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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

New Beth Emek rabbi also a guitar-playing leader

Known as a flat-picking, singing, guitar-playing rabbi with a knack for off-beat Jewish tunes at the congregations he's served back East, Rabbi Laurence Milder is the ideal successor to take the reins at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton, a lively singing group of more than 200 families. Many turned out for a welcoming reception at Beth Emek's modern worship center last Sunday, including Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and his wife Sandi, among other city and civic leaders. Milder left his guitar in his office but used the occasion to introduce his wife Janet and daughter Miriam, a recent college graduate. The couple also has two sons, Avi, who is currently in college, and Alex, who will complete his senior year of high school in the coming year at the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, N.C., where Milder most recently served as the Academy's Reform Rabbi.

Milder, a native of St. Louis, succeeds Rabbi David Katz, who served as interim rabbi at Beth Emek while congregants searched for a full-time leader. Known for his exceptional pastoral and teaching skills, Milder has served congregations in Indianapolis, Bangor, Maine, and Westborough, Mass. He has also served as an assistant professor at the University of Maine, a lecturer at the Bangor Theological Seminary, and since July 2011 on the faculty at the Hebrew Academy where he served as its "reform" rabbi. Those achievements along with his work with community groups and the local clergy in other faiths were the mutual attractions that brought him to Pleasanton and a congregation here that is known for its outreach throughout the Tri-Valley.

As the new face at Beth Emek, Milder plans to participate in interfaith clergy groups and develop close relations with city leaders, business organizations, charitable groups and professional and volunteer service clubs. While he sees the most important functions of a rabbi to be a worship leader at Beth Emek, he also believes that a good rabbi must excel at teaching adults and children, serving as a resource for those searching for deeper meanings in their religion and being a good listener and sometimes adviser to those needing spiritual guidance as they deal with personal or family issues. Rabbis are here to help people transitioning in their lives,



JEB BING

Rabbi Laurence Milder joins his wife Janet and daughter Miriam at celebration reception at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton last Sunday, where he took the reins succeeding interim Rabbi David Katz.

Milder says, whether it be changes brought on by marriage, births, children leaving for college or even the death of a loved one.

Milder emphasizes his identification as a Reform Rabbi, noting that Beth Emek is a part of the Union for Reform Judaism, the largest group of Jews in the U.S. and Canada. It's a movement that is committed to a modern and progressive vision of Judaism, which makes him a good match for the congregants at Beth Emek who are known for their concerns for social justice and volunteer services. He also plans to reach out to the broader Tri-Valley community to help energize Beth Emek's membership and help the congregation grow and thrive.

As he said at Sunday night's reception, Beth Emek is part of a larger culture, a secular society, where people are free to come and go in terms of their spiritual affiliation.

Milder believes that the most important thing that Beth Emek families can do is to establish their sense of integrity and wholeness within their congregation so that when people ask what kind of a synagogue Beth Emek is, "we can say we are a place where you can feel comfortable coming to."

No one has to be Jewish to attend services at Beth Emek, which are held at 8 p.m. Fridays and at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays. In fact many in the congregation are not Jewish because of a number of inter-married families. Milder says he's found that non-Jews often find significant spiritual meaning in worship at Jewish services and feel especially comfortable in a Reform synagogue such as Beth Emek's.

As the new spiritual leader at Beth Emek, Milder might draw larger numbers when he picks up his guitar and goes solo and acoustic with songs he learned from performing with the Boston-based Jewish rock band Elijah Rock. His life-long personal interest in music is clearly a gift he now plans to share and enjoy with his Beth Emek congregation. ■

About the Cover

Will LaMarche, who recently signed with the Detroit Tigers, greets fans after the NCAA Super Regional game on June 7. Photos courtesy LSU Sports Information. Cover design by Kristin Herman.

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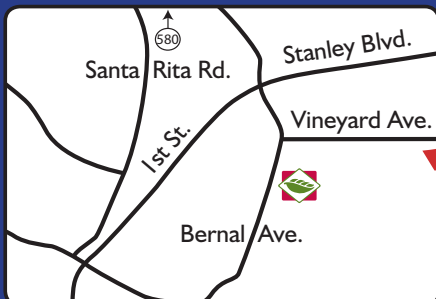
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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What do you typically daydream about?



Max Gershman
High school student

Mostly I just daydream about my future, in terms of what I'll be doing with my life, you know, what my job will be, where I will be living, and who I'll be spending most of my time with.

Beth Cutter

High school assistant principal

When I daydream I'm usually thinking about places I want to travel to and what I want to have for dinner. It typically has to do with cool places to go and fun things to eat.



Saira Grewal
High school student

I think about the things I'm going to do in the future, and that I need to do today, where I'll be in 10 years, and what I'm going to wear tomorrow.

Barbara Steinfeld

President, hospitality/tourism company

We are new to the area and still trying to figure out exactly where we want to live. So when I let my mind wander, I'm always thinking about which Tri-Valley town we should choose to live in, and what kind of house we want to buy. And of course I think about getting my current house sold.



Lynn Scupelliti
Legal assistant

When I let my mind wander, I tend to worry about all of the terrible things that could happen to my children. Things like accidents and diseases. So I am very glad to be very busy and to have little time to let my mind wander! I try to just focus on what I am doing in the present and what I am trying to accomplish in the moment.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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DIGEST

Calling all veterans

A Veterans Resource Fair will take place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. tomorrow at the Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Information will be presented on the Bay Area's regional network of services for veterans, plus there will be a presentation on how seniors and veterans can protect themselves from scams aimed at them.

The fair is being presented by state Senate Majority Leader Ellen M. Corbett (D-East Bay) and state Sen. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord).

Downtown Wine Stroll

Pleasanton Downtown Association's annual Summer Wine Stroll is from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, July 27, with 20 wineries from Livermore Valley showcasing their wines, served with snacks, at downtown businesses. The stroll begins at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., where guests will pick up a commemorative wine glass and map of participating establishments.

One thousand tickets are being sold for \$30 each until July 26 at Berry Patch, Clover Creek and the Rose Hotel and at pleasantondowntown.net. Any remaining tickets will be sold the day of the event beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the museum for \$35 cash. Designated drivers can enjoy the stroll with non-alcoholic beverages for \$10.

Join neighbors to fight crime

The Pleasanton Police Department is co-sponsoring National Night Out, a crime and drug prevention event, on Tuesday, Aug. 6, and encourages neighbors to hold block parties. The evening is designed to heighten crime awareness, generate support for anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and partnerships with the police, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Pleasanton's National Night Out has grown during the last 11 years to about 40 block parties, which vary from potlucks and barbecues to ice cream socials, some with bands, bounce houses and kids activities. Registered parties might be visited by police, firefighters or city officials.

To register your neighborhood, go to the Pleasanton Police Department at 4833 Bernal Ave., visit www.pleasantonpd.org, or call 931-5240. Deadline is Aug. 1. The event is co-sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

Structural engineers hired to inspect city bridges

Focus will be on Pleasanton's 23 bridges not now regularly inspected

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council approved a three-year contract Tuesday night with a San Jose engineering firm to handle an ongoing program of inspecting bridges in the city to evaluate their safety and make recommendations for structural improvements.

At the same time, City Manager Nelson Fialho announced that Pleasanton recently received federal funds that can be used for the design and maintenance of eight bridges in the city, including the Bernal Avenue bridge over the Arroyo de la Laguna, near Foothill Road. Replacement of that 1941 steel bridge has long been on the City Council's "low priority" list, but without funds to pay for the project, it's also stayed on the back burner of council concerns for years.

Plans initiated back in 1990 call for leaving the old bridge in place but building a second bridge, which would be a less expensive, con-

temporary concrete structure.

The federal funds won't pay to replace the Bernal bridge or any of the others, but will provide funding for applying methacrylate deck treatment and joint seal replacement for seven bridges. The steel members of the Bernal Bridge also will be painted this year.

Bridge aficionados have long urged city leaders to build a look-alike steel bridge to replace the aging one now in use. But the cost of an identical replacement has soared from an estimated \$1.4 million in 1993 to \$3 million. A compromise plan could see a second, still one-lane bridge built alongside the steel structure, but looking more like the Bernal bridge over the Arroyo del Valle east of Stanley Boulevard and near the headquarters building of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

City engineers have long said a second

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JEB BING

The Bernal bridge over the Arroyo de la Laguna near Foothill Road carries increasing traffic loads since it was built in 1941. Construction of a second adjoining bridge has been proposed.



JEB BING

Store manager Alton Wheeler welcomes civic leaders and shoppers at opening day ceremonies of Pleasanton's new Walmart Neighborhood Market on Santa Rita Road near West Las Positas Boulevard.

Walmart Neighborhood Market opens in Pleasanton

85 employees chant, sing at festive opening ceremonies

More than 250 city, civic and business leaders joined store manager Alton Wheeler in opening Pleasanton's new Walmart Neighborhood Market on Santa Rita Road on Wednesday morning in a festive ceremony.

Many of the store's 85 employees (called associates) gathered next to Wheeler as the combined colorguard from the Pleasanton posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posted the colors in front of a small stage where one of the employees also sang the national anthem.

Besides Wheeler, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry

Thorne and Scott Raty, president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, also gave welcoming speeches. The ceremony closed with a benediction and then Walmart chants and singing by the employees, all dressed in Walmart-green shirts.

A group of about 20 Walmart protesters, including former City Councilman Matt Sullivan, lined Santa Rita Road in front of the Walmart parking lot, passing out fliers objecting to "low-wage jobs" at the non-unionized Walmart stores.

—Jeb Bing

'Gypsy' takes city's poetic reins

First action is to publicize arts groups

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton's new poet laureate sees herself as a gypsy, but that doesn't stop her from taking a businesslike approach to promoting the cultural arts.

After her appointment by the City Council in May, Sandra Kay's first step was to create a comprehensive list of arts groups and their meetings, which can be found at www.firehousearts.org.

She also organized an Amplified Open Mic on May 23.

"It was a variety show with poetry mixed in," Kay explained. "It was my inaugural event, done by the teen poet laureates. My heart is in open mics and variety shows."

The poet laureate position has evolved as each creative writer brings his or her unique background to the job.

In 1998, Charlene Villella was named Pleasanton's first poet laureate. She was followed by Jim Ott, Kirk Ridgeway, Martha Meltzer and Deborah Grossman.



Sandra Kay
Poet Laureate

"If I accomplish half of what Deborah Grossman did, I will be satisfied," Kay said. "She went above and beyond. I was a beneficiary of the program."

Ridgeway said poetry is ultimately about telling a story, and he noted that Kay tells her stories through "an imaginative gypsy dance of emotion and words that threaten to seduce or con the writer and reader."

"In form and content her artful word dance is at times smooth, sensuous, lovely and then brash, naughty, jarring, grief, humor, hope and despair constantly enter and exit the bustling stage of the non-ordinary structure of her poems," Ridgeway wrote.

"These juxtapositions will resonate with the reader as they mirror the dramatic dance of every human relationship."

Kay said her breakthrough poem is on compassion.

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Asian teens express angst in essays

Culture deals with stigma over mental health issues

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Some Asian American students say the stress they're under — by parents, by peers and themselves — has led to mental health problems.

A recent essay contest about mental health underscores the problem. The contest, sponsored by the Alamo-based Culture to Culture Foundation, drew 127 entries from high schools across the area, including Pleasanton and San Ramon Valley high schools.

While non-Asians wrote about problems including body image and bipolar disorder, most of the Asian students wrote about stress and its consequences, including despair, self-loathing and High Achievers Syndrome.

"Many of my friends physically and mentally succumb to the inability to satisfy the expectations of their parents," wrote one essayist, Calvert Chan. "It is unacceptable for teens who are working hard to suffer from anxiety and depression and have no means of venting their stress."

Another student, Edward H Wang, wrote: "I hear a little voice in my head, and as much as I try to stifle it and smother it, it continues to whisper to me. It tells me that I can't succeed, that I can't triumph, that I can never live up to my hopes and dreams and

why — because I am lazy, slothful, cowardly, the embodiment of the ills of human nature."

Sal Fu wrote: "after I kicked the year off with a D in AP Chemistry — my focus went from learning the wonders of science to frantically trying to raise my grade. Soon after, education became a drag. It was all about meeting deadlines and neglecting others for the sake of balancing grades. The stress had built up to the point where I detested school, and hated doing things in general."

While those are just a sampling of the essays, the students are not alone in how they feel, with dozens of others making similar points. Nor are they alone as part of the larger Asian American population of the area.

Culture to Culture founder Chia Chia Chien said Asians face a stigma about seeking help for mental health issues.

"Most of the Asian American population, they wait until very late or they're in crisis or when a tragedy happens," Chien said. "Even now, for the second generation, it's probably better because of cross culturization, but there still are some problems because they wait until the last stages."

She said adults may rely on traditional remedies first, and even after getting medication, they

might take a half dose instead of what's prescribed.

Matthew Narron is a doctor of psychology at Axis Community Health in Pleasanton. He said it's hard to talk across the board because the label Asian American fits so many cultures, but generally, people from China and Japan often show what's known as the "polite face."

"Displays of strong emotions are frowned upon," Narron said. He added that they feel if they are prescribed a pill for a mental disorder "that's sign of weakness."

He said other cultural differences come into play as well, including how counselors and clinicians relate to patients.

For some, he said, the approach is, "I come in and you're going to tell me what the problem is," as opposed to a counselor, who wants to ask that the problem is.

"People will come in with a problem in the family that cannot be dealt with," Narron said. "They'll come in if they can't figure it out."

He noted that some people come from what he described as "the collectivist concept," where the group is more important than the individual.

But, he said, "Most clinicians are

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bridge is needed over the Arroyo de la Laguna to handle increased vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic. As it is, the old, narrow steel bridge continues to be a major traffic bottleneck during peak commute hours.

There are 88 bridges in Pleasanton with 23 that are not actively inspected. Others are periodically inspected by the Caltrans state highway and others by city staff engineers. But the city, itself, has no program for evaluating the

condition of local bridges which are carrying an increasingly higher volume of traffic.

The contract went to Biggs Cardosa Associates of San Jose, which has performed engineering services for the city in the past and was recommended by the city's engineering staff as qualified to provide the required services.

The contract covers inspection services through June 30, 2016, at an amount not to exceed \$750,000. Both federal and city funds are listed in the current fiscal year municipal budget for four bridge-related improvements. ■

Father of driver in cyclist death arrested

'Two illegal assault rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition' found at home

BY GLENN WOHLTANN

The father of the 18-year-old under investigation for running down a bicyclist on Foothill Road has been charged by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Police serving a search warrant on the Echo Court home of Cody Hall, the driver who struck and killed Diana Hersevoort on June 9, found a cache of firearms, according to reports. The warrant was related to a vehicular manslaughter investigation involving the teen, according to the report. He was alone in the house when the warrant was served.

"While serving the warrant, officers located a large gun safe containing two illegal assault rifles and thousands of rounds

of ammunition," a news release from the Pleasanton Police Department said. "The safe belongs to Cody's father, Aaron Hall, who is a twice-convicted felon and is therefore prohibited from possessing any firearms."

The locked gun safe was in the garage of the home. Inside the safe, police also seized four Daytrana patches that Aaron Hall had without a prescription, according to court documents. Daytrana is stimulant used to treat ADHD.

Aaron Hall has two prior felony convictions, but information about those cases, from 1993 and 1994, was not immediately available.

Investigators served the warrant on June 30, two weeks after Hersevoort died. They forwarded

their case to the D.A.'s office, which filed felony charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of an assault weapon, possession of ammunition by a felon, and possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance.

Police obtained a \$640,000 arrest warrant for Hall, who turned himself in July 11. He was booked at the Santa Rita Jail, where he posted a reduced bond of \$265,000 and was released the same day.

An arraignment is set for July 24 at Pleasanton Superior Court.

Cody Hall was not charged, but the case involving Hersevoort's death remains under investigation by the Police Department's traffic division. ■



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Philanthropy and lemonade

Mia, 4, and Jake DeMichiel, 6, sell cups of lemonade at Neilsen Park on Tuesday to support Team Super Jake in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life being held Saturday, July 27, at Pleasanton Middle School. Jack is also selling virtual cups online, and he will be doing recycling the day of the event with boxes around the track marked "Recycle for Relay."

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fairly culturally competent."

Narron said Axis sees its share of young people struggling with mental health issues.

"We definitely see kids that are coming in here and are getting B's," he said. "That clashes big time."

He explained that in some places, such as Japan, there aren't enough slots to fit every student.

"When they get out of class, they go to cram schools, that's when they actually do their work. There are only so many slots, elementary to middle school to high school. If you don't fit into that system, you go to private school — you are now shameful," Narron said. "You're killing your kid over getting an A, but they're saying we have to fit in the national system."

Kathy Kane, clinical director

of the Discovery Center in Danville called Asian American mental health problems "a big issue."

She said the center has a contract in place with the San Ramon Valley school district to provide counseling, but "there are very, very few that actually make it into the counseling office."

"As we are able to see through our Culture to Culture essay contest, there are people who are really suffering. They can't reach out for help," Kane said.

While she says the center does see some families in its clinic, "part of the issue is the difference between the children who are being raising in the American tradition and their parents, who are more connected to their culture of origin."

Her big concern, however, is for the teens.

"Mostly they're internalizers.

They're keeping things inside themselves instead of acting out — staying up all night, not getting any rest, carrying a lot of anxiety — super high expectations," Kane said. "The adolescent culture, particularly at Dougherty, the whole peer culture is about hyper-achievement, so they've now getting it from their peers as well as inside the home."

And she said bullying now has a new face.

"It comes around grades. Your status is based around your GPA and how many AP classes you're taking," she said.

"Kids are not being children any more," she added, explaining that she sees fifth-graders feeling pressure over AP classes.

But she said, "The biggest tragedies are the ones who wind up being suicidal or self injuring." ■



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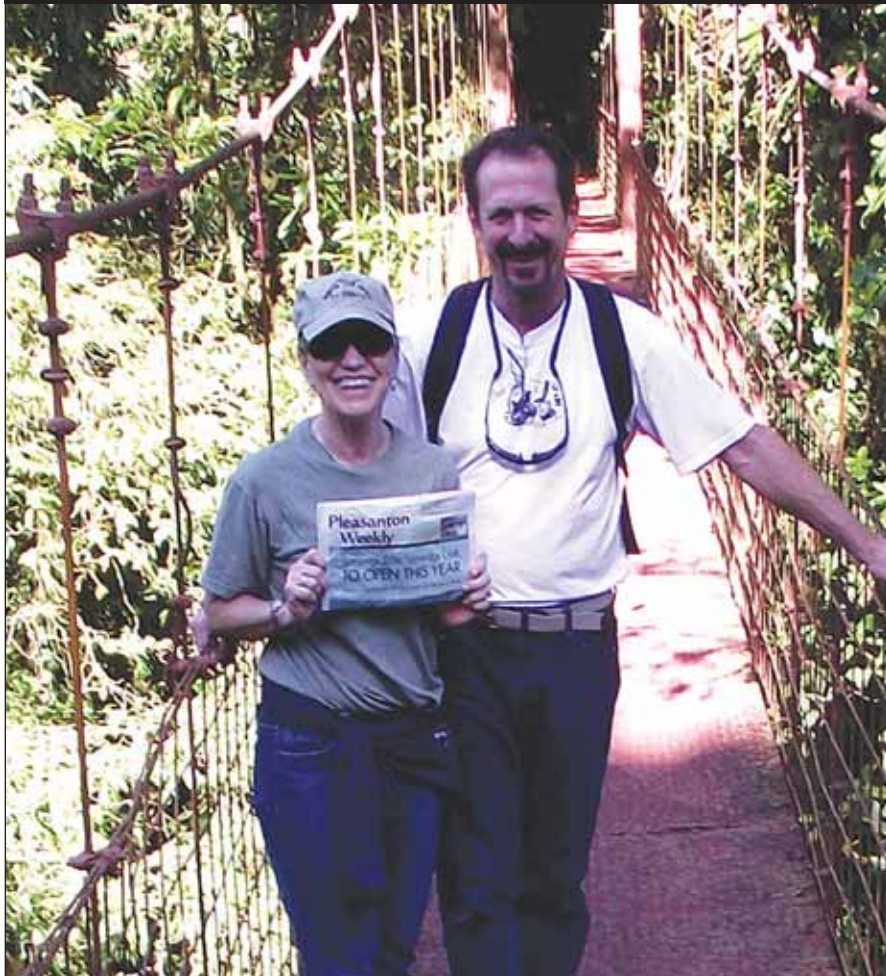


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Charge added against Pleasanton man in sexual assault case

Former Fremont teacher arrested in 1990s incident

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A judge has added a new charge against a Pleasanton man who was arrested for sexually assaulting a teenage boy in his classroom in the late 1990s and said despite the statute of limitations, he's "confident" that charges will stand.

The former Fremont schoolteacher, Michael Schoop, 63, has been ordered to stand trial. He is being held without bail.

Schoop faces four counts of sodomy with a person under the age of 14, with an age difference of at least 10 years.

Following a preliminary hearing that spanned several days, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Morris Jacobson said Schoop should also face a jury on an allegation that he used a gun to threaten the boy.

In ruling against Schoop, Jacobson said the alleged victim, who testified at the hearing, "felt threatened and physically manhandled."

Schoop was being held on \$410,000 bail, but Jacobson ordered that he be held without bail. Schoop has a prior conviction for possessing child pornography.

Defense attorney Bruce Nickerson claimed the statute of limitations on the alleged sexual assaults had expired.

Jacobson admitted that the questions surrounding the statute are complicated, but said that after doing a lot of legal research, he is "confident" that the charges against Schoop are still timely.

They carry a possible life sentence if Schoop is convicted,

Nickerson said he plans to file a motion seeking to have Schoop released on his own recognizance and also indicated that he might file a motion asking that the charges be dismissed.

The Alameda County D.A.'s Office filed charges against Schoop last month, claiming he sexually assaulted the boy in a side room of a portable classroom at Mission Valley Elementary School in Fremont. Schoop taught at the school for 25 years and once was named a distinguished teacher.

Nickerson said he is particularly troubled by the gun charge against his client. He said the victim's allegation that Schoop threatened him with a gun isn't corroborated by any other evidence.

"There's a requirement of corroboration on everything, most overwhelmingly as to the gun," Nickerson said, claiming that the gun existed "only in the mind of the complainant" many years after the fact.

Nickerson said he would be "shocked beyond belief" if Schoop ever had a gun.

In 2002, Schoop pleaded guilty in Alameda County Superior Court to one felony count of possessing child pornography. He was placed on five years probation and required to register as a sex offender.

In a related case in federal court, Schoop was sentenced in 2003 to one year in federal prison.

Nickerson told the court that after Schoop left teaching and served his sentence, he became a computer expert and designs web pages. ■

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Two guilty, two in court for elder fraud

Half-million stolen in one case; senior signs over home in 2nd case

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

With one recent Pleasanton case of senior abuse closed, another is continuing to wend its way through the court system.

On July 12, an Auburn woman was allowed to go free after serving 10 months in jail for working with her husband to steal nearly half a million dollars from his 86-year-old mother.

A jury in Hayward found D'Arshi Champlin, 48, guilty of 11 felonies: five counts of grand theft, five counts of theft from an elder, and one count of receiving stolen property.

Prosecutor Connie Campbell said Champlin also agreed to sell the house in her name, which court documents say was largely paid for with money from the victim. That could bring the victim about \$160,000 when the remaining mortgage is paid off.

Earlier, the victim's son was sentenced to 60 months in prison for 12 felonies. Campbell said Mark Champlin, 61, continued to deny his guilt and showed no remorse.

Champlin was supposed to pay his mother's bills, which were chiefly her room and board, some small necessities, doctor co-pays and prescriptions.

Instead, a police report said, he used the account as his own, renting cars, paying for a vacation, withdrawing cash and paying down the principle on his wife's home. He also paid \$1,600 a month for his medical insurance and bought his mother gifts using her own money, the report said.

He now faces a restitution hearing on Aug. 29.

The victim is a resident of Eden Villa Assisted Living on Mohr Avenue, where she's lived for the last five years due to mobility issues.

That case was relatively straightforward because the victim was "sharp and mentally alert," according to the report.

The other case, involving the owner of a home on Neal Street, is more complicated because the victim "had difficulty maintaining a linear conversation and could not articulately describe what she wanted done with her assets when she died," a police report said.

Matthew Messier, 37, a former captain in the Pinole Police Department, was charged with three

counts of attempted grand theft, four counts of elder abuse, one count of forgery, one count of criminal conspiracy, one count of registering a fraudulent document, and a count of practicing law without a license.

His wife, Elizabeth Regalado, was charged with the same crimes.

The victim was 82 when the pair, her neighbors, were arrested. Messier drafted documents using an online service that included a quitclaim deed to the woman's home, power of attorney naming himself as trustee and sole beneficiary when she dies.

The woman's home is worth between \$500,000 and \$700,000; she also has safe deposit boxes containing savings bonds, cash and gold worth more than \$50,000.

The case came to light through Adult Protective Services. An examination showed the victim is incapable of making financial decisions for herself.

In Pleasanton Superior Court on Monday, Sandy Laffins, a notary public, testified she met with Messier and the victim three times. Laffins told the court the victim appeared competent and recognized her when they met up at Raley's, where the victim was accompanied by Regalado.

Laffins also testified that the victim read all the documents carefully, and that, as a notary, she only reads the first page of each document.

The documents showed the home was going to Messier as beneficiary, although it said it would be entered into the National Registry of Historic Places, which the woman apparently interpreted as meaning it would be used as a historic site. She had told others she wanted to leave the home either to the city of Pleasanton or the state of California.

The police report says the victim had "impaired problem solving and reasoning skills." In a previous hearing, the woman appeared confused about what she had signed and was unable to name Messier.

Messier and Regalado filed for bankruptcy in 2010, listing \$1,500 in household goods, although they told police investigator Keith Batt they had about \$4,000 worth of antiques and collectibles.

The case was continued to Aug. 19, with Batt set to testify. ■

POET

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She specializes in "creative non-fiction" and has found blogging a great way to express herself, in more than 2,000 posts. Kay currently has two active blogs: SheSaysWithASmile, in which she writes about whatever is on her mind that day; and TriValleyGypsyPoet, which is exclusively poetry.

"I found my canvas with blogs," she said, adding that before that, she had "tons of notebooks." She calls the blogosphere, "a wonderful place, a magical place, a place where you can write as much or as little as you want, how you want, when you want."

Kay also has a keen eye for heart shapes, which she photographs as she sees them. She is holding an exhibit called "The Heart Seen," on Saturday, July 27, at Rick's Picks on Main Street, where she works. She will replace the pictures in the frames for sale with photos she has taken since 2006 of heart shapes she has found.

The heart photos and exhibit are in the spirit of independent art, "the

same spirit as mob dancing," she explained. For instance, when she was at a deli, she suddenly spotted a heart shape in the sandwich being made for her.

"I said, 'Wait! I have to get my camera,'" she recalled.

People are usually kind as she pursues her photos of hearts.

"They think I'm weird but I'm used to that," she said.

Kay moved to Pleasanton 18 years ago from Castro Valley to share an apartment with her sister. She knew she wanted to plant her roots here, she remembered, after attending her first Concert in the Park and seeing all the families and picnics. She married and had two children, Taryn, now 16, and Jack, 13. Taryn has applied to be a teen poet laureate.

Kay supports herself by working at Rick's Picks unloading merchandise and serving customers; working the front desk and driving the shuttle at the Courtyard Marriott in Livermore; and occasionally pouring wine at Bodegas Aguirre on Sundays. She said she thrives on this eclectic mix of jobs..

"I'm the richest poor person in Pleasanton. I have no money but I keep managing," she said.

Kay's look is also slightly gypsy, with a tattoo of a Chinese symbol on her right check.

"It's the Chinese symbol for one, courage, and, two, conquer the world one man at a time — with kindness," she explained.

She had the tattoo done a few years ago after turning 40, and soon afterward moved out on her own.

"I saw my cheek as an empty canvas spot," she said. "When I see others with tattoos, we share ink stories."

Kay has many plans for her tenure as poet laureate, including self-portraits in words, reverse engineering poems, and helping people discover anonymous poets in their families.

"Every family has a poet," she said, "and many have 'closet poets.'"

"My main event will be Maya Angelou-related, she's my favorite poet," she said, although she isn't sure exactly what form it will take.

To learn more about Kay, visit her website at www.writeous-mom.com. ■

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Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PUD-84, Frank Berlogar**
Work Session to review and receive comments on an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan approval to subdivide an approximately 37.4 acre site, located at 88 Silver Oaks Court in the Vineyard Avenue Specific Plan Area, into up to four lots consisting of three new single family lots for custom homes and one lot with the existing residence
- **PUD-96/ P13-1928, Pleasanton Gateway, L.L.C. (Scott Trobbe)**
Applications for: (1) Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan to construct 210 apartment units, 97 single-family detached units, and related on- and off-site improvements on an approximately 26.72-acre site located at 1600 Valley Avenue (south side of the Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center); and (2) Development Agreement for the project
- **PUD-81-30-55M/PUD-85-8-27M, City of Pleasanton**
Application for a Major Modification to PUD 81 30 and PUD 85 08 to address residential development and how it affects the developable square footage in the Hacienda Business Park
- **P12-1718, Radha Sharma/AT&T Mobility**
Application for Design Review approval to construct a 60 foot tall pine tree antenna and an approximately 17 foot tall, 276 square foot equipment platform behind the building located at 1056 Serpentine Lane
- **P13-2023, Golden State College of Court Reporting and Captioning**
Application for Conditional Use Permit to operate a college for adult education at 7901 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 105

Housing Commission

Tuesday July 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation of Lower Income Housing Fee Draft Nexus Study
- Approval of Proposed Affordable Housing Agreement for the Commons at Gateway Residential Development located at 1600 Valley Avenue (South of the Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center)

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Economic Vitality Committee

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- Business at Large
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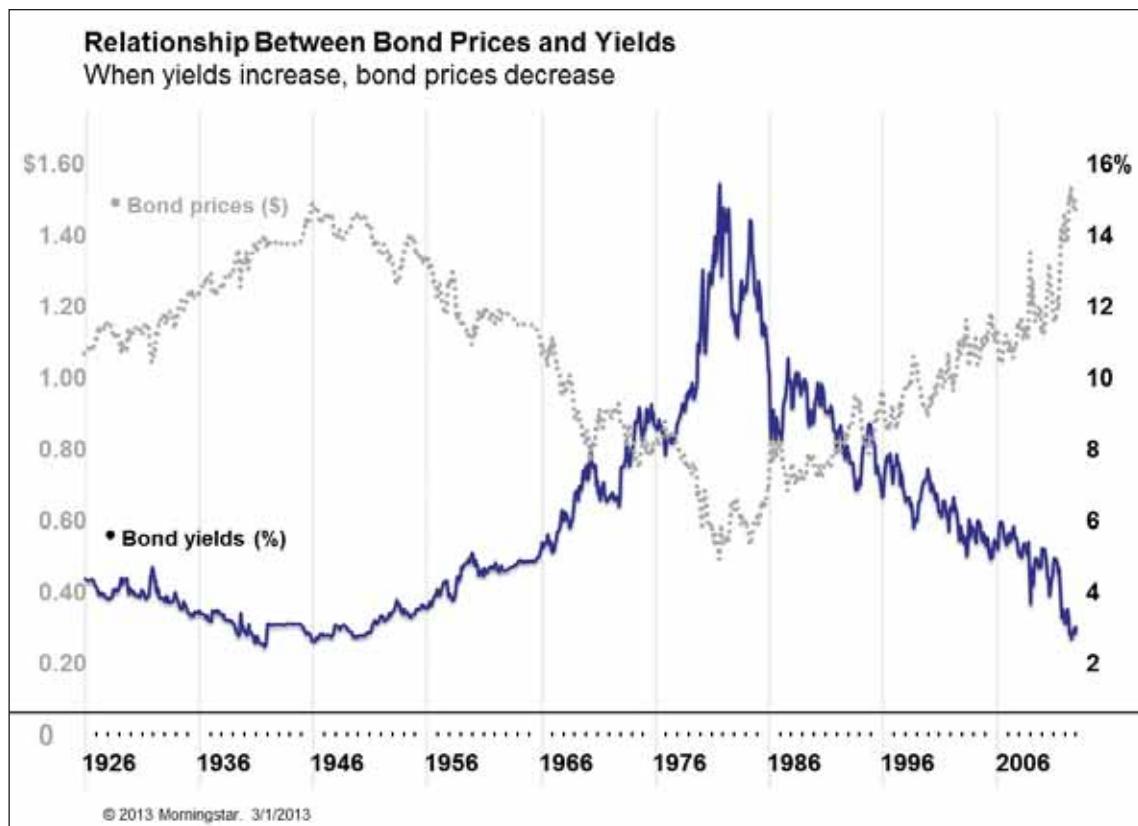
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Bond investors are facing tough choices

Today's falling prices, low yields souring investments

By GARY ALT

Bond investing was easy from 1981 to 2012. Investors received a healthy yield and they enjoyed stable and generally rising bond prices.

But bond investors are facing two challenges today: the threat of falling prices and extremely low yields. How can you protect against falling prices and where can you reinvest to earn a decent yield?

Why are prices expected to fall? As yields rise, prices fall. A simple example will explain.

Investor Bob purchases a 20-year \$1,000 bond with a yield of 4%. Next year, interest rates rise to 6%. Anyone in the market for bonds can now buy one with a 6% yield. Why would anyone buy Bob's bond at a 4% yield if they can earn 6% on another one? They wouldn't, so Bob will have to lower his price so it yields 6% to the buyer. Hence the drop in value.

Conversely, if interest rates fall, prices rise, which is what happened from 1981 to 2012. I won't bore you with the mathematical calculations, but if you really want

to discuss bond math then send me an email.

The chart shows how 20-year government bonds fell in price after World War II and then started rising in the early 1980s when interest rates were at record highs. In 1981 you could lock in a very high yield while enjoying a steady price rise. But the bond strategies that worked for 31 years aren't going to be successful in the future. Bond strategies that work when rates are falling don't work in a rising rate environment.

By the way, don't confuse the yield of the bond to its coupon rate. I've heard people say, "I can buy a GE bond that pays a 6% coupon." But the coupon rate is calculated at a par value of \$1,000, and bonds don't sell at par value in the open market. They sell at a discount or a premium depending on current market rates. In today's low-rate environment, a 6% coupon bond will sell for more than its par value, driving down its "yield-to-maturity," commonly referred to as its yield. Always ask what a bond's yield is, not the coupon rate when buying bonds. Salespeople make a lot of money selling bonds to uneducated buyers.

So what should you do?

First, if you bought your bonds at a decent yield, don't sell them unless the issuer has financial prob-

lems. With today's yields so low you want to hold them to maturity. Holding to maturity will lock in your original yield.

Second, when your bonds mature and you reinvest, limit the duration. Shorter term bonds don't drop as much as longer term bonds when rates rise. Also, in a rising rate environment, you want your bonds to mature quicker so that you can reinvest them at the higher rates.

Where can you find higher yields?

One of the most oft-asked questions today is "Where can I find an investment with better yields than the paltry amount in CDs?" Some investors are "reaching for yield." Because rates are so low, they're looking wherever they can for higher yields, but they may be blindly increasing their portfolio risk without knowing it.

In my next article, I'll discuss places and ways to find higher yields, such as business development corporations (BDCs), closed-end funds, high-yield bonds and dividend-paying stocks. I'll also discuss some of the risks with each of them.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Run-down 1912 house stalls new home development



JEB BING

This house at 4202 Stanley Blvd. is holding up plans by Ponderosa Homes to rip out run-down, adjoining trailer park to build 12 new homes as city Planning Commission asks if 1912-vintage home should be saved.

What on earth were the members of the Pleasanton Planning Commission thinking when they voted 4-0 to reject a bid by long-time local builder Ponderosa Homes to tear down the remnants of a run-down trailer park on (Old) Stanley Boulevard and replace it with 12 moderately-sized new homes? Could they really believe that the developer should deal with the 1912-vintage house on a Lutheran Church-owned quarter-acre at the front of the property before building the homes? Ponderosa took its original plan to tear down the house and build 14 new homes to the Planning Commission at a workshop meeting more than a year ago. It downsized its project at considerable cost to 12 homes after several on the commission and at a neighborhood informational meeting asked that the old house be saved because of its possible historical value. At its meeting July 10, Ponderosa sought approval of its revised plan, showing that the church would decide the best use of the old house and the 0.23-acre lot it sits on. The church reportedly is already considering an offer.

Clearly, the old house is not Ponderosa's problem, and shouldn't be. At its own expense, it hired structural engineers and building preservation specialists to look at the two-story run-down structure. Renovation of the structure would be possible, but at considerable expense. Even then, the house would still have small rooms, the back half of the house that is falling down would have to be shored up and rebuilt, the converted second floor apartment also is crumbling along with the flat roof that was installed in the 1950s. None of the experts said the house would qualify under federal or state, or even local guidelines as a building of historical significance. With some renovation, the front rooms of the house might be used by a small business, such as a salon or real estate office, but even then thousands of dollars would have to be spent to make it safe under 2013 fire and building codes.

Ponderosa's proposal to build 12 homes and rip out the unsightly trailer park once owned by the late Jerry Wagner goes to the City Council late next month or in September for reconsideration. On its part, Ponderosa might show the possible uses for the church-owned property, including demolition, and have a representative from the Wagner trust that the church now holds to join in supporting the 12-home project. After all, new homes in a nicely designed cul de sac as planned by Ponderosa would help the church market the property much to the advantage of the neighborhood which has lived with this eyesore for more than a decade. ■



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LETTERS

Kindness of strangers

Dear Editor,

While visiting my son here in Pleasanton I went out for a walk on one of the recent hot days, not a good idea I learned for someone 87 years young. I eventually found myself getting dizzy and fell into some bushes on Black Avenue.

As I lay on the ground some wonderful Pleasanton residents came to my rescue. I want to deeply thank the man, woman and three young girls for their warm and caring help. Without them I'm not sure what I would have done.

Unfortunately I did not get their names, and hopefully they will read this in the Pleasanton Weekly and know that they are forever in my heart and prayers. I deeply want to thank them again.

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

AVHS alum fulfills his dream with Theater Camp



Camp connects
young actors
to the greater
world of theater

BY ISABELLA OHLMEYER

Shawn Ryan felt like a big fish in a small pond at Amador Valley High School, where he longed to escape to a performing arts camp. He envisioned an open door filled with opportunities in the theater industry.

Ryan graduated from Amador in 1996 and went on to study theater arts at Las Positas College, the Second City Conservatory and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. His acting career in Hollywood has taken off, and he's involved in all aspects of the arts.

In 2002, he followed through with his high school dream and created an award-winning theater camp that has now been expanded to multiple sessions during the summer.

"Our inspiration to start the Young Actors' Theatre Camp was so that we could give back to kids what we wished we had when we were their age," Ryan said. "When I graduated AVHS, all my parents knew how to say was, 'It's a really tough industry.' But there was so much that I didn't know when entering this professional world."

He founded the camp with his husband, John Ainsworth, who is also a professional actor. Ryan has been working professionally since the age of 14 and started the camp after he finished his first professional theatre gig.

Unlike Ryan, Ainsworth did not start his acting career until he was in his 20s, due to a lack of any sort of theater program at his high school in Nevada.

"I grew up in Reno and I was not able to do plays at my high school because our school did not perform musicals or plays," Ainsworth said. "I wanted to give high school kids a chance to be part of a camp that helps them grow, be who they are, and not feel judged

or judge others."

The Young Actors' Theatre Camp is now in its 12th season. Winter camp sessions are seven days and six nights, while the summer camps have expanded to three different sessions and are 10-11 days long. There are 110 kids per season.

Kayla Manzo, a sophomore at Amador, has attended Young Actors' Theatre Camp for three years and finds it an amazing experience.

"The reason I keep coming back is mostly to better myself as an actor, but also to learn about singing and dancing, and through that, it has bettered me as a person," Manzo said.

Professional courses at the camp include on-camera technique, vocal technique, monologue workshops, comedy and improvisation, hip-hop/jazz dance and much more.

These fun, yet prestigious courses are taught by professional actors, including Tony Award Winner Sutton Foster from "Thoroughly Modern Millie" and "Bunheads," and funny-man Jim O'Heir from "Parks & Recreation".

O'Heir taught a master class at the camp during its first summer session, from June 24-July 3.

"The kids wanted to suck up all the information they can about the professional world," O'Heir said. "I told them that every audition is important, and you never know who it is or what it will lead to on the road."

Adam Siegel, a veteran camper, camp counselor and another Amador alum, has found his career path by attending and participating in the camp.

"I began attending YATC as a freshman in high school, and it really opened my eyes to the possibilities in the entertainment industry," Siegel said. "Like most campers, I went to YATC with hopes of becoming an on-screen actor, but soon realized my talents lay more with those of a talent agent. Not

only did I meet some of my closest friends at this camp, but it also gave me the skills and connections to succeed at my internship for the past two years at a professional Los Angeles talent agency."

Ryan has been proud of the camp since day one and shares the same outlook on his camp now as he did when it first began.

"It's such an inspiring, creatively recharging place for campers, counselors and teachers alike," Ryan said. "Camp is an amazing place to spend my summer; I'm the luckiest man in the world."

The second summer camp session ended yesterday, and the third session is July 20-30. It will feature a master class from Broadway star Sutton Foster.

For more information on the camps and weekend workshops, visit www.campyatic.com. ■



COURTESY Y.A.T.C.

Shawn Ryan, founder of Young Actors' Theatre Camp, observes performances by his campers alongside Stacey Lynn Bell and Jessica Stanley. Above, left: Jim O'Heir, who is known for his role in "Parks & Recreation" and teaches at Y.A.T.C., poses with campers.

Interview with 'Oliver'

Actor talks about having title role in TVRT production

By ISABELLA OHLMEYER

Trevor Gomez, 13, who stars in the title role of "Oliver!" in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production opening tomorrow night, is no stranger to getting into the mindset of his character for lead roles.

Gomez has performed in many productions including recently in the role of Friedrich in "The Sound of Music" with Contra Costa Musical Theatre. He also was the understudy for the role of Oliver in its production.

Although Gomez never had to step in as "Oliver!" during the show's run, he still studied the character intensely.

"I get into character by taking at least five minutes before curtain to get myself into the mindset of Oliver by turning my thoughts into his. Being 13, the same age as Oliver, I always strive for freedom, and Oliver wants to have this, too," Gomez said.

Gomez said he knows, like Oliver, what it is like to follow someone who is a bad influence.

"I can relate to Oliver in a sense that I once met someone who was a bad influence for me and drove me to do unintelligent things," Gomez said.

"Oliver!" offers a blend of happiness, sadness, adventure and true life lessons in this Charles Dickens-inspired musical.

"This show is lots of fun for the entire family, and everyone around should see it," Gomez said.

The show runs July 20-Aug. 4 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore, with performances at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and matinees at 2 p.m. Sundays. For more information and tickets, visit www.trivalleyrep.org or call 462-2121. ■



Mr. Bumble (Lucas deAyora) and Oliver (Trevor Gomez).



JEB BING

Classic Soul, Motown, onstage tonight at Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park continue tonight with West Grand Boulevard performing Classic Soul, Motown, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park on the corner of First and Neal streets, with overflow crowds filling the north edge of Delucchi Park across Neal. The Friday night concerts are Pleasanton's favorite spot for picnicking and live music, sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Concert-goers can put out blankets and chairs the morning of the concert.

Splash and dash to the finish line

Kids invited to participate in multi-sport races

By JENN TEITELL

Amador Valley High will be the scene of much splashing and dashing this weekend.

The first of three Tri-Valley Kids Splash & Dash events will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at the high school, incorporating swimming and running. The events are open to boys and girls ages 7 to 15 to introduce them to the world of multi-sport.



COURTESY LIZ ELLIOTT

Kids prepare to swim, the first part of the multi-sport race, in last year's event.

"This particular series is about completion, not competition. It's about accomplishing something and getting moving," said Liz Elliott, event director. "Kids are introduced to doing things that they enjoy, really finding things that they enjoy."

This event is one of 40 across the country that are part of the USAT Youth Aquathlon Series. The event focuses on participation rather than competition; no times are taken, and every participant receives a medal, T-shirt and goodies from the sponsors.

The participants will be separated by age as well as gender into waves that will begin the event at different times and have different requirements.

Kids ages 7 to 10 will swim 100 meters and run 1 kilometer whereas kids ages 11 to 15 will go twice the distance in both events. Warm-ups will begin at 9:50 a.m., followed by a mandatory meeting about rules and directions and the national anthem. At 10:30 a.m., the first wave will begin. After the swim, participants will put T-shirts over their swimsuits for the run.

The second two events will be held Aug. 18 and Sept. 8. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards independently without stopping to qualify. To register, visit trivalleytriclub.com/youth/splash. ■

Picnic and opera

Dine with wine while enjoying classic arias

By DOLORES FOX GIARDELLI

Make the most of a beautiful summer evening by picnicking at Retzlaff Vineyards while enjoying arias from classic operas. This benefit for Livermore Valley Opera is happening Sunday for the 21st year.

"The annual Opera in the Vineyard has become a popular community event," said Raquel Holt, LVO founder and this year's event co-chairperson. "Our supporters and many come each time, enjoy the high quality of the talented opera singers, the wonderful program and the lovely vineyard setting."

Opera fans bring their own picnic dinners to the event, paying \$40 for a place at a table amid the vines of Retzlaff Vineyards. Wines will be for sale.

LVO will again offer "Arias a la carte," giving guests the opportunity to purchase songs from a menu for the singers to perform at their table. This year's singers are mezzo-soprano Michelle Rice, tenor Christopher Sponseller and soprano Greta Feeney-Samuels. Accompanying the singers is pianist Chun Mei Wilson.

New this year, LVO welcomes its own Wind Octet, performing musical selections from its upcoming production of "Carmen," which opens Sept. 28. There also will be a drawing and a silent auction.

Opera in the Vineyard takes place from 5-8 p.m. The vineyards are located at 1356 S. Livermore Ave. in Livermore. For more information, visit www.livermorevalleyopera.com or call 960-9210. ■



BARBARA MALLON

Opera In the Vineyard Arias a la Carte with Torlef Borsting and Jillian Boye.

Will LaMarche signs with Detroit Tigers



**AVHS alum pitches his way
from Little League to the pros**

BY ISABELLA OHLMEYER



Many young baseball players fantasize about one day playing professional baseball. For Pleasanton resident William LaMarche, this childhood dream has become a reality.

LaMarche, a 2009 Amador Valley High School graduate, was selected last month to be a relief pitcher for the Detroit Tigers during the ninth round of the Major League Baseball draft. On July 9, LaMarche got the call to be moved up from Rookie to Class A Short Season.

LaMarche's love for baseball began when he was 4 years old and he saw his hero Barry Bonds play for the San Francisco Giants.

"No matter what was ever said about Barry Bonds, the way he was able to electrify a crowd was what inspired me to play baseball," LaMarche said.

LaMarche participated in Little League, Tri-Valley Babe Ruth, high school baseball, Danville Hoots, college baseball and is now playing for the Tigers, starting in its minor leagues.

Although he never stopped playing, LaMarche, a pitcher, hasn't had an easy path on the way to his professional career. He's had to struggle to overcome devastating injuries he incurred while pitching.

In 2008, LaMarche was the starting pitcher for the Amador baseball team in the championship game at the San Luis Obispo Spring Break Tournament. As

the team went out for the third inning, LaMarche recalled saying to himself, "OK,

Will, let's make this a quick inning."



COURTESY CHERYL EVANS

Will LaMarche officially signs with the Detroit Tigers on June 27.

Suddenly, six pitches into the first batter, a line drive was hit back at LaMarche, striking him squarely in the mouth, fracturing his jaw and knocking out eight teeth.

"When I attempted to lift my glove to catch the ball, I remember it feeling like I was trying to move my hand really fast under water. It just wouldn't move," he remembered.

"I knew it was bad; it was such a traumatic event to witness," said his mother, Jeanne LaMarche, who was at the game. "He was afraid that baseball was going to be taken away."

This incident resulted in LaMarche missing only 26 days of baseball. However, for six months, he underwent a total of 33 root canal surgeries and is still going through the process of rebuilding his fractured jaw via a bone graft. His gum line was so badly broken that it took two-and-a-half years to reinsert his teeth.

Jeanne LaMarche was impressed by her son's dedication to the game along with his attitude after the incident.

"After getting hit, Will never once complained. He just felt ready to get back into the game," Jeanne said.

Indeed, Will jumped right back into the game and played ball for the remainder of his high school career.

After high school, he was offered a scholarship to play for Long Beach State University. During his time at Long Beach State, LaMarche was a star pitcher, but he sustained another injury. He tore a ligament in his arm on a pitch, which led him to undergo Tommy John surgery, a procedure to reconstruct the throwing elbow. Long Beach State cut LaMarche from the team, leading him to withdraw from school and return home.

He then attended Chabot College and again played baseball, which was an opportunity for him to continue his passion and start with a clean slate. Chabot is where he met his future agent, PSI Sports Management representative Dana Cory.

"After meeting Will and spending time with him, I soon realized that he is a great young man," Cory said. "He is extremely dedicated to the work and ready to be a professional baseball player."

Soon after meeting Cory, LaMarche was drafted in the 18th round to play for the Minnesota Twins. However, during that time, LaMarche also found out that he was invited to play ball for Louisiana State University, whose team is ranked No. 1 by Collegiate Baseball.

LaMarche chose to play for LSU rather than the Twins, and this year, he was the winning pitcher in the game that sent the team to the College World Series.

On June 7, the second day of the draft, LaMarche received yet another phone call to play Major League Baseball. LaMarche found this phone call to be a surreal experience.

"It was at that moment when I realized that this was the tail end of my college career," he said. "The phone call made the next step real for me. At the same time, we had a super regional game to win to send us to Omaha, so I needed to keep a balance and use the excitement I had to my advantage out on the field."

To say his mother was proud would be an understatement.

"For Will, it was about living in the moment, but it was still about living his dream," Jeanne said.

Will has grown to become grateful for all that he has.

"Gratitude is power, and being grateful for what I have, whether it be the winning pitcher in a game to send LSU to the College World Series, or a tougher situation in life, being grateful gives a different perspective — a perspective that seems to attract more and more positivity in my life," he said.

"Everything I have experienced and continue to experience is seen in my eyes as such a blessing to me from God," he added. "That is why going through Tommy John, getting hit in the mouth and getting cut from Long Beach was dealt to me, for me to truly appreciate the gifts I experience in my life."

Talent and perseverance led LaMarche to June 27, the day he officially signed to be a relief pitcher for the Detroit Tigers. This little slugger had his dream come true. ☺

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Will LaMarche pitches for Louisiana State University; he was the winning pitcher in the game that sent the team to the College World Series. At left, right-handed pitcher Will LaMarche's 2013 LSU baseball card, complete with his personal baseball background.

POLICE BULLETIN

Road rage at Stoneridge mall

A Dublin man was arrested by Pleasanton police Friday as the driver of a car that may have deliberately struck and injured another man at the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

According to Pleasanton police Lt. Brian Laurence, Frank Gallant, 19, of Dublin, was the driver of a 2002 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck that drove up onto the sidewalk outside the J.C. Penney department store and hit a 28-year-old man, knocking him down, and then driving away.

Police were called, and witnesses followed the truck as it drove northbound on Foothill Road and crossed into Dublin, where officers stopped the vehicle and made the arrest.

Laurence reported that an investigation revealed that Gallant and the 28-year-old, who is not being identified at this time, were involved in an argument that led to a physical altercation in the Stoneridge Shopping Center parking lot. The altercation ended and the victim began to walk away on the sidewalk on the

east side of J.C. Penney.

Gallant got into his vehicle, drove up onto the sidewalk and struck the victim, knocking him down. Gallant then fled in the vehicle, according to reports.

The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was admitted with a concussion and abrasions.

Gallant was subsequently placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Anybody who may have information related to this investigation is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

In other police reports:

- Kevin J. Munoz, 18, of Pleasanton and Mariah Banks, 22, of Tracy were arrested for robbery in a July 15 incident at about 6:23 p.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue. Banks was also arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

- Munoz was arrested at about 8 p.m. at the scene, and Banks was taken into custody at about 9:50 p.m. in the 800 block of Summer Lane.

- Both were ordered held at the Santa Rita Jail, Banks on \$130,000 bail and Munoz on \$100,000 bail.

- Antonio Jose Ortega, 23, of Pleasanton was arrested on a felony

warrant from Pleasanton for lewd conduct with a child. Ortega also was arrested on two other warrants, for possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance and being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was taken into custody at about 7:10 a.m. at his home in the 3500 block of Yellowstone Court.

- Jesse Aaron Basurto, 33, a transient, was arrested for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a concealed firearm by a felon after a routine check of the registry at Motel 6 in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road. Basurto was arrested at about 2:07 a.m. July 13.

- Jonathan William Schadegg, 29, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 4:27 p.m. July 14 for felony threats and misdemeanor battery in the 3900 block of Bernal Avenue.

- Jessica Ann Girts, 34, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 8:28 a.m. July 12 in the 2100 block of Alexander Way on a felony warrant for grand theft from Alameda County.

- Three businesses were hit in a July 13 overnight commercial burglary in the 2700 block of Hopyard Road. Rancho Grande Taqueria, Hopyard Nail and Sheer Cuts had more than \$7,000 in cash and items taken and \$4,000 in dam-

age to sheetrock walls. Entry was gained through an unlocked utility area, and the thief or thieves broke through interior walls to plunder the three businesses.

Taken was a \$1,300 roto hammer was stolen along with \$1,200 in cash, an \$810 nail tool device, an \$800 cash register, \$1,950 in miscellaneous tools, a \$600 laptop computer and a \$380 Buddha statue. The tools were stolen from the taqueria, which is under construction. The incident was reported at about 11:04 a.m. July 14.

- Wells Fargo in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road reported an attempt to deposit a counterfeit check for \$12,100. There was no arrest in the incident, reported at about 1:08 p.m.

- Jewelry valued at \$1,050 was stolen from a home in the 3600 block of North Glacier Court in a burglary reported at about 2:39 p.m. July 15. Entry was made by forcing the front door open.

- An \$800 television and \$100 video game console were stolen in a residential burglary from an unlocked home in the 300 block of Rose Avenue, reported at about 5:25 p.m. July 10.

- A resident of the 800 block of Sylvaner Drive reported a case of identity theft after receiving a col-

lection letter from Georgia Natural Gas for \$543.03.

- A resident of the 3600 block of Olympic Court reported at about 9:51 a.m. July 10 that about \$400 in fraudulent charges were made on a Target Visa Card. All of the charges originated in Arizona.

- A resident of the 3600 block of S. Hawaii Court reported a credit card was opened in her name. No charges were made.

- Nothing was stolen in a July 11 shoplifting attempt by two juveniles ages 15 and 16. The two were taken into custody at about 3:36 p.m. at J.C. Penney in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road.

- The front door of New Leaf Market in the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue was smashed sometime around 3:12 a.m. July 12 in an apparent commercial burglary attempt. Nothing was taken.

- Nothing was taken in a residential burglary in the 4000 block of Payne Road after the lock on a garage door was slipped to provide entry. While no one was arrested, police recovered a crowbar and flashlight at the scene. The incident was reported at about 11:12 a.m. July 15.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 10

Theft

- 9:51 a.m. in the 3600 block of Olympic Court; fraud
- 9:54 a.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive
- 1:46 p.m. in the 3600 block of S. Hawaii Court; fraud
- 7:56 p.m. in the 1200 block of Bordeaux Street

Auto burglary

- 1:13 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Threats

- 12:01 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

- 11:03 a.m. in the 2700 block of Santa Rita Road

Possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance

- 2:24 p.m. at the intersection of

Dublin Canyon Road and Canyon Creek Circle

July 11

Theft

- 4:41 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Burglary

- 11:49 a.m. in the 2000 block of Eilene Drive; residential burglary
- 3:36 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 6:18 a.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

July 12

Fraud

- 4:13 p.m. in the 6000 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 7:15 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue
- 7:22 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

Public drunkenness

- 12:25 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

July 13

Shoplifting

- 3:53 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:40 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Auto burglary

- 10:03 a.m. in the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

DUI

- 1:58 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street
- 11:37 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

July 14

Theft

- 4:08 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; shoplifting

- 5:19 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; shoplifting

- 7:01 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 9:02 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Battery

- 1:17 a.m. in the 600 block of Main Street

- 7:02 p.m. in the 2200 block of Segundo Court

Vandalism

- 6:26 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

DUI

- 12:10 a.m. near the intersection of I-680 and Bernal Avenue

July 15

Auto theft

- 5:29 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Residential burglary

- 12:16 p.m. in the 7400 block of Stonedale Drive

Auto burglary

- 6:35 p.m. in the 1300 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

- 9:43 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

- 9:44 a.m. at the intersection of Sycamore Creek Way and Sycamore Road

July 16

Theft from structure

- 10:38 a.m. in the 1700 block of Greenwood Road

- 7:18 p.m. in the 4600 block of Willow Road

Vandalism

- 2:17 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Public drunkenness

- 12:38 a.m. in the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

Kay Jewelers at Livermore outlets hit by burglars

Three suspects drove through wall, smashed display cases

An outlet shopping center jewelry store in Livermore was robbed early Monday morning, police said.

Police received a glass break alarm at 3:40 a.m. inside the Kay Jewelers located in the Premium Outlets at 2774 Paragon Outlets Drive.

The investigation led police to believe the suspects used a vehicle to drive through the front glass doors, according to reports.

The three suspects, who were wearing hoodies and masks, used sledgehammers to smash through the glass display cases containing jewelry, police said.

The three fled in two vehicles. One was described as a compact white station wagon and the other a white over tan sedan.

The outlets' on-duty private security did not hear anything unusual at the time but did see the vehicles drive out of the outlets at a high rate of speed, police said.

The loss as a result of the robbery has yet to be determined, police said.

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Ronald Smith

Jan. 22, 1943-June 29, 2013

Ronald Smith passed away peacefully on June 29, 2013, at his home under Hope Hospice Care. He was with Todd Stanley, his beloved caregiver who was with him for the past 10 years, and his son Tyler, who helped care for him the past seven years.



Ronald was born January 22, 1943 in Oakland, California. He moved to Pleasanton in 1954 to live with the loving family of Bernard and Margret Gerton. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1961 and from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1965. He started his Real Estate career in 1966 and then became an owner of Allied Brokers Real Estate and the Double Decker Bus. He was on the founding board of Pleasanton Junior Football League and the Pleasanton Athletic League. He sponsored Pleasanton Men's Lob Ball League for more than 10 years and coached the Allied Brokers team to many victorious seasons. He was a member of the Amador Valley Lions Club for more than 35 years.

He is survived by his siblings Ester Smith, Buster Smith, Jimmy Smith, Mark Gerton and Cherleen Henshaw; his children Tyler (Luz Elena) Smith

and Rachel Smith; and his grandchildren Auburn Wilson IV, Imani Wilson and Julian Smith.

Friends are invited to join in a Celebration of Life at Kottinger Place, 240 Kottinger Dr. in Pleasanton from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, July 27. Food will be provided. Please bring stories and pictures to share. Ronald asked that this be a casual and comfortable celebration, like how he was after work barbecuing out by his pool with a beer in hand.

Tony Mathews

June 8, 1938-July 7, 2013

Tony Mathews passed away peacefully in his Pleasanton home on Sunday, July 7, 2013. His wonderful presence will be missed immeasurably by his family and many friends.

Tony was born and raised in Bakersfield. His favorite activity as a youth was playing flute and piccolo in the elementary, junior high and high school bands. He participated in music competitions in the marching band, the jazz band, and the symphonic music ensemble. In 1959, he moved to San Francisco where he lived for 16 years during which time he received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of San Francisco.

Tony worked for Bank of America for 30 years. As Vice President, he managed departments in the Headquarters Administration and World Banking Divisions. In 1979, he began

consulting to private businesses, specializing in productivity management and organization change. Later, he taught at UC Berkeley Extension.

He was active in local causes. In San Rafael, where he and his wife Susan lived for 15 years, he served as a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church Vestry and as Senior Warden of the church. Moving to Pleasanton in 1997, Tony joined Pleasanton North Rotary and traveled with club members to Chile, Panama, and Mexico to distribute wheelchairs. He was active in fundraising and was named Rotarian of the Year 2004-2005. During his illness these last two years, his principal charitable activities were on behalf of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation.

His avocations were singing, acting, and writing. He was a student of Scarlett Hepworth in Oakland and sang in his last recital on April 14, 2013. He was a member of the Marin Actors Workshop in San Rafael, where he produced and appeared in "Scenes from an Acting Class" for the final time on May 18, 2013. His writings include poems, short stories, skits and scripts, mostly for family and friends, and mostly for fun.

He is survived by "Sweet" Susan, his wife of 41 years; daughters Erin Ascher (Bryan) of Petaluma, and Kristin Hurroy (Patrick) of Ripon; grandchildren Alex, Brooke and Isabella Ascher; and two brothers, Michael Mathews and Bill Mathews, both of Sacramento.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2013 at 4 pm at St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton. Tony's friends are invited to attend.



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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.

TRI-VALLEY SWEEPERS MEETING The next meeting of the Tri-Valley Sweepers, a social club for people who like to enter sweepstakes as a hobby, will take place from 4-5 p.m., Saturday, July 27. For details and to RSVP, please visit <http://www.meet-up.com/Tri-valley-Sweepers/>.

Concerts

'A CABARET GONE CHORAL II' Broadway Chorus will perform "A Cabaret Gone Choral II," a great selection of popular Broadway songs, at 2 and 8 p.m., Saturday, July 27, and 2 p.m., Sunday, July 28, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Cost is \$10-\$20. Tickets are available at 931-4848 or www.firehousearts.org.

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.firehousearts.org.

Events

ANOTHER LUNCH IN LIVERMORE The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 28, at Porter's Restaurant at Poppy Ridge Winery in Livermore. RSVP to Ruby by July 27 at 462-9636 or hskoog@comcast.net.

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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. Contact Cathie Norman at 462-7495; Matt Sullivan at mjs7882@gmail.com; or visit www.Pleasantonians4Peace.org.

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VINEYARD BALLET ACADEMY
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File No.: 479774
The following person(s) doing business as: VINEYARD BALLET ACADEMY, 3550 Bernal Ave., Ste. 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Tenaya Fallis, 576 Briarwood Ct., Livermore, CA 94551; Talia Fallis, 576 Briarwood Ct., Livermore, CA 94551; Tatiana Fallis, 576 Briarwood Ct., Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a General partnership. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Tenaya Fallis, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/19/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013)

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File No.: 480255
The following person(s) doing business as: SuperSlow Zone, 6654 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Get Fit in 20 Inc., 328 Alden Lane, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 06/24/2013. Signature of Registrant: Donald S. Svedeman, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 07/08/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 19, 26, August 2, 9, 2013)

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Builder confidence rises in July

Current sales conditions at highest level since early 2006

By JEB BING

Builder confidence in the market for newly built, single-family homes rose six points to 57 on the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI) for July, released this week.

Derived from a monthly survey that NAHB has been conducting for 25 years, the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index gauges builder perceptions of current single-family home sales and sales expectations for the next six months as "good," "fair" or "poor."

The survey also asks builders to rate traffic of prospective buyers as "high to very high," "average" or "low to very low." Scores from each component are then used to calculate a seasonally adjusted index where any number

over 50 indicates that more builders view conditions as good than poor.

All three HMI components posted gains in July. The component gauging current sales conditions rose five points to 60 -- its highest level since early 2006. Meanwhile, the component gauging sales expectations in the next six months gained seven points to 67 and the component gauging traffic of prospective buyers rose five points to 45, marking the strongest readings for each since late 2005.

All four regions also posted gains in their HMI scores' three-month moving averages. The Northeast showed a four-point gain to 40 while the Midwest reported an eight-point gain to 54, the South posted a five-point gain to 50, and the West measured a three-point gain to 51. ■

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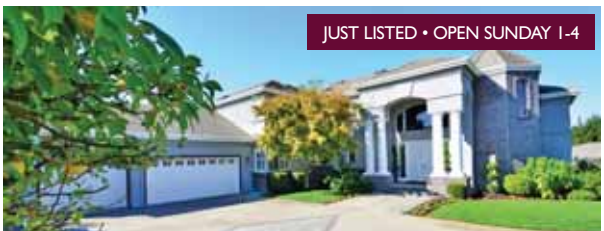
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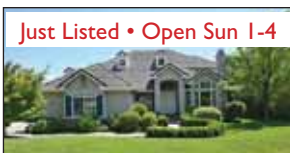


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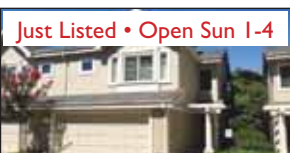
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Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$359,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,275,000
Average sales reported: \$695,821

Livermore (May 30-June 5)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$290,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,065,000
Average sales reported: \$537,683

Pleasanton (May 30-June 5)

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$410,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,500,000
Average sales reported: \$1,110,143

San Ramon (June 19-25)

Total sales reported: 33
Lowest sale reported: \$185,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,670,000
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9480 BLESSING DRIVE
PLEASANTON

193+/- acre privately owned land, known as Blessing Ranch, offers privacy and amazing views. Close to 580/680 interchange. Options for development are possibly a handful of single family residence homes or a large estate.

OFFERED AT \$4,000,000

JUST SOLD!



7755 COUNTRY LANE
PLEASANTON

4 BD + Office, 4.5 BA + .5 in Pool House, 4,496+/- sq. ft. on a 38,194+/- sq. ft. lot. Recently updated kitchen, new carpeting and move in ready! This exquisite custom home sits on just under an acre of land. Offering vaulted open beams ceilings, hardwood floors and sky lights.

SOLD FOR \$1,800,000

JUST SOLD!



3806 PICARD AVENUE
PLEASANTON

5 BD plus bonus room, 3.5 BA, 3,525sf. on a 19,554sf. lot. Built in 1996 with a bedroom and full bath on main level. Large side yard access, pool/spa and large patio with arbor.

SOLD FOR \$1,610,000

JUST LISTED



2538 LARRIKEET COURT
PLEASANTON

Single Story ~ 3 bedroom and 2 baths with 1,722 sqft, with a formal dining room, vaulted ceilings, spacious bedrooms and a gated side yard access on a 3,204 lot. Located in the heart of Pleasanton in the neighborhood and close to Schools, the Sports Park and Woodthrush Park.

OFFERED AT \$795,000

JUST LISTED



1235 LOMITAS AVENUE
LIVERMORE

Single story home has it all ~ 5 bedrooms ~ 2,300 sqft of living space offering a spacious and open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, wood floors, pool/spa nestled in a private yard, side yard access and a 3,164 corner lot. Located close to schools and shopping.

OFFERED AT \$754,000

COMING SOON



HALCYON COURT
PLEASANTON

6BD 3BA with 2,560sf. on a 9,554sf. lot. Heritage Model located in Pleasanton Valley offering a bedroom and full bath on main level. Formal Living room, dining room, family room and breakfast nook off kitchen. Walking Distance to Walnut Grove and Harvest Park.

The Ins & Outs of Multiple Offers

Spring is here, rates are low, the stock market is surging, and there is optimism in the air, especially about the Pleasanton real estate market. Demand, fueled by low interest rates and an improving economy, is strong and we are seeing multiple offers again on many properties. So, it might be a good time to review some of the mechanics of multiple offers.

For sellers, multiple offers are kind of like a tax refund or a rich uncle... they are always welcome. There is something so satisfying in knowing that more than one person wants to buy your home. And if you don't get multiple offers, don't be discouraged. It usually means your price is at the top of the range for the market, and buyers are reluctant to pay asking price or over. And just because you get multiple offers does not guarantee you will get your asking price or more. Many times you will not get your asking price, even if several buyers are offering on your home. This is not 2006, even though the market is improving, so be sure your expectations are in check.

So, how does a seller deal with a multiple offer situation? There are several strategies:

1. Pick the best offer and negotiate with that buyer. This might be a good strategy if you get multiple offers, but one offer stands head and

shoulders above the rest. If you counter offer all buyers in this situation, you might run the risk of alienating the best buyer, and ending up with a less desirable buyer at a lower price. Remember, buyers do not like to feel they are being played, or held hostage. Treat them the way you would want to be treated.

2. Counter all offers with the Multiple Counter Offer form. This is the most common strategy, and it can certainly be useful to the seller, especially if several of the offers are relatively equal. In this situation, the seller >> **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**



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OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4

809 Sunset Creek Ln
Exquisite Bridle Creek home with 4 BR plus office & bonus room, 4 BTHS, 4 car garage, hardwood floors, and .28 Acre private lot with pool, spa, & views! **\$1,799,000**



COMING SOON!

Pristine custom home with 6 BR, 5 1/2 BTHS, dramatic foyer with split staircase, gourmet granite & stainless kitchen, and incredible private setting with golf course views! **\$1,879,000**



JUST SOLD!

Luxurious single story home in the Castlewood area featuring 4 BR, 4 BTHs, gourmet kitchen, 7+ car garage, and a private almost 3 acre lot with sweeping views! **\$2,450,000**



JUST SOLD!

Custom home on Incredible 70 acre site on top of the Pleasanton ridge with sweeping views of oak studded canyons. 3 BR, 2.5 BTHs, guest house, 7 car garage, and more! **\$2,620,000**



JUST SOLD!

Stunning Sycamore Heights former model home with 5 BR, 4.5 BTHs, spacious granite/stainless kitchen, custom wood work & trim, and private yard with panoramic views of the Pleasanton Ridge! **\$1,729,000**



JUST SOLD!

Fabulous 4 BR, 3.5 BTHs luxury home backs to open space with hardwood floors, granite & stainless kitchen, soaring ceilings, and private 1/3 acre lot with pool & spa! **Sold for \$1,300,000**



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BRIDLE CREEK

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



831 SUNSET CREEK LN, PLEASANTON

Just Listed! This highly sought after location offers views of the Pleasanton Ridge and Mt. Diablo on a private approximate 12,131 square foot lot. Four bedrooms plus a bonus room, three bathrooms. The open floor plan with volumed/coffered ceilings offers a gourmet kitchen and expansive master suite. The expansive and professionally landscaped rear yard offers several fruit trees and raised garden beds. Close to schools and library, walking distance to downtown Pleasanton and quick access to 680. Call for more information! **OFFERED AT \$1,549,000**

MOHR PARK

OPEN SAT 12-3 & SUN 1-4



2226 KAMP CT, PLEASANTON

Just Listed! Quiet court location, this beautiful home offers four bedrooms and upstairs plus room/office, three and a half bathrooms and is approximately 3,099 square feet. The formal dining room and living room offers vaulted ceilings and high windows with lots of natural light. The private lot offers a newer Pebble Sheen Pool with mosaic inlays, waterfall, solar heat and quality Jandy Pool Equipment. Rear yard also offers a spa, outdoor shower and cabana/patio. Close to schools and Nielsen Park! Call for more information! **OFFERED AT \$1,269,000**

WALNUT GLEN ESTATES

SOLD!



2556 WILDE AVE, PLEASANTON

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this expanded single level home with upstairs bonus room in Walnut Glen Estates. The premium estate lot includes a private rear yard with a pool, spa and sports court offering a resort-like experience. The open floor plan includes vaulted ceilings and a gourmet kitchen that opens to the family room. Walking distance to award winning schools and parks! **OFFERED AT \$1,599,000 AND SOLD FOR \$1,665,000**

SOUTH LIVERMORE

SOLD!



1141 RIESLING COURT, LIVERMORE

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this custom built home. This home offers vaulted ceilings and an open floor plan as well as refinished hardwood floors throughout. Kitchen offers a gas range and views of the beautiful rear yard. Master suite is spacious and offers dual closets and vaulted ceilings. Master bath has an oversized tub and separate stall shower. The beautiful and spacious rear yard includes a stamped concrete and covered patio perfect for entertaining. **SOLD FOR \$775,000**

SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

SOLD!



5731 DAKIN COURT, PLEASANTON

Newer Summerhill home on premium private lot in Sycamore Heights. Secluded location with private backyard and panoramic views! Professionally landscaped! 5BD, 4.5BA, activity/hobby room, 4,021 sq. ft. Lots of custom woodwork, including fully wrapped windows, wainscoting and built-ins. Gourmet kitchen open to large family room includes granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Large master suite, spacious bathroom with large tub and separate shower. Great location, walk to downtown and neighborhood park! Less than 5 minutes to Castlewood Country Club. Don't miss this one! **SOLD FOR \$1,729,000**

DANVILLE

SOLD!



752 TURRINI DRIVE, DANVILLE

Remodeled, upgraded single level on a premium .35 acre lot with in-ground pool and outdoor kitchen. Four bedrooms, three baths, 3,114 square feet, side yard access and three car garage with extra workshop area. Upgraded gourmet kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Remodeled bathrooms with custom tile flooring. Spacious family room, living room and master suite. Separate studio in rear yard with sink. Beautiful views of the ridge and a ten minute walk to Downtown. Great schools! **SOLD FOR \$1,300,000**

RUBY HILL

SOLD!



4355 CAMPINIA PLACE, PLEASANTON

Gorgeous custom single level on .60 acre premium lot in desirable Ruby Hill private gated community. Beautiful views of surrounding hills and vineyards. Five bedrooms, three bathrooms, custom gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops. Extensive crown molding, Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, expansive master suite. Completely finished three car garage. Beautiful grounds include mature professional landscaping, built-in BBQ, viewing/sitting area, large covered patio and extensive lawn area. Ruby Hill community amenities include country club, golf course, swimming pool, tennis courts, dining and greenbelt. **SOLD FOR \$1,450,000**

SOUTH LIVERMORE

SOLD!



1210 SANTORINO COURT, LIVERMORE

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this beautiful South Livermore home located next to Independence Park. Large five bedroom, four and a half bath, 4,149sf. house with Brazilian wood, tile and carpeted floors. Large kitchen with granite, cherry cabinets and Wolf appliances. Spacious family room, full bath/bed 1st floor, large master suite with sitting area. Three car garage all on a spacious 12,686sf. lot located in a small private court location. **SOLD FOR \$1,055,000**

BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD!



5206 SELENA COURT, PLEASANTON

Check out this double sized lot (.56 acre). Premium private court location for this quality built Greenbriar home (2000), includes 4 bedroom (1 down), 3 baths, and bonus room. Beautiful professional landscaping with in-ground pool/spa in this expansive private backyard including multiple sitting areas, adjacent beautiful Heritage Oak tree, elevated ridge viewing deck. Upgraded gourmet kitchen, with granite counters, marble heated flooring and stainless appliances. Comprehensive audio/video system included. Three car garage. Great home for entertaining! Attendance area for great schools. Walk to Mission Park & Downtown Pleasanton! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000**



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DEAN WAGERMAN BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,860,000
Majestic Oak home situated on large pvt. lot in one of Pleasanton's finest areas! 5bd/4ba, 5,120 +/-sf., kids family room downstairs, views from most every room, large wine cellar, easy freeway access. 23 DEER OAKS CT

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,799,000
Fabulous Bridle Creek home, 4bd + office & bonus room, 5ba, hardwood floors, plantation shutters, designer upgrades throughout, large private yard with sparkling pool, spa, and views. 809 SUNSET CREEK LN

LINDA FUTRAL BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,699,000
Incredible 5bd/4.5ba custom home situated on a .75+- acre lot, ground floor in-law/au pair unit, 5 car garage and so much more! 7814 BERNAL AVE

JANNA CHESTNUT BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,600,000
Space abounds in this beautiful single story home with nearly 3,600 square feet and 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms plus office. Wonderful corner location. 4 acres lot. Beautiful pool, outdoor kitchen. 9509 MACDONALD COURT

EMILY BARRACLOUGH BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$999,000
Stunning home in the desirable Birdland. Fabulous open floor plan, light & bright, upgraded gorgeous kitchen, one bedroom downstairs, half bath, laundry room. Large beautifully landscaped back yard. 1939 FOXSWALLOW CIRCLE

MARTIN GROUP BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$995,000
Custom 4 bdrm/2.5 bath home. Expansive kitchen w/ granite. Vaulted ceilings. Lrg mstr w/bay windows. Backyard has deck, covered patio & grass. Close to downtown, schools & close to Highway 84 & 680. 664 ROWELL LANE

LANCE & KELLY KING BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$989,950
Largest model in beautiful "Visanto", southside Livermore, boasting 3,700+-sf, 5bd/3ba, chef's kitchen, designer paint, custom touches and more! 2811 SAN MINETE DR

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$875,000
Exclusive and private home in Moller Ranch, 3bd/2.5ba, 2,056+-sf, granite kitchen, stainless steel appliances and more. 5799 ATHENOUR CT.

MARTIN GROUP BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$868,000
Court location in desirable Del Prado neighborhood. 4 bdrm/2.5 baths. Updated kitchen w/custom counters & cabinets & walk-in pantry. Formal dining room. Expansive backyard with lush landscaping. 2573 CORTE RIVERA

TIM MCGUIRE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$519,000
4bd/2.5ba 1202+-sq.ft. Completely remodeled townhome, new granite kitchen, stainless appliances, New granite baths, new carpet and paint, 2 car attached garage 3541 NORTON WAY

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