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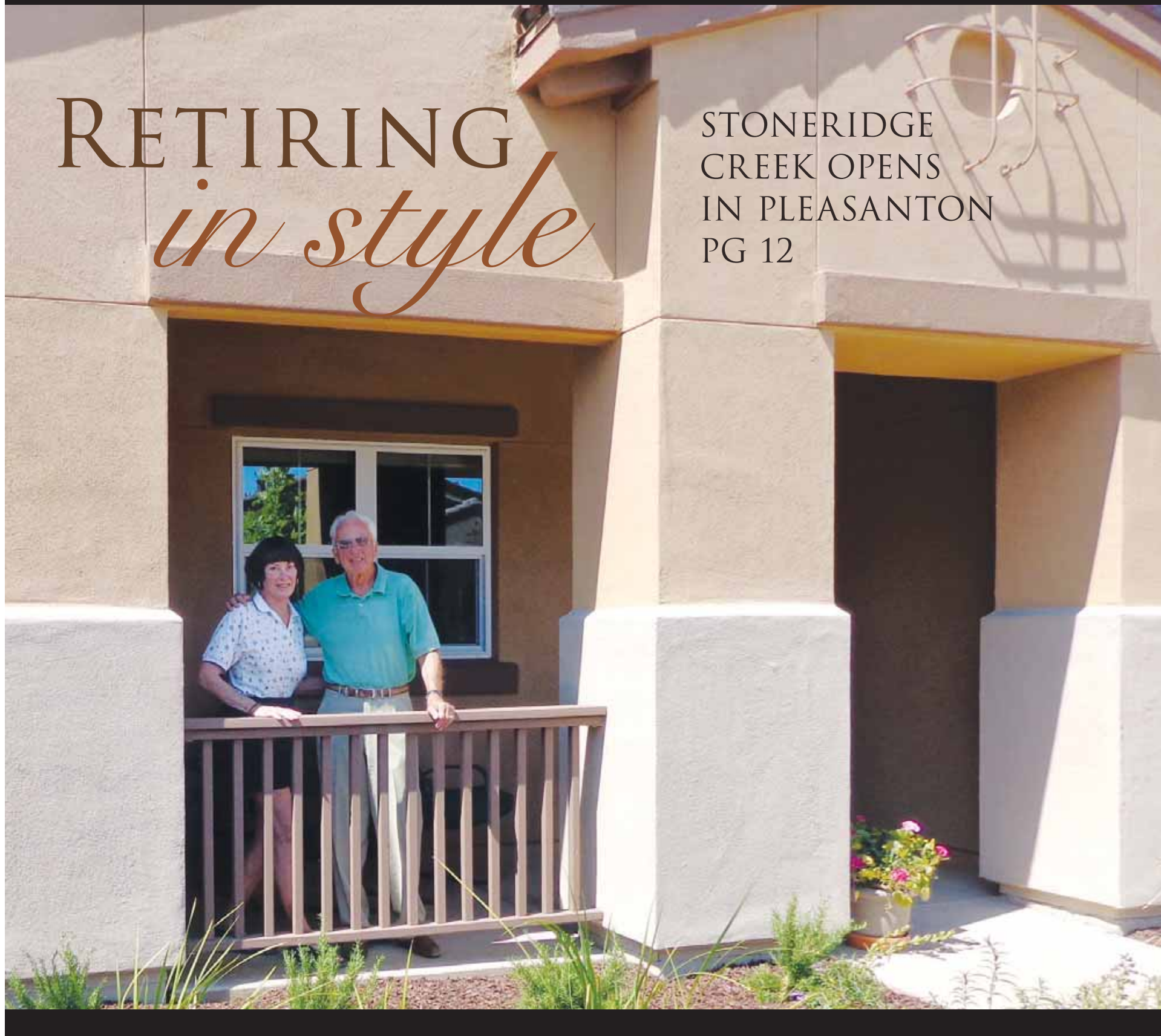


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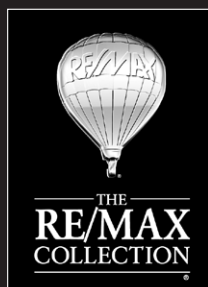
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Twins make for a joyful bundle

Kate and Benjamin arrived in the world one week ago today. My daughter Jenny and her husband Jerry Brewer became first time parents to these two beautiful babies. Weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces (Kate) and 6 pounds, 4 ounces (Benjamin) they were a joyful bundle for me to hold and treasure shortly after their birth.



KERRY NALLY

Benjamin and Kate Brewer

It was quite the wait for the family at the hospital. The two grandmothers and my daughter Kerry managed to be kicked out of the hallway outside of the operating room and banished to a room with specific instructions to keep the door closed. A cheer erupted when we got the text message "girl" from Jerry. Thirty minutes later we heard the boy was here. Throughout her 24-hour ordeal, Jenny was a champ. Finally, she was wheeled out smiling and beaming holding her tiny beautiful daughter and son. The cheers, tears and hugs lasted a long time.

It was an exciting day months ago when the ultrasound revealed not one, but two separate and distinct heartbeats. Twins were on the way. As those tests continued, we learned one was a boy, the other a girl. Looking at the ultrasound pictures, I couldn't necessarily confirm this was the case, but others were able to identify those objects as babies of the human variety.

Planning started immediately, as it always does when someone in the family announces they're about to have a baby. Baby books surfaced, solicited and unsolicited advice was offered, name suggestions were ongoing, and decorating ideas for the babies' room in the Brewers' Pleasanton home got underway. The women in the family (and there are many) began talking about a shower, including possible dates, location, theme and guests. I knew I had to make plans to vacate the house for this party, but I was so wrong. Men were on the invite list — another new concept for me. I had never been to a baby shower and didn't quite know what to expect. I did OK, but was slightly disappointed I never won a prize for any of the games we played.

Everything we bought was in twos — car seats, cribs, swings, to name a few. Where I once thought baby strollers built for two were unique, I found showrooms filled

with them with various seating arrangements and accessories. Strollers have evolved into a world of their own. Jenny's stroller of choice cost more than my first car and also has far more bells and whistles. You can attach a skateboard-like device for an older child to ride on, elliptical handles that give you a workout while pushing the stroller, coolers, fans, bassinets, mosquito netting, rain covers, purse hooks, coffee cup holders and even stay-warm/stay cool plastic compartments for milk and juices. I'm convinced a family could be lost in the desert and survive quite comfortably as long as they had the stroller and its add-ons.

Another first for me are the diapers that now come with a built in detection system indicating when it's time to change the baby. Kate's and Benjamin's diapers even have a notched area for the umbilical cord. When it's time to dispose of the diaper, there is a special container with plastic bags that somehow seal it so there is no offending odor. I really hope we're not asked to babysit. I don't think we're capable of operating the gadgets and appliances apparently needed these days to properly care for children. I can see us forgetting to use the automatic warmer for the wipes when changing the babies after confirming, of course, from the diaper that it's time.

Kate and Benjamin, as I said, are now a week old and truly precious little beings. It is hard to put into words how we feel about these babies and how we feel as we watch Jenny and Jerry look at the two new loves of their lives. We consider ourselves fortunate that we can see them daily, and, as grandparents, have the privilege of holding and cuddling and then saying goodnight, leaving them in the care of their two capable and loving parents as we head to our home, just a short drive away. ■

About the Cover

Joan and Wilhelm Schaeffler stand on the front porch of their new three-bedroom villa on Stoneridge Creek, Pleasanton's new upscale retirement community on Staples Ranch. The Schaefflers were the first to move into this 635-home full-service complex that includes independent and assisted living, a health center and multitude of dining, recreational and service amenities. Photo by Jeb Bing. Cover design by Rosanna Leung.

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Streetwise

AROUND TOWN

What is the best piece of advice you ever received?



Christina Heild
Photographer

Don't run with the turkeys if you can fly with the eagles. It can mean so many different things. Mostly I think it means everyone should strive to do as well as they can and not let anyone else hold them back.

Jessica Laux
College student

Work smarter, not harder. It's all about finding the best and most efficient ways to get things done.



Chad Bruggemann
College student

I was always told by my parents to tackle the hard things in life because they are hard for a reason.

Darnell Haynes
Electrician

Be honest. Best advice ever. The truth will set you free.



Annika Laberge-Shusterman
Middle school student

A good friend of mine encouraged me to not care what other people think about me, because no one's life should revolve around other people's opinions of them.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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

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Preventing BART strikes

As BART unions agreed to postpone a scheduled strike against the transit system, State Sen. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Walnut Creek), whose state Senate District 7 includes Pleasanton, said that the ongoing dispute between management and labor “doesn’t seem to be working for anyone, most importantly, for the commuters.”

“The intent of any legislation will not be to simply stop strikes, but to ensure we produce equitable outcomes for workers and our commuters during future negotiations,” said DeSaulnier, chairman of the Transportation and Housing Committee.

BART’s unions agreed Sunday night to postpone a strike for at least seven days at the request of Gov. Jerry Brown, who wants an investigation of issues affecting the labor dispute.

Brown said a strike would “significantly disrupt public transportation services” and “endanger the public’s health, safety and welfare.” The board is required to report back on the contract talks within seven days, with strikes and lockouts prohibited during the investigation.

Sister city fundraising barbecue tomorrow

The Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association will hold its annual fundraising barbecue from 5:30-11 p.m. tomorrow at the Ivy Glen area at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Celebrating the organization’s 30th anniversary, the event will include the famous Tony Macchiano’s “Lickety Split” barbecue dinner, live and silent auctions and dancing under the stars with music provided by a DJ. The auction items include stays in Mexico and New Orleans, fine dining at multiple restaurants, a wine country limo trip, two wine barrels filled with various wines and gift baskets with gift certificates from local businesses and service providers. The cost is \$30 per person. Call Mike Terkelsen at 846-6463. For more information, visit www.ptsca.org.

Children’s Museum

Valley Children’s Museum is hosting a carnival from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. tomorrow at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin, with a circus train, elephant and big top crafts, old-fashioned carnival games and a jumpy house.

VCM opened its Mobile Museum in Emerald Glen Park, 4201B Central Parkway, in 2011. It hosts activities for young children every second Saturday as well as during the Dublin Farmers Market on Thursday evenings through the end of September.

City OKs high density apartments on Bernal at Stanley

345-upscale rental unit project to include drug store, other retailers

By JEB BING

With only one objector at a two-hour public hearing, the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday approved construction of a 345-unit upscale apartment complex on Bernal Avenue at Stanley Boulevard that will include a three-building retail center with a drug store and drive-through pharmacy.

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 on what is now a barren 16-acre site across Bernal from McDonald’s and an AM/PM gas station. Nevada Court, a cul de sac that serves Congregation Beth Emek, is at the eastern edge of the site, and Stanley Boulevard is on the west.

The complex, to be called Vintage Village, will feature a gateway monument sign at the corner of Bernal and Stanley, elevated slightly to camouflage the parking area along both streets for the retail stores.

Brian Dolan, director of Community Development, said the main retail building, measuring nearly 15,000 square feet, will house a drug store with a drive-through pharmacy, although E&S Ring’s John Pringle did not identify the tenant. It’s known that Walgreens has been searching for a site in Pleasanton for some time and recently built a new store on First Street in Livermore.

The project is the fourth high density apartment project to gain approvals from the council in recent months. A fifth one, proposed for

a 26-acre undeveloped site just south of the new Safeway and Pleasanton Gateway shopping center at Bernal and Valley avenues near I-680, goes before the city’s Planning Commission next Wednesday. The developer, Scott Trobbe, is seeking approval to build 210 apartment units and 97 single family homes between Valley and the freeway where office buildings were once planned.

Trobbe’s and the E&S Ring development are part of a number of properties rezoned for high density housing as part of an agreement between the city of Pleasanton and state housing authorities after a court order for the city to provide more affordable housing.

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TOM COLEMAN

Rattlers in love

Tom Coleman of Foothill Road was hiking on the Pleasanton Ridge on July 24 with his camera when he came across Jason Oswalt’s cross country team from Amador Valley High. The teens alerted Coleman to a pair of western rattlesnakes on the trail. “They were doing quite a ‘dance’ but stopped long enough for me to capture this interesting profile,” Coleman said.

He also was impressed by the athletes telling him about the rattlers. “That was considerate of them to think of my safety and resulted in this dramatic photo of them mating,” Coleman said. “Some hiker later pointed out that one could go for 50 years and not be fortunate enough to witness this ritual.”

PUSD teachers learn new strategies at summer institute

Teachers train colleagues on Common Core State Standards

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Teachers are headed back to school later this month armed with new tools.

A teacher summer institute was held in June, with more than 400 in attendance, according to Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, who said another session is planned for later this month.

“It was all around Common Core State Standards,” Ahmadi said, explaining that teacher leaders held different sessions and teachers decided which sessions to attend.

Nimarta Grewal, an eighth-grade history teacher at Pleasanton Middle School, was both an attendee and a presenter at the summer institute.

Grewal said she learned about “text-dependent questions and also a strategy called close reading, which is a very specific way of reading and interacting with text.”

Common Core asks students to dig more deeply into what they’re learning and requires more nonfiction reading. The standards apply across all classes, so that students will be doing more reading in science as well as history.

“Common Core is asking literacy to be shared by all teachers. It’s supposed to be across all disciplines,” Grewal explained adding that the standards mean moving from “the

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Cell phone alerts jolt Pleasanton residents

Many Pleasanton residents were jolted awake Monday night and during much of the day Tuesday when they received unexpected Amber Alerts about two siblings who were reported missing out of San Diego County. Just before 11 p.m. Monday, an emergency alert sounded on mobile devices alerting Californians that an Amber Alert had been issued and that authorities were looking for a blue four-door Nissan Versa with California license plate number 6WCU986.

The alert was for Hannah Anderson, 16, and her brother, 8-year-old Ethan Anderson, who were reported missing Monday night. The previous day, their mother was found dead inside the burned home of 40-year-old James Lee DiMaggio in the San Diego County community of Boulevard. DiMaggio was suspected of kidnapping the children, and authorities say he may be headed to Texas or Canada in the Nissan.

The Amber Alerts to cellphones were sent out as part of the Wireless Emergency Alerts system, which was rolled out nationwide at the start of this year by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The alerts are designed to inform people of emergencies, including extreme weather or natural disasters. They are received by certain newer cellphones that have the built-in capability to receive them.

The alert, which looks like a text message, is short with basic information about the incident and instructions for any followup action to take. The message causes a special tone and vibration in the phone that is receiving it.

This reporter received a number of alerts which sounded a loud buzzing sound much like those on TV when emergency alert tests are conducted, blocking out current broadcasts. Coming as they did while driving, the iPhone alert was startling with no way legally of picking up the phone before pulling out of traffic and stopping. It was making such loud, repeated noises, it seemed like the phone had gone into “nuclear attack mode.”

The concern is that the annoying sound and seemingly random message (the text alert had no background on the kidnapping or the missing children) will discourage people from paying attention to the notification system or even using it. In fact the word quickly went out on social media advising cellphone owners how to “opt out” by changing the settings on their phones.

—Jeb Bing

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P13-2043, Sri Sai Temple**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a religious facility within a tenant space located at 6644 Owens Drive
- **P13-2097, City of Pleasanton**
Application to amend Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to comply with the 2012 Pleasanton General Plan Housing Element pertaining to second units
- **P13-2012, City of Pleasanton**
Application to amend Title 17 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 17.38 (Density Bonus) to comply with State Density Bonus Law
- **PUD-96/ P13-1928, Pleasanton Gateway, L.L.C. (Scott Trobbe)**
Applications for: (1) Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan to construct 210 apartment units, 97 single-family detached units, and related on- and off-site improvements on an approximately 26.72-acre site located at 1600 Valley Avenue (south side of the Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center); and (2) Development Agreement for the project
- **PUD-81-30-55M/PUD-85-8-27M, City of Pleasanton**
Application for a Major Modification to PUD 81 30 and PUD 85 08 to address residential development and how it affects the developable square footage in the Hacienda Business Park

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.
City Hall Conference #3, 157 Main Street

- Discussion with Strategic Economics regarding Economic Development Strategic Plan project – DRAFT Strategic Plan Framework

Kottinger Park Task Force

Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Avenue

- Adjustments and further development of the Refined Concept Site Plan for the redevelopment of the existing Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens properties located at 240 and 251 Kottinger Drive

Commission Vacancies Recruitment

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

Committee on Energy & the Environment

Economic Vitality Committee

for the following groups:

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

Youth Commission

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

City representative to the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District

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

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

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME

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

Firehouse Arts Center looking for volunteers

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

If you enjoy the arts, consider donating your time at the Firehouse Arts Center. A Volunteer Program Orientation is being held at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 19, just in time for the 2013-14 season, its fourth.

"Volunteers serve because they love the arts, and want to give their time to the theater and the gallery," said volunteer program coordinator Jennifer Koch.

Volunteer positions include theater usher, ticket taker, greeter and art gallery attendant. Theater volunteers must be at least 16 years old, and gallery volunteers, 21.

Experience is not required, but volunteers must attend the orientation. For more information, or to RSVP, call Koch at 931-4846 or email jkoch@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

The arts center includes a 227-seat theater; the 2,000-square-foot

Harrington Gallery; and classrooms and rehearsal spaces. Its grand atrium lobby, upper mezzanine and the interior glass bridge also are used for receptions as is the back patio.

Theater supervisor Rob Vogt said the shows planned for the new season are possibly the most dynamic and eclectic to date, with rock, country, bluegrass, jazz, blues, classical, folk, cabaret, holiday and retro concerts. Headliners include Paula Cole, Gregg Rolie Band, Bo Bice, David Lanz, December People and Starship.

Volunteers often like to usher because they can see the shows, Koch said, but noted that they don't usually get to enjoy the entire performance.

"An added plus is getting to see parts of some fantastic programs, but if they want to see the first and last 15 minutes, they prob-

ably should buy a ticket," she said. "Folks understand that they are serving the public."

The Harrington Gallery, run by visual arts coordinator Julie Finegan, will have a variety of media, style, topics and moods in its upcoming rotating exhibits. Volunteers are needed not only for the gallery desk during visiting hours and performances, but also to assist with gallery receptions and related events.

At the close of each season, qualifying volunteers are recognized at the national level for their dedication to the arts through their time given to the Firehouse Arts Center. To date, 24 volunteers have received the award, which included an official President's Volunteer Service Award lapel pin.

The orientation will be held in the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■



PPD

Meeting the chief at National Night Out

Kids on Sierrwood Lane enjoy meeting Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller and checking out the Police Department's Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) at Tuesday's National Night Out, an annual crime and drug prevention event. Pleasanton started participating over 10 years ago with four neighborhood block parties, and this year there were 30 gatherings. Parties register with the police to receive visits from police, fire and city officials.

COUNCIL

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In the Ring development, however, the builder is expected to opt for making a \$4.5 million payment into the city's affordable housing fund instead of dedicating affordable apartment units in perpetuity to low income tenants. In fact, this complex could have some of the priciest rental units in Pleasanton, including spacious two- and three-bedroom units with garages. The complex also will have a large swimming pool, athletic workout facilities, tot lots and grassy areas for barbecues and family get-togethers.

Pringle did commit, however, to providing at least three apartments designed for tenants in wheelchairs, with larger doorways and lower sinks and counters.

Traffic was the main concern of council members, although Traffic Engineer Mike Tassano said the adjacent roadways could handle more motorists. He estimated that



there would be 191 trips in and out of Vintage Village during peak morning commute hours and 285 during the evening commute. They would blend in with the 3,819 trips a day in and around the complex that he projects.

Interior roadways in the apartment complex would serve the three clusters of apartment buildings and the retail center. The main entrance will be off Bernal across from Utah Street, where the AM/PM station is located. A traffic light

will control that intersection. Two other driveways on Stanley also will allow access to the complex.

Frank Auf der Maur and Konrad Rickenbach, co-owners of the 16-acre site that E&S Ring will acquire, started the process of developing it more than 10 years ago. At one time, Home Depot sought approval to build a second Pleasanton store there, but never pursued final approval after members of the City Council at the time indicated they would not approve the plan. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Sojourn in Spain: Bob and Claudia See pause in their jaunt around Pampañeira, Spain, to show their Pleasanton Weekly the sights.

TEACHERS

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theoretical, what they're learning, and applying it in practical ways."

"It involves more critical thinking, it involves more collaboration," she said.

Wendi Sullivan teaches seventh-grade language arts and history, also at PMS, and attended the first summer institute, on June 18-19.

"I did receive a wealth of information. Some of it I had been introduced to, but going into more depth and being with teachers helps you build your knowledge," Sullivan said. "It's going to give me the tools I need to modify what I've done in the past as well as creating new ways of teaching."

That's exactly what Grewal hopes. She offered her insights to Common Core standards at two sessions of the summer institute, focusing on literacy, history and social studies for teachers in middle and high schools.

Grewal acknowledged there have been some teachers who are hesitant to change teaching methods that already work. But she said teachers don't have to rethink their entire strategies for learning; she explains that Common Core standards may be a matter of tweaking classes to incorporate deeper thinking.

"We're just kicking it up a notch," Grewal said. She's already looking forward to Aug. 21, when she'll be presenting again, this time incorporating what she's learned over the summer through the Alameda County Office of Education.

"This summer I added AVID strategies, additional Common Core interdisciplinary strategies," she said. "I'm just trying to incorporate what I've learned this summer to make the August session better."

AVID -- Advancement Via Individual Determination -- is designed to make sure students are ready for college. College readiness is the overarching idea behind Common Core, with the idea of ensuring graduates from high schools across the country are prepared to enter college by the end of their senior year, and building downward from there, so that juniors have the skills

for 12th grade, and sophomores are ready for 11th, all the way down to middle and elementary school students, with specific measurements and goals along the way.

"The fact that the district dedicated two full days showed a commitment to implementing Common Core standards in our school in a comprehensive manner," Grewal said.

She said that Pleasanton is one of the few districts in the county that has offered training in the standards to teachers.

"I really appreciate how the district is embracing the idea of teachers teaching teachers. I really appreciate that," Grewal said.

Now, as they get ready for the coming school year, teachers are thinking about how to bring the standards into their classes.

"That's where my head is going right now, trying to figure out how to make these adjustments," Sullivan said. "I will be asking students to read more deeply, independently, and then asking them to work more collaboratively to gain a deeper understanding of the material. In other words, rather than me getting up there and telling them, I'm going to ask them to read on their own and come up with ideas."

In the past, she said, "We've gotten up and done more lecturing. Now it's modeling the skill and asking the students to do it." ■

Tracking software on stolen computer leads cops to thief

Briefcase snatched as victim checks in to hotel

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A briefcase grab early Wednesday morning from the Four Points Sheraton Hotel pretty much solved itself.

A male guest called police to tell them that his case was snatched from the floor next to him as he was registering at about 1 a.m. Wednesday.

No one was seen taking the briefcase from the hotel in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road, but the victim provided a description of two black female adults who disappeared at the same time his case went missing.

The victim provided a detailed description of the suspects to officers, but that was probably unnecessary, thanks to several Apple products inside the briefcase that had tracking software.

"Officers were able to bring the devices up via the Internet and began tracking their location,"

said Pleasanton Lt. Jim Knox. "Ultimately, the devices stopped moving at an address in Hunters Point in San Francisco."

Pleasanton police officers contacted their counterparts in San Francisco and coordinated their response to the location of the briefcase and provided a description of the suspect.

The San Francisco Police Department dispatched several units and located the suspect, 27-year-old San Francisco resident Petesa Ufau, in a vehicle.

A computer with the victim's name on it was in plain view, and all of the victim's property was recovered.

Pleasanton police took Ufau into custody in San Francisco, and she gave a full statement, admitting to the theft.

The investigation is ongoing and Pleasanton police are working on identifying the second suspect. ■

Fire at Hacienda Cleaners sends employee to hospital

Sprinkler system minimizes damage

One person sustained minor injuries in a fire late afternoon Wednesday last week at Hacienda Cleaners on Stoneridge Drive.

The fire at the cleaners spread to the clothing on the conveyor system but was kept in check by a sprinkler system until firefighters arrived on the scene and got inside to keep the fire from going further.

Four engines, two trucks and one battalion chief were called to the commercial strip mall in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive at about 5:47 p.m., according to a news release from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

"On arrival there was heavy smoke coming from the dry cleaning business," the release said.

"Fire damage was confined to the dry cleaners, while water and smoke damage was spread to all store fronts in the strip mall."

LFPD Battalion Chief Jack

Neiman-Kimel said the building received minimal damage, but the dry cleaning machines and "several hundred pieces of clothing" were damaged.

Smoke had spread into all the nearby businesses, and the businesses on either side of the dry

cleaners sustained water damage from the sprinkler system.

An employee from the cleaners suffered from smoke inhalation and was taken to ValleyCare Medical Center. No firefighters were injured.

—Glenn Wohltmann

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Pleasanton goes 2-2 in World Series

Livermore hosts Little League Intermediate national, international teams



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Pleasanton players at the opening ceremony before their first game.



Nate Lau (left) and Trevor Bergmann watch the action.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The first Little League World Series for the new Intermediate Division ended Monday night in Livermore, with Izumisan Little League emerging as champs. The team from Osaka, Japan, first defeated the other international teams, then it beat the U.S. champions, Collier Township, Penn., 10-1, for the title.

There was standing room only at Max Baer Park in Livermore as fans filled the bleachers and stood several deep at the championship game, which was aired on ESPN2.

The United States had six districts playing: Central, East, CA District 57, Southeast, Southwest and West. District 57 was represented by Pleasanton National Little League, which went 2-2.

"Our biggest accomplishment was we were able to knock off the West team (Nogales, Ariz.), which showed we were the Best in the West," said Manager Dave Landers.

Pleasanton, coached by Dale Wolfe and Bob Kaufmann, played its first game July 20, and beat Central (Georgetown Little League of Jenison, Mich.), 12-0, with Evan Wolfe pitching a perfect game. The next day, Pleasanton beat West, 6-3.

The following day, Aug. 2, Pleasanton faced Southwest (Post Oak Little League of Houston), which prevailed, 6-5. Pleasanton next faced East (Chartiers Valley Little League of Collier Township, Penn.) on Saturday, and East won, 3-1.

When East beat Southwest, 5-4, on

Sunday, it secured its spot in the championship game Monday against Izumisan.

The international pool included Canada, Latin America, Puerto Rico and Asia-Pacific.

The American teams stayed at the Marriott, including the Pleasanton players so they would have the full World Series experience; the international teams were at the Hilton.

"It was a great experience, it was awesome for the boys," Landers said. "They met a lot of friends, exchanged numbers and emails, signed baseballs. The Japanese kids, even though they didn't speak a lot of English, were always trying to communicate with our kids, they were always joking around."

The Pleasanton team members all have baseballs signed by the Osaka team in Japanese.

Organizers were expecting about 10,000 spectators for the games but the tournament ended up drawing more than 30,000, Landers said.

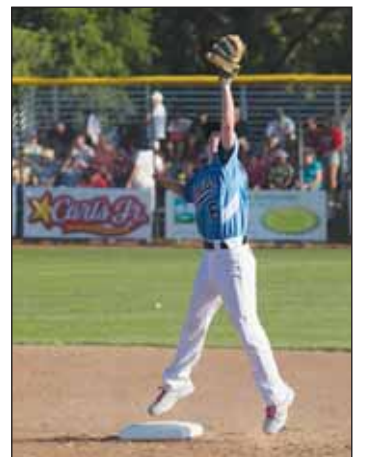
The Pleasanton team drew large crowds and was pleased to make it to the semifinals.

"Whenever we played, we had 3,500-4,000 per game," Landers said. "It was really exciting for the kids — we were one game away from the U.S. Championship."

"The whole tournament was a big success," he added. "It exceeded all of our expectations." ■

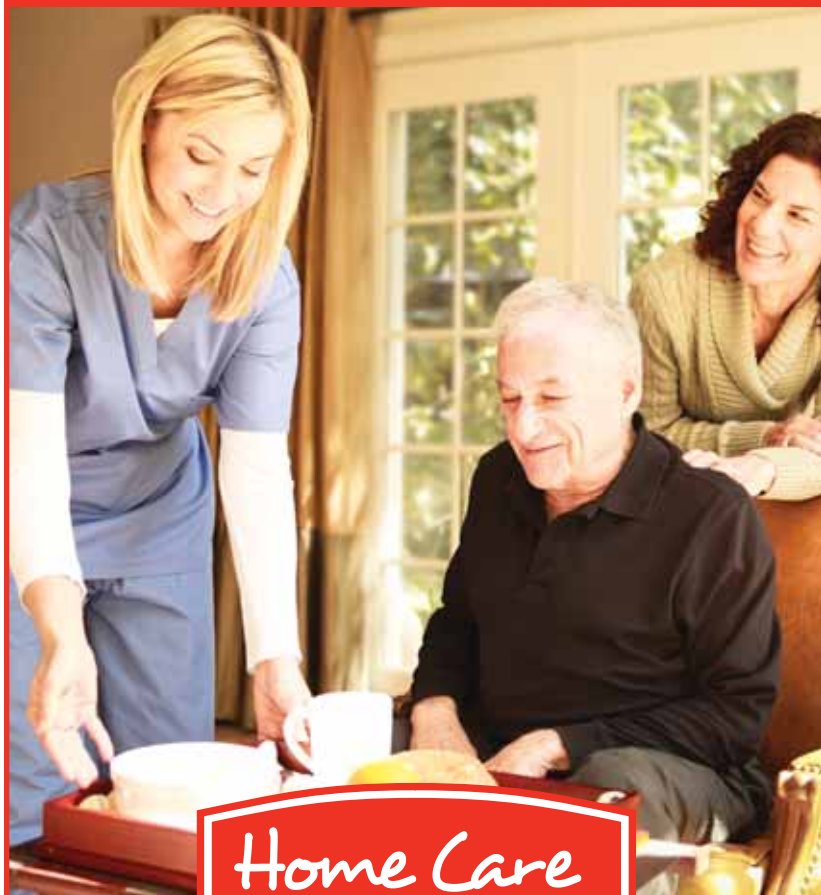


Pitcher Evan Wolfe at bat.



Cal O'Loughlin stretches for a catch.

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Business News

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3 from Pleasanton added to Hope Hospice board

Organization supports individuals in advanced stages of illness

Three Pleasanton residents have been elected to the Hope Hospice board of directors, joining the organization's 15-member board.

Hope Hospice, headquartered in Dublin, provides a special kind of healthcare that supports individuals in the advanced stages of an illness. It serves patients and families in Alamo, Blackhawk, Castro Valley, Diablo, Danville, Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Sunol and the surrounding communities in the East Bay.

Elected to a two-year terms, which can be extended to a total of three consecutive two-year terms, are Capt. Craig Eicher of the Pleasanton Police Department; Mary Schwind, a nurse who recently retired from Kindred Healthcare; and James R. Wark, a retired business consultant.

Eicher, who is captain of the Police Department's Operations division, has 25 years of law enforcement experience and community involvement. At the Police Department, he is responsible for patrol, traffic, the Special Enforcement SWAT team, animal services, permitting, special events and department policy. "Craig has built relationships

with community members and leaders throughout his long career," said David Karlsson, a CPA and president of the Hope Hospice board. "He brings a valuable understanding of the community to our organization."

Eicher holds a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice from Cal State East Bay and a master's degree in Public Sector Leadership from St. Mary's College in Moraga.

Mary Schwind has had a long career in the nursing field. She recently retired from Kindred Healthcare, the largest provider of post-acute care in the country, where she served as chief clinical officer from 2006 to 2013. Prior to that, she was a principal consultant with Siemens Healthcare Division from 2003 to 2005.

"Hope Hospice will benefit from Mary's knowledge in healthcare, her experience in healthcare administration and knowledge of the community," Karlsson said.

Schwind earned her master of science degree in Health Services Administration from St. Mary's College. She is a graduate from Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing in Camden, N.J.

James R. Wark is a retired business consultant who most recently worked for 18 years at J and J Consulting. Prior to that, he worked for a total of 16 years with California-Nevada Methodist Homes, a nonprofit corporation that operates nursing and retirement homes. Wark served as president and CEO for 11 of those years before retiring from the company.

"Jim has had a long and distinguished career in business administration and finance in the healthcare, education and senior residential services fields," Karlsson said. "He brings a wealth of experience, skills and a keen understanding of the senior marketplace that will be an asset to our board membership."

Wark served in the U.S. Army and later earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from San Jose State University. An active volunteer in the community, he also served in leadership roles with various organizations including the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Senior Support Services and Faith Chapel in Pleasanton.

For more information on Hope Hospice, call 1-800-HOSPICE or visit HopeHospice.com. ■



James R. Wark



Mary Schwind



Craig Eicher

BIZ BRIEFS

Massage center OK'd for Meadow Plaza

Tranquil Massage Center has been approved by Pleasanton city planners to move its facility from the Santa Rita Junction Shopping Center to a larger space in the Meadow Plaza Shopping Center, near the newly opened Walmart Neighborhood Market.

The Santa Rita center, at Santa Rita Road and Old Santa Rita Road, is scheduled to be demolished later this year to make way for a new Chase Bank building complex.

Hai Huan Du-Lund, owner of Tranquil Massage, said four or more massage technicians would work at the new facility, a 1,290-square-foot site at 3112, 3120 and 3128 Santa Rita Road in the Meadow Plaza Center. Conditions of approval for

the massage center restrict its operating hours to 7 a.m. to no later than 10 p.m.

Massage establishments in the city are required to obtain a separate permit from the Pleasanton Police Department to ensure that those offering massages possess the minimum qualifications necessary to perform the services and that they operate in a lawful professional manner.

Du-Lund said he has operated Tranquil Massage since October 2010, treating on average 10 clients a day. The business specializes in Swedish massage, deep tissue massage, acupuncture, Thai massage, back walking, foot reflexology and relieve pain stress.

In other recent actions by city planners, Main Street Brewery at 803 Main St. has been given a permit to expand into adjoining space formerly occupied by El Jarrito Restaurant, which closed. Matt Billings, who owns Main Street Brewery, said the restaurant has been operating from the same loca-

tion for 17 years. It will continue the current brew pub and restaurant operation, staying open until midnight on weekends.

City planners also approved a permit allowing the Gymboree Play and Music business in the Oak Hills Shopping Center, which houses Raley's Supermarket, to relocate into a smaller 2,500 square foot vacant store. Gymboree, which now has 2,800 square feet at its current location, offers classes in play, music, art, sports and school skills.

It is open Tuesdays through Sundays and hosts birthday parties on the weekends.

The city Planning Commission also approved a conditional use permit for Crispim BJJ Barra Brothers to operate a martial arts studio at 6668 Owens Drive, moving from a smaller facility at 7063 Commerce Circle. The new studio will be located on the first floor of an existing two-story, 18,683-square-foot building in space that previously was used by a physical therapy business. ■

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LETTERS

'Coming Soon' unethical

Dear Editor,

As new prospective citizens to Pleasanton, we have had to dive into the daunting local real estate market. It has been extremely frustrating and depressing. It is like no other real estate market that we have ever experienced. Now to add to this, the "Coming Soon" sign has popped up on the scene.

This new wrinkle, from some of my research, smacks of borderline unethical real estate practice and certainly goes against the spirit of the MLS guideline. It favors the listing agent, potentially deprives the seller of maximum value for their home and works against the potential buyers.

We have had a negative experience with this already. I encourage all agents to refrain from this practice and discourage others from doing it. Let's keep the real estate market in this area free of this questionable practice.

Robert Huberman

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



JEB BING

Barbara Steinfeld (in patterned top), president of the newly-named Visit Tri-Valley California, stands with organization's staff at Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday. They are (from left) Tim Toonen, Director of Marketing; Liz Sullivan, Social Media & PR Manager; Morgan Brown, Office Administrator; Geoffrey Sarabia-Mason, Vice President of Sales; Stacey Roth, Sales Coordinator; and Jeffrey Blair, Sales Manager.

New leadership setting fast pace at tourism bureau

Under new leadership, Visit Tri-Valley California, as the better known Tri-Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau is now called, is embarking on a major program to encourage thousands to make day trips or spend a weekend here. In her meeting with a Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce delegation Tuesday and at the organization's annual luncheon last week, Visit Tri-Valley's president Barbara Steinfeld promised an ambitious campaign in the coming months to entice more from the Bay Area and beyond to come to the Tri-Valley for a weekend of fun, entertainment, wine tasting, hiking, shopping and even to get married.

She considers this an untapped tourism destination that is beautiful and authentic, with unmatched hills and lush terrain, unbeatable weather, walkable downtowns and super, value-filled boutiques. Especially in these times of increasingly costly air fares and travel uncertainties, a day or two spent in the Tri-Valley offers advantages for the budget-savvy who just want to take a breather from their business and family routines.

Steinfeld is a welcome addition to Visit Tri-Valley, an organization with a professional, motivated staff in sales, marketing, wedding planning and more that has lacked effective leadership for quite some time. The old CVB has gone through some turbulent times in recent years, and at least one city and a major hotel have questioned the effectiveness of the organization and the need to charge hotel guests \$2 a night to support it.

Thanks to a strong executive committee now in place, headed by Dave Ackerman of the thriving and Simon Corp.-owned Livermore Premium Outlets, the future looks brighter not only for the revived, re-focused and renamed Visit Tri-Valley organization but, more important, for the five cities and their businesses that stand to profit as more visitors come here.

Steinfeld was hired to head the Tri-Valley organization April 8 after spending the last 16 years with Travel Portland, where she served as the vice president for Tourism Sales. A tourism industry veteran, she also has worked at the Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, where she spent four years as a Tourism and Economic Development Consultant. In addition, Steinfeld is chair of the U.S. Travel Association's Destination Council and is the past chair of the Cultural & Heritage Tourism Alliance, of which she is a co-founder.

Steinfeld's goal in serving Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon and Danville is to promote the entire region for visitors. The immediate effort will be to increase the number of overnight stays, primarily for long weekends from Thursday through Sundays. There are 36 hotels in the region that pay the \$2 per room assessment, and Steinfeld is pushing her staff to help fill them up between the time business travelers check out on Thursdays and check in again Monday afternoons.

Visit Tri-Valley's list of teasers in promoting the area include wine tasting at one of the Livermore Valley's 53 wineries, admiring the world's longest burning light bulb in Livermore, a visit to the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville, hiking in Mt. Diablo State Park, kayaking and picnicking at Shadow Cliffs lake in Pleasanton, taking in a performance at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore or the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton, "updating your wardrobe" at the Stoneridge Shopping Center or the Livermore Premium Outlets, testing skills with a game of bocce at Campo di Bocce in Livermore and chilling out at Dublin's Iceland Skating Rink. Of course, the Alameda County Fairgrounds are also on the list when special events are in town. Her success bodes well for all of us who live here and can enjoy the region's many benefits all the time. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Cash, registers, safe stolen from Round Table Pizza

A thief or thieves likely used a wheeled dolly at Round Table Pizza in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road to steal a safe from the restaurant, according to police reports.

Along with the 150-pound safe, valued at about \$500, police reports say \$7,900 in cash was stolen from Round Table, including the contents of the safe and cash from two registers — and a register drawer — along with the dolly, worth about \$35.

Access in the burglary, which occurred between 10 p.m. July 31 and 7:40 a.m. Aug. 1, was through the front door. Police have video surveillance but no suspects.

In other police reports:

• A resident of the 600 block of E. Angela Street reported \$7,000 and \$2,400 had been stolen from his account in two separate withdrawals from a mutual fund at his bank.

In other frauds in recent days, a resident of the 4300 block of E. Second Street reported someone had stolen her Costco credit card from her mailbox. Multiple charges were made, including one for \$5,558, another for \$1,266, and a third for \$471. A \$2,000 charge was declined, but there were 12 smaller charges for gas. The incident was reported at about 9:04 a.m. Aug. 2.

Two other residents also reported felony frauds, although nothing was taken in either attempt.

In one, a resident of the 2800 block of Calle Reynoso reported that someone had applied for a credit card in her name. In the other, a resident of the 7500 block of Nevada Court told police someone had opened a credit card in his name.

• A bicycle valued at \$1,000 and a \$1,000 set of skis were

reported stolen from a home in the 5900 block of Sterling Greens Circle sometime between 10:00 a.m. July 20 and 11:30 a.m. Aug. 3; a garage door was broken open to provide access.

Another home on the same street was also burgled, between 10 a.m. July 26 and 1 p.m. July 30. Taken from the home, in the 6000 block of Sterling Greens Circle, were two notebook computers worth \$800 and \$700, along with a \$750 Louis Vuitton purse. A sliding glass door at the home has been pried open.

• An employee of Lush Cosmetics in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road reported the embezzlement of \$1,500 in products — soaps, shampoo and cosmetics. The theft, which was reported at about 10:25 a.m. Aug. 3, remains under investigation.

• Two Harley-Davidson saddlebags worth \$600 and clothing worth \$800 inside them, were lifted from a motorcycle parked at Stoneridge Shopping Center between noon and 3 p.m. Aug. 4.

• Mynesha Dizer, 24, a transient from Richmond, was arrested at about 9:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at Nordstrom in the Stoneridge Shopping Center for felony identity theft along with two misdemeanors, for providing false information to police and petty theft.

Dizer was arrested after leaving the store with clothing and jewelry worth about \$311. When confronted by store security, she attempted to pay for items with a fraudulent credit card.

She was also wanted on a warrant from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office for burglary, possession of burglary tools, and providing false information to police.

• Ashley Chestnut, 25, of Pleasanton, was arrested at about 9:19 a.m. Aug. 3 in the 7600 block of Highland Oaks Drive on a felony warrant from Berkeley for marijuana sale.

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

—Glenn Wohltmann

Oakland teen faces charges for cell store robberies

Threatened employees with pepper spray in Pleasanton, Stockton holdups

By GLENN WOHLTMMANN

A 16-year-old from Oakland has been identified by Pleasanton police as the suspect in the July 30 robbery at the Verizon store at 6070 Johnson Drive.

The teen's name is being withheld by police. He was arrested Aug. 1 by Stockton police in connection with the robbery of a Verizon store in that city. In both robberies, a canister of pepper spray was brandished at employees.

The youth is currently being held at the San Joaquin County Juvenile Hall.

In the Pleasanton incident, the suspect entered the store

and grabbed several cell phones from their display mounts, then snatched a couple of Apple iPads. When he was approached by store employees, he threatened them with pepper spray.

The suspect then fled the store on foot carrying the phones and iPads. Pleasanton Police Detective Brandon Stocking said detectives interviewed the juvenile at the San Joaquin County Juvenile Hall on Friday.

He will be transported to Alameda County and faces one felony count of armed robbery after he is released by San Joaquin officers. ■

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 31

Theft from structure

■ 12:55 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Vandalism

■ 1:27 p.m. in the 5800 block of Foothill Road

■ 1:30 p.m. in the 1300 block of Benedict Court

Weapons violation

■ 10:39 a.m. at the intersection of Rose Avenue and Main Street; possession of a switchblade

Aug. 1

Shoplifting

■ 10:32 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

■ 10:01 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Commercial burglary

■ 8:15 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Vehicle tampering

■ 8:31 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Public drunkenness

■ 6:12 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

■ 11:15 p.m. in the 400 block of St. Mary Street

Aug. 2

Theft

■ 2:55 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive

■ 9:12 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Aug. 3

Theft

■ 10:25 a.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement

■ 11:47 a.m. in the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

■ 2:31 p.m. in the 1700 Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

■ 6:28 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

Drug/alcohol violation

■ 2:46 a.m. in the 5500 of Sonoma Drive Court; public drunkenness

Aug. 4

Auto theft

■ 1:33 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

■ 2:46 a.m. in the 5500 block of Sonoma Drive; public drunkenness

■ 6:16 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road; DUI, possession of methamphetamines

Aug. 5

Shoplifting

■ 8:48 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

■ 4:09 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Auto burglary

■ 10:21 a.m. in the 7600 block of Knollbrook Drive

Battery

■ 2:49 p.m. in the 400 block of Tawny Drive

Vandalism

■ 10:41 a.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and W. Las Positas Boulevard

Public drunkenness

■ 9:47 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Aug. 6

Public drunkenness

■ 4:23 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

■ 11:20 a.m. in the 5600 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

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Will Joel Friedman

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Born in Los Angeles, Will graduated from Grant High School in Van Nuys, earned a BA in Philosophy at UC Irvine, an MS in Psychology at CSU Los Angeles, and a Ph.D. in Psychology at Claremont Graduate University.

It was in his private clinical practice that Dr. Will found his stride. He worked in the field of psychology for 35 years, 25 of them as a licensed psychologist. Throughout his professional life

he attended countless seminars, refining his art and broadening his scope, always seeking passionately for the most effective ways to help people deal with life's difficulties and transform unworkable behaviors. He became a Diplomat in numerous subspecialties and served as a psychological consultant to individuals and companies, publishing a slew of professional and popular papers, writing reports and lecturing at professional conferences. Will married harpist Dominique



Piana in 1985, and their son Gregory was born in 1986. In 2001 the Friedmans moved from Redlands to Pleasanton, where Will opened a private practice downtown, offering presence-centered psychotherapy. He built his professional website (www.willjoelfriedman.com) into a resource that will continue to give away the world of psychology to all.

Mr. Positive (one of his wife's nicknames for him) sadly suffered a devastating illness, a malignant melanoma that rapidly metastasized and took his life. A public memorial will be held at 3pm on Sunday, August 11, at the Unitarian Universalist Church on 1893 North Vasco Road in Livermore.

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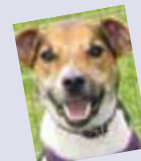
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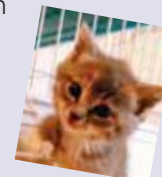
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RETIRING *in style*



Spacious two- and three-bedroom homes in Pleasanton's Stoneridge Creek retirement community are offered in wide range of floor plans and prices with all services, maintenance and landscape upkeep included.



Street scene at Stoneridge Creek shows mix of independent living homes with four story apartment building still under construction. So far, 280 homes have been reserved with 134 in the current construction phase still available.

STONERIDGE CREEK OPENS IN PLEASANTON

BY JEB BING

After more than a half-century of living and working in other cities, including a stint in Germany and 35 years in their home in Orinda, Joan and Wilhelm (Bill) Schaeffler believe they have found the perfect place to spend their golden years — Pleasanton.

The couple was the first to move into the upscale Stoneridge Creek retirement community that is still under construction on a section of Staples Ranch, the 124-acre site at I-580 and El Charro Road on Pleasanton's east side. The long-awaited extension of Stoneridge Drive that slices through the site will open in October, providing a direct link between Stoneridge Creek and the rest of the city.

The Schaefflers, who met on a blind date and married in 1957 after both received veterinary science degrees from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, decided several years ago that it was time to plan for "easier" years after raising four children and maintaining a house on 2.3 acres.

"There was always something to be done," Bill Schaeffler, 81, said. "I had a large yard to take care of, trees to trim, a pool to maintain, and more. I won't miss fixing sprinklers, checking for roof leaks and those chores one bit."

It's those kinds of concerns that make Stoneridge Creek an ideal community for those 55 and older who want a less hectic life away

from home ownership. Unlike a typical development, Stoneridge Creek homes are not purchased or rented. No one actually buys their home, although it feels like that. The move-in costs are paid upfront much like a home purchase. No less than 75% of a "buyer's" investment will be refunded if the home occupant chooses to move out of Stoneridge Creek or, in the case of death, to the resident's estate. There's also a monthly service fee.

"It's not cheap to live here, we pay a lot of money," Bill Schaeffler said. "But we can count on getting back most of the main payment as long as Stoneridge Creek stays financially healthy. And when you take into account that your property taxes, utility bills and all upkeep costs are included in your monthly payment, I think it's probably somewhat cheaper to live here."

Now comfortably relocated in a spacious 1,645-square-foot, three-bedroom villa called the "Redwood" plan, the Schaefflers had to make some adjustments to downsize their home and contents. But even here, Stoneridge Creek staff and its manager, Troy Bourne, were helpful. They provided an online diagram of every room in the village with a way the Schaefflers could insert the measurements of furniture they wanted to keep and determine where everything would fit, even pictures on the walls.

"It was amazing," Bill Schaeffler



PHOTOS BY STONERIDGE CREEK

said. "And when we moved, everything fit perfectly except for what I mistakenly placed in front of a door to the garage, that wasn't on the online diagram."

Even more helpful for Joan Schaeffler was the service by Carefree Moves of Orinda, a women-owned and staffed company that works with couples in organizing and packing when moving. Recommended by Stoneridge Creek at a luncheon the developer held for those registered to move to the community, the Carefree women took care of disposing of items the Schaefflers weren't moving to Pleasanton, then followed the movers and set everything up according to Bill Schaeffler's plan.

"They were absolutely fantastic in everything they did," Joan Schaeffler said. "Two days later, when I couldn't find a squeegee to use on the shower doors, I called Carefree and one of the women knew exactly where she had put it."

Not everything went as planned, however. A utility worker opened an outside attached shed to make wiring adjustments, closed the door and left for the day. Later, tracking his German shepherd Birka's moans, Schaeffler realized the dog was inside the shed where apparently he had taken a nap while the work went on. The utility company sent over a crewman to free Birka.

Birka is not the only German in the Schaeffler household. Bill was born in Germany, where he received

his doctorate in veterinary medicine. He later enrolled at the University of Illinois for its advanced animal pharmaceutical program, and then he signed on with Bayer Corp., a German company where he worked for the next 32 years.

After earning her doctor of veterinary medicine degree at Illinois, Joan Schaeffler, a Chicagoan, practiced in a partnership on the city's south side and then in outlying Elgin. Married to Bill, she then joined him with their first-born daughter Barbara for a "short-term" assignment at Bayer's offices in Germany. Three more children later (Jenny, Vickie and Christopher), Bill Schaeffler was promoted to director of the company's animal health division in Kansas City. In 1978, they moved to Orinda when Bill was named chief of Bayer's hospital division in Berkeley, which Bayer had acquired from Cutter Laboratories.

Once back in the U.S., Joan Schaeffler resumed her veterinary work, opening a practice in Kansas City that specialized in the care of birds and cats. When the couple moved to Orinda, she established

her own practice, the Four Corners Veterinary Hospital in Concord, which she recently sold when they decided to move to Pleasanton.

As traumatic as selling and leaving a family home can be, especially after 35 years, both Bill and Joan Schaeffler said "it was time." Their children had long since moved out and now have their own families. Since the two also worked long hours and no longer had children in local schools, many of their friends were also gone. Except for a coffee klatch Joan goes back for weekly in Lafayette and the pharmacist they still use in Orinda, the ties to the old homestead disappeared quickly.

"We said hello and goodbye to our neighbors, and that was that," Bill said.

An ardent exerciser, Joan also joined Club One in Pleasanton so that she can continue her 5:30 a.m. workout regimen. Thanks to advice from Troy Bourne, Bill found scenic and quiet trails in Livermore just beyond El Charro Road for his daily walks with Birka.

The Schaefflers' villa is at the end of a closed-off street with one side of the yard a concrete wall separating Stoneridge Creek from the established single family home neighborhood along Staples Ranch Road. The couple converted the large master bedroom into a family room with Bill's desk in one corner and his computer station in what was designed as a walk-in closet. The Schaefflers took over another bedroom as theirs and one



PHOTOS BY JEB BING

Joan and Bill Schaeffler, shown here in their living room, were first to move into Stoneridge Creek.



Bill Schaeffler prunes a tree outside his Stoneridge Creek villa while his wife Joan and their dog Birka stand by.

remains as a guest room.

Often, the public's image of retirement facilities range from ocean view homes and golf courses for the very rich to stainless steel halls with green linoleum where many may remember visiting as kindergartners to sing Christmas carols.

Stoneridge Creek is neither. It looks much like other upscale neighborhoods in Pleasanton. It consists of a cluster of 635 homes ranging in size from 700-square-foot condominium apartments to single family homes in 20 different floor plans as large as 2,600 square feet. The complex also includes 60 assisted living apartments, and a nearby health center will have 90 skilled nursing beds when completed.

Employees are being hired locally, including managers, nurses and staff to handle swimming, fitness and other programs. Security guards are doubling as First Responders in the complex, all trained in CPR. Surrounded by parkland, other amenities at Stoneridge Creek will include bocce ball, areas for gardening, a dog park, painting, art and dance classes, and water aerobics.

Other on-site amenities include several restaurant venues ranging from casual to fine dining; a resident library; billiard and card rooms; computer lab and business center; spa and fitness center; open-air pool and steam room; performing arts theater for musical and theatrical performances; movie theater; and an art studio and woodworking shop. Residents can also enjoy a variety of outdoor recreational amenities including tennis courts, short-game golf course, dog park, walking and cycling trails, and bocce and croquet courts.

Currently, 280 homes have been reserved at Stoneridge Creek with 134 remaining. ■

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



Warriors Watch Riders support local vets

Volunteers show up at every welcome home and more **By Isabella Ohlmeyer**



At first glance, members of the Warriors Watch Riders may seem like a group of tough guys on motorcycles, with their leather jackets and bandanas, as they gather at the Shell station on Bernal Avenue.

But these bikers are dedicated to a greater cause: making a conscious effort to live with gratitude toward war veterans and those defending our country.

Armed Forces support group Warriors Watch Riders (WWR) began in 2007, with a mission to take care of United States war veterans and their families. Fred "Spike" Schau is one of the group's founders and its Northern California state coordinator, as well as being on active duty in the Navy.

"We are a volunteer service organization with 800 members who ride motorcycles and reach out to veterans and their families with honor, commitment and courage because that is what our troops are about," Schau said.

Every member isn't required to ride a motorcycle. While the most noticeable participate by showing their love and gratitude toward the veterans with their presence on their motorcycles, others volunteer by contacting the families of the veterans and returning soldiers.

About 90% of the group members are veterans, and the remaining 10% are patriots who, according to Schau, have "just as much heart as a veteran."

Lynn "Raider" Tross has been an active volunteer with the Warriors Watch Riders since 2007 and is not a veteran.

"I am very passionate about supporting our troops. It is important to the Watch Riders to show veterans that America cares," Tross said.

Among the most joyous occasions for Warriors Watch Riders are "Operation Welcome Home" and "Send-Off-To-War" events. Twenty-two enthusiastic Riders surprised Pleasanton resident and Army Chief Warrant Officer Peter Bui at Gay 90's Pizza for an unexpected welcome home celebration June 22.



Warriors Watch Riders welcome Marine Staff Sgt. Jason Ross home to Livermore in April. Ross was severely injured in March 2011 when he stepped on an IED in Afghanistan. Right: A member of Warriors Watch calls attention to U.S. Marine Cpl. Kyle Fujino, a 2009 Foothill High graduate, as they join in welcoming him home to Pleasanton in June.

"Bui was speechless. The look on his face was complete shock and he was blown away," Schau said, adding that WWR members at first pretended they had no idea who Bui was. "Then the crew said, 'Surprise! Welcome Home! We are from the Warriors Watch Riders group, we appreciate your service and would love to escort you back home after your meal.'"

The Warriors Watch Riders partner with the Diablo Valley Flag Brigade, Pleasanton Military Families, Blue Star Moms and the American Legion to ensure a full-hearted, warm experience for veterans and their families. While Bui was enjoying his surprise at the restaurant, WWR members and their fellow service organizations were at Bui's home with his family, decorating the house with signs and preparing cookies.

The Riders are not only there for the troops during positive celebrations but are also present during somber events such as funerals. WWR will also escort the body of a fallen service member home from the airport.

Army Spc. Matthew Pfeiffer, 23, died June 7 of a brain aneurism while at home, leaving behind his 13-month-old baby and his pregnant wife. Schau said that while the Pfeiffers are in shock and disbelief, they found comfort by contacting the Warriors Watch Riders to attend June 21 funeral services and to provide much-needed support.

The service began in Carmel, as police, firefighters and 20 Riders escorted Pfeiffer's hearse and his family to the burial site in Monterey.

"Saying goodbye is hard these days. As long as we can say goodbye the right way, it makes the healing process go by faster," Schau said.

World War II veteran Anastacio Gallardo died June 12 and his daughter, Tina Gallardo Webster, was appreciative of the

Warriors Watch Riders' support. The WWR escorted Gallardo and his family to Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore.

"I can't tell u how much u all touched my heart," Webster wrote to the Watch Riders. "I will from this day forward always keep you in my prayers and keep u safe The Warriors Watch Riders will always be a big part of my life now."

Vietnam vet and Watch Rider "Friar Tuck" has attended 200-300 Operation Welcome Home and funeral services. Tuck said his presence at the events is healing for all parties.

"By helping these veterans, we are also helping ourselves. It helps heal a little bit of what we went through," he said.

If you see the Warriors Watch Riders gathering at their regular pre-ride hangout at the Shell station, don't worry about a motorcycle gang. Instead, Schau encourages passersby to honk their horns in support of their patriotism. ★

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CHLOE BROBST

Work begins on new yearbooks

Foothill and Amador Valley High School yearbook staffs both brought home awards at the recent California Yearbook Academy, hosted by Herff Jones yearbook publishers at CSU East Bay for Bay Area schools to develop themes and designs for the coming year. Above left: The Amador staff, (l-r) Jenn Teitell, Claire Holt, Kristen Morse and Meghan Fletcher, display the school's third consecutive first-place award in the large high school theme presentation with Herff Jones representative Heidi Ash (far left). Morse and Teitell also won an award for editorial leadership, and Fletcher won the top award for photography. Right: The Foothill High staff, (l-r) Lila Nolan, Eva Kristof and Snigda Jayavarapu, hold their first-place award for the small high school theme presentation with Ash. Nolan and Kristof also received an award for editorial leadership.

Livermore Valley Opera announces 2013-14 season

LVO focuses on making opera more accessible

By JENN TEITELL

The Livermore Valley Opera's 22nd performance season begins in September at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, with Bizet's "Carmen." Rossini's "Cinderella" will follow in March.

"Again this season, we have incredible singers, artists and musicians who will take our audiences on two operatic journeys," said Alexander Katsman, LVO's artistic and music director. "We can boast some of the Bay Area's best talent."

"Carmen," to be performed Sept. 28 through Oct. 6, will be directed by Eugene Brancoveanu, who will also play the role of Escamillo. The opera is set in Spain and tells the story of the famous seductive gypsy; it features the Toreador song as well as "Habanera."

"Cinderella," to be performed March 15-23, will be directed by Bruce Donnell. The opera follows the classic fairytale, and it is considered perfect viewing for families.

"With opulent sets, elaborate costumes and outstanding talent, LVO's productions are no longer a hidden treasure, but recognized as quality, professional experiences," Katsman said.

As Livermore Valley Opera moves forward, it hopes to make opera more accessible to the average person, said spokeswoman Heidi Massie. This means choosing operas that will please both aficionados and newcomers, like "Carmen," with its recognizable arias, and "Cinderella," which is a classic story known to audiences.

"Today's opera is not your grandma's opera," Massie said. "The productions that are done are not

traditional operas, but many times there are some that are done with a contemporary presentation. The purpose of that is to reach newer audiences, younger audiences sometimes."

Apart from the two main shows, LVO will host several other events, including Opening Night galas at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard across the street from the Bankhead. Beginning at 4:30 p.m., the galas offer dinner followed by a dessert reception at the theater. Attendees will meet the stage director and Katsman. Tickets are \$85.

LVO will also hold pre-opera talks one hour before curtain time; a Neiman Marcus Fashion Show at the store in Walnut Creek; a 22nd anniversary black-tie celebration at Ruby Hill Golf Club in January; its Soiree Series, evenings in private homes that combine opera, wine and food; aria performances at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton; Opera in the Vineyard for folks to bring picnic dinners and enjoy the setting, serenaded by LVO singers; and OperaLIVE!, which features the stars of each opera at local libraries. For information, visit www.livermorevalley-opera.com.

These programs help introduce newcomers to opera, plus LVO often visits high school and community college choruses and drama classes to recruit members. It also allows students to attend opera dress rehearsals for reduced rates.

Tickets to the operas are \$39 to \$74 for adults. Student tickets are \$10 off. To learn more, call the ticket office of Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., at 373-6800 or visit the www.livermoreperformingarts.org. ■

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Events

AN EVENING WITH PLEASANTON FIREFIGHTERS The Museum on Main's Ed Kinney Lecture this month is "An Evening with Pleasanton Firefighters" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave, with firefighters past and present sharing their experiences and memories. A reception will follow. Tickets are \$10 for general admission; \$5 for members and seniors; \$3 students. Go to www.museumonmain.org for more information or call 462-2766.

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FIREMAN'S MUSTER Come to the Fireman's Muster on Saturday, Aug. 17, when antique and modern fire

equipment roll onto Main Street for a fun day of demonstrations, contests and food. There will be a free pancake breakfast at 8 a.m. and a barbecue from noon-4:30 p.m. for \$10. Go to www.museumonmain.org.

FLEET FEET WOMEN'S 5K The Fleet Feet Women's 5K will be held at 8 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 18, at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area. This event benefits Girls on the Run and the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. Registration is \$35 before Aug. 14 and \$40 after. Call 426-5576 or go to www.fleetfeetpleasanton.com.

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HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Sheraton Hotel. RSVP to Marge at 828-5124 or hskoog@comcast.net by Aug. 13.

Exhibits

COURAGE UNDER FIRE Come to Museum on Main's Courage Under

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



JEB BING

Pleasanton enjoys Concerts in the Park

Families and friends gather Friday nights during the summer for a free concert presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park on the corner of First and Neal streets, with overflow crowds filling the north edge of Delucchi Park across Neal. Tonight Burton & Co. will perform jazzy rhythm and blues. Next week it's Synaptic Gap playing modern rock hits. The last concert is Aug. 30.

Fire, Fighting Fire in Pleasanton since 1880. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., now through Oct. 13, at 603 Main St. Contact the Museum at 462-2761 or curator@museumonmain.org.

Film

FREE MOVIE IN THE PARK: 'THE AVENGERS' Come see "The Avengers," based on the Marvel Comics superhero team that defends the world from evil. Free

at dusk on Thursday, Aug. 15, at Amador Valley Community Park. Make sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Fundraisers

A STARRY NIGHT IN THE CARIBBEAN AT BARONE'S Join this entertaining fundraiser for community service projects of Pleasanton Rotary North Foundation from 4:30-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, at Barone's. The event will feature live steel drum music, a silent auction, drawings, buffet dinner, music and dancing. Cost is \$100 before Sept. 1. Contact Tina Case at 519-0669 or Tina@coenow.com. Go to www.astarry-night.org/.

ADOPT A DOG/PUPPY (TVAR) Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is at the Pleasanton Farmer's Market from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. Visit the tent to meet puppies and dogs available for adoption. Speak directly with foster parents. Found out how you can become a foster home. Go to www.TVAR.org for more information.

COMEDY UNCORKED Eat, drink and laugh the night away at Comedy Uncorked, 7-9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 16, at Retzalf Winery, 356 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Benefits Open Heart Kitchen. Cost is \$25. Call (888) 412-5055.

Miscellaneous

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

WORLD WALK TO WELLNESS Pleasanton's World Walk to Wellness group meets at 8:30 a.m. each Saturday to chat and explore while getting exercise. Most walks last 90 minutes; all are free. To be on the list to receive information each Thursday about that week's walk, email walks@worldwalktowellness.org.

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All-stars on and off the field

Everyone wins at Sports Park practice

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When the Moisa family went to Athan Downs Park in San Ramon recently, the Little League All-Star Tournament was going on, and it was crowded with young ball players.

Little JJ Moisa, 4, immediately gravitated toward the Pleasanton National All-Stars, said his mother Holly, and began to follow them around and call them by their numbers.

"I was so nervous because these were 9- and 10-year-old boys, who I assumed would want nothing to do with a 4-year-old," Holly recalled in an email. "The boys went under the play structure, and of course JJ followed them, announcing, 'I'm JJ Moisa and I'm 4-1/2.'"

Holly said she was about to go get her son when she saw all the boys giving him high fives.

"Then JJ took off his hat, revealing his one-third bald head, which made my anxiety go through the roof because kids can be so mean," she remembered. "The next thing I know, the boys are calling over their teammates, saying, 'Come meet our friend JJ.

This kid is a beast with a beast haircut!' They started following JJ around the park playing with him, asking him, 'What number am I?'"

They also were picking him up, rubbing his head, and kept telling him what "a beast" he is.

"I literally sat there crying that these kids would be so sweet to JJ completely on their own," Holly said. "I never went over and explained that JJ had cancer, but I didn't need to. These young men recognized that JJ is incredibly special and they went out of their way to include him."

When the older boys were about to leave, they came looking for JJ to make sure that they said goodbye to him and gave him high-5s.

"JJ told them, 'Bye, friends. Have fun at your A's baseball game,'" Holly recalled, explaining that JJ thinks only the A's play ball.

The Pleasanton National All-Stars followed through on the friendship, inviting the family to a game for the players to spend time with JJ beforehand. They made JJ an honorary team member and presented him with some



JJ Moisa, 4, an honorary member of the 10-year-old All Stars of the Pleasanton National Little League poses with his new teammates: (front, l-r) Parker Mapes, Jackson Cash, Lonnie Solomon, JJ, Tate Baughman, Josh Freeman, (back) Declan Alsup, Trevor Wilson, Brendan O'Sullivan, Derek Whitworth, Matthew Hallgrimson, Derek Nassar and Griffin Myers.

PNLL gear and A's tickets. They gave balls signed by the team to JJ and his brother, Jackson. And they let JJ throw out a ceremonial first pitch.

"In a time when I worry so much about how JJ will be treated by his peers, this truly helped give me some peace of mind," Holly said. "Go, Pleasanton National All-Stars!" ■

Record-breaking Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks 11-12 girls relay team — (l-r) Claire Suen, Paulina Umansky, Fallon Brown, Nawoo Kim, Miranda Heckman, and Nja Zuniga — set new records at the Pacific Swimming Summer Junior Olympics Championships, hosted by the Concord Terrapins on July 12-14.

The Girls 400 Free Relay team of Heckman, Suen, Brown and Kim set a new Seahawks record of 4:23.65. The 200 Medley Relay team of Heckman, Umansky, Zuniga and Suen set a new record of 2:14.68. The 200 Free Relay team of Suen, Heckman, Zuniga and Brown set a record of 1:58.30.

Other Seahawks also broke records and many achieved new best times.



Bullseye undefeated at Damonte

The Varsity Pleasanton Bullseye dominated the Damonte Ranch Summer Classic Basketball Tournament in Reno last month, going undefeated in its six games to win the championship. Team members, coached by Ralph Fields, are (l-r) Brandon Ruotolo, Scott Rasnick, Jake Weiman, Sam Brysk, Aaron Shreve, Glenn Leininger, Jacob Duarte, Elan Brysk, Nick Herbert, Brett Barker, James Chambers, Jamaun Charles and Stokley Arnez Chaffee.

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BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 480926
The following person(s) doing business as: BLACK ROCK ENTERPRISES, 2843 HOPKINSON ROAD SUITE 141, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sharon Kay Irizarry, 6318 Hansen Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Sharon Kay Irizarry. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 07/24/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013)

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Remodelers continue to see orders increasing

Survey predicts more market stability in remainder of 2013

BY JEB BING

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) reports that home remodeling business conditions continue to increase with quarter-over-quarter improvements across the country.

Deep into the year's remodeling season, remodelers are reporting the highest overall rating on overall business conditions at 6.31, up from 5.97 reported during the first quarter. This rating has steadily increased in the six quarters NARI has been tracking results.

"This summer, many companies entered the season with a backlog of jobs, which is something most haven't seen in the past few years," said Tom O'Grady, chairman of NARI's Strategic Planning & Research committee and president of O'Grady Builders in Drexel Hill, Pa.

"What's also positive is that the inquiries and bid requests are still steady, which provides more market stability for remodelers," he added.

Growth indicators in the second quarter of 2013 show:

- Current business conditions up 5.7% since last quarter;
- Number of inquiries up 4.7% since last quarter;
- Requests for bids up 3.3% since last quarter;
- Conversion of bids to jobs up 4.6% since last quarter; and,
- Value of jobs sold is up 5.9% since last quarter.

This trend is expected to continue, as remodelers predict that three months out, their sales will be as strong as they are now. The No. 1 and 2 reasons for growth continues to be postponement of projects (up 5% at 87%) and improvement of home prices (up 6% to 65%), but economic growth also has moved into the No. 3 reason for growth, at 49% (up 7%).

"As consumer confidence has increased, so has the confidence of the remodeling community," O'Grady said. "It appears that everyone has finally settled into this 'new normal' economic picture, and more bids are turning into remodeling projects, and at higher price points."

Remodelers, although optimistic, remain cautious about the future, with the outlook going down 1.3% in the last quarter.

Other significant contributors to overall activity:

- Certainty about the future was reported by 47% of respondents;
- Low interest rates were reported by 35% of respondents (the lowest rating in three quarters); and,
- Growth in the stock market was reported by 37% of respondents.

"One of the things we saw from the comments of the second-quarter is that many homes were impacted by disasters in the past three months, from the storms along the East Coast, tornadoes in Oklahoma and the explosion in Texas," O'Grady said. "Remodelers in those areas are involved in the cleanup, and that's impacting their businesses." ■

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (June 14-24)

Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$245,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,085,000
Average sales reported: \$621,577

Livermore (June 14-24)

Total sales reported: 38
Lowest sale reported: \$205,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,200,000
Average sales reported: \$515,921

Pleasanton (June 14-24)

Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$221,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,280,000
Average sales reported: \$922,839

San Ramon (July 10-16)

Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$300,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,150,000
Average sales reported: \$763,660

Sunol (June 14-24)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$925,000
Highest sale reported: \$925,000
Average sales reported: \$925,000

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during June 14-July 16

Dublin

- 7572 Ashford Way** C. & J. Mullen to A. & B. Reynolds for \$580,000
- 2590 Bassetts Way** Brookfield Windwood to M. & E. Miguel for \$773,500
- 2597 Bassetts Way** Brookfield Windwood to Z. Chen for \$784,000
- 2615 Bassetts Way** Brookfield Windwood to A. Dugganapally for \$802,000
- 3335 Bramante Lane** D R Horton to V. & V. Dadi for \$592,000
- 3343 Bramante Lane** D R Horton to A. & A. Ghosh for \$650,500
- 3360 Bramante Lane** D R Horton to D. Rajavel for \$605,000
- 3383 Bramante Lane** D R Horton to S. & C. Busani for \$630,000
- 4719 Brannigan Street** N. & L. Wolf to B. & A. Cardella for \$312,000

- 7709 Chantilly Drive** J. Libbey to J. Ying for \$441,000
- 7710 Chantilly Drive** L. & N. Trujillo to M. Chaudhry for \$470,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #421** B. Roberts to C. Lin for \$400,000
- 3385 Dublin Boulevard #243** M. & H. Land to P. Sera for \$420,000
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #408** Toll Dublin to C. Chung for \$245,000
- 4268 Fitzwilliam Street** L. & B. Selby to S. Turner for \$475,000
- 4272 Fitzwilliam Street** M. Parry to B. & R. Kellmann for \$525,000
- 7398 Larkdale Avenue** V. Lim to J. & P. Jagurin for \$609,000
- 6140 Ledgewood Terrace** P. & O. Sharma to G. Tan for \$950,000
- 8104 Mulberry Place** D. & D. Bonkofsky to A. Ahmadzal for \$426,000

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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Danville

3 BEDROOMS
462 Sycamore Hill \$619,000
 Sun 1-4 Chris and Robin Dickson 251-2507

Dublin

1 BEDROOM
3718 Finnian Way \$385,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

3 BEDROOMS
7679 Canterbury Lane \$589,000
 Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111
10858 McPeak Lane \$565,900
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS
194 Selby Lane \$429,000
 Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-Valley Realty 463-9500

3 BEDROOMS
546 Dovecote Lane \$595,000
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111
2459 Wellingham Drive \$549,999
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

4 BEDROOMS
12540 Doubletree Drive \$1,149,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
2376 Avon Place \$725,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200
238 Garnet Drive \$599,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Madeline Walker (510) 703-8080
914 Verona Avenue \$520,000
 Sun 2-4 Ellen Bettencourt 899-0800

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2 BEDROOMS
7765 Canyon Meadow Circle Call for price
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Joanne Durso 730-4006

3 BEDROOMS
3541 Norton Way \$499,000
 Sat 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

4 BEDROOMS
7926 Hillsboro Court \$785,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

7988 Applewood Court \$869,000
 Fri 10-1 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

4 Grey Eagle Court \$1,740,000
 Sun 2-4 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

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3736 Selvante Street \$3,100,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

5 BEDROOMS
831 Sunset Creek Lane \$1,549,000
 Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

4241 Bevilacqua Court \$850,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

3721 Smallwood Court \$1,599,900
 Sun 1:30-4 Anni Hagfeldt 519-3534

1533 Rose Lane \$1,595,000
 Sun 1-4:30 Mark James 216-0454

6 BEDROOMS
1121 Via Di Salerno \$2,550,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS
262 Canyon Lakes Place \$895,000
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3193 Ridgefield Way H. Louie to S. Lim for \$1,045,000
4700 Rimini Court #27 D. & P. Sam to G. Paler for \$730,000
5219 San Vicente Loop R. Morris to V. Chayanam for \$670,000
5035 Shapleigh Court EB Houses to B. Swaminathan for \$1,085,000
4851 Swinford Court #406 Dods Trust to A. Wong for \$581,000
8127 Via Zapata B. & J. Keating to Jardine Trust for \$740,000

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2833 Alnwick Avenue #8 D. & H. Tompkins to S. Petersen for \$525,000
1412 Ardmore Place T. & D. Pehrson to C. & A. Freeman for \$670,000
1171 Aster Lane R. & J. Woodruff to M. Mahmoud for \$467,000
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1151 Bannock Street Larimer Trust to A. Hutchings for \$442,500
325 Bernal Avenue R. Battram to T. Griego for \$340,000
4176 Bishop Pine Way Hopkins Trust to N. Stevens for \$330,000
4001 Camrose Avenue R. & M. Morris to J. & J. Knight for \$680,000
452 Coleen Street Tri Valley Golden Investments to D. Cayetano for \$548,000
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2455 Regent Road Icanberry Trust to E. & E. Martin for \$791,000
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3737 Nicole Avenue Taylor Trust to N. & R. Green for \$1,661,000
5293 Northway Road Saratoga Fund to M. & M. Kazi for \$760,000
3108 Paseo Granada Y. Li to X. Zheng for \$1,049,000
5278 Riverdale Court J. & I. Baxter to R. Plam for \$575,000
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5806 Cattleya Way B. Roy to Y. & O. Ham for \$1,115,000
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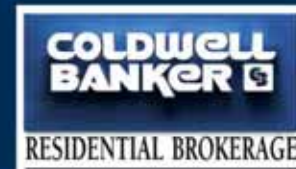
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Great family home on the west side of Pleasanton, close to high school and elementary schools. 4 beds, 2.5 baths, 2267 sq. ft. on a court. Call Julia for more information.

OFFERED AT \$849,000



JUST LISTED

7988 Applewood Ct, Pleasanton
A must see family home on just under .5 acre on the west side. The home is 2243 sq. ft., with 4 beds, 2.5 baths. Enjoy a court location, a flat park-like backyard, walk to schools, and the "Highland Oaks" cabana. Completely upgraded and ready to move in! **LISTED FOR \$869,000**



PENDING



2761 Sanderling Wy, Pleasanton
Birdland home with 5 beds, 3.5 baths with a full downstairs suite. Beautiful pool and large backyard. **LISTED FOR \$1,049,000**



920 Pamela Place, Pleasanton
Bonde Ranch home with 4 beds, a full bed/bath downstairs, bonus room, and master suite. Great floor plan. **LISTED FOR \$1,198,000**

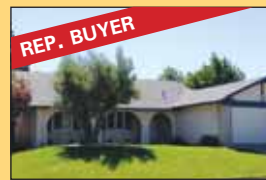


620 Belem Ct, San Ramon
Twin Creeks home on the end of a court. 2518 sq. ft., 4 beds, 3 baths, on 5. acre, pool, spa, views. **LISTED FOR \$1,095,000**

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. **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
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OPEN SUN 1-4



BRIDLE CREEK — 831 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

This highly sought after location offers views of the Pleasanton Ridge and Mt. Diablo on a private approximate 12,131 square foot lot. Five bedrooms (the fifth bedroom is currently used as a bonus room) and 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**

PENDING IN 5 DAYS!



MOHR PARK — 2226 KAMP COURT, PLEASANTON

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**

SOLD!



WALNUT GLEN ESTATES — 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**

SOLD!



SYCAMORE HEIGHTS — 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 Castledwood Country Club. Don't miss this one! **SOLD FOR \$1,729,000**

SOLD!



SOUTH LIVERMORE — 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**

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DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



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

SUSIE STEELE BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,489,000
Court location, 5bd + bonus room, 1 bed downstairs, gourmet kitchen with all amenities a Chef could desire. Large backyard, firepit, jacuzzi, an entertainers dream. 240 NAPIER CT

LINDA GOVEIA BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,155,000
Ruby Hill - Premia. San Marco model. Beautiful home with 4 beds/3baths, 3-car garage. Updated kitchen with stainless appliances. Ideal court location with mature trees and landscaping. 551 MONTORI CT

LANCE & KELLY KING BY APPT



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

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SALLY BLAZE BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$824,900
Beautiful south Livermore single story home. Spacious open kitchen/family room, formal living/dining area, 4 bed/2 bath, 3 car garage, inside laundry with sink. +/- 10,721 lot. Original owner. 1604 PERIDOT DR

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$785,000
4bd/2ba, single story home with remodeled kitchen and baths, dual pane windows, Plantation shutters, newer water heater, furnace and roof, private backyard with Koi pond and two decks. 7926 HILLSBORO COURT

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