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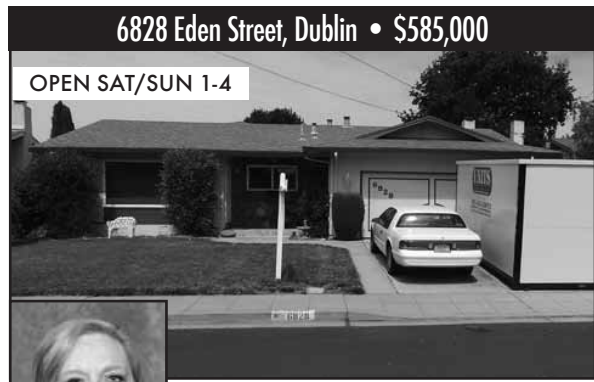



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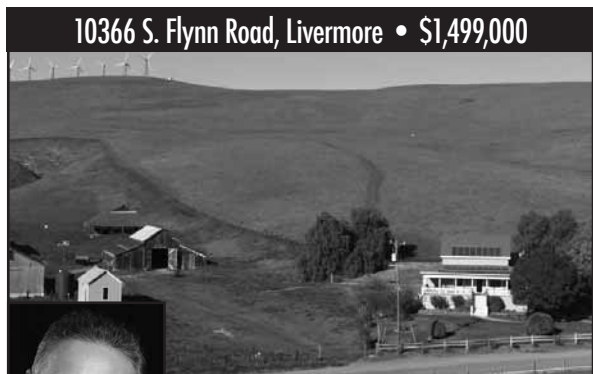
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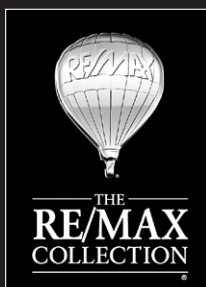
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Keeping Stoneridge Mall ahead of the competition

The July 19 edition of The Economist magazine highlights a story titled: "The emporium strikes back." The article about how retailers are finding ways to adapt to shoppers who are increasingly buying merchandise online fails to mention Pleasanton's Stoneridge Shopping Center as a leader in combining the advantages of shopping in brick and mortar stores with the convenience of buying online.

The Simon Property Group, headquartered in Indianapolis, owns Stoneridge and also acquired the Livermore Outlets from Paragon shortly after it was opened. Simon is an S&P 100 company and a leader in the global retail real estate industry. The company currently owns or has an interest in 326 retail real estate properties in North America and Asia as well as shopping centers in 13 European countries. With more than 5,500 employees, it's not about to abandon ship to Amazon.com or other Internet competitors. In fact, its stores are combining the best of both, encouraging shoppers to scan the merchandise categories that interest them and then come into the stores to pick up the items they've ordered or see more options.

The strategy is paying off with store relocations, renovations and new store openings giving Stoneridge Mall one of its busiest years ever. Among the new stores opened this year, all with online shopping connections, is White House/Black Market, with its 3,283 square-foot boutique. Clark's opened in March and Pandora Jewelry in April. lululemon athletica (which uses no capital letters in its name), a popular yoga-clothing retailer, will open its first location in the Tri-Valley area before Christmas.

LOFT, which sells women's apparel, is opening in the old Lane Bryant space, which is now open in its new location on the upper level near Nordstrom. The PINK store, which uses all caps in its name, will debut later this summer, and Spencer's Gifts will join the upper level outside of JCPenney in early fall. Construction of Kids Foot

Locker has also started with the store expected to open this fall.

Other stores may seem new but are just operating in a new space. Forever 21 expanded into a new two-level, 21,000-square-foot space near Macy's Women's store in March. On the lower level, Torrid relocated in February near Nordstrom, and Sports Fever expanded into a new space near Penney's in May.

Shoppers can also expect to see some additional changes for current retailers. Victoria's Secret is undergoing a complete renovation in its current space, which is open during construction, and is expected to be completed later this summer. Aveda and Select Comfort have both relocated to the lower level near Penney's, while Sunglass Hut is expected to open a new store on the upper level near Banana Republic in early August.

Sad to say, about the only major expansion Simon has yet to win is Nordstrom, which has postponed several times its plans to build a new 144,000-square-foot department store in front of its aging facility at Stoneridge. More shoppers are driving to Nordstrom's larger, more upscale store in Walnut Creek, taking not only business away from Stoneridge but also the sales taxes that Nordstrom customers pay. Sales taxes, which have seen an uptick in Pleasanton, remain fairly static at Stoneridge.

That's why it was welcome news last month when Simon asked the city to extend its development agreement until 2017 to add another 362,790 square feet to the Pleasanton center, an approval already granted along with the needed environmental endorsements so that work on the expansion could begin at any time. A larger mall with more upscale stores, services and restaurants is needed to meet the Tri-Valley's increasing population and its geographic location as a highway and public transportation center.

While online commerce has grown, The Economist points out that shopping is about entertainment as well as acquisition. While computer screens can bewitch the eye, good shops can appeal to many more of the shopper's senses. Simon will need to keep expanding its brick and mortar properties in the Tri-Valley to stay ahead of competition, whether from the Internet or other Bay Area shopping attractions. ■

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About the Cover

Camille, 17 months, and Zoe Ryan enjoy the ducks at Blackhawk Plaza, which features koi ponds, waterfalls and fountains. Photo by Dolores Fox Ciardelli. Design by Rosanna Leung.

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What is your biggest pet peeve?



Doug Buenz
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Jeanne Wurzel
Dental hygienist

It really bothers me when people don't pick up after their dogs. Especially if I accidentally step in the mess. Smoking and taxes are right up there, too.



Samuel Wurzel
Middle school student

When people select items at the supermarket, and then decide they don't want them, but then just dump them anywhere, instead of putting them back where they came from, that really bugs me.

Don Bradley
Large and small scale painter

It really bothers me when people litter. It shows so much disrespect for other people and such disregard for our environment, generally. It's just not that difficult to find an appropriate place to dispose of, or recycle, trash.



Kerem Tokay
Importer

I get angry when I call customer service and get put on hold right away by a computerized voice, and then get switched from one extension to another, and have to give each person I speak with the exact same information I gave the person before them. It would be so great to be able to call a customer service line and have a real human being answer the phone and say, "Hello, how can I help you today?"

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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Dr. Ratti is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and has memberships in the American Medical Association, American College of Physicians and the American Society of Internal Medicine.

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DIGEST

Little League World Series in Livermore

Organizers of a new Little League World Series, being held in Livermore from July 30-Aug. 5, hope that everyone in the area will come to the free games so that Max Baer Park, home of Granada Little League, can continue to host the games.

The series will include teams not only from across the country, but from around the world. Local District 57 is being represented by its champions, Pleasanton National Intermediate.

Skateboarder crashes into light pole

A 15-year-old boy suffered a head injury last Thursday night when the skateboard he was riding careened off Grey Fox Circle in southeast Pleasanton and crashed into a streetlight pole.

He was riding down the hill in the 900 block of Grey Fox Circle around 8:30 p.m. when he lost control and fell, according to Pleasanton police Sgt. Mike Tryphonas.

The teen was hospitalized for several days but his family reported that he was slowly getting better.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is asked to call the police at 931-5100.

Renewable energy use climbs, says Lab

Americans used more natural gas, solar panels and wind turbines and less coal to generate electricity in 2012, according to energy charts released by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Wind power again saw the highest percentage gain, with new wind farms continuing to come on line with bigger, more efficient turbines developed in response to government-sponsored incentives to invest in renewable energy, said A.J. Simon, an LLNL energy systems analyst.

Solar also jumped, driven by huge declines in the prices of photovoltaic panels, due to global oversupply. The Lab also reported that this is the first year in at least a decade where there has been a measurable decrease in nuclear energy.

Corrections

Last week's list of Pleasanton Poets Laureate in the story, "'Gypsy' takes city's poetic reins," should have included Cynthia Bryant, who served in the position from 2005-07 and 2011-13.

Major apartment project for Bernal-Stanley goes to City Council on Aug. 6

L.A. developer planning retail center, 345 upscale units in multi-story buildings

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council will hold a public hearing Aug. 6 to consider a developer's bid to build a 345-apartment unit complex on a vacant 16-acre site at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, across from McDonald's.

The project, to be built and owned by E&S Ring Management Corp. of Los Angeles, will include two-, three- and four-story apartment buildings and four separate buildings of retail stores.

The 50-year-old family-owned business has built a number of upscale apartment-home communities in California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington state.

After Ring's plan received unanimous approval by the city's Planning Commission with no public opposition July 10, the council decided to fast-track its final consideration of the plan so that Ring can proceed with design work and permit applications to start construction next year.

The project would be the fourth

high density apartment project to gain approvals from the council in recent months.

BRE, a national affordable housing developer, won permits last year to build a total of 18 three- and four-story buildings on two separate sites in Hacienda Business Park that will have 500 rental units ranging in size from studio apartments to three-bedroom units. Work on the multi-million-dollar housing project is expected to start later this year.

Last April, the council approved the construction of new multi-story, high density apartment buildings and an adjoining retail center on a portion of the office building site at Rosewood Drive and Owens drives, called California Center. That development will contain 305 apartments ranging in size from studios to three bedrooms.

Last month, the council agreed to a plan by St. Anton Partners to build a 168-unit apartment complex at 5729 W. Las Positas Blvd.



AERIAL PHOTO BY MIKE SEDLAK

Proposed 345-unit upscale apartment complex (outlined in green) at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard in Pleasanton. Plan goes to City Council for approval Aug. 6.

And, next month the Planning Commission is scheduled to consider an application by South Bay developer Scott Trobbe to build apartment buildings with 210 units and 97 single family homes along Valley Avenue south of the Pleasanton Gateway shopping center complex at Valley and Bernal avenues.

These projects, including the E&S Ring development, are among a number of properties rezoned for high density housing as part of an agreement last year between the city of Pleasanton and state housing authorities and a court-ordered settlement to provide more afford-

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Underwater fans

The family that dives together stays together, especially if they all read the Pleasanton Weekly. Diana and Peter McIntyre celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 22 by traveling to Grand Cayman Island with their family, and nine of the 12 went diving — along with two copies of the Pleasanton Weekly.

The divers are (front, l-r) Diana McIntyre, Paige and Andrew McIntyre, Peter McIntyre, (middle) Melissa, Brian and Paul Hunting, and (back) Julia McIntyre Yesionek and Heather McIntyre Hunting. Heather, Paul, Melissa, Brian and Julia all became certified divers this spring in order to go diving on the trip. Brian, 12, is the youngest.

The Pleasanton Weekly they are holding on the left is the issue of Sept. 17, 2004, showing Diana and Peter on the cover.

Police receive reports on driver who ran down bicyclist

Case now heads to D.A.'s Office for consideration of charges

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Police have received test results in the case involving Cody Hall, the 18-year-old driver who struck and killed Diana Hersevoort on June 9.

Hersevoort, 58, of Dublin was hit as she was bicycling with her husband that Sunday morning on Foothill Road near Golden Eagle Way.

The case now heads to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, which will decide whether to file charges against Hall in the death.

Police Capt. Craig Eicher said Pleasanton police had completed their work, which included the accident analysis, and were just waiting for information including blood work from Hall, which they received Tuesday.

"We're ready to move forward. We were just waiting for the reports because the D.A. won't move forward without them," Eicher said.

The wait of just over a month is pretty typical when it comes to getting information from the Alameda County Crime lab, Eicher said.

"I know they're pretty busy," he said. "I think because of TV, people think it happens overnight."

Updated information on charges against

See **DRIVER** on Page 6

Attorney charged in hit-and-run death refuses plea offer

Judge will weigh in on plea deal in year-old manslaughter case

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A San Ramon attorney charged with running down and killing a man in Dublin is apparently not happy with a plea deal being offered by prosecutors.

Spencer Freeman Smith was due to have a preliminary hearing on charges of felony hit-and-run and vehicular manslaughter on Monday. Instead, he is asking for a judge to get involved in plea bargain negotiations with the hope of getting a better deal.

Prosecutor Rebecca Warren said she's prohibited from discussing what deal was offered; Smith's attorney, Dionne Choice, would not comment.

Smith's case has been stalled for more than a year. He was arrested May 17, 2012, in a nighttime crash that killed Bo Hu, 57, also of San Ramon.

Hu was either walking his bike or riding northbound on Dougherty Road near Fall Creek Road. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Smith was charged after police in Dublin traced parts from his black 2012 Mercedes-Benz CLS550 found at the scene through the dealership.

"Our officers responded and they collected three vehicle parts that were left at the scene," said Dublin

police Lt. Herb Walters at the time. "Each part has a serial number on it. They found that it belonged to a Mercedes."

Witnesses contacted police while they were waiting for a court order requiring the dealership to give them information to track the parts.

A search warrant at Smith's home showed the car, with extensive front end and windshield damage. Walters said the damage matched the parts recovered at the scene.

Since his arrest, the case has been postponed at least six times. His sole appearance so far has been to enter a not guilty plea, where he said nothing but a few whispered words to his attorney at his appearance last June.

A special attorney was appointed by the court to examine items seized in the police investigation that Smith claimed he needed for clients.

Smith, who lives in San Ramon, remains free on bail. He is a partner at the San Francisco firm of Smith Paten, where he practices employment law.

His next court appearance is scheduled for Aug. 28 in Hayward, where a judge will weigh in on the plea deal. ■

Wine and food pairings prove a hit

4-day event shows love of learning about wines

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Taste Our Terroir, four days of wine and food pairings offered by the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association last week, was a hit, said executive director Chris Chandler. In previous years, it was a one evening event with gourmet food and wine pairings judged by wine experts and chefs.

"People are increasingly curious about everything that goes into wine they enjoy. The new four-day format of Taste Our Terroir gave folks the opportunity to immerse themselves in all facets of wine country — in one weekend," Chandler said.

"In addition to the food and wine pairing competition that sold out again this year, the most popular events were Chef Ryan Scott's cooking demonstration at McGrail Vineyards & Winery; the 29 Minute Meals class by Castlewood Chef Tracy Flores at Rodrigue Molyneaux; and the Secrets of a Sommelier blind tasting class at Double Barrel Wine Bar."

The Taste Our Terroir food and wine pairing competition on Thursday at Casa Real Event Center was sold out, with 650 people attending. The results of the judging was as follows:

- People's Choice & Best White Wine Pairing: Page Mill Winery 2012 Chardonnay, Chandler Vineyard, Livermore Valley (Winemaker Dane Stark, Page Mill Winery) with WonTon Shell Topped with a lightly blackened Scallop with an Avocado Pico di Gallo and Chipotle Aioli (Chef Jorge Magallon, Piccola Casa)
- Most Innovative Pairing: Cuda Ridge Wines 2010 Malbec, Livermore Valley (Winemaker Larry Dino, Cuda Ridge Wines) with House-made Steamed Bun, Black Plum Char Siu, Spice-cured and Charred Pork Belly with pickled Root Vegetables, Cilantro and Green Onion (Chef Clay Brunton, Beets Hospitality Group)
- Judge's Best Pairing: Concannon Vineyard 2011 Reserve

Righteously Rosé, Livermore Valley (Winemaker Julian Halasz, Concannon Vineyard) with "Off the Hook" Seafood Sausage with a Rosé Cream Sauce (Chef Eric Berg, Underdog Wine Bar)

- Best Classic Pairing: Rodrigue Molyneaux 2009 Estate Sangio-



FAYE CHAMPLIN STUDIO

Debbie Cristiano of Page Mill Winery pours Chardonnay for a guest at the Taste Our Terroir food and wine pairing competition on Thursday, July 18, at Casa Real Event Center in Pleasanton.

vese, Livermore Valley (Winemaker Garry Rodrigue, Rodrigue Molyneaux) with Lightly crusted Dutch Valley Veal Scallopini with Tomato Coulis and fresh Mozzarella on Citrus infused Focaccia (Chef Tracy Flores, Castlewood Country Club)

"Feedback on all of the events has been very positive and we are already looking forward to hosting this great food and wine weekend again next year," Chandler said. ■

DRIVER

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Hall, if any, will be posted at the Pleasanton Weekly website.

Meanwhile, the 18-year-old's father, Aaron Hall, was arraigned in Pleasanton Superior Court on Wednesday and pleaded not guilty to felony weapons charges stemming from the case.

He was charged after police said they discovered two illegal assault rifles and "thousands of rounds of ammunition" in a gun safe at the Halls' home in the 4200 block of Echo Court.

The gun safe was found when police served a search warrant looking for evidence in their vehicular manslaughter investigation involving Cody Hall.

Aaron Hall was charged with

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 said they found four Daytrana patches, a stimulant used to treat ADHD that Aaron Hall had without a prescription.

The D.A.'s Office filed felony charges and officers obtained a \$640,000 arrest warrant for Aaron Hall, who turned himself in July 13; he was released the same day after posting a reduced bond of \$265,000.

Aaron had two felony convictions from 1994 for assault with a deadly weapon and firing at an inhabited dwelling. A pretrial hearing on the new charges has been set for Aug. 28. ■

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Bay Area leaders adopt regional plan for future growth

Mayor Thorne votes against Plan Bay Area

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A coalition of Bay Area leaders approved a long-term regional plan July 18 meant to accommodate population growth over the next few decades, although Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne voted against it.

"I was one of five ABAG votes not to approve it," said Thorne, who represents the mayors of Alameda County with the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Plan Bay Area, which works to meet state mandates for cutting air pollution and improving access to public transportation, was OK'd during a marathon joint meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and ABAG at the Oakland Marriott.

The two groups are made up of 21 Bay Area county supervisors, mayors and other local leaders.

"It's basically for me a local control issue," Thorne explained. "ABAG tells us know how many houses we have to build, and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment numbers tell us how many houses we have to build and what income ranges we can afford. Now MTC comes along and says, 'You're not going to get your transportation dollars unless you build them where we tell you to build them.'"

Several hundred people, many

who boarded buses from Marin and Santa Clara counties, packed a Marriott ballroom to protest the plan, voicing concerns that it will bring overcrowded housing developments and will bypass local control over development.

Hundreds of attendees from groups such as Discontent with Plan Bay Area said they believe such a plan should be subject to a public vote and toted signs and chanted "Let us vote!" or "MTC, don't speak for me!"

"A lot of people not elected by anybody were making those decisions," Thorne noted.

According to the MTC, the plan is a "work in progress" that continues earlier efforts to "develop an efficient transportation network and grow in a financially and environmentally responsible way."

Created by several agencies including MTC and ABAG, Plan Bay Area comes up with blueprints for the region's nine counties to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by the year 2040, as required under state Senate Bill 375. The plan also focuses on providing housing for all residents of all income levels near transportation hubs, according to MTC and ABAG officials.

"There are no easy solutions in this plan but ... this plan creates a way for

the residents of the Bay Area to discuss our future openly," said ABAG Executive Director Ezra Rappaport.

Some speakers praised the plan as it was originally presented, expressing hope that it will provide a wider variety of alternatives to congested Bay Area roadways and prevent the displacement of low-income residents as rents throughout the region soar.

Thorne said there were better alternatives to passing Plan Bay Area to achieve the same goals, for instance, through incentive-based programs.

"There's definitely a need in Pleasanton for additional workforce housing — it just hasn't kept up with the number of jobs available," Thorne said. "But the people who live in the communities should have more of a say in what happens."

Thursday night's vote came at the end of a three-year planning process involving the MTC, ABAG, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and local communities and agencies.

A meeting in Dublin in January 2012 drew about 20 vociferous protesters, who carried signs demanding "local control" and "social justice."

—Bay Area News Service contributed to this report.



SKETCH COURTESY OF CITY OF PLEASANTON

Gateway monument for proposed 345-unit apartment Vintage Village complex and retail center at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard in Pleasanton, across from McDonald's.

PROJECT

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able housing in the city.

If the council approves the E&S Ring Management Corp. development request Aug. 6, as it is expected to do, years of efforts by co-owners Frank Auf der Maur and Konrad Rickenbach will finally end.

The property, with a large PG&E transmission station on its northern border and Congregation Beth Emek to the south, has seen suggested developments by Home Depot and other commercial parties generate opposition from homeowners along Valley Avenue who feared heavy truck traffic.

Although E&S Ring's plan for 345 upscale, all rental apartment units also will generate traffic, city traffic engineers say most of it will be from those leaving for work or returning home on weekdays and spread more

lightly at other times.

In its early proposals, E&S Ring had planned a retail center at the corner of Bernal and Stanley, including a small grocery similar to what Bonjour Stores operates. But with New Leaf Community Market opened this summer at the nearby Vintage Hills Center and the new Walmart Neighborhood Market supermarket opened this month, the developer agreed with city planners that the area did not need a third grocery store.

Instead, the E&S Ring complex, to be called Vintage Village, will feature a gateway monument sign at the corner with four separate retail/commercial buildings clustered along a main driveway leading into the development off Bernal opposite Utah Street.

The public hearing will start shortly after the City Council meeting begins at 7 p.m. Aug. 6 in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■

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Business News

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Hacienda seeing 'slow, steady' growth

Business park continuing mixed use development

Hacienda Business Park saw continued growth during the first six months of 2013 along with approvals for three major new developments.

The park is the largest mixed-use development of its kind in Northern California.

"Hacienda has seen slow and steady growth through the first half of 2013," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Additional leasing is expected to occur in the near future that should allow us to see the same type of progress over the next few quarters."

Several notable transactions occurred in the first half of 2013. Major commitments were made by companies in a variety of business segments, including Iron Planet, an online marketplace; Safari Kid, an academic heritage school; Schneider



James Paxson
Hacienda Business Park General Manager



HACIENDA OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Distinctive gateway architecture identifies Hacienda Business Park, the largest mixed-use development of its kind in Northern California.

Electric, an energy management firm; and Spigit Inc., which develops social innovation software.

Two new developments also received approvals during the first half of 2013. St. Anton Hacienda received approval for a 168-unit apartment complex on West Las Positas Boulevard, and a mixed-use development, consisting of 305

apartment units and nearly 7,500 square feet of retail, was approved for a site adjacent to the California Center.

In addition, a new facility for Mercedes-Benz of Pleasanton received approvals at the beginning of the year and is due to be completed within the next few months. ■

Out & Equal to hold Pleasanton social Aug. 8

Regional meeting will be held on Clorox Co. campus

Out & Equal Workplace Advocates will hold a regional meeting Aug. 8 at the Clorox Co.'s new campus in Pleasanton.

The event is open to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) employees and their allies, Human Resource and Diversity professionals, and employee resource group/network members and sponsors.

Hosted by Clorox, Chevron, Robert Half International and Safeway, the event will feature Out & Equal founder and CEO Selisse Berry. She will share her thoughts,

experiences and expertise on LGBT workplace issues.

Berry is a leader in the global LGBT movement and frequent public speaker who most recently edited and published Out & Equal at Work: From Closet to Corner Office, an anthology of "coming out" stories from LGBT and allied executives.

The Aug. 8 event is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. Although free to participants, registration is required. For more information, sign on to the organization's website at www.OutandEqual.org. ■

Chamber golf tournament at Callippe on Aug. 2

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a golf tournament at Callippe Preserve Golf Course next Friday, Aug. 2, with registrations due by Monday.

Since space is limited, those wishing to participate are urged to register well before Monday's deadline, said Scott Raty, CEO and president of the chamber. Four-somes as well as individual players are invited to participate.

Participating companies can include their promotional materials

in the chamber's "Golfers' Goodie Bags" and can donate prizes for a drawing. Those arrangements also must be made by Monday.

The event will include lunch, dinner, on the course pizza, Mai-Tais, massages and PGA golf tips. Contests for prizes will include putting, long drive, closest to the pin and, of course, a hole in one.

For more information and to register, email Susie Weiss at susie@pleasanton.org or call 846-5858, ext. 201. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



CITY OF PLEASANTON

Master plan for Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks shows changes that could be made by 2015.

A downtown park for all to enjoy

At long last, Pleasanton commissions and last week the City Council have given a thumbs up to a plan to expand and improve Lions Wayside Park that will benefit concert-goers, downtown merchants and residents along First Street who may now gain some relief from the loud music coming from the park's bandstand. It won't be quick. The estimated \$4.1 million project won't go before planners and the council before 2015 at the earliest when funds should be available, but at least it's now a city priority heading in the right direction.

The plan calls for covering the ditch at the back of the park, extending the lawn to Railroad Avenue and relocating the bandstand to roughly where the commercial ice house now sits. More trees would be planted along the edges of the lawn area to create more shady spots as well as to soften the nighttime concert music. Those using the park could also walk to the Firehouse Arts Center. With the grassy area nearly reaching the back patio at the Firehouse, arts, entertainment and performances at the Firehouse could easily move outside.

All this is not new. In 2002, the City Council approved a master plan for a downtown parks and trails system that included Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks. Even then, as in the current master plan, both parks were considered as one. Although Neal Street that separates them would not be closed (that once was a consideration), an artistic brick-like paving composition would join both parks that at times could be barricaded to allow free-flow of concert-goers and other pedestrians.

Other council priorities, including construction of the Firehouse Arts Center, kept moving the Lions Wayside Park project to the back burner. The recession stalled all capital spending priorities for three years and even now, the park plan falls behind the multi-million-dollar improvements planned for Bernal Community Park, which the voters approved three years ago.

Another obstacle to moving forward with the Lions Wayside Park improvements is the steep-sided drainage ditch, or swale, that is 15-20 feet wide and slices through the back edge of both parks. It's a dry ditch behind Lions Wayside which shouldn't make it too hard to obtain the necessary environmental permits from state agencies to cover it; the ditch behind Delucchi, however, carries rainwater, which means special permits and more costs would be involved if drainage pipes were installed and the ditch covered.

Preliminary plans for the 2015 downtown park improvements calls for pedestrian plazas on both sides of Neal near First Street that would also serves as the recognized "Gateway to Downtown Pleasanton." Water features, a rose garden, group picnic areas and an open pavilion market also are in the plans with extended lawn areas and walking paths to downtown shops.

The Parks and Recreation and Civic Arts commissions held lengthy public discussions before recommending this latest plan to the council. Public input will continue to be sought as the issue moves toward a final recommendation and then funding. ■



Visit Town Square at PleasantonWeekly.com to comment on the editorial.

LETTERS

Old house is eyesore

Dear Editor,

Your editorial ("Run-down 1912 house stalls new home development," July 19) is right on. Thank you for speaking out.

That old house is a piece of, let's say junk. It is a fire trap and attractive nuisance as well as an eyesore.

I think it is detrimental to selling houses in the new Ponderosa project, which is a neighborhood improvement and beneficial to downtown economically.

Brad Hirst

Hopes for new poet

Dear Editor,

Good article on our new Poet Laureate, Sandra Kay ("Gypsy" takes city's poetic reins," July 19), but I want to point out that the name of

Cynthia Bryant does not appear in your list of previous Poets Laureate. She set up some excellent programs out at Century House, bringing in poets and styles not usually heard around Pleasanton, which I found to be educational and stimulating. I hope Sandra does the same. I hope she takes a chance and brings in poets who are controversial. I hope she shows us the power and beauty of poetry.

Fred Norman

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Christine Louise Gothan Fernandes Marovich

June 26, 1964-July 14, 2013

Christine was born June 26, 1964 in Pittsburgh, PA to Ronald and Shirley Marovich and passed away on Sunday, July 14, 2013 at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno, Nevada surrounded by her loving family. "Chris" is survived by her husband of 24 years, Fred Gothan; sons Aaron Fernandez, Brandon and Cameron Gothan; brothers Ronald, Brian and Michael Marovich; two grandchildren, Antonette Fernandez and Jack Gothan; and grandmother Helen Marovich of Hopewood, PA. She will be missed by her dog, Boots, and her cats, Pearl and Bella.

Chris graduated from Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton, CA before moving to Reno where she enjoyed a prosperous career in finance with Bank of the West and serving the local community with the Salvation Army.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, August 3, at the Salvation Army, 1931 Sutro St. in Reno, Nevada. A reception will follow.

Diane Rae

Sept. 6, 1937-July 12, 2013

Diane was a longtime resident of Pleasanton and passed away at age 75. She was born in Berkeley, California, to Ernie and Minnie Dahl. Diane married her husband John shortly after high school and they were married for 45 years before John passed away in 2000. Together they raised three daughters, Linda of San Diego, Karen of Livermore and Janet of San Francisco. Diane retired from LLNL after 20 years of service and volunteered for the ValleyCare Auxiliary for the last 12 years. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren Brandon and Courtney. Diane will be greatly missed by her family, friends and coworkers. A private memorial will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Valley Care Charitable Foundation in memory of Diane Rae, 1111 East Stanley Blvd, Livermore.



POLICE BULLETIN

Car stripped in home driveway

Part of the interior of a car parked in a driveway was stripped overnight July 21, according to police reports.

The incident took place between 9 p.m. July 21 and 12:11 p.m. July 22 from a 2000 Honda B2000 convertible parked in the 4200 block of Mairmont Drive. Both front seats, valued at \$4,000, were stolen, along with the center console, worth about \$400, and a \$200 gear shift knob. The car also received \$2,000 in damage to its convertible roof.

In other police reports:

- Arson was reported at about 10:56 p.m. July 18 at Sports Park on Hopyard Road. Someone lit paper or magazines on fire; no damage was done to the field in the fire, which was quickly put out.
- Nordstrom in the Stoneridge Shopping Center was hit twice by shoplifters in recent days.

In one incident, four males stole four button-down shirts valued at \$275 apiece, seven T-shirts worth \$150 each, and six polo shirts valued at \$150 apiece in a July 17 grab-and-run theft that occurred at about 6 p.m.

In an unrelated incident at the same store, five pairs of jeans valued at about \$394 were stolen in a July 21 burglary. The jeans were stolen at about 5:48 p.m. from the store, which was open at the time; the incident was reported as a burglary because the suspect apparently entered with the intent of stealing.

- Vladimir Mazur, 29, of Rancho Cordova was arrested at about 7:36 p.m. July 18 for grand theft at Macy's Mens in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road for attempting to steal 11 items of clothing.
- Michael Richard Roach, 44, of Livermore was arrested at about 1 a.m. at the intersection of Dublin Boulevard and Arnold Road for felony child abuse and

possession of methamphetamine for sale. Roach was stopped with 12.6 grams of methamphetamine.

- Brice Morgan Page, 49, of Manteca was arrested for possession of tear gas and possession of methamphetamines in an incident at about 11:20 p.m. July 22 near the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Interstate 680. After a traffic stop for a broken tail light, the passenger was found to be on probation. During the search, a baggie with the suspected methamphetamine was located, and a tear gas canister was found in a backpack belonging to the passenger.

- Thomas M. Gloede, 25, of Pleasanton was arrested in the 500 block of San Miguel Court at about 10:03 p.m. July 18 on a felony warrant for possession of a controlled substance for sale and DUI.

- A \$3,500 laptop was reported stolen from a room at Motel 6 in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road. There was no sign of forced entry in the incident, reported at about 5:55 p.m. July 17.

- Three residents reported being victims of felony identity theft earlier this week.

In one, a resident of the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue attempted to access her account online and was locked out. The bank said her account was frozen due to unauthorized activity for three withdrawals from her savings account for \$2,185, \$1,815 and \$1,715. The incident was reported at about 12:46 p.m. July 23.

In the second, a resident of the 2200 block of Camino Brazos reported a fraudulent debit transfer of \$5,580 from his bank account to another account. The incident was reported at about 12:03 p.m. July 22 and remains under investigation. There was no loss to the victim because his bank will cover the withdrawal.

In the third, reported at about 6:03 p.m. July 23, a resident of the 1000 block of Hancock Court reported her debit card was declined for insufficient funds and discovered two fraudulent charges in Indiana for \$55.04 and \$64.15.

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

BIRTHS

Coby Gage Rodriguez

Pleasanton residents Steve and Lisa Rodriguez welcomed Coby Gage to the family at 3:14 p.m. April 20 at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek. He weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and was 22 inches long. He joins big brother, Jax, who is 2 years old.



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 17

Theft

- 6:51 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:53 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from structure

Burglary

- 5:55 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Auto burglary

- 9:36 a.m. in the 2900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Vandalism

- 6:21 a.m. in the 5500 block of Stoneridge Drive
- 10:39 a.m. at the intersection of Tawny Avenue and Bernal Avenue
- 3:06 p.m. in the 3300 block of Stanley Boulevard

July 18

Arson

- 10:56 p.m. at Parkside Road

Theft

- 2:28 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:52 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:55 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:57 p.m. in the 6600 block of Owens drive; auto theft

Auto burglary

- 7:45 a.m. in the 3200 block of Lagoon Road
- 10:30 a.m. in the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

Battery

- 9:15 p.m. in the 2100 block of Alexander Way

Vandalism

- 11:16 a.m. in the 3200 block of West Lagoon Drive
- 3:48 p.m. in the 2500 block of Secretariat Drive

Drug violations

- 9:26 a.m. in the 3400 block of Hudson Court; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 11:16 p.m. in the 1200 block of Hollyhock Street; possession of methamphetamine for sale, child abuse

July 19

Shoplifting

- 7:41 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Auto burglary

- 3:50 p.m. in the 7900 block of Paragon Circle
- 5:58 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Vandalism

- 1:46 a.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive

July 20

Theft

- 3:11 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 9:06 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Battery

- 2 a.m. at the intersection of Peters Avenue and Division Street

Vandalism

- 11:19 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Alcohol violations

- 1:43 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive; DUI
- 11:26 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness, vandalism

July 21

Shoplifting

- 5:53 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Auto burglary

- 4:33 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 12:06 p.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

Weapons violation

- 11:58 p.m. in the 4000 block of Payne Road

Public drunkenness

- 8:35 a.m. near the intersection of Hopyard and W. Las Positas Boulevard

- 9:55 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

July 22

Theft

- 12:03 p.m. in the 5000 block of Riverdale Court; theft
- 12:03 p.m. in the 2200 block of Camino Brazos; fraud

Burglary

- 12:08 p.m. in the 4200 block of Mairmont Drive

Vandalism

- 3:01 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Drug violations

- 1:59 a.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Dr; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 11:20 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and I-680; methamphetamine possession

July 23

Fraud

- 12:46 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 6:03 p.m. in the 1000 block of Hancock Court

Vandalism

- 5:34 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 12:15 p.m. at the intersection of Springdale Avenue and Creekside Drive

Under the influence of a controlled substance

- 3:14 p.m. at the intersection of Peters Avenue and Division Street



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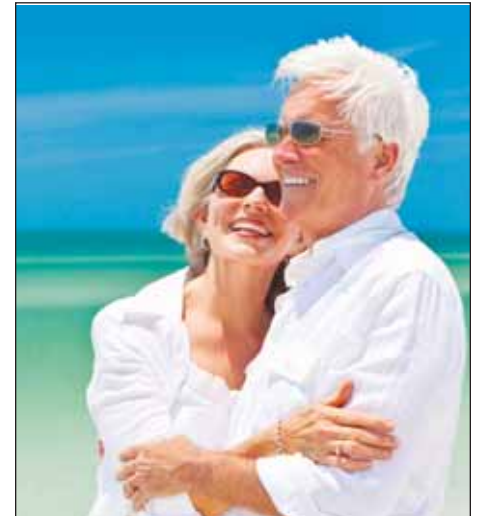
Sunglasses are especially important during the summertime

For most people, hot summer weather means more time outside. While everyone wants to enjoy summer to the fullest, outdoor enthusiasts must remember that the sun, with all the benefits it brings, also has many dangerous effects.

The sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays are strongest during the summer, and can damage unprotected eyes in as little as 15 minutes. While wearing sunglasses with UVA/UVB protection is important throughout the year, taking extra sun-safety precautions during the summer is especially important.

The need for sunglasses is universal, but tastes and lifestyle needs vary. But whether your tastes run to aviators or wayfarers, mirrored or tinted, the sunglasses you choose affect far more than your style; they can directly impact your eye health, too. Fortunately, it's possible to find sunglasses that protect your eyes and celebrate your sense of style. As you're shopping for sunglasses, keep these tips in mind:

- Pick the right shape. Just as the shape of your face influences your choice in haircuts, it will affect what type of sunglasses look good on you. People with oval faces can wear almost any shape of sunglasses. Rectangular frames and lenses will help add length to a round face, and oval glasses



will complement diamond or square faces. If your face is more oblong than oval, consider a round or square frame that rests at the widest part of your face.

- Choose the right lenses. Choose lenses that provide broad-spectrum protection from both UVA and UVB light. WebMD.com says you should look for a label indicating

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All travel requires some level of planning, but for seniors taking to the road or sky this summer, a little extra planning can go a long way toward ensuring an enjoyable vacation. Before embarking on your next adventure, consider these tips to make certain you have all your bases covered, from health to happenstance.

1. Keep your health in check: Make sure your doctor checks pre-existing medical conditions before you take extended travels and carefully manage conditions throughout your vacation. Also, pack more than enough of your medications to last the trip, including any delays, and keep them in the original prescription bottles labeled with your name.

Keep in mind that sitting for extended periods of time, whether you are driving or flying, puts you at risk for developing blood clots in the veins of your legs. Be sure to stand up and walk for a few minutes every hour to minimize your slight chance of getting a blood clot.

Make sure you stay well-hydrated throughout your trip by drinking at least two to three liters of water per day. Staying hydrated during long flights can also minimize chances of getting a blood clot.

2. Lighten your load: Pack light when possible to give your legs and back a break from hauling

luggage around town or between flights. If you have to bring a second bag, make it a small one that can easily stack on top of your roller bag.

However, it's wise to pack a backup for some of your most important items. If you're traveling with a family member or friend, make sure you each have a cellphone. Pack a spare pair of glasses if you've been known to



misplace them in the past. Bring spare batteries for hearing aids if you think they may be running low.

3. Keep in touch: Whether used to confirm reservations or contact authorities in case of an emergency, a cellphone can be the ultimate travel safety net. Consumer Cellular (www.

consumercellular.com), the exclusive wireless provider for AARP members, allows for the use of your home phone in an RV, hotel room or anywhere with access to a cellular signal. The carrier allows you to switch between plans without penalty at any time, so scale your service up or down for that month's bill to meet your travel needs, then resume your standard plan when you return.

4. Act your age: Seniors can often get discounts on attractions, events, meals and more by simply showing a photo ID or AARP membership card. Seek out discounts before you travel and make arrangements accordingly. Also, continue to ask about discounts throughout your vacation — you may save a

few bucks here and there.

5. Leave time for recovery: A vacation should be fun and relaxing, but intensive driving or time zone changes can leave a traveler feeling exhausted. When outlining your trip itinerary, consider that you may need time initially to rest from your travels or recover from jet lag.

Whether you're embarking on a weekend getaway or taking the trip of a lifetime, spend a little extra time to consider the unique requirements you may have specific to your age, health and capabilities. Follow these five simple tips for a smooth, stress-free vacation experience and turn travel into a revitalizing fountain of youth.

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The dating world is different for seniors

Most important thing is to know yourself and what you want

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When Torrie Whitelaw's husband Brett died 15 years ago, she found herself in a new role.

"When you're young, you're your parents' kids," explained the Pleasanton widow. "Then you get married and you're a wife and your kids' mother. Then when the kids leave, you go back to being a wife. Then when your husband passes, you have to find out who you are again."

After being widowed, Torrie, now 65, made a lot of new girlfriends.

"Before my husband passed away, I didn't know anyone who was single. Since I've been widowed I don't have any friends that are married," she said with a laugh.

Hospice introduced her to another new widow and together they began to explore, going to widow and widowers clubs and church groups. They didn't find so many dates but they did make more women friends.

"That was a lot of fun," Torrie said.

Eventually she became interested in finding a relationship, and meanwhile Internet dating had become an industry. When her friends were skeptical about looking for love online, Torrie replied that people on dating websites were looking for dates, and she thought that was a better bet than looking in bars.

"I was looking for a relationship with a lot of love. I missed all of that," she said. "I like the 'until death do us part' — that's what I wanted."

She found dates from a few different sites but found that men on eHarmony.com were looking for relationships, not just dates. After dating a bit, finally she began to communicate with Jed Virts, a widower; when he replied to a question about his favorite family memories by recalling the aromas of a roasted turkey and Christmas, she was interested.

"His picture was him floating down a river, and all you could see was his head with sunglasses," she said. "That's important to me — somebody who's adventuresome."

He also passed her two most important tests: Jed liked her dog, and her grown children liked Jed.

"We met at the Rose Hotel, then went across the street to the Oasis," she said. "When he asked me to get married, four years later on same day, we went again to the Oasis."

He'd arranged with the management to seat them at the same table and serve a cake with four candles for their fourth anniversary.

"They brought the cake, which said, 'Would you marry me?' and he got on one knee and asked me," she recalled.

Torrie said she and her girlfriends talk about the kind of men they want to meet.

"Each person wants something a little different," Torrie said. For instance, one of her friends likes a man who dresses well, but that's not important to Torrie.

"Be true to yourself," she advises, which



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Torrie Whitelaw and Jed Virts, both in their 60s, met online and enjoy frequent hikes on the Pleasanton Ridge with her dog Joey.

means you must first figure out who you are and what you want. "You've got to know who you are — at least 90%."

"Know you can do it on your own, and that you don't need a man," she added.

Then you will be ready to invite somebody into your life.

"Some women want somebody to pay the bills, but the truth is you have to be able to do it yourself," Torrie said.

She also noted that it's important, when you find a significant other, to figure out your own dreams as a couple.

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with first wife," she said.

Dating is different for people in various stages of life.

When Claire Iglesias was divorced in 1982 after 32 years of marriage, she was 52 and living in Philadelphia. Although she was already a good dancer, she signed up for lessons so she could meet partners.

"I got out in the dating world — I started off by dancing, and I met some gentlemen," she said.

She ended up meeting Mr. Wonderful, a widower after four decades of marriage, and had been with him 23 years when he died a few years ago.

"He said I'd miss him, and he was right," she said.

She moved to Pleasanton to be near her children, and she has found the Senior Center a good place to meet people.

"I'm now 82 and I'm still active," she said. "As far as senior dating is concerned, I'm all for it. But I like them to leave at the end of the evening. I'm not looking for someone who wants 'a nurse with a purse' or 'without a purse' as the case may be."

"I do go dancing with a gentleman who comes to the Senior Center," she added. "It's not anything serious. I call him my dance buddy."

She also has bagel buddies she meets for breakfast.

"I'm keeping it light. Once in awhile I get treated, but I'm pretty self-sufficient. I don't want romance at this age, but I'd like a nice date, going out, having dinner with somebody, the companionship," she said, lamenting that "when it gets dark out, I'm inside, with the children."

She still will go anywhere with dancing, for instance, the tea dances held some afternoons at the Veterans Memorial Building. She goes on trips and cruises and is active at the Senior Center.

"After being married and having taken care of my family and home and husband, it's now time for me. That sounds selfish but that's how it is," she said. "I do date. But lots of times I can't find anybody who can keep up with me."

She never married Mr. Wonderful despite their 23 good years together.

"We kept it financially separate," she said. "He had children, I had children. I worked so hard and I feel my children are my beneficiaries." ■

Online dating for seniors

The dating scene has changed for seniors as much as anyone with the rapid rise of the Internet. Not only do all social networking sites include a senior section for those 50 and older, but some sites target them exclusively.

Before seniors explore online dating they may want to use that same Internet to get tips on the whole process.

Things to remember when writing your profile:

1. It's important to figure out what matters to you in a man or a woman before you can go looking for a mate. But when writing what you are looking for, remember that you are not ordering takeout food. Beyond a few basic beliefs and lifestyle issues, do specifics really matter?

2. Dates are not for therapy. Hopefully seniors are not looking for someone to unload on.

3. Beware of those who are quick to befriend you with wonderful photos and sensual poems. They may be con artists.

When meeting Internet dates, two of the most common pitfalls are immediately revealing too much about your past, and a premature leap to saying, "I love you."

Other advice for new dates, found on the Internet:

Men say: Be honest — don't say you love to watch football if you don't.

Women advise: Don't ask over dinner on the first date, "Should I take my Viagra now?"

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COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer

Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

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

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SENIOR IDENTITY THEFT AND PREVENTION PRACTICES Officer Archie Chu will discuss safe guarding your personal information like checks, credit cards, Social Security numbers, and mail at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5365 or go to www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

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SUNGLASSES

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cating the lenses block 99 to 100% of UVB and UVA rays, meet ANSI (American National Standards Institute) requirements, and provide UV 400 protection. If glare is a concern, polarized lenses filter out sunlight reflected off flat surfaces such as water or pavement, making them a good choice if you'll be wearing them boating or while driving an automobile.

- Find the right solution. Eyeglass wearers should use sunglasses too, but many go without proper sun protection because of the high cost of prescription sunglasses or the inconvenience of having to switch glasses when they move from indoors to outdoors. Clip-on sunglasses attach to virtually any style of eyeglasses, plus tinted clip-ons can be specially made to slip on over prescription eye wear. Significantly less expensive than prescription sunglasses, these options make it cost-effective to keep multiple pairs wherever you need them — in the car, office, at home or in your gym bag. A variety of styles ensure you can easily achieve the right look for any personality and every occasion.

- Wear the right lens tint. Lens tint impacts more than just personal style. UV protective coating is clear, so a lighter-hued lens can be just as effective at UV protection as a darker one. The color of the lens will, however, affect your perceptions of color. For minimal color distortion, choose gray, green or brown lenses, especially if you'll wear them while driving.

- Spend the right amount. Remember that while many low-cost shades probably won't provide adequate UV protection, you still don't have to spend hundreds of dollars to get a good pair of sunglasses. Regardless of how much you pay, it is always important to evaluate the quality and durability of every pair before you buy.

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America's other drug problem: prescriptions not taken

Resulting medical costs include ER visits and extra tests

America has a serious drug problem, but it's not the one you might be thinking about. The problem is not illegal drugs or drug abuse, but rather an alarming percentage of Americans who do not take their prescriptions as instructed.

Approximately 125,000 deaths per year in the United States can be attributed to medication non-adherence, according to the National Pharmaceutical Council.

The problem of non-adherence is not new, but it is getting a closer look as experts seek to reduce costs and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our health system. Data suggests that roughly half of the 2 bil-

lion prescriptions filled each year in America are not taken correctly. For particularly vulnerable Americans such as the elderly and those suffering from multiple chronic conditions, adherence rates are even worse. Even with such life-threatening diseases such as cancer, patients are non-adherent to medication.

For these patients, better adherence starts at the doctor's office. Physicians, nurses and other caregivers can help by better educating the patient about the importance of following directions, and by creating a treatment plan that fits patients' needs and lifestyles. Emphasizing how and why patients should take their medications properly, including details on possible interactions and refill requirements, can be a good first line of defense against the problem of non-adherence.

However, experts also agree that a substantial portion of the non-adherence problem is inadvertent. The accidental misuse of



lion prescriptions filled each year in America are not taken correctly. For particularly vulnerable Americans such as the elderly and those suffering from multiple chronic conditions, adherence rates are even worse. Even with such life-threatening diseases such as cancer, patients are non-adherent to medication.

The impact of non-adherence, beyond patient outcomes, is a significant source of waste in our healthcare system. Unnecessary medical costs resulting from patients not taking their medication as prescribed, such as ER visits, hospitalizations and extra tests, cost our system over \$300 billion annually, according to the New England Healthcare Institute.

Many factors contribute to poor medication adherence. In some patients, non-adherence is a choice, while in others non-adherence is quite unintentional. For some people, a lack of symptoms, coupled with denial, high out-of-pocket costs or concerns over potential side effects make them less inclined to even fill their prescriptions let alone adhere to medications. It is estimated that as many as 22% of all prescriptions filled are not picked up from the pharmacy.

prescription medications is largely a result of complexity, confusion and general forgetfulness.

"Many patients are dealing with multiple medications, all in nearly identical containers, but each one with a different set of dosage instructions," says Ian Salditch, CEO of Medicine-On-Time. "It's a recipe for mistakes — all of which could be addressed through better prescription packaging."

There are a variety of high-tech monitoring systems aimed at improving adherence, including pills with digestible sensors. To date, strict monitoring has been seen by consumers as being overly intrusive. Solutions such as financial incentives and greater screening offer promise. But Salditch has focused on the low-tech, common sense approach of simplified packaging and has achieved encouraging results.

Personalized pill cups are available, labeled with the day, date and time to take medications. Pharmacists can provide the pill cups to the patient organized into medication calendars. In addition, the packaging is designed to be easily opened by the frail and elderly. See your pharmacist for more information.

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Blackhawk Plaza — a special place

*Shopping center has
changed focus during
25 years but idyllic setting
remains unique*



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The Blackhawk Auto Museum is at one end of Blackhawk Plaza, which has meandering waterways graced by ducks, geese and swans, some alive and others permanent in whimsical sculptures.

BY CATHY JETTER

Nearly 25 years ago, rumors of gold-plated grocery carts began spreading through the Tri-Valley as Blackhawk Plaza welcomed its first customers to its tiled mall with soaring ceilings and domes leading to open-air walkways overlooking koi ponds, waterfalls and fountains at the upscale shopping center six miles east of Interstate 680.

Built to serve the affluent housing developments in the largely unincorporated hills near the plaza, the Danville shopping center was kept purposely small by commercial mall standards, and proudly fostered an air of exclusivity that fit in well with the massive homes and gated communities being built nearby.

Posh patrons of Blackhawk Plaza's original anchor store, FJ's Blackhawk Market, did, indeed, push shiny brass carts equipped with individual cell phones. Families of ducks swam amid the two acres of man-made flowing water features, hoping for handouts from the ladies who lunched at the white-clothed tables of the Blackhawk Grille.

However, the expensive communities of the surrounding area did not provide enough customers to attract businesses to fill the plaza. Nor was the inarguable beauty and resort atmosphere of Blackhawk Plaza enough to entice customers away from the well established and easily accessible shopping available at Pleasanton's Stoneridge Mall and Broadway Plaza in downtown Walnut Creek.

After FJ's Blackhawk Market closed following a drawn-out argument over the sale and transfer of ownership of the property, a string of successors moved into the gourmet grocery's space, including Saks Fifth Avenue which lasted only 11 months, closing in January 1999. A less flashy but still well received Gottschalks department store took over the premises in October of the same year and seemed to be setting down roots until it was



This entrance to Blackhawk Plaza faces the Century Blackhawk Theatres, which were the first in the area with stadium seating and reclining chairs.

replaced by Draeger's Market, an upscale grocery based on the Peninsula, in 2007.

Changing storefronts and economic fluctuations that have affected businesses throughout California certainly account for some of Blackhawk Plaza's struggle to gain traction and loyal customers. But in two-and-a-half decades, the property has not been able to establish an identity beyond the elite image promoted in its earliest days.

Veronica Curley, general manager for CenterCal Properties, sees that changing for a variety of reasons, most notably, the company's commitment to community.

CenterCal bought the 250,000-square-foot boutique mall in 2005 and spent more than \$50 million improving all aspects of the plaza including adding new facades, lighting, fireplaces, outdoor seating areas, sculptures and a play structure for children.

"Blackhawk Plaza is not exclusive at all," explained Curley who, although new to CenterCal's team, is a Danville native with a child

going through the local school system. "We are part of the community — an amazing community. In just a five-mile radius we have Danville, San Ramon, Alamo and parts of Dublin. We love Blackhawk, but we have opened our arms and embraced our neighbors."

This, Curley said, includes a renewed focus on bringing locally owned businesses to the plaza.

"It has been very important for us to find the right balance and mix of retailers. Our national stores, like Anthropologie, are great; people want them here. Our local vendors are committed to the community, and we work together to create a really unique and valuable gathering place."

It was the commitment to working together that brought Keila Santos to Blackhawk Plaza when she opened Little Fairy Princess — Girl Spa and Party Palace. After working for five years as a party planner in Florida, Santos moved to Danville and began a search to find the perfect venue for

her vision of a permanent party place to pamper young girls.

"I looked at downtown Danville, but there were too many regulations and not enough parking," Santos said. "The owners at Blackhawk Plaza loved my concept of a fairytale palace for little girls."

Little Fairy Princess celebrated its one-month anniversary on July 11, and Santos couldn't be more hopeful for the future of her business.

"We have been busy," Santos said. "The owners of the plaza are working hard to promote our business through social media and involve us in the events that take place at the plaza."

This included 12 of Santos' pretty princesses taking the stage at "Rockin' the Plaza," a weekly, themed concert series taking place every Friday night, July 5-Aug. 23.

"We called it Posh Princesses Rockin' the Concert," Santos recalled. "The girls performed a fashion show with nearly 6,000 people in the crowd, and they were amazing."

Local celebrity chef Rodney Worth clearly believes in the future of Blackhawk Plaza. Three of his six highly successful (and very delicious) restaurants are located within a few steps of each other — all at the plaza.

"Actually I believe in myself," said Worth with a laugh. "But Blackhawk Plaza is a great place for my business."

Living in Danville with his family, Worth said he and his wife Natalie brought their three kids to the Century Theatres at Blackhawk Plaza and then had nowhere to go for dinner.

"We would come out from a movie with hungry children and be forced to choose between McDonald's and the Blackhawk Grille," he said. "McDonald's was too often the choice."

Worth opened the Little Pear in 2010, the Prickly Pear Cantina just a few months later, and Ferrari's Cucina Italiana started serving

customers in August 2012. Each restaurant has a distinctly different menu and feel, but share a common goal.

“All of my restaurants offer good food at a reasonable price,” said Worth. “We keep our ingredients simple and authentic and our portion size reasonable. Shoppers don’t need to leave lunch carrying half their meal in a bag while they shop.”

Like Santos, Worth believes management is working to increase the appeal of Blackhawk Plaza to a wider range of the community, but says for the plaza to thrive, he sees a need for shops with basic appeal.

“The concert series is a big boost for business, particularly restaurants, and the playground is packed all day with moms and kids. These are great, but they don’t necessarily get people shopping here,” he said.

Worth pointed to stores like Claire’s, Francesca’s and Apricot Lane as examples of the center heading in the right direction, but said there is opportunity to make Blackhawk Plaza a shopping destination.

“Landlocked like we are between Stoneridge Mall and Walnut Creek, we need a place for people to buy socks and underwear, stationery — maybe a surf shop and an ice cream parlor, casual places for teens. If we want people to buy local, we have to give them more options,” he said.

Larry Cobabe remembers when Danville residents didn’t have a good library, much less an upscale plaza to call their own. Now the proud owner of the popular, family owned G.R. Doodlebug store at Blackhawk Plaza, Cobabe calls the plaza a valuable asset to the community, but says it’s still underutilized.

“(Blackhawk Plaza) is a local gem that people don’t realize is here,” he said. “We are only a few miles off the freeway, but people just don’t think about shopping up here.”

Brushing aside any notions that the shopping center is for the elite, or too expensive, Cobabe focuses on how the plaza and the vendors serve the people in the surrounding cities, fostering a sense of community.

“The original owners went for the upper elite, but most people around here now are two working parents, with kids. We have wealthy people and ordinary peo-



A children’s play structure, added to Blackhawk Plaza as part of its \$50 million renovation in 2005, is popular with families.

ple,” he said. “We’re not Walmart, we are local, independent business people with a personal stake in the community. Even Draeger’s is a small chain in the grocery world. We care about what happens here; it’s in everyone’s best interest that we take care of each other.”

Cobabe pointed to the growing populations of San Ramon and Dublin and cited a need for convenient shopping options on the east side of the valley. Indeed, CenterCal’s demographic charts show Danville’s five-mile radius population was 70,686 in 1990, just after the plaza opened. The population projection for the same area in 2015 is 108,394 and growing.

Tony Draeger, vice president of Draeger’s Markets, says his company saw the Blackhawk Plaza location as nothing but positive while selecting its fourth Northern California location six years ago.

“It’s a great combination of rural and suburban,” he explained. “We knew we would be appealing to an audience from greater distances than our other stores; that encouraged us to locate there.”

While vendors and management

are quick to downplay any sense of exclusivity at Blackhawk Plaza, there really is no denying its exceptional beauty and the unique setting. Lots of things at Blackhawk seem at least a little bit special, plus not many shopping centers include a cosmetic surgery center or a sizable fitness center.

Outdoor seating is common enough, but Blackhawk’s patios are set next to waterfalls where swans glide by all year long. At the top of the plaza, behind a series of beautifully bubbling water fountains where other, more practically minded malls might place a department store, Blackhawk is graced with the nationally recognized Blackhawk Auto Museum.

The three-story Smithsonian affiliate features nearly 90 rare and vintage cars as well as hosting several exhibitions throughout the year, all highlighting various aspects of the automobile culture. Don’t be too quick to label this as another elitist attraction; the first Sunday of every month the museum and the plaza’s own Starbucks host Cars and Coffee, inviting all car enthusiasts to “share their vehicles and admire the other classics, exotics, rods and anything else with wheels and a motor.”

Even after the large scale wing was added next to the museum to accommodate Anthropologie and other enterprises, Draeger’s Market and Home Store remains the anchor. This 43,000-square-foot gourmet supermarket features a cooking school, plus it sells little packages of duck food to make sure visitors feeding the Blackhawk water fowl give them nutritious treats.

After 25 years it is difficult to predict the future of Blackhawk Plaza, though it seems to recognize its challenges and make necessary adjustments. The thing that must be considered is this: What it is missing, can probably be added — but what it already has, cannot be found anywhere else. ■



While the outdoor area of Blackhawk Plaza features water elements and beautiful landscaping, the indoor mall has marble floors and comfortable seating under soaring domes.

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

Chopping it for charity

Mother and two daughters donate hair

BY JENN TEITELL



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Lei Zhao and her daughters Crystal and Joyce proudly hold up the ponytails they are about to donate to Locks of Love.

Lei Zhao and her two daughters left Image Salon in Pleasanton last Wednesday collectively missing nearly three feet of hair. This is not the story of a haircut gone wrong — Lei, Joyce and Crystal had donated their hair to the charity Locks of Love.

Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization that uses donated hair to make hairpieces for financially disadvantaged children under 21 who have lost their hair from any long-term medical condition. Alopecia and cancer are the top two afflictions of those who receive the hairpieces, though incidents such as traumatic burns and dog attacks can also qualify.

Lei and her older daughter Joyce, who will enter Hart Middle School this fall, first donated their hair in 2011. Joyce, 8 at the time, initially struggled with cutting her hair so short. Her point of view changed, however, when Lei talked to her about how important the goodwill of others had been in Joyce's own life.

"Right after she was born, she got a very serious infection and was in the intensive care unit for four weeks," said Lei. "At that time, I was a student and my income was very low, so the government covered everything, and it was a huge help. I told Joyce what people did for her when she was little, and she was touched and said she definitely wanted to donate her hair."

After donating, they immediately began regrowing their hair in preparation for their second and latest donation. The two were joined this time by Crystal,

age 6, who attends Fairlands Elementary School. Like Joyce at a younger age, Crystal was initially reluctant to give up her dream of "being Rapunzel," but she left the salon happy and proud of herself, saying that she wanted to cut her hair even shorter the next time, said Lei.

Crystal donated 10 inches of her hair while Lei and Joyce donated at least 12. Both of the young girls plan to give back to the community even more by volunteering at the hospital as soon as they are old enough, a choice influenced by their father's research in cancer at UCSF.

"For my daughters, at their age, they only get things — they don't give. They are both Girl Scouts, and they do sell cookies, but they don't really have much concept of giving things," said Lei. "Gradually, they will start to have the concept in their mind, so that when it is their time to be able to help, they will be so ready."

The hair prostheses created by Locks of Love are custom-made and have a retail value of between \$3,500 and \$6,000, but Locks of Love provides them for free or on a sliding scale, depending on the child's financial need. Children must apply or be nominated to receive a hairpiece.

Donors can cut their hair anywhere,



Before: Lei, Joyce and Crystal grew their hair for several years until it was long enough to donate. After: Lei and her daughters model the backs of their new hairstyles.

but going to a participating salon often helps the process go more smoothly. The donation must be a braid or ponytail of at least 10 inches, which the donor can mail to Locks of Love.

For more information on donating, receiving a hairpiece or volunteering, visit www.locksoflove.org or call (561) 833-7332. ■

Cabaret goes choral

Broadway Chorus presents the first of three shows

By JENN TEITELL

The Broadway Chorus will present the first of three performances of "A Cabaret Gone Choral II" beginning tomorrow at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The production will be "decidedly different" than previous ones, said chorus member Forrest Sass, noting the changes in location — the show was previously at Amador Theater — and the number of shows, which has been increased from two to three.

"Performances at the Amador Theater tend to be more choral in nature, and the ones at the Firehouse Arts theater, just by nature of venue, tend to focus on individual talent," said Sass.

The production will feature the "Mattlock Duo," local cabaret husband and wife Jenny Matteucci and Daniel Lockert, accompanied by selected members of both the adult and youth Broadway Chorus groups. Songs will include selections from popular Broadway



The Broadway Kids Chorus, directed by Jenny Matteucci and Glen Riggs, regularly performs with the adult chorus. At left, C.V. Herst sings "Those were the Good Old Days" from "Damn Yankees" during last October's Broadway Chorus show.



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shows such as "Bells are Ringing," "The Fantasticks" and "Company."

"She has a tremendous sense of showmanship, so it's almost like a variety show," said Sass of Matteucci, who directs the performance. "It's real entertainment plus choral music."

The Broadway Chorus, part of the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, is a community chorus with more than 100 members. It also includes a Broadway Kids Chorus that is

open to young vocalists from first to eighth grade, directed by Matteucci and Glen Riggs. The group is quickly expanding, and performances like the upcoming ones tend to catch the interest of potential members, Sass said.

"We've had people who have come and realized the level of professionalism and the fun that we all have, and they say, 'I want to be part of this,' so they join," he explained. "That's why we have almost a hundred mem-

bers; it's quite contagious."

This weekend's performances will be held at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, July 27; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 28. Tickets are available online at www.firehousearts.org, over the phone at 931-4848, or at the box office at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. For more information about the show or the chorus, visit www.broadwaychorus.org or call 462-2121. ■

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PET OF THE WEEK

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VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/D. SMITH

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Alamo

4 BEDROOMS		
12 Hagen Oaks Court	\$1,199,000	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	984-4910
987 Kirkcrest Lane	\$1,289,000	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	457-6960

Blackhawk

4 BEDROOMS		
28 Canyon Oak Court	\$1,299,000	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	890-2315
3615 Deer Trail Drive	\$1,995,000	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	998-9446
5 BEDROOMS		
700 Liquidamber Place	price TBD	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	683-9799
3675 Deer Trail Drive	\$1,349,000	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	890-2315
45 Red Alder Court	\$2,395,000	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	989-6374

7 BEDROOMS		
3461 Country Club Place	\$3,095,000	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	977-8965

Castro Valley

3 BEDROOMS		
6917 Sunnyslope Avenue	\$799,000	
Sun 1-3	Kristy & Co.	251-2536
4 BEDROOMS		
5364 Camino Alta Mira	\$899,000	
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200

Danville

3 BEDROOMS		
24 Lily Court	\$879,000	
Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	989-6374
142 La Questa Drive	\$874,900	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	855-4087
4 BEDROOMS		
104 Club Terrace	\$1,010,000	
Sat 1-3	Coldwell Banker	935-7100
5 BEDROOMS		
60 Stanton Court	\$1,029,000	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	876-7089

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS		
7679 Canterbury Lane	\$589,000	
Sun 1:30-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
4 BEDROOMS		
2327 Capistrello Way	\$899,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
6828 Eden Street	\$585,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Rebecca Bruner	730-1628

Fremont

2 BEDROOMS		
4864 Balboa Way	\$335,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Keller Williams Tri-Valley	397-4200

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS		
2878 4th Street	\$415,000	
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111

3 BEDROOMS		
1419 Saybrook Road	\$489,000	
Sat 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200
6843 Ridge Court	\$525,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200
1067 Hollice Lane	\$599,950	
Sun 1-4	Kathy Westernoff	577-2600
5659 Bridgeport Circle	\$498,000	
Sun 1-4	Kristy & Co.	251-2536
4 BEDROOMS		
4706 Bel Roma Road	\$1,695,000	
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200
1070 Arlington Road	\$588,000	
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS		
3541 Norton Way	\$519,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
4255 Tamur Court	\$970,000	
Sun 1-4	Phyllis Catania	456-7810
4 BEDROOMS		
2226 Kamp Court	\$1,269,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
4876 Merganser Court	\$969,900	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
4 Grey Eagle Court	\$1,740,000	
Sun 1-3	Dave and Sue Flashberger	463-0436
1178 Vintner Way	\$849,000	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Liz Venema and DeAnna Armario	260-2220
3928 W. Las Positas Boulevard	\$769,000	
Sun 1-4	Jeff Clyma	918-3395

5 BEDROOMS		
831 Sunset Creek Lane	\$1,549,000	
Sat 1-4	Blaise Lofland	846-6500
2115 Raven Road	\$949,900	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
240 Napier Court	\$1,489,000	
Sun 1-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	251-1111
858 Castlewood Place	\$2,395,000	
Sun 1-5	J. Rockcliff Realtors	251-2544
3616 Nicole Avenue	\$1,948,000	
Sun 1-4	Weiner/McDowell Group	872-1416

6 BEDROOMS		
6059 Sycamore Terrace	\$1,598,000	
Sun 1-4	Liz Venema and DeAnna Armario	413-6544

San Ramon

3 BEDROOMS		
6981 Wisteria Street	\$525,000	
Sun 1-4	Coldwell Banker	847-2200
2581 Basswood Drive	\$929,000	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	997-5120
7172 Briza Loop	\$649,000	
Sat/Sun 1:30-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	876-6035

4 BEDROOMS		
262 Canyon Lakes Place	\$925,000	
Sun 1:30-4	Alain Pinel Realtors	314-1111
2165 Watercress Place	\$929,000	
Sun 1-4	J. Rockcliff Realtors	838-4300

Tracy

6 BEDROOMS		
2631 Wyman Court	\$514,888	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Julio Cesar Gomez	251-2510

Home buyers checking out properties on smartphones, tablets

Buyers also taking longer to make offers, Pleasanton Realtor says

By JEB BING

Demonstrating the proliferation of mobile technology into nearly every facet of our lives, more than eight out of 10 home buyers are accessing home information on their smart phones and computer tablets, according to Pleasanton Realtor Don Faught.

Faught, a Realtor with Alain Pinel Realtors and this year's president of the California Association of Realtors (CAR), said the association's "2013 Survey of California Home Buyers" shows an increasing use of housing data resources in the marketplace.

"With more and more consumers using mobile devices and mobile technology, such as apps and social media platforms, buyers are increasingly using their smartphones and computer tablets to view comparable house prices, search for properties, take photos, and create videos of homes and amenities, as well as research communities and real estate agents," Faught said.

"As a result, home buyers today are more informed and have a greater sense of control over what could be a daunting process," he added.

The survey found 85% of buyers used a mobile device during the home buying process, with the majority of buyers (70%) accessing the Internet from their smart phones and 15% accessing it from their tablets.

While the majority of buyers (61%) found their home through an agent, the percentage who found their home online more than doubled from 16% in 2012 to a record high

of 37% in 2013.

Almost one-third (30%) of buyers rated Realtor.com as the most useful website, followed closely by Zillow at 28%. Broker and agent websites were also helpful in the home buying process as buyers increasingly seek local expertise and information.

The use of social media in the home buying process continued to increase, with three-quarters of buyers now using it, compared to 52% who used social media in 2011. Buyers primarily used social media for buying tips and suggestions from friends (43%), neighborhood information (42%), and to view their agents' Facebook pages (41%).

The use of social media as a form of communication is expected to grow, with 91% of buyers saying they are receptive to receiving information about the home buying process from their agent via social media, Faught said.

The survey also found that buyers spent nearly six months considering a purchase before contacting an agent, nearly twice as long as last year. They took more time investigating homes and neighborhoods before contacting an agent, spending just over seven months on researching, compared to about 1.5 months last year.

Additionally, buyers spent nearly 10 weeks looking for a home with their agent, a week longer than last year. More than eight out of 10 buyers (85%) made offers on other homes, and one-third said they settled for the best option given the limited supply of houses.

"The lengthier consideration time and home search illustrates the impact of low housing inventory and increasing home prices," Faught said. "These factors caused buyers to weigh their options more carefully before making their home purchase." ■



Don Faught
Realtor and
President of
the California
Association of
Realtors

Pleasanton Weekly's Real Estate

BUYING & SELLING

August 16, 2013

The market is HOT!



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Full Color

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920 Pamela Place, Pleasanton
Wonderful family home located in a court in "Bonde Ranch." There are 4 bedrooms, with a full bed/bath downstairs, bonus room, and large master suite. Home is light and bright, with a great floor plan.

LISTED FOR \$1,198,000

RECENTLY SOLD



3737 Nicole Ave, Pleasanton
4 beds, 3 baths, 3210 sq. ft. Situated on just over 1/2 acre with a salt water pool and rock fountain. **SOLD FOR \$1,661,000**



4001 Moselle Ct, Pleasanton
Great single-story 3 bed, 2 bath, 1460 sq. ft. home with a charming backyard. **SOLD FOR \$720,000**



6828 Corte Salcedo, Pleasanton
4 beds, 2 baths, just under 2000 sq. ft. Single story with landscaped back yard and a large deck. **SOLD FOR \$795,116**

RECENT SELLER REVIEW

All I can say about Julia Murtagh's ability to sell a home is WOW! We had lived in our home over 20 years and were overwhelmed with the amount of cleanup that would be required to get our house to market. Her top priority in selling our home was to get us "top dollar." She made us timelines, provided professional contacts, and assisted in all our difficult decision making. Julia will take you by the hand and stay by your side through every step of selling your home. Thank you Julia for helping us receive \$21K over asking price!

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LIVERMORE

12540 DOUBLETREE DRIVE

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\$1,149,000

4 BR 2.5 BA Remodeled Kitchen w/granite counters/SS Appl. Hrdwd flrs. Formal Din/Liv w/Vaulted Ceilings. 925.847.2200



LIVERMORE

2475 COLLEGE AVE

OLD SOUTH SIDE LIVERMORE

\$429,000

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2415 POMINO WAY

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ONE STORY MISSION SAN JOSE HOME

\$999,000

3 BR 2 BA New countertops & upgraded baths. Hrdwd flrs/dual-pane windows. Fireplace in Fam. FWY access. 925.847.2200

42755 ROBERTS AVE.

IRVINGTON DISTRICT HOME

\$499,950

3 BR 2 BA Spacious Liv rm w/bay windows. Gourmet kit. w/garden window. Din rm w/french doors. Lrg bkyrd. 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

Open SUN 1-4

4706 BEL ROMA RD.

PRICE REDUCED! SINGLE STORY HOME

\$1,695,000

4 BR 2.5 BA Din/Liv rms. Fam rm-wet bar. Remodeled kit w/granite, Thermador stove +hood. 6 st horse barn. 925.847.2200

Open SUN 1-4

GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD

1070 ARLINGTON ROAD

\$588,000

4 BR 2 BA New paint, lighting & carpets in Liv rm. Updated Kit w/granite. Dual Pane Windows. Hrdwd Flrs. 925.847.2200

Open SAT/SUN 1-4

SINGLE STORY MILLCREEK HOME

6843 RIDGE CT

\$525,000

3 BR 2 BA Tile at entry, kit & ba. Vld laminate flrs. Spacious kit, cntr island, SS stove, pantry. 925.847.2200

829 ORION WAY

SOUTHSIDE SUNSET NEIGHBORHOOD

\$520,000

3 BR 2 BA Lovely home. Totally remodeled kit & bath. Bamboo floors throughout. 925.847.2200

Open SAT 1-4

WONDERFUL HOME!

1419 SAYBROOK DRIVE

\$489,000

3 BR 2 BA Remodeled. Refinished hrdwd flrs. New gourmet kitchen. Dual pane windows. Landscaped. 925.847.2200

1370 ROSELLI DRIVE

LOCATION-LOCATION

\$479,000

4 BR 2 BA Good Sized Lot w/Side Yd Access. Newer roof, gutters, attic insulation. Great Potential. 925.847.2200

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3253 VERDE CT

BEAUTIFUL TWO STORY TOWNHOME

\$590,000

3 BR 2.5 BA 2 car garage. Hrdwd flrs. Crown molding, formal din, Private rear courtyard. Close to BART. 925.847.2200

SAN LEANDRO

Open SUN 1-4

ESTUDILLO ESTATES

364 HAAS AVE.

\$489,000

3 BR 1.5 BA Large Lot. Hardwood flrs. 2 fireplaces. Dual-pane windows. Updated kit w/granite counters. 925.847.2200

SAN RAMON

5118 HOLBORN WAY

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS!

\$1,125,000

4 BR 3.5 BA Open floor plan w/stunning upgrades. Hrdwd flrs. Upgraded kitchen w/granite. Large Family rm. 925.847.2200

Open SUN 1-4

SENIOR COMMUNITY 55+

6981 WISTERIA ST

\$525,000

3 BR 2 BA Kit w/granite counters. Open flr plan. Newer roof. Nice patio. Creamic tile in entry/kitchen. 925.847.2200

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 6-July 1

Livermore

2454 7th Street T. Smith to M. Perry for \$702,000

502 Adelle Street M. Christiansen to J. & S. Murphy for \$309,000

1553 Buttercup Court G. Filyau to N. Lowden for \$401,000

419 Cedar Drive L. & L. Ayon to M. Skowron for \$520,000

1676 Cheryl Drive J. & M. Bonds to S. Zhang for \$820,500

168 Gillette Place #116 Signature at Station Square to G. Dimitrov for \$472,500

1121 Hillcrest Court Coelho Trust to Realands Development for \$400,000

1156 Hollyhock Street Fonger Trust to E. Cordero for \$441,000

456 James Street C. Koenig to D. & F. Hewitt for \$402,000

1319 Locust Street Gililand Trust to Kivlen Trust for \$335,000

3012 Lucca Circle Ponderosa Homes to T. & L. Curtis for \$809,000

1165 Meadow Drive C. & N. Tinsley to N. Arnold for \$550,000

309 North K Street C. Boster to J. Crawford for \$435,000

444 North N Street K. Lewis to R. Jones for \$420,000

5556 Oakmont Circle E. & J. Barron to S. & J. Haddad for \$525,000

2198 Ponderosa Drive J. Paris to N. & P. Daves for \$560,000

1545 Pyrite Place Stephan Trust to P. Way for \$1,105,000

1375 Roselli Drive B. Herbert to S. & J. Williams for \$615,000

2170 Santa Croce Drive E. & X. Scheinerman to J. Hessing for \$924,000

6308 Scenic Avenue R. Angeles to H. Soliman for \$550,000

4135 Sonia Street Department of Housing to J. Kohistani for \$736,000

750 South L Street T. Darter to J. & J. Vail for \$601,000

746 Vinci Way Howard Trust to Peterson Trust for \$1,145,000

2879 Waverly Way Edward Trust to K. & D. Vonheeder for \$870,000

Pleasanton

2577 Arlotta Place Torbeck Trust to Lombardi Trust for \$1,531,000

3744 Bairn Court J. Qin to Q. Kong for \$615,000

3735 Brockton Drive S. Seiden to C. Chu for \$371,000

7650 Canyon Meadow Circle #D M. Fritz to United Investment Fund for \$380,000

2691 Chocolate Street C. & H. Hong to Y. Pan for \$786,000

2057 Foxswallow Road J. Merz to D. & A. Fayollat for \$850,000

776 Gamay Court S. & L. Davis to A. & C. McSporran for \$760,000

364 Linden Way S. Hashemi to Y. Shang for \$1,325,000

8185 Mountain View Drive #F M. Duckworth to M. Sanders for \$301,000

3276 Northampton Court D. & S. Harris to C. & S. Chong for \$800,000

6853 Payne Court B. Abril to Q. Zhu for \$530,000

1582 Poppybank Court K. Delaney to S. Utiramerur for \$750,000

3727 Raboli Street S. & T. Bohen to N. & H. Fallgren for \$1,700,000

5770 Stonediff Vista Lane Lombardi Trust to N. & B. Koduri for \$970,000

4188 West Las Positas Boulevard M. & P. Sohmer to A. & U. Shah for \$794,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

1037 SUNSET CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON, **\$2,050,000**

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this upgraded home on a premium large lot with panoramic views, and superior privacy. The largest model in the Sycamore Heights neighborhood, this home offers approximately 5,000 square feet, five bedrooms, five and a half baths on a 20,213 square foot lot. Gourmet kitchen and expansive master suite. Large rear grounds offers a pool/spa, sports court and a resort like experience. **Sold by Blaise Lofland at Alain Pinel Realtors (925) 846-6500.**



SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (June 6-11)

Total sales reported: 7

Lowest sale reported: \$571,000

Highest sale reported: \$980,000

Average sales reported: \$745,286

Livermore (June 6-11)

Total sales reported: 24

Lowest sale reported: \$309,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,145,000

Average sales reported: \$610,333

Pleasanton (June 6-11)

Total sales reported: 15

Lowest sale reported: \$301,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,700,000

Average sales reported: \$830,867

San Ramon (June 26-July 1)

Total sales reported: 28

Lowest sale reported: \$270,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,265,000

Average sales reported: \$756,589

Source: California REsource

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BRIDLE CREEK

OPEN SAT 1-4



831 SUNSET CREEK LANE, 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

PENDING IN 5 DAYS!



2226 KAMP COURT, 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 AVENUE, 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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1178 Vintner Way, Pleasanton
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