROIR EVENT Join Livermore Valley's annual quest for food and wine pairing excellence. Winemakers partner with Bay Area Chefs to compete for honors. Taste 20 delectable pairings and cast your vote for the coveted People's Choice Award! 6-9 p.m., Thursday, July 18, at Casa Real. Cost is \$85. Go to lwine.org.

TRIATHALON SERIES Close to 800 first-timer and many-timer triathletes will be on hand at On Your Mark Events' 26th annual Tri For Fun Triathlon Series at 7 a.m., Saturday, July 20, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, 2500 Stanley Blvd. Cost is \$65-\$73. Contact (209) 795-7832 or go to www.onyourmarkevents.com.

VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY'S THE GREAT CATSBY Kick up your heels in glorious revelry at The Great Catsby, a swank evening of delectable eats, live music, and gambling, from 6-10:30 p.m., Saturday, July 27, at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Cost is \$65, optional \$35 poker buy in. Vintage fashions encouraged. Proceeds benefit Valley Humane Society. Contact 426-8656 or go to <http://valleyhumane.org/events2/the-great-catsby/>.

Exhibits

ART HAPPENS WITH HOT SUMMER ARTS PAINTOUT From the Hot Summer Art from PaintOut to Open Mic Poetry, experience

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Four weeks of teen angst begin Wednesday

Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's award-winning teen improv troupe, presents its summer classic, "Tri-Valley High: The Series," starting this Wednesday. The troupe performs the episodic, live, improvised teen soap opera, full of mesmerizing teen angst, starting at 7:30 p.m. for the next four Wednesday evenings, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Audience members help create the characters, location and plot for this interactive and un-scripted adventure. General admission for students is \$5 in advance, \$8 at door; adults \$10 in advance, \$15 at door. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, or at the box office.

multiple forms of the arts at Art Happens, from 6-9 p.m., Thursday, July 11, in Downtown Livermore. Contact Bothwell Arts Center at 447-2787 or info@bothwellartscenter.org.

Fundraisers

3RD ANNUAL TERRY PATTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT This golf tournament is being held in memory of Terry Patters, who passed away too soon, from 1-7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 5, at Poppy Ridge Golf Course, 4280 Greenville Road, Livermore. Cost is \$150 per player. Go to <http://events.melanoma.org/TerryPattersGolf2013> for more information or to purchase tickets. All proceeds go directly to the Melanoma Research Foundation.

PAWS IN NEED YARD SALE New and gently used items. Home decor, pictures, tote bags, and more. All proceeds benefit the community animals' medical fund. Come to this one day only yard sale, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, July 20, at Milfleur, 200 Ray St. To make a donation or for more information, contact Rennie at Renness.1@gmail.com.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Sleep Train is hosting its annual School Supply Drive to ensure foster children are prepared with the essential tools for a new school year. Drop off donations of new school supplies to any Sleep Train Location. Visit www.Sleeptrain.com for locations.

Health

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES San Ramon Regional Medical Center now offers a two-part educational series on Diabetes Self-Management for adults. Classes are being held monthly throughout 2013 on Saturdays or weekdays in the West Day Room in the hospital's South Building, 7777 Norris Canyon Rd., San Ramon. Part one classes: 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, July 13; 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 3; and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 9. Part two classes: 1-4 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 14; 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 14; 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12; and 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. Classes will discuss the risk factors, signs and symptoms of diabetes; blood sugar monitoring; medication; healthy eating; exercise; stress management; complications; and other important topics. A physician referral is required. Medicare and other insurances cover the classes. To enroll, call Barbara Reis at 275-6018.

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

Kids & Teens

BAY AREA SHAKESPEARE CAMPS Kids get in the act at Bay Area Shakespeare Camp. Multiple loca-

tions for ages 7-18, from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., weekdays, July 8-19, July 22-Aug. 2, and Aug. 5-16. Prior experience welcome but not required. Cost is \$489. Contact John Western at (415) 558-0888 or sfshakes@sfshakes.org.

CAT CARETAKER CAMP Step into the shoes of a Valley Humane Society Cat Care Volunteer for one week and earn volunteer service hours while caring for cats, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, July 29-Friday, Aug. 2, at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. Cost is \$250. Ages 10-15. Contact 426-8656, ext. 13, or sreed@valleyhumane.org.

CRITTER CAMP Join for a fun-filled week of learning, games, arts, crafts and visits with animal experts, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, July 15-Friday, July 19, at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. Cost is \$250. Ages 9-11. Contact 426-8656, ext. 13, or sreed@valleyhumane.org.

DEVOTED TO DOGS CAMP Unleash your curiosity in this special camp 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.

FIFE & DRUM CORPS Pleasanton-area youths (ages 8-17) are

invited to join the 1776-era Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps of Pleasanton. This 3-year-old band has performed at more than 30 events. Visit www.youngamericanpatriots.com.

FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER FREE SUMMER FIRST FRIDAYS Firehouse First Friday will be held 5-8 p.m., Friday, July 5, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Free Summer Open House Events, including open mic with guest acts, art demos, art projects for youth, face painting and more. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School will be offered 9 a.m.-noon, Monday, Aug. 8-Friday, Aug. 9, at St. Clare's Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. Four years old through fifth grade. Cost is \$60 first child, \$40 each additional. Go to stclarespleasanton.org.

Lectures/Workshops

'OPERATION GETAWAY' AT LAS POSITAS COLLEGE Las Positas College Veterans First Program will hold "Operation Gateway - A Veteran's Transition to Success" from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, July 19, at Las Positas College, 3000 Campus Hill Dr., Livermore. Register by contacting Steffan at 424-1571 or tsteffan@laspositas-college.edu.

Miscellaneous

'LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY' Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month to give free 15 to 20 minute consultations. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30-5:45 p.m.; names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. and people must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Call 931-3400, ext. 7.

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

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 DSRSD Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7399 Johnson Dr. Free! Reservations required. Contact Lori Martin at 875-2282 or martin@dsrsd.com.

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

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

VFW-AL COFFEE AND DONUTS Every Saturday morning from 7:30-9 a.m., the VFW and American Legion host coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. All veterans are welcome. Visit www.vfwpost6298.com.

On Stage

COME TO THE KABARET FOR KIDS Cabaret and theater star Samantha Samuels hosts her popular Musical Variety Show for children and their families at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 12, and Friday, Aug. 2, at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$8-\$12. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK PRESENTS 'MACBETH' Shakespeare in the Park presents "Macbeth," a masterpiece of intrigue, sword-play and witchcraft, at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, June 29-July 14, at Amador Valley Community Park. Bring a blanket and picnic and enjoy free professional theater under the stars.

THE LIAR AT CONCANNON VINEYARD Shakespeare's Associates presents "The Liar" by David Ives at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore, June 20-July 20. Sit back and relax as the sun sets on the historic Victorian house in the middle of the vineyard in Livermore Valley Wine Country. Dates and times: June 20/21/22 and July 5 at 7:30-10:30 p.m.; June 30 and July 6/14/20 at 7-10 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$49. For details, call Katie Marcel at 443-2273.

Seniors

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

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

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



JEB BING

Concerts in the Park

For many family and neighborhood groups, such as this one, the popular Concerts in the Park 2013 on Friday nights through August offer a chance to enjoy an evening of food, refreshments, entertainment and good conversation on the grounds of Lions Wayside Park in downtown Pleasanton. Tonight's concert features the James Nagel Band playing rock 'n' roll.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PLEASANTON SOLE MATES - WALKING GROUP Do you love the outdoors and want a fun way to exercise? 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. Call for weekly walk destinations or come pick up a schedule. Free. 925-931-5365. www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org

SENIOR HEALTH, INTIMACY AND SEXUALITY Sexuality and physical intimacy remain an expression of passion and affection among those aged 65 and older. A speaker will discuss the challenges and normal changes associated with aging from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 9, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5365.

Spiritual

BIBLE & BREW St. Clare's Episcopal Church would like to invite anyone in the community who is interested to join them for heartfelt fellowship, Bible Study, and a good cup of coffee from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday at 3350 Hopyard Rd. You don't need to be a member of St. Clare's to attend. Their hope

is you will find this time of day convenient. Call the church office at 462-4802 or visit www.stclare-pleasanton.org.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP Join for worship with childcare and Sunday school, and stay for summer brunch, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., Sundays, June 16-Aug. 25, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Contact the Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer at 846-0221 or heather@lynnewood.org. Visit www.lynnewood.org.

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

Sports

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.

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets twice a

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

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

STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Join bi-monthly and begin your healing journey, at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays, June 13 and 27; July 11 and 25; and Aug. 8 and 22, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Sessions open to all. Call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

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

Volunteering

HOST A STUDENT FROM EUROPE ECI needs families in the Pleasanton area to host teen students from France July 10-30. They have strong English and will bring spending money. Working parents ok, students in activities. You and your kids can join in! Improve your French and add international host to your resume or college application. Call Theresa at 683-8024.

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

PROJECT READS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS Change a life - become a literacy tutor. Pleasanton library's Project Read needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills. Volunteer training will be 1-4 p.m., Saturday, July 13, at the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Contact Penny Johnson at 931-3405 or PennyJohnson@CityofPleasantonCa.gov.



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Sports



Cardinals win first Pleasanton Cup

The PNLL major division Cardinals won the first Pleasanton Cup, which sponsors hope to hold every year. During the week of June 8-16, the AAA and major division teams from the three Pleasanton Little Leagues (National, American and Foothill) battled it out at Sports Park in a single game elimination tournament. The Cardinals beat the PNLL Nationals 6-4 and the PFLA's 4-3 en route to the championship game where they faced off against the PFLA Rangers on Sunday. A large crowd turned out to watch an exciting nine inning game that saw the Cardinals prevail on a walk off hit by Cole Traylor that knocked in Nicky Proctor who was on second. Both teams played an outstanding game. The Cardinals laid claim to being the best Little League team in Pleasanton with a 20-6 record and ended the season on an 11-game winning streak.

Cardinals team members are (back row, l-r) Manager Mike Shaffer and Coach Tony Martinez; (middle) Joey Luperine, Samin Bhalla, Jack Hollmeyer, Jack Bessiere, Mason Shaffer, Nicky Proctor, Matt Haskell, Anthony Goldhawk, Jack Kost, (front) Cole Traylor, Arnav Bhalla and Janiel Martinez.



Nationals win PNLL AAA playoffs

The Nationals won the Pleasanton National Little League AAA playoffs June 8. Celebrating are (front, l-r) Jack Hungerford, Nate Martinez, Brady Judson, Ethan Braga, Ehan Shah, Kyle Newman, (back) Declan Alsop, Matt Triantos, Derek Whitworth, Garrett Alsop, Gio Cerutt and Bryan Green. Coaches are Tony Whitworth, David Alsop, Brad Green and Jim Hungerford.



Local gymnast shines on national stage

Sofie Seilnacht, 15, a member of California Gymnastics Academy in Livermore, finished off her 2013 Season as Level 10 Northern California All-Around and Balance Beam Champion and Region One Beam Champion by competing in the USA Gymnastics National Invitation Tournament at the Minneapolis Convention Center. She placed third on Floor Exercise, scoring 9.60; third in the All-Around with a score of 37.25; and is the Junior C Beam Champion, scoring a 9.675, the highest score regardless of age division, from 192 Junior Olympic athletes.

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Pending home sales for May in U.S. reach highest level in over 6 years

Buyers taking advantage of current affordability conditions before mortgage interest rates rise

BY JEB BING

Pending home sales rose in May to the highest level since late 2006, implying a possible spark as mortgage interest rates began to rise, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The Pending Home Sales Index, an indicator based on contract signings, increased 6.7% to 112.3 in May from a downwardly revised 105.2 in April, and is 12.1% above May 2012 when it was 100.2. The data reflect contracts but not closings.

Contract activity is at the strongest pace since December 2006 when it reached 112.8. Pending sales have been above year-ago levels for the past 25 months.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, said there may be a fence-jumping effect.

"Even with limited choices, it appears some of the rise in contract signings could be from buyers wanting to take advantage of current affordability conditions before mortgage interest rates move higher," he said. "This implies a continuation of

double-digit price increases from a year earlier, with a strong push from pent-up demand."

Yun upgraded the price forecast for 2013, with the national median existing-home price expected to rise more than 10% to nearly \$195,000. This would be the strongest increase since 2005 when the median increased 12.4%.

Existing-home sales are projected to increase 8.5 to 9.0%, reaching about 5.07 million in 2013, the highest in seven years. It would be slightly above the 5.03 million total recorded in 2007.

The Pending Home Sales Index in the West jumped 16.0% in May to 109.7, but with limited inventory is only 1.1% above May 2012. The Northeast was unchanged at 92.3 in May but is 14.3% above a year ago. In the Midwest the index jumped 10.2% to 115.5 in May and is 22.2% higher than May 2012. Pending home sales in the South rose 2.8% to an index of 121.8 in May and are 12.3% above a year ago. ■

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SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin May 10-23

Total sales reported: 30

Lowest sale reported: \$365,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,825,000

Average sales reported: \$698,550

Livermore May 10-23

Total sales reported: 47

Lowest sale reported: \$323,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,161,000

Average sales reported: \$542,191

Pleasanton May 10-23

Total sales reported: 25

Lowest sale reported: \$289,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,638,000

Average sales reported: \$869,480

San Ramon June 5-11

Total sales reported: 22

Lowest sale reported: \$182,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,642,000

Average sales reported: \$829,614

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 10-June 11

Dublin

7312 Bower Lane T. Engle to B. & L. Wong for \$425,000

3329 Bramante Lane D R Horton to S. Kagitam for \$592,000

3348 Bramante Lane D R Horton to J. Arevalo for \$557,000

4371 Brannigan Street B. Woulfe to J. Lau for \$383,000

6161 Bridgestone Circle C. & L. Doherty to M. Krishnamoorthy for \$715,000

2366 Capistrello Street M. & C. Kovacsik to N. Raghunathan for \$745,000

6615 Conestoga Lane #39 S. & L. Crouch to A. Lee for \$420,000

7102 Cross Creek Circle #B S. Watts to Bradley Trust for \$365,000

3245 Dublin Boulevard #104 T. Jack to M. Gupta for \$453,000

8346 Ferncliff Court J. & S. Killips to K. Anil for \$660,000

3420 Finnian Way #108 E. Moffett to M. Quinto for \$460,000

7821 Galway Court R. & C. Petersen to M. & D. Foster for \$1,825,000

5148 Grayhawk Lane V. & R. Nayyar to J. Idury for \$1,070,000

11211 Las Palmas Court J. & P. Pillar to J. Jin for \$865,000

6882 Mansfield Avenue K. Sidhu to J. Auen for \$595,000

4206 Maymont Court White-Barkley Trust to M. Yau for \$933,000

7010 North Mariposa Lane KB Home to L. Baldespino for \$565,000

7463 Oxford Circle J. Zajac to J. Lester for \$452,000

6607 Pioneer Lane #5 Norcal Homes Investment Group to D. Bingham for \$385,000

7149 Pitt Court G. & R. Torpey to M. Boucher for \$530,000

4882 Shelton Street M. & G. Suh to A. & S. Zalani for \$850,000

3290 South Bridgepointe Lane J. & J. Pak to R. Henningsen for \$880,000

5092 South Forestdale Circle Jackson Trust to S. Shere for \$905,000

6712 South Mariposa Lane KB Home to S. Wang for \$539,500

6730 South Mariposa Lane KB Home to D. Huang for \$620,500

6792 South Mariposa Lane KB Home to R. Puri for \$493,000

4242 Talle Way A. Reid to Y. & L. Liu for \$775,000

4700 Valley Vista Drive Brookfield Mariposa to R. Petchimuthu for \$854,500

4701 Valley Vista Drive Brookfield Mariposa to N. & M. Seth for \$894,000

5730 West Cog Hill Terrace R. Patel to S. & P. Sengupta for \$1,150,000

Livermore

1096 Alison Circle A. & G. Dobbs to L. Allen

for \$650,000

2833 Alnwick Avenue #2 G. Lukes to C. & R. Kawasaki-Yee for \$450,000

1268 Amalfi Common C. Rocha to R. Kannapell for \$627,000

382 Anna Maria Street M. & M. Jessick to D. Brabec for \$500,000

5562 Berwind Avenue P. & L. Fazio to M. & N. Dow for \$500,000

1611 Broadmoor Court R. & A. Acosta to C. & M. Morrow for \$455,000

1567 College Avenue Ann Apartments to J. & C. Ahrens for \$805,000

571 Covington Way T. & J. Stephens to A. Burns for \$518,500

1128 Crystal Circle G. Campbell to J. & D. Zentner for \$375,000

1328 Daisy Lane P. Rasmussen to E. Cushman for \$399,000

273 El Caminito CEO America to R. Raviv for \$530,000

2627 Elston Street Our Savior Lutheran Church to Kozocas Trust for \$857,000

339 Encino Drive R. & N. Hackler to M. & S. Vigil for \$575,000

151 Glacier Drive Prokosch Trust to K. Ford for \$576,000

553 Hagemann Drive Paddock Trust to T. Nagata for \$425,000

479 Hanover Street L. & M. Salinas to S. Williams for \$470,000

930 Hanover Street Bishop-Fahaeus Trust to R. & J. Borges for \$528,000

545 Heligan Lane #1 J. Kettmann to K. Ching for \$515,500

662 Heligan Lane #2 J. & S. Miguel to J. Blunden for \$504,000

1347 Hillview Drive S. Piveronas to J. Carte for \$382,000

1115 Hollyhock Street P. Simmons to K. Dutra for \$420,000

1266 Hudson Way B. Low to J. Tan for \$650,000

3876 Inverness Way L. & C. Ofori to N. Johnson for \$380,000

842 Jessica Drive R. & L. Britt to R. & S. Shurson for \$680,000

1245 Lambaren Avenue Fugui Investment to G. Arkhipova for \$360,000

2634 Lariat Court B. Halleran to K. Singh for \$640,000

5313 Lenore Avenue J. Hannah to S. Pierce for \$400,000

3844 MacGregor Common M. Sheldon to P. Kim for \$518,000

2243 Montarossa Court J. Currin to M. & K. Tereo for \$1,160,000

1637 Monterey Drive M. Paolini to X. Liu for \$343,000

413 Mulqueeney Street D. & S. Schwartz to T. & A. Sumrein for \$561,000

161 North L Street #115 L. Larson to C. & L. Tarantino for \$323,000

1390 Peachtree Common J. Stout to R. & L. Britt for \$350,000

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SALES

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1661 Peachtree Common Federal Home Loan Mortgage to U. Qazen for \$325,000

4538 Phyllis Court P. & B. Walik to C. Stanton for \$675,000

1428 Roselli Drive Latessa Trust to I. Ota for \$540,000

2253 Ryan Street A. & J. Hayden to M. & P. Kirby for \$1,161,000

118 Selby Lane #10 Shea Homes to J. Commer for \$350,000

118 Selby Lane #6 Shea Homes to K. & A. Sjodahl for \$445,000

118 Selby Lane #7 Shea Homes to L. Simms for \$455,000

118 Selby Lane #8 Shea Homes to P. & I. Grifantini for \$400,500

236 South R Street Migliore Trust to N. Leslie for \$485,000

3047 Talinga Drive R. & H. Bruce to T. & S. Ravera for \$1,130,000

6522 Village Drive H. Pao to B. Xia for \$589,000

133 Wall Street M. Robinson to M. Magistrado-Santos for \$471,000

3879 Yale Way L. Brown to K. Sialana for \$550,000

162 Zephyr Place #100 Signature at Station Square to R. Rao for \$479,500

Pleasanton

6249 Alisal Street Antraccoli Trust to W. Smith for \$1,300,000

3784 Appian Street A. Sabapathy to G. Wang for \$750,000

4575 Augustine Street Ivani Trust to J. & N. Pegler for \$375,000

4438 Bacon Court Softbuy Inc. to W. & C. Lutz for \$737,500

5578 Baldwin Way Anderson Trust to S. & C. Kannantha for \$581,000

3555 Ballantyne Drive D. & C. Yu to

Swinehart Trust for \$743,500

5776 Belleza Drive P. Wakefield to A. & U. Khuliar for \$631,000

7806 Bernal Avenue Jefferies Trust to S. Murthy for \$1,400,000

7670 Canyon Meadow Circle M. Chavez to Bradley Trust for \$289,000

2905 Chocolate Street D. Lowry to S. & R. Paul for \$733,000

4206 Diavila Avenue C. Wei to J. & K. Jo for \$725,000

7977 Fair Oaks Court Palmatier Trust to A. Ray for \$887,500

2708 Glen Isle Court C. Wendland to G. William for \$675,000

3431 Gulfstream Street F. Watson to M. Sun for \$760,000

1465 Irongate Court R. Dondero to J. Yang for \$1,530,000

2519 Larrieket Court B. & C. Hess to L. Hong for \$881,500

7976 Limewood Court Gibson Trust to M. & A. Reta for \$785,000

4369 Mirador Drive Wadepammer Trust to T. & P. Kamienski for \$765,000

3298 Monmouth Court R. & L. Barnett to G. Tolari for \$803,000

3532 Ovella Way #10 J. & E. Kulak to M. Dreier for \$1,380,000

3560 Ovella Way #8 B. & A. Williams to A. Singh for \$1,350,000

7925 Paragon Circle J. & A. Denniston to M. & M. Burdeny for \$1,638,000

4073 Rennellwood Way Young Trust to H. Hom for \$680,000

377 St. Mary Street K. & V. Horton to Fireside Investors for \$827,000

751 St. Michael Circle S. Venkateswaran to Y. Wang for \$510,000

San Ramon

9085 Alcosta Boulevard #344 D. Luk to M. Wong for \$265,000

1237 Andreas Way Ong Trust to S.

Singh for \$990,000

206 Bellflower Drive E. Juarez to J. & R. Abraham for \$663,000

242 Canyon Lakes Place J. & L. Filson to W. & A. Kazak for \$950,000

5841 Cattleya Way E. & W. Rashid to Tibrewala Trust for \$1,100,000

100 Compton Circle #B Fogelman Trust to M. Varvashenko for \$325,000

101 Dahlia Court J. Nguyen to M. Lee for \$970,000

2053 Echo Place S. & F. Khan to M. Brown for \$795,000

2259 Magnolia Bridge Drive S. & M. Dadlani to S. Sainger for \$700,500

404 Merriwood Place R. & B. Stallbaum to J. & L. Rogers for \$1,138,000

7480 Northland Avenue Jurd Trust to R. & A. Doherty for \$728,000

3015 Oakham Drive D. & U. Reckhorn to A. & T. Pathak for \$865,000

2500 Old Crow Canyon Road #100 Kilarr Trust to Contra Costa Korean for \$850,000

202 Plumpointe Lane R. Despres to N. & S. Tulseea for \$620,000

5 Poppy Hills Lane B. & H. White to R. Muttipati for \$765,000

210 Reflections Drive #17 J. McBain to L. He for \$182,000

112 Rodriguez Court C. & P. Ting to A. & S. Ghorpade for \$1,195,000

30 Satinleaf Court S. & M. Larkin to R. Radhakrishnan for \$1,642,000

219 Sherwood Court M. Spivey to R. Ahuga for \$1,000,000

1008 Vista Pointe Circle C. Taylor to M. & M. Kiefer for \$570,000

186 Woodbourough Way J. & R. Wiley to M. & A. Soares for \$937,000

131 Woodview Circle K. Blanford to J. Muralitharan for \$1,001,000

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3675 Deer Trail		\$1,389,000
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559 Blackhawk Club Drive		\$2,150,000
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	683-0488

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93 Woodmont Court		\$1,179,000
Sat/Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4107

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524 Dovecote Lane #1		\$525,000
Sun 1-4	Gene and Cindy Williams	510-390-0325

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3815 Vine Street		\$429,950
Sat/Sun 1-3	J. Rockcliff Realtors	519-1815
4 BEDROOMS		
6315 Inglewood Drive		\$429,950
Sun 1-3	Dave & Sue Flashberger	463-0436
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959 Oak Manor Way		\$2,199,000
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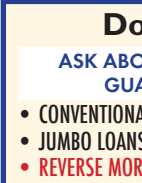
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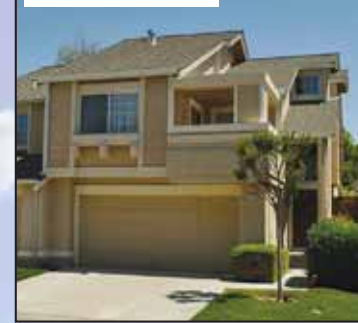
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