

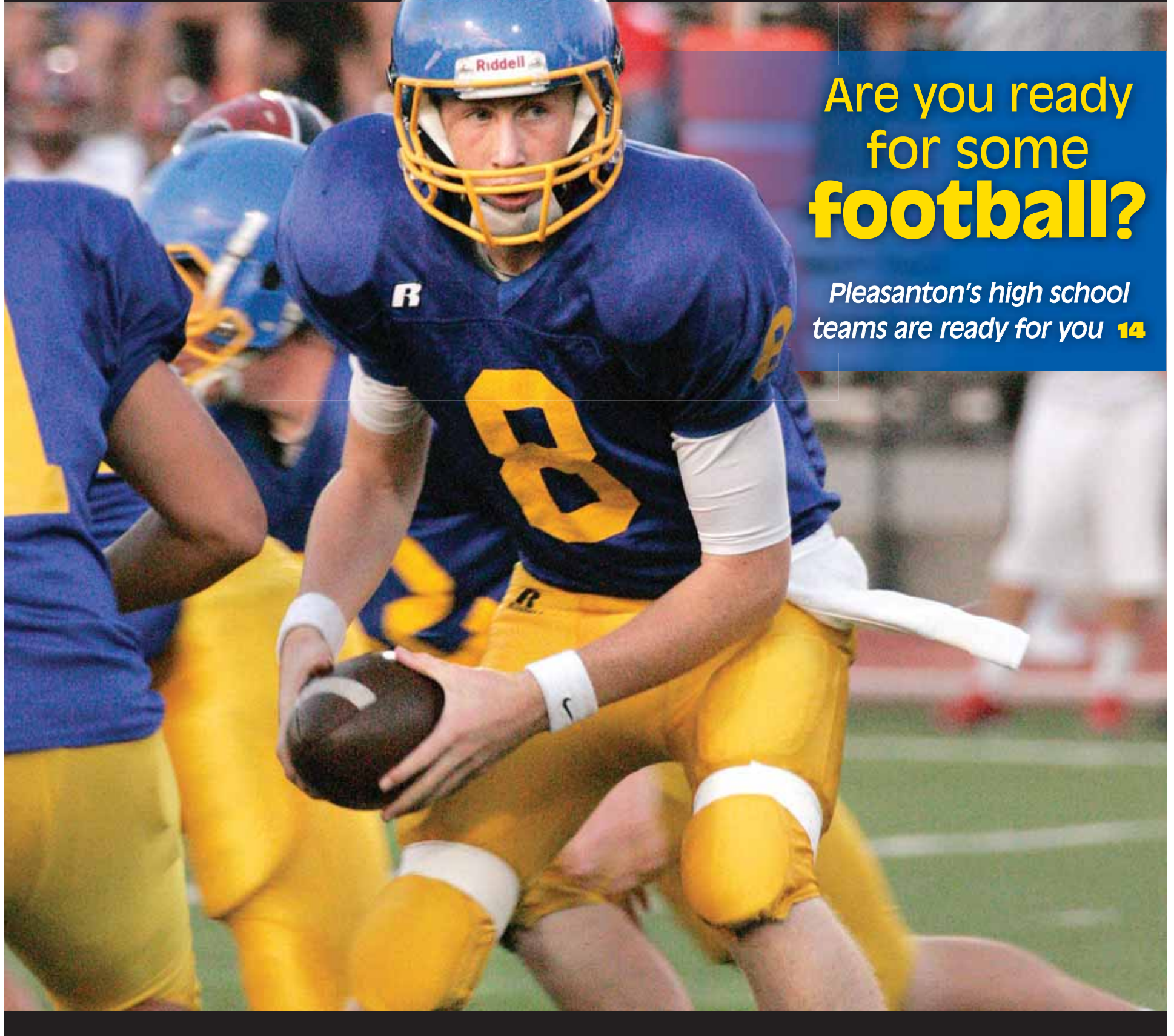
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

New PPIE leader driving force in school funding

As a mother whose two children received their education in Pleasanton schools, Susan Hayes knows a lot about the classroom needs of students and their teachers, and now she's in a position to help meet those demands. Her years of experience as a writer and nonprofit leader, and her success in writing and receiving grant funds, add to the expertise she brings to the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, where she became its executive director last June. Many of us saw Hayes this week as we registered students in the city's elementary, middle and high schools where the PPIE volunteer staff told parents about the continuing need for their contributions to the organization and how those funds are working to support their children's education.

For this school year (2013-14), PPIE raised \$600,000 for Pleasanton schools, enough to fund class-size reduction back to a 25-to-1 level for all first grades. Much of those funds came from the Bon Appetit gala last fall and the Run for Education this spring. Donations by parents at school sites this week and ongoing contributions from corporate sponsors make PPIE a major source of nonprofit funding for the district. PPIE funds also go to teachers and projects with companies such as Google, Oracle, Safeway and others providing special awards. Just this month, Hayes announced awards totaling more than \$35,000 from the PPIE Education Grant Fund and the Oracle Grant Fund to 15 teachers and the Foothill High biomedical project Lead the Way program.

Hayes, who has a master's degree in Organizational Development, feels she was long prepared for nonprofit leadership, although her career took several turns in other directions. Her two children, Sarah, 23, and Grant, 21, are graduate and undergraduate students at San Francisco State. Both went to Pleasanton schools, including Vintage Hills Elementary, Pleasanton Middle School and Amador Valley High School, where they graduated.

At one time, Hayes wrote for The Independent, as I once did, covering the ValleyCare Health System meetings. Then, for the next nine years, she wrote a column similar to this one for the Contra Costa Times. Because of layoffs, she took her writing skills to the Tri-Valley Education Collaborative (TEC), a nonprofit that



JEB BING

Susan Hayes, executive director of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, shows the tri-fold presentation board she is using in student registrations at Pleasanton schools.

had been guiding career technical education for school districts in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin for 25 years. There, as the collaborative's manager, she coordinated a variety of efforts to improve technical education. She also honed her grant-writing skills and represented the three district teams at statewide conferences, where she also worked with elected and appointed state and regional education leaders. Most recently, she managed the Napa Valley 2012 Fund, hosted by Chappellet Winery, organizing, promoting and conducting the group's three-day fundraiser that brought in a record \$8 million through events, auctions and fundraising drives.

Hayes says the \$8 million figure might be a bit elusive for the PPIE, but she's already developing invitation lists for the 2013 Bon Appetit Culinary Gala to be held Oct. 19 at the California Center. This 10th annual event won't be your typical sit-down fundraiser dinner and auction. She's enlisting the participation of chefs in the Valley, corporate sponsors and selecting culinary judges. There will be 15 culinary teams, consisting of a local chef, a school principal and a corporate/community sponsor. They'll compete for a "Top Nod" and a cash prize in one of three categories: Savory, Sweet and this year's new "Slow." Five regional food experts and Hayes' judging team will taste their way through signature appetizers and desserts paired with Livermore Valley wines. Live music, a no-host bar and a silent auction will round out the evening.

Hayes promotion skills already have reached City Hall. At last Tuesday's City Council meeting, Mayor Jerry Thorne announced that the council and some staff members will field a team to compete in the Bon Appetit Culinary Gala. Tickets, which cost \$75, are now available online at the PPIE website at www.ppie.org. ■

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What is your favorite back-to-school item to shop for?



Ronny Meltzer
Elementary school student

I love shopping for new sneakers. I take them out of the box right away when I get them home and put them in my room so that my whole room starts to smell like new shoes.

Zach O'Grady
High school student

I hate to admit it, but my favorite back-to-school item to shop for is my backpack. I like starting with a fresh one each new school year and am always searching for one that is interesting looking and has lots and lots of separate compartments for all my stuff.



Green family
Middle school, high school and college students

We are having the best time shopping for our oldest brother's dorm room because he is heading off to college for the first time ever. We want him to have a really cool comforter and pillow, nice towels, and art work for his walls so that he will feel comfortable while he is away from home.

Kaitlin Bell
High school student

I really love shopping for back-to-school supplies like binder paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, tape, markers, book covers, subject dividers, index cards and folders. It makes me anticipate all of the cool things I'm going to do during the school year.



Karim and Sheetal Shah
Elementary school students

We love shopping for back-to-school clothes. Most of the year we wear hand-me-downs from our older cousins, but our mom always makes sure we have brand new clothes to start off every school year.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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More BART service while bridge closes

BART will offer limited round-the-clock service from the night of Wednesday, Aug. 28, through the morning of Monday, Sept. 2, while the Bay Bridge is closed to traffic to ready its new eastern span for opening. Bridge work will include paving, striping lanes and erecting barrier rails.

BART will not operate overnight Monday night into Tuesday morning to enable BART to conduct mandated inspections. Information about the frequency of train service and which stations will be open 24 hours will be available at www.bart.gov.

College for babies

The Las Positas College Community Education Program is teaming up with the campus Child Development Center to offer "Baby & Me" classes. Ten Sessions will be held from 9:30-11 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Sept. 10-Oct. 10.

The class is intended for caregivers and their babies ages 5 months to 18 months, to explore and play in a learning and nurturing environment. Careful child observation, hands-on indoor and outdoor active play, sensory exploration, and circle-time help will spark the children's imaginations and introduce them to social cooperation and collaboration.

The basic class fee is \$89, plus families must pay a \$35 materials fee to cover college student parking and classroom activities. Register at laspositas.augusoft.net or call 424-1467.

Aquatic Center to close for one week

The Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center is receiving finishing touches to a year-long renovation and will be closed to all programs during the week of Aug. 26-30. Lap swimming and water exercise, which are being held on the east side of the facility during the renovations, will resume Aug. 31.

The major renovations, which are expected to be completed in early September, included redesigning the 25-meter pool into an "L" shape to include the diving pool; replastering two pools and giving them ADA access; deepening the 25-meter pool for future and potential competitive use; and installing new plumbing, heating, electrical and filtration systems at both pools.

For more information, visit www.PleasantonAquaticCenter.com.

Planners OK 210 apartments, 97 homes near new Safeway

Project could cap series of court-ordered high density housing decisions in recent months

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has approved construction of a high density, multi-story apartment complex along with 97 new homes on a 27-acre site along Valley Avenue just south of Bernal Avenue and the Pleasanton Gateway Center.

The project is planned by South Bay Development, which has owned the entire 37-acre site since 2000. At one time, South Bay had approval to build eight four- and five-story office buildings on the property, but that plan was shelved when the need for more office space collapsed 10 years ago.

South Bay sold part of its property to Safeway Corp., which build the new Safeway Lifestyle supermarket and developed the center that now houses retail and service stores, including a gas station, Starbucks, CVS pharmacy and two banks.

South Bay's Scott Trobbe said told Planning Commissioners that his new plan calls for construction of 210 apartment units in nine, 18-unit and 24-unit three-story tall buildings just over 43 feet high.

They will include one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments, each with a one-car garage. The buildings will be clustered around a core center with entrances off Valley Avenue, across from the 100-unit Kensington Apartments, and another from a roadway that runs alongside the south edge of the Gateway Center.

The project will include a leasing office building for the apartment, a recreation area that will include a building with a business center, conference facilities, gymnasium and a media center. Outdoor amenities will include a swimming pool and spa, barbecue and fire pit areas, a tot lot, cabanas, outdoor seating and a bocce ball court.

Of the 97 single-family homes planned for the site, 62 will be three-story tall homes with a maximum height of approximately 45 feet, and 35 will be two stories tall. The two-story homes will have four bedrooms, three-and-a-half bathrooms, two-car garages and range in size from 3,541 to 3,654 square feet.

The three-story buildings will have three bedrooms, ranging in size from 2,830 to 3,054 square feet.

The Planning Commission's unanimous approval of the Pleasanton Gateway project now sends the proposal to the City Council, which is expected to also review the plan at a meeting next month.

If also approved by the council, Pleasanton Gateway will cap a series of high density housing decisions over recent months stemming

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JENN TEITELL

Sign up here!

Sports and clubs beckon to Amador Valley students as both high schools have their walk-through registration earlier this week. Freshmen orientation was Wednesday, and classes begin Monday for all students in the Pleasanton district.

Pleasanton economy remains strong

All five Tri-Valley cities show low unemployment

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Local cities remain among those least affected by unemployment, with lower unemployment figures than other areas of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, according to the latest figures from the state.

In July, Alameda County had an unemployment rate of 7.8% and Contra Costa showed 0.7%. California's jobless rate was 9.3%

Pleasanton, with a workforce of 36,600, had 1,400 people out of work, with a 3.9% employment rate.

San Ramon, with 900 residents unemployed out of its workforce of 29,400 had the lowest local rate, 3.1%. Danville showed 4% unemployment, with 1,000 people out of its

24,000 workforce out of work. Alamo, with a workforce of 7,800, had 200 unemployed, giving it 2.8% unemployment in July.

Dublin showed 4.7% unemployment, with 700 of its 15,900 workforce out of work. Livermore topped the list of local cities at 5% unemployment; 2,100 people out of its total workforce of 42,400 were looking for work in June.

By comparison, Oakland had the highest unemployment in Alameda County, at 11.9%, and Hayward showed an unemployment rate of 8.7%.

Bay Point, San Pablo and Richmond in

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Council saves 101-year-old house from wrecking ball — for now

Ponderosa gets OK to build 12 homes on adjoining lots

The Pleasanton City Council saved a 101-year-old house just a block from the city's historic downtown from the wrecker's ball Tuesday while at the same time approving a plan to build 12 moderately-sized new homes next to it.

The council's action reversed a 4-0 decision last month by the city's Planning Commission to deny the bid by Ponderosa Homes for the 12-home project along the north edge of the Arroyo Del Valle. Commissioners said Ponderosa should decide the fate of the house first.

At Tuesday's council meeting, Planning Commissioner Arne Olson, who was absent from the July meeting, criticized the commission's decision. He said the Ponderosa plan would rid the 2.1-acre site at 4202 Old Stanley Blvd. of an unsightly 32-space trailer park and urged the council to approve it.

Ponderosa's Pam Hardy said the developer had acquired the site from a Lutheran Church trust established by the late Jerry Wagner, who owned and managed the trailer park. At one time, Ponderosa considered tearing down the house and adding another two new homes to its site, but opposition to demolishing it squelched that plan. Instead, the builder moved ahead with a 12-home project leaving the fate of the old home in the hands of the Lutheran Church or a new owner who would buy the property from the church.

Apparently, a buyer has surfaced who would rehabilitate the house, which then could be used for a variety of commercial and even residential uses once its restoration meets current fire and other municipal code requirements. Ponderosa agreed Tuesday to contribute \$30,000 toward that work. However, there was nothing in Tuesday night's agreement that

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Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller swears in five new officers, (l-r) Travis Oliver, Catrina Clark, Tyler Paulsen, Bradlee Middleton and Bradley Palmquist, who are replacing others who have retired or transferred over the last year. The new officers, who will go through a 16-week training period before being sent out on their own as patrol officers, "bring to Pleasanton a variety of work and life experiences and a diversity of job knowledge," according to a news release.



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee

Monday, August 26, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation and discussion of Old Vineyard Avenue Pedestrian Trail, Phase 1
- Trails Project Status Report

Committee on Energy and the Environment

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

Commission Vacancies Recruitment

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

Civic Arts Commission

Committee on Energy & the Environment

Economic Vitality Committee

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- 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

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

ECONOMY

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Contra Costa County were among the highest in that county. Bay Point showed 4,400 unemployed, giving it a 15.3% unemployment rate, while San Pablo showed 15.6% unemployed. Richmond had 12.5% unemployed, with 6,800 people out of work.

Between June 2013 and July 2013, the total number of jobs in Alameda and Contra Costa decreased by 11,100 jobs to total 988,300.

But the total number of jobs across the East Bay rose 7,200 jobs, or 0.7 percent between July 2012 and July 2013.

That includes 3,700 more jobs in leisure and hospitality, mostly in food services and drinking places. Trade, transportation and utilities expanded payrolls to add 3,300 jobs; wholesale trade was up 1,300 jobs.

Transportation, warehousing and utilities gained 1,200 jobs, and retail trade increases by 800 jobs. Other major industries with year-over job gains included private educational and health services, which added 2,000 jobs; construction, up by 1,700 jobs; and professional and business services, which added 1,600 jobs.

In the two counties, public and private schools lost 9,600 jobs seasonally in line with their usual trend of scaling back operations

for the summer. Health care and social assistance posted a loss of 1,200 jobs, and leisure and hospitality reduced payrolls seasonally by 900 jobs, much more than its typical loss of about 100 in June and July.

Trade, transportation and utilities added 500 jobs over the month. That includes an increase in wholesale trade — up 1,300 jobs — that more than offset declines in transportation, warehousing and utilities, which were down 600 jobs, and in retail trade, down 200 jobs.

Employment in public sector, government jobs rose between July 2012 and 2013, with a loss of about 1,300 jobs. ■

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would prevent the church or a new owner from eventually tearing down the house if the rehabilitation costs proved too high.

At the same time, the council asked Brian Dolan, director of Community Development that includes the Planning Department, to rush through a zoning change to allow various uses in the house, such as a beauty shop, real estate office or other commercial and retail businesses. A family now rents and lives in the house, which

building experts said has an illegally added second story and a back porch that is falling down. Needed roof repairs, alone, could cost most of the \$30,000 Ponderosa will contribute to the work.

With its plan now approved, Ponderosa plans to proceed with building 12 homes that will line a cul de sac from the side of the old house with lots 3,700-5,800 square feet. The homes would range in size from 2,200 to 2,600 square feet with the house facing Stanley Boulevard, across the cul de sac from the 1912-built house, having a wrap-around porch to

make it look as if it fronts on Stanley as well as the cul de sac.

A gated trail at the rear of the cul de sac will allow residents there to walk to Vervais Avenue, and then to Santa Rita Road and Main Street.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the city plans to reconstruct that section of Stanley that extends from Santa Rita to where Stanley joins First Street by 2017. The new roadway will include curbs and gutters, a sidewalk along one side of the street and new street lighting.

—Jeb Bing



JEB BING

This 1912-vintage house was spared when plans were made for a new development by Ponderosa Homes to replace a rundown trailer park on Old Stanley Boulevard, plus the builder is contributing \$30,000 toward its renovation.

CITIZENS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE 11th ANNUAL Report to the Public



Measure B Sales Tax Activities

In November 2000, Alameda County voters approved Measure B, which extended the county's half-cent transportation sales tax to 2022 and set forth a 20-year Expenditure Plan. Measure B also established a Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) to review all Measure B expenditures on projects, programs and administration for compliance with the Expenditure Plan, including timely project delivery. The CWC reports its findings annually to the public.

This 11th annual report covers expenditures during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 (FY11-12), and CWC activities since July 1, 2011. The CWC report states that audited income and expenditures were in compliance with specific caps, and the auditors did not identify any accounting concerns. The full report is available online at: <http://www.AlamedaCTC.org/CWC2013Report>.

Citizens Watchdog Committee Activities

CWC members performed a number of activities to ensure appropriate use of transportation sales tax funds, review compliance reports for adherence to new policies and improve reporting processes.

- **Ongoing Programs and Capital Projects Watch (FY11-12):** The CWC continued to watch specific programs and capital projects and to monitor any issues of concern.
- **Ongoing Areas of Interest (FY11-12):** The CWC requested information from Alameda CTC, developed a new information request process, and received satisfactory information in FY11-12 on expenditures, revenue projections, general fund reserve balance usage, program performance and cost savings.
- **Ongoing Budget Update (FY11-12):** The CWC received and reviewed the annual budget and mid-year budget updates.
- **Audit and Compliance Report Review (January 2012, January 2013):** CWC members reviewed FY10-11 and FY11-12 audited financial and compliance reports and requested more information from agencies and jurisdictions. The CWC found this information acceptable.
- **Review of Local Agency Expenditures (March 2012):** The CWC formed a subcommittee to gather more information about the Alameda County Public Works Agency's fund balance. The agency met with subcommittee members and

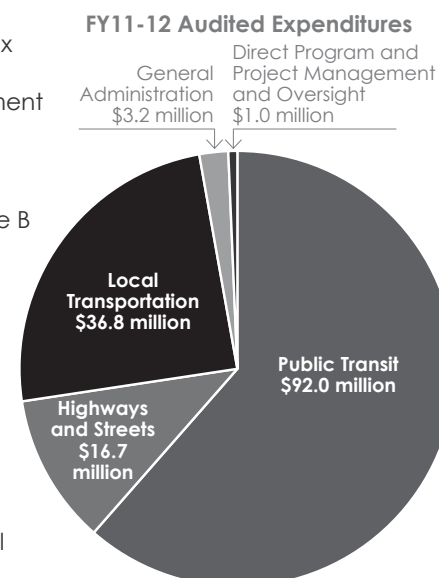
provided an explanation and a plan for spending down the balance.

- **Independent Audits (January and November 2012, January 2013):** The CWC met with and received presentations from the independent auditor on expenditures and administrative caps. The auditor did not identify any accounting concerns.
- **New Audit Review Process (August, November, December 2012):** In July 2012, the CWC created an audit subcommittee and a new process to provide input to the independent auditor on items of interest to the CWC. Subcommittee members met with the independent auditor twice and in December 2012, met jointly with the Commission Audit Committee.
- **Annual Report to the Public (August 2012):** CWC members formed a subcommittee to develop its annual report to the public. In July, the CWC held a public hearing to provide comments on the report.
- **Information Received by CWC (Ongoing):** The CWC received updates on the progress of Alameda CTC's implementation of the One Bay Area Grant Program adopted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Alameda County is estimated to receive \$54 million for transportation projects. Also in FY11-12, the Alameda CTC Local Business Contract Equity Program exceeded its 70 percent Local Business Enterprises goal for professional and administrative services.

Summary of Expenditures

The Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is responsible for administering the Measure B half-cent transportation sales tax measure as well as congestion management agency functions.

In FY11-12, Measure B revenues totaled \$112.6 million. Measure B audited expenditures of \$149.7 million in FY11-12 for different transportation modes include \$92.0 million for public transit, \$36.8 million for local transportation, \$16.7 million for highways and streets, \$3.2 million for general administration and \$1.0 million for direct program and project management and oversight.



Alameda CTC Programs

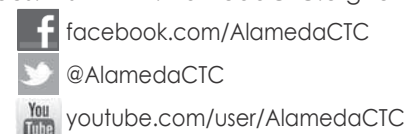
Alameda CTC allocates 60 percent of Measure B funds, minus general administrative costs, primarily on a monthly, formula basis ("pass-through" funding) and through competitive grants to Alameda County, cities and transit agencies for programs. In FY11-12, Alameda CTC expended \$60.6 million in Measure B funds on programs.

Alameda CTC Projects

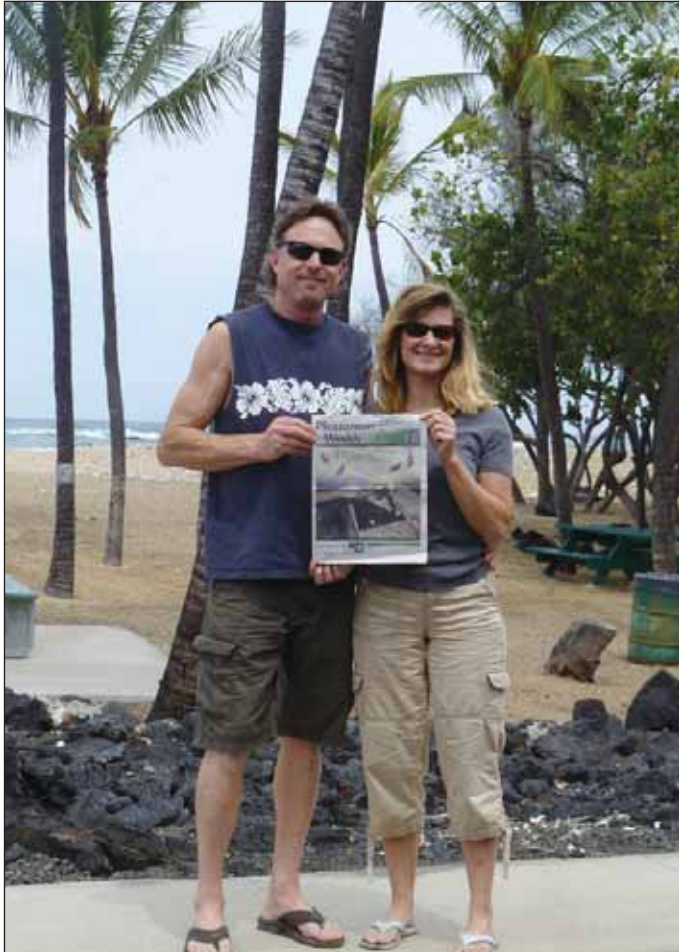
Alameda CTC allocates 40 percent of Measure B funds, minus general administrative costs, to capital projects for transportation infrastructure improvements. In FY11-12, Alameda CTC expended \$81.3 million on capital projects.

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Living in paradise: Dan and Kathy Sackl are leaving the mainland and shipping off to live in Hawaii — but they made sure to take their Weekly along to Kailua-Kona.

Ptownlife.org turns 1

Teens guide site of Pleasanton happenings

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

One year after the launch of Ptownlife.org, a group of teens gathered this week for an orientation on how to maintain and improve the website during its second year.

"They come in one afternoon a week, write news articles, keep the calendar updated, and are constantly looking at ways to improve it," said Nicole Thomas, Community Services.

The site resulted from the Youth Master Plan updated in 2010 by the city, the school district and community leaders, Thomas said.

"We heard from the community that they wanted one place to go to for information and resources, so we are targeting youths and families," Thomas explained.

The site was designed by a consultant, Eye580 Interactive.

"We worked with them, the Youth Commission worked with them, and they designed based on what we heard as the needs in the community," Thomas said.

The all-day orientation was held Tuesday for the 18 middle school and high school students who are on the 2013-14 youth web team. In addition to the teens' work, Thomas and Team Coordinator Rachel Mariscal work on the site's upkeep.

The website also depends on community groups to post their activities and news, including their programs and services, and has 350 registered



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A five-member team — (l-r) Cassie Wang, Jennifer Tao, Laura Pianin, Richa Tenany and Varsha Vaidyanath — has 30 seconds to name ways they are targeted by marketing, at an all-day orientation for the 18 middle and high school students who will help run PtownLife.org this year. The girls came up with 13 ways they are marketed to, from newspapers to coupons to infomercials to twitter.

users. Organizations' special events can be added to the Calendar, plus jobs for youths can be posted.

Ptownlife.org also has 80 organization/business partners, which are featured with a profile page with contacts, a website link, program details, services and products offered.

To celebrate its first anniversary, Ptownlife.org is sponsoring a Youth Literature Contest for grades 3 through 12. The topic is bravery, and prizes will be awarded to the top stories in each age group (grades 3-5,

grades 6-8, and grades 9-12), with the top five overall stores featured on the site. Visit ptownlife.org/play/contests for more information. The deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 6.

Members of the youth web team are Sakshi Agarwal, Bianca Bacaltos, Caroline Cho, Lauren Domagas, Aaron Guerra, Kriti Jain, Snigdha Jayavapu, Emily Lin, Ryan Panwar, Laura Pianin, Niveditha Raghavan, Shrey Shah, Jennifer Tao, Richa Tenany, Varsha Vaidyanath, Nerissa Vow, Cassie Wang and Kaitlyn Wang. ■

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New DARE vehicle for police

Effective tool for community outreach, says police chief

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Pleasanton Police Department has a new DARE vehicle for use in its Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, thanks to funds provided by Workday Inc. and its co-chief executive officer Dave Duffield.

The new Chevrolet Tahoe hybrid, which is fully outfitted as an emergency vehicle, was designed to catch young people's attention to deliver the police's anti-drug and violence message.

"This vehicle will be an effective tool to help the Police Department increase community outreach, connect with our youth and partner with our business community to successfully spread a critical anti-drug and violence message," Chief Dave Spiller said.

The new Tahoe, which replaces a 1997 Chevrolet Suburban, has technology integrated into

it, including video and audio equipment that can be used for presentations and interactive lessons.

The new hybrid is also far more fuel efficient and aligned with the city's commitment to environmental sustainability initiatives.

The DARE program is nationally recognized for aiming at reducing drug abuse and violence among school aged youths. Pleasanton police have been teaching it in the Pleasanton Unified School District for the past 25 years, which has helped build relationships among the community, school district and police department.

Workday, which is headquartered at 6230 Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton, is a provider of enterprise cloud applications for human resources and finance. ■



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PLANNERS

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from an agreement between the city of Pleasanton and state housing authorities after a court order for the city to provide more affordable housing.

Earlier this month, the council 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 southern edge of the site, and Stanley Boulevard is on the north.

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

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

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

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Business News

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Adept Technology names 4 senior executives

New team to aid in company's growth strategy

Pleasanton-based Adept Technology has appointed four executives to its leadership team, who will be instrumental in the development and execution of the company's growth strategy.

Larry Anderson has been named vice president of mobile sales, with responsibility for executing the company's mobile robot strategy on a worldwide basis. He has over 25 years of high-tech sales and sales management experience, most recently with Aehr Test Systems as their vice president of worldwide sales.

Previously, Anderson held several senior sales management roles within Cymer, Advantest/Verigy, FormFactor and Komag.

Merrill Apter has been named vice president of North American sales, where he will be responsible for increasing sales and also expanding the company's distribution channels in Mexico and Canada. He has more than 20 years of sales, business development and marketing management experience in high technology, industrial OEM, and capital equipment.

Prior to joining the company, Apter served as vice president of sales for Americas at Telesis Technologies, a manufacturer of industrial marking and engraving equipment.

Terry Hannon has been named vice president of business development and corporate strategy,

responsible for developing the company's long-term strategy. Most recently, he served as president and CEO of NP Photonics. Earlier, he held leadership roles as executive vice president at XSiL and VP and general manager at Coherent.

Hai Chang has been promoted to vice president of Asia and strategic programs, where he will oversee the company's operations in Asia, Oceania and South America.

Chang most recently served as the company's director of sales for the Americas and was also responsible for establishing its subsidiary in China.

The company headquarters are at 5960 Inglewood Drive in Pleasanton. ■

Where can I find income?

Alternative to bonds

purposes, not as actual investment recommendations.

Business Development Companies (BDC)

As banks tightened lending standards the past few years, businesses turned to BDCs for needed capital. BDCs can invest through debt or equity. One publicly traded BDC has a dividend yield that averaged 11.80% from 2010-12, making it attractive as an alternative income source, but it also comes with several risks. A BDC investing in equity doesn't have the same creditor protection as a bondholder if a company goes bankrupt. Another risk is price volatility. The BDC I mentioned above has a stock price that is over two times as volatile as the S&P 500. For investors used to the steady prices of bonds, BDCs can be a wild ride.

Non-traded BDCs are available, which means its shares aren't traded on a stock exchange. Since it's not listed you won't see day-to-day price fluctuations, but they're non-liquid. If you need to redeem shares to raise cash for other expenses, you may not be able to sell when you need to. The risk of non-liquidity should limit the amount to invest in any non-traded security, regardless of the redemption provisions at the time of investment.

Closed-End Mutual Funds (CEF)

CEFs are mutual funds with a fixed number of shares, and Morningstar tracks 603 of them. CEFs can use financial leverage to boost yields, but that makes the fund even more susceptible to rising interest rates. For example, one highly-rated fund in the Morningstar database has a very attractive yield over 7.0%. But it also uses over 40% financial leverage and its share price has fallen over 15% this year. Don't be

lured into a closed-end fund as an easy solution for income.

High-yield Bonds

Also known as "below investment grade" or less subtly as "junk bonds," high-yield bonds pay a higher yield because of their higher default risk. One of the largest high-yield bond funds has a 12-month yield of 6.91%. In addition to higher yields and default rates, junk bonds also have higher price volatility. As yields have fallen over the last few years, some investors blindly put a large portion of their portfolios in high-yield to capture the yield, without realizing the inherent risks. Default rates have been low lately, although questions remain about municipal bonds due to woefully underfunded pension and health-care obligations in most locales.

Dividend-Paying Stocks

Investing in dividend-paying stocks for income is a strategy that has been used for decades. Companies that pay a dividend are generally well-established companies with stock prices that are less volatile than those of small companies. However, investing in stocks will significantly change the risk profile of your portfolio, so this is not a simple substitute for bonds. Also, buying overvalued stocks increases the risk further in the event of a price correction.

Bottom Line

None of the asset classes listed above can solely replace bonds, but these, along with other investment strategies, can help build a diversified portfolio to produce income through interest, dividends and capital gains.

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Gary Alt

By GARY ALT

In my last article, I discussed the quandary bond investors face today in search of income. Over the past 30 years, investors were accustomed to a predictable source of income while enjoying stable prices, but rising interest rates make this trickier today. Bond yields are at near record lows, and when rates rise, bond prices fall. Investors must prepare their portfolios for rising interest rates.

There are several alternatives to bonds for investment income, but you need to understand some of their risks before investing. The data used in this article come primarily from the Morningstar database of funds. I highlight several investments without identifying them by name because I use them for reference



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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

End of high-speed rail boondoggle?

A Sacramento judge has thrown a monkey wrench into Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to build a \$68 billion high-speed rail system to traverse the state from the capital to San Francisco, Los Angeles and points in between. Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Michael Kenny ruled that the California High-Speed Rail Authority had violated state law and "abused its discretion" in proceeding with the controversial train system without first identifying the funding sources for the line's first usable segment. The decision presents a new setback for the rail authority, the agency charged with building the voter-approved project.

The decision was prompted by a 2011 lawsuit from residents of Kings County, who argued that the rail authority's funding plan did not comply with Proposition 1A, the 2008 measure that authorized \$9 billion in state funds for the line. Stuart Flashman, one of two attorneys in the case who represents Central Valley farmers and local officials, claimed the rail system could lead to financial disaster. Coincidentally, Flashman is the same Oakland attorney whose threat of a lawsuit against the city of Pleasanton has also temporarily stopped further consideration by the City Council of Measure PP, a hillside protection ordinance. For now, the rail project has mercifully been stopped.

CNN's Anderson Cooper and Drew Griffin should be commended on their reporting of the high-speed rail boondoggle. According to Griffin, who interviewed Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, "so much of the money has been spent really making the old trains go a little bit faster." How much faster? About 10 minutes faster for an \$800 million federal government investment. "I think people like the investments we're making," responded Secretary LaHood during the interview. "There is so much enthusiasm in America for high-speed rail."

But not so, according to Roger Aronoff, editor of Accuracy in Media. Here in California, especially, where cost overruns, such as for the Bay Bridge seismic retrofit project, loom large. Griffin said that there is only one true high-speed rail line actually envisioned in the entire U.S. and that's the California plan to build a 200-mile-an-hour train line. According to a poll by the Public Policy Institute of California, voters are now opposed to spending \$68 billion on high-speed rail by a margin of 54% to 43%. The forces behind the project, in addition to Brown and supporters in the state Legislature, are the contractors, builders and consultants who stand to gain from the construction and are unchecked by policymakers with no real means to verify overly optimistic ridership models or stop construction once it has begun.

While Judge Kenny's decision may not stop the project for good, it could set up a new legal speed bump for the beleaguered rail authority. Last year, the authority won a razor-thin victory in Sacramento when the state Senate authorized the agency to tap into the first \$2.6 billion in bond funding and to accept \$3.3 billion in federal funding for the first segment of the project. The appropriation came by a single vote, with several Democrats joining every Republican in voting against the funding bill.

Even LaHood admits Obama's 25-year plan to extend high-speed train service to 80% of Americans will cost \$500 billion, which means after six years, spending will have to increase to \$24 billion a year. While this will please construction and engineering firms, the rest of us will get little other than the satisfaction of knowing our trains go as fast as those in France and China (though less than half as fast as planes). Aronoff calls the state's high-speed rail plan a "boondoggle." We agree. ■



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LETTERS

Old diaper days

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the birth of your twin grandbabies! I laughed at your comments on how things used to be for babies (like with my five).

I loved your comments on the strollers and diapers. When I had my first child in 1971, disposable diapers were first being marketed — and they were like a paper towel in a plastic bag cover (didn't work!). I paid for many years of diaper service but also washed my own diapers (hanging them outside at first as we had no dryer back then!). At a Red Cross class for pregnant mothers, we learned how to fold the long cotton dia-

pers six different ways, before pre-folded diapers were available.

We used clean washcloths, wet with warm water, and sometimes cotton balls, to clean the diaper area on infants. The cotton diapers also made great spit-cloths for babies.

When I had my last two children, I was excited to find the new umbrella strollers that fit easily into the car for shopping trips — now outdated. I sewed little fabric pockets and attached them to the strollers or car seat for snacks or little toys when the babies were older; modern strollers have everything already added.

I feel outdated but, somehow, we all survived.

Cathy Moran

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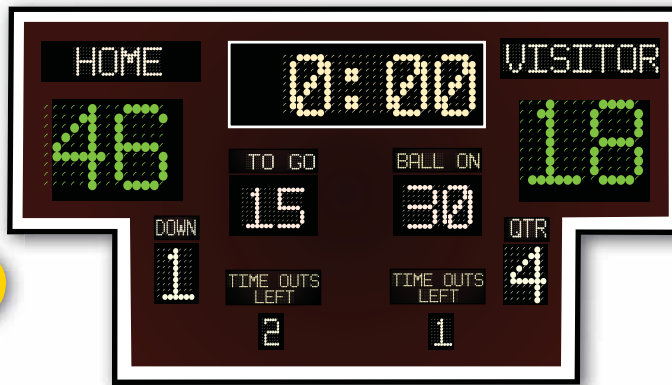
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Are you ready for some football?



Pleasanton's high school teams are ready for you

BY DENNIS MILLER



Labor Day weekend can mean a lot of things to people in Pleasanton. For the majority of the kids in town, it means an extra day off from school, while for the adults it means a three-day weekend with barbecues and beverages. Locally, many embrace the Scottish Games at the Fairgrounds or the Harvest Wine Celebration in the Livermore Valley.

But for the Pleasanton community, it also means the start of football season as the high school teams of Amador Valley and Foothill kick off their seasons next week.

For the players, coaches, families, fans and school community, there is no bigger event going on Labor Day weekend.

"Our community really makes it special," said Amador Valley coach Rick Sira of football season. "Both schools really embrace it. The kids at both schools work hard and compete, but we have no problems with the two schools. That's what makes this community unique. It really is a reflection how the community has raised their kids."

Amador Valley went 8-5 last season overall, advancing to the semifinals of the North Coast Section playoffs before being eliminated by De La Salle. Foothill battled to the second round of NCS before the Falcons saw their season come to an end.

Both seem poised to make another run to the playoffs, and both have fan bases as good as any in the area. The Dons open the season

Aug. 30 at Freedom High in Oakland, and the Falcons the next afternoon in Novato. The Battle of Pleasanton takes place at Foothill on Nov. 8.

Following are breakdowns of the football teams at Amador Valley and Foothill.

AMADOR VALLEY

The Dons lost some players from the skill side of the game, but they have key components back on both the offensive and defensive lines, a luxury not every team possesses.

Robert Faris, Alex Jader, James Moore and Jordan Mast all return on offense and defense, giving Sira and his staff a solid building block.

"Those guys played a lot last year, and we are going to depend on them," said Sira. "We are planning to ride them — we are anxious to get them out on the field and get going."

In the offensive backfield, the Dons have some holes to fill, but at least at running back they appear pretty solid at the top. Michael White is a senior that missed a lot of last season with an injury, but he has been healthy and working well this year.

"He is tough as nails and has great speed," said Sira.

There are a host of others looking for time carrying the ball, and Sira has been pleased with the work ethic of the lot.



Action was fast and furious in last year's Amador Valley game against Monte Vista, with the Dons rallying from a 14-point deficit to beat the Mustangs, 24-21. No. 66 Alex Jadar is returning this year to play offense for Amador.

Football schedules

All games begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise. Home games are in caps.

Amador Valley varsity

- Aug. 30** at Freedom High
- Sept. 6** CONCORD
- Sept. 13** SKYLINE
- Sept. 27** MONTE VISTA
- Oct. 4** CALIFORNIA
- Oct. 11** at San Ramon Valley
- Oct. 18** LIVERMORE
- Oct. 25** at De La Salle
- Nov. 1** at Granada
- Nov. 8** at Foothill

Foothill varsity

- Aug. 31** 2 p.m., at Novato
- Sept. 6** at Freedom
- Sept. 13** LAS LOMAS
- Sept. 20** VINTAGE
- Sept. 27** LIVERMORE
- Oct. 4** at Monte Vista
- Oct. 11** at California
- Oct. 25** GRANADA
- Nov. 1** at San Ramon Valley
- Nov. 8** AMADOR VALLEY

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COURTESY AVHS



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Amador senior No. 3 Michael White, who plays in the offensive backfield, "is tough as nails and has great speed," said coach Rick Sira.

Quarterback is a big spot for the Dons to fill as three-year starter Kyle Moreno is gone this year. Right now it is a battle between junior Zeke Burgermeister and sophomore Ronnie Jones.

"Those guys have done a great job battling all summer," said Sira. "They really push each other. One day you think one of them has the edge, and the next day it is the other."

When either Burgermeister or Jones throws the ball, they will find some talent out wide as well.

Parker Newman played slot last year, and Collin Miller is a great athlete that played safety last year on the varsity as a sophomore. Adam Schmit is up from the JV team, but had a great summer, and Anthony Irizarry can make big plays from all over the field.

On defense the Dons are led by their



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Fans cheer on Foothill as it faces Monte Vista last year. Football enthusiasts look forward to next weekend, the start of the football season for Pleasanton high schools.

returning lineman, but there is promise throughout the field.

Jacob Felix, Conner Scanlin, Patrick Pipitone, Patrick Loughnane and White form a linebacker group that figures to be fast and talented. In the defensive backfield Newman and Miller return and, along with Kevan Knaggs, Collin Blaney and Nick Pappis, make a solid group.

While there figures to be plenty for Sira

and his staff to be optimistic about, they all realize what it is like playing in the East Bay Athletic League.

"That's just the way it is," said Sira regarding the talent level of the league. "Everyone knows it and embraces it. We have teams in our league that can go out and beat everyone from other leagues and then go 1-7 in the EBAL."

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No. 6 Isaiah Langley, shown against Monte Vista, is returning as a junior to play receiver for Foothill.

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Running back No. 25 Jamirr Holland carries the ball for Foothill in last year's game against Granada.

COURTESY FHS

FOOTHILL

The Falcons lost their fair share of players from a team that went 6-6 overall and 3-3 in EBAL play,

advancing to the second round of the NCS Playoffs.

For a lot of teams it would be a rebuilding year, but that may not be the case for the Falcons, as it ap-

pears coach Matt Sweeney has just the right mix of talented returning players at skill spots and incoming players with the right work ethic.

"We are really green up front on defense, but we have a lot of talent in our skill groups," said Sweeney. "If we get tougher and play the whole time, we could be pretty good."

This is as optimistic as Sweeney has been the last few seasons, and with one look at some of the skill players, it is easy to see why.

Starting at quarterback, Kyle Kearns returns for his second year as the starter as just a junior. Last year the then-sophomore flashed moments of brilliance but also made some mistakes from inexperience.

"He should be 4-1 touchdowns to interceptions this year," said Sweeney of the 6 foot 3, 185-pound junior. "Last year he was about even. He has shown a lot of maturity, and we are counting on him."

Other returning skill players are running back Jamirr Holland, receiver Isaiah Langley and tight end Darrell Adams. Langley and Adams are both juniors as well and, like Kearns, played on the varsity as sophomores. Holland, also a stand-out defensive back, is a senior in his third varsity campaign.

Senior fullback Matt Luey is also back for his third varsity season, and the group will be joined by a trio of sophomores in the running game mix. Matt Gates, Cash Connolly and Isaiah Floyd have all showed toughness beyond their age.

In fact, three more sophomores figure to get substantial playing time this year for the Falcons. Joining the running backs are Dustin Dukleth (OL/DT), Mike Parisi (OL/DL) and Ruben Mercado (WR/DB).

"Our sophomores are as tough as nails," said Sweeney.

To balance the youth, Sweeney and his staff must find strong senior leadership, and Sweeney feels Johann Bolt and Perry Cheney fit the bill.

"Those guys could have played for us in any year," said Sweeney. "We have a bunch of seniors that are old-fashioned football players. They come to work every day."

Another one of those senior leaders is Ryan Anderson, one of the top baseball players in the area. Anderson is headed to Oregon next year to play baseball, but he will be one of the top receivers and defensive backs this year for Sweeney.

Joined by Langley and Mercado at receiver, the Falcons will give Kearns plenty of talent to throw.

The offensive line will be young, but behind Jimmy Ritter (Jr.), as well as Dukleth and Parisi, there is reason to be optimistic. Throw in Adams, Justin Silliman and Tyler Reni at tight end and Foothill should be able to move the ball on the ground.

On defense, the Falcons start out with a defensive line led by players like Luey, Alex Jenezon and Nofo Noa. The linebacker group is very deep with Bolt, Kyle Walsworth, Andrew Novak, Cheney, Gates and Connolly making up the talented unit.

With Holland and Langley returning in the defensive backfield, Foothill is solid, and when you add in players such as Mercado, Anderson and Reni, it becomes another complete group. ■

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Author Visits

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Classes

ACE CODING Free programming classes open to all ages will be held at the Pleasanton Library from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday, designed and run by Amador Valley High School students. Contact Daniel Huang at 858-3958 or daniel.huang87@gmail.com.

I HATE PASSWORDS WORKSHOP Do you use easy to remember passwords like 123456, or your birth date or Social Security number? Do you use the same password for everything? Do you write down your passwords? Come to the "I Hate Passwords" workshop from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$20. Call 400-8370 or go to www.yourdigitalhandyman.com.

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ONLINE PERSONAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS COACHING Get healthier in this six-week course, online from Sept. 7-Oct. 18. You will be guided to design a plan for changing a personal health behavior of your choice, like reducing stress or increasing nutrition. Presented by Las Positas College Community Education. Cost is \$60. Contact Prof. Eric Golanty at (510) 827-2101 or profg70@gmail.com. Go to <http://ergo84.com/lpc/>

THURSDAY NIGHT TENNIS CLINIC Drop in or preregister for this clinic to help you with your tennis matches, from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursdays, now through Sept. 12, at Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park, 5801 Valley Ave. Cost is \$15-\$18. Call 931-3449 or go to www.lifetimetennis.com.

Clubs

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

DBE (DAUGHTERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE) Welcome to ladies of British or British Commonwealth Heritage. DBE holds monthly meetings at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday at Castlewood Country

Club. Members focus on philanthropy, enjoy social interaction and form long-lasting friendships while contributing to local charities and supporting retirement homes in the USA. Call Edith at 998-3500.

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB MEETING The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Bethallyn Black will speak on Late Season Fruits for Fall Gardens. Visitors are welcome. Call 485-7812 or go to lavgc.org.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS Learn the art of public speaking in a fun-filled and supporting environment. Meetings from 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday at The Clubhouse, 4530 Sandalwood Dr. Attend meetings as a guest at no cost. Call 395-1234 or go to www.pleasantontostmasters.com.

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

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

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

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

Concerts

ANNUAL PIANO RECITAL Prizewinning pianist and Amador Valley High School graduate Connie Chen will present music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Prokofiev from 7:30-9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7, at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Ms. Chen will sign programs afterward. Free admission and refreshments. Contact Anne Coll at 443-2514 or accoll@comcast.net.

MIKE AMARAL'S CALIFORNIA BEACH BOYS The Firehouse Arts Center opens its fourth season with the No. 1 Beach Boys Tribute Band,

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Goodguys in town this weekend

Notice all the vintage and restored cars on the streets around town? This weekend the 27th annual Goodguys West Coast Nationals is at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. While the event is open Friday through Sunday, the biggest day will be Saturday, when Goodguys will crown "America's Most Beautiful Street Rod." One of the cars in contention, Ron Cizek's 1940 Ford from Nebraska, is valued at well over \$1 million. The weekend will conclude with Sunday's award ceremony. Event hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$18; youths 7-12, \$6. Fairgrounds parking is \$8. For more information, go to www.good-guys.com or call Goodguys at 838-9876.

Mike Amaral's California Beach Boys, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7. Plenty of Good Vibrations and a whole lot of Fun, Fun, Fun. Tickets are \$15-\$25, available at 931-4848 or www.firehousearts.org.

ROGER GLENN LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE Roger Glenn, master multi-instrumentalist and entertainer on the flute, sax and vibraphone, will bring his Latin Jazz Ensemble to the Firehouse Arts Center on Friday, Sept. 6. Tickets are \$30. Contact Debbie Peck at 447-4300 or Alex Watson at 437-4204.

from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 4, in the Mertes Center for the Arts at Las Positas College. Parking is \$2. Registration available at <http://extremetour.org/laspositas>.

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

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Explore the Sunol Water Temple

The weekly Pleasanton World Walk to Wellness outing, which begins at 8:30 a.m. each Saturday morning, will be at the Sunol Water Temple, which was designed by San Francisco architect Willis Polk for the Spring Valley Water Co. and completed in 1910. This is a rare chance to visit the temple, where people once picnicked and walked the creeks when Sunol was a weekend getaway and summer resort. From Pleasanton, take Sunol Boulevard south to the stop sign at Four Corners, where you will be facing the water temple gates. To the left is the gardeners' gate, which will open at 8:30 a.m. The two-hour walk will be led by a water department employee. Wear shoes good for walking on rough ground, and bring water and sun protection. After the walk, anyone interested can join a tour of the nearby 18-acre AgPark. To be put on the Walk to Wellness email list to receive information each Thursday about that Saturday's walk, email walkstoworldwalktowellness.org.



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Magic at Concerts in the Park

Only two weeks remain for families and friends to gather for the free summer concerts presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park on First Street. Tonight Magic Moments will play hits of the '50s and '60s. The last concert is Aug. 30, with Public Eye presenting its high energy rock 'n' roll.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Find local clubs, events, fundraisers, support groups and more at PleasantonWeekly.com/calendar



Congregation Beth Emek in celebration of Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year). Mini-coloring book for children. Free. Call 931-1055.

MEET FANS OF NATIVE GARDENS

Join Pleasanton and Livermore Garden Tour hosts from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 14, at Melinda Ballard's garden, 5321 Mallard Dr. Meet other native plant enthusiasts, talk about your own garden plans, and figure out what you need to get started. Go to www.bringing-backthenatives.net.

OBAMACARE FORUM WITH REP.

SWALWELL Join 15th District Congressman Eric Swalwell and OFA volunteers to discuss Affordable Care Act Now and Beyond from 3-5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24, at IBEW Local 595 Hall, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. Registration starts at 2:30 p.m. Call 290-7124 or go to <https://my.barackobama.com/page/event/detail/obamacareactionevent/gsc5yr>.

VIDEO GAME EVENT The American Cancer Society Discovery shop is having a Video game event featuring Playstation 2, Nintendo 64 with lots of games and more. Come from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24; and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 25, at 1987 Santa Rita Road. Call 462-7374.

WHAT'S A SECULAR JEW? Are you Jewish but not religious? Looking for a community where you fit in? Attend Tri-Valley Cultural Jews' informational meeting and bagel brunch at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 8, at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Contact 485-1049 or reservations@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org. Go to trivalleyculturaljews.wordpress.com/.

Exhibits

100 YEARS OF CALIFORNIA SOCIETY OF PRINTMAKERS The current exhibit, through Sept. 5, at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center is "Celebrating 100 Years of the California Society of Printmakers." The exhibit features book arts, silkscreen, monotype and more. The arts center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave.

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

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.astarrynight.org/.

GNON SPECIAL DRIVE FOR MILITARY FAMILIES Girls Night Out Networking will be hosting a Community Outreach project by doing a special drive for Pleasanton

Military Families, who send care packages to our troops. GNON will be collecting goods for the care packages at their mixer on Sept. 12 at Zen Pilates and Fitness. Contact 487-4748 or gnoners@gmail.com.

Health

2013 HEALTHY HABITS CHALLENGE

Help brand Pleasanton as one of the healthiest places to live, work and raise a family. From Sept. 1-30, adopt one new healthy habit and practice it for 30 days. Register at www.pleasanton.org and follow the Challenge on Facebook for your chance to win prizes.

DIABETES CLASS For people of all ages with Type 2 Diabetes or pre-diabetes. Class meets from 10 a.m.-noon every Thursday for seven weeks, from Sept. 5-Oct. 17, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Learn how to manage diabetes, how to monitor your blood sugar, and how to enjoy the foods you love while controlling your diabetes. Registration required. Contact 931-5365 or astatham@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Go to www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE

Donate blood and save a life from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26 at the American Red Cross Bus, 5000 Hopyard Road. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: SSFLLPPL) to schedule an appointment.

Kids & Teens

CREEK CLEAN UP Be a steward of the land and take part in a creek cleanup at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24. The Pleasanton Community Services Department and the Earth Clubs will clean Arroyo del Valle, the creek that runs through downtown. Preregister at www.pleasantonfun.com using the code 55516.

HIKE THE BAY AREA Join the city's Naturalist on an in-depth hike and learn about Bay Area geology and plant life at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24. This is an active hike. Ages 10-14. Cost is \$3 for residents and \$6 for non-residents. Preregistration required at www.pleasantonfun.com using the code 55514.

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WORKSHOP Come to Galina's Music Studio to learn how to re-string your guitar, from noon-1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24, at 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. Cost is \$5. Guitar strings will be available for purchase or bring your own strings. Contact 960-1194 or galinasm@GalinasMusicStudio.com.

STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF

JOURNEY The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Join this workshop on your healing journey at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 31, at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Preregistration requested. One-time \$15 donation requested. Open to all. Call May Hagerty at 846-5377.

Live Music

THE CLASSY CATS Enjoy a free concert of swinging jazz with Mark Russo and The Classy Cats, musicians known around the Bay Area, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 25, at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-3400, ext. 4.

Miscellaneous

NEW LEAF COMMUNITY DAY FOR OPEN HEART KITCHEN Five percent of the day's sales on Thursday, Aug. 29, at New Leaf Community Market, 3550 Bernal St., will be donated to Open Heart Kitchen, which serves prepared, nutritious meals free of charge to the hungry people of Tri-Valley area at five locations in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Go to www.newleaf.com

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

On Stage

AN EVENING WITH P.T. BARNUM

Credited for coining the phrase, "There is a sucker born every minute," Phineas Taylor Barnum was an American businessman and scam artist, and is credited for founding the circus that became the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus. Come to Museum on Main at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10, for an evening all about P.T. Barnum. Cost is \$3-\$10. Go to www.museumonmain.org.

Seniors

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

HEALTHY COOKING CLASS

Join this monthly cooking series offered from 1:30-2:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, Aug. 26, Sept. 23 and Oct. 28, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Each month will feature a new recipe that will be easy and healthy to prepare at home. Registration required. Call 931-5365 or go to www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

Come learn all of the burial benefits, honors and memorials available to veterans and their families along with eligibility requirements, required forms and paperwork. Planning options, Power of Attorney and leaving a legacy will be covered. From 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Call 931-5365 or go to www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Zeltiq burglary costs business thousands

Thousands of dollars in computer equipment was stolen from Zeltiq in the 4600 block of Willow Road. The burglary was reported at 7:10 a.m. Monday morning and is believed to have occurred sometime after Sunday evening.

The burglars used a pry tool to enter and exit through the rear door of the business; there was damage to the interior door jambs.

In total, the burglars stole 12 Dell laptops valued at \$1,700 each; two Apple monitors totaling \$3,998; an iPad worth \$489; an iPhone worth \$400; and miscellaneous equipment valued at \$198.

Police have no suspects thus far, and no cameras were located on the property.

In other police reports:

- Tatiana Chavez, 18, of Sacramento was arrested for carrying a loaded firearm, battery on civilian emergency employees and resisting public officers at 12:35 a.m. Aug. 20 in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road.

When doing a patrol check at Motel 6, police saw a suspicion male sleeping in a vehicle with a weapon in view. When questioned, the man told police he was waiting for his girlfriend to come out from visiting someone at the hotel. With suspicions that the female was a prostitute, perhaps being held against her will, police checked the hotel room and made contact with Chavez, who refused to turn over her bag, according to reports. She went on to pepper spray two officers and bite, scratch and kick one before being arrested, police said.

- In unrelated incidents, two people were arrested on felony charges for drug violations on Aug. 14.

Todd Clark Evans, 49, of Los Gatos was arrested for violating the conditions of his probation at 12:41 a.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Valley Avenue. Upon further investigation, Evans was charged with a felony for possession of methamphetamines.

Stephanie A. Kalowski, 32, of Pleasanton was also arrested for possession of methamphetamines later that day, at 4:05 p.m. in the 2100 block of Alexander Way.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Aug. 14

Theft

- 9:49 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive
- 12:52 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 5 p.m. in the 5200 block of Case Avenue; fraud
- 6:44 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; theft from structure

Drug/alcohol violation

- 12:41 a.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Valley Avenue; drug violation

Aug. 15

Theft

- 10:52 a.m. in the 6100 block of Via de los Cerros; fraud
- 4:12 p.m. in the 800 block of Bonde Court; auto theft
- 7:43 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

Vandalism

- 7:53 a.m. in the 3500 block of Utah Street Drive

Aug. 16

Assault/battery

- 9:37 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

Drug/alcohol violation

- 12:27 a.m. at the intersection of

Prospect Court and Mason Street; drug violation

- 5:22 p.m. at the intersection of St. Mary Street and Peters Avenue; drug violation

Aug. 17

Theft

- 8:39 a.m. in the 3700 block of Mohr Avenue
- 12:20 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 8:46 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; graffiti

Drug/alcohol violation

- 12:38 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue; DUI

Aug. 18

Theft

- 3:50 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 6:41 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:22 p.m. in the 4700 block of Orangewood Court; fraud
- 10:52 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; bicycle theft

Vandalism

- 6:56 a.m. in the 2700 block of Trailside Court
- 11:27 a.m. in the 3000 block of Staples Ranch Drive

Drug/alcohol violation

- 2:33 a.m. at the intersection of W.

Las Positas Boulevard and Hacienda Drive; DUI

Aug. 19

Theft

- 9:27 a.m. in the 6700 block of Riddell Street; fraud
- 10:01 a.m. in the 1000 block of Shotwell Court
- 6:50 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Burglary

- 7:10 a.m. in the 4600 block of Willow Road; commercial

Vandalism

- 1:57 p.m. in the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

Drug/alcohol violation

- 12:10 a.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive; possession of methamphetamines

- 10:02 a.m. in the 300 block of Ray Street; public drunkenness

- 5:50 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; possession of certain drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, possession of methamphetamines

Aug. 20

Theft

- 3:09 p.m. in the 1900 block of Rheem Drive; fraud

Assault/battery

- 12:35 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

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Irene R. Loos

Aug. 21, 1924-July 26, 2013

Irene R. Loos passed away in the early morning hours of July 26, 2013 in her apartment at Parkview Senior Living at the age of 88.

A memorial service celebrating the lives of both Irene and her late husband Harry, who passed in June, will be held at The Parkview Senior Living, 100 Valley Ave., near the Pleasanton Senior Center at 2:00 PM on Sept. 1.

Irene was born in Milwaukee, WI and grew up in Scottsbluff, NE, where she graduated from high school and married Harry Loos. They were married for more than 70 years.



She was a full-time mother during the childhood of her sons, Larry and James, in Scottsbluff. Irene was active in the PTA as a member and officer and participated in many other school activities. She was a den mother for the Cub Scouts and also taught Sunday school at the Emmanuel Congregational Church. She enjoyed sewing and shopping and always dressed elegantly. She was a competitive bridge player for

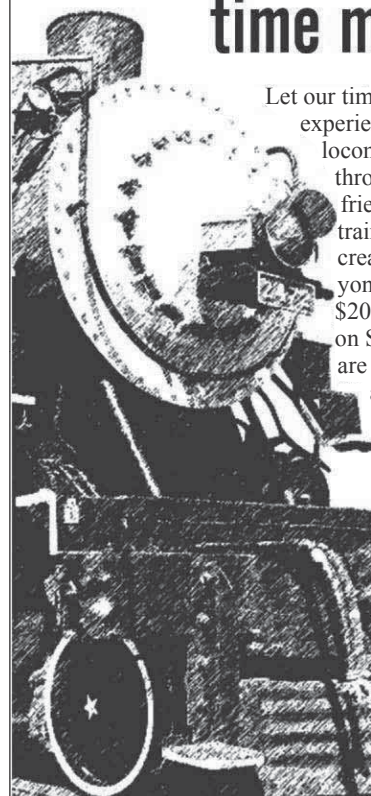
most of her adult life. After raising her sons, she worked as a residential real estate salesperson.

Irene and Harry moved to Oakland, CA from Nebraska in 1971 to be nearer to their sons and grandchildren. After relocating to Pleasanton, they both became active in the Pleasanton Senior Center where Irene managed the travel desk for a number of years. There, she organized and conducted numerous local and worldwide tours and cruises for seniors in the Pleasanton area. Irene enjoyed traveling and did so extensively throughout Europe and North America. She was known for her gregarious, friendly and energetic personality. She was a most compassionate, loving and caring person and maintained a strong spiritual faith throughout her life.

Irene is survived by her sister, Sylvia Debus of Scottsbluff, NE; two sons, Larry A. Loos of Hayward and James L. Loos of Pleasanton; grandsons James C. Loos, Anthony F. Loos and Jeremy A. Loos; great grandchildren Ryan J. Loos, Emma M. Loos, Owen J. Loos and Wyatt A. Loos. Irene, the daughter of Fred Schenaman and Anna M. Swartzkopf, was preceded in death by her husband Harry, who passed away in June, her parents, and one sister.

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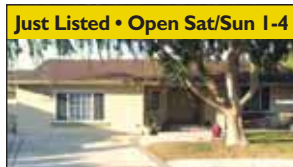


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Open Sun 1-4

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Desirable Parkside Home! Situated on quiet court. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master suite w/retreat can be 4th bedroom. Updated kitchen and bathrooms, newer roof, windows and flooring, 4 Seasons sunroom, lovely backyard with 17 fruit trees. Walk to Pleasanton sports park. Too much to mention, please call for details. **Offered at \$889,000**



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JUST LISTED

4457 Arbutus Ct, Pleasanton
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**



OPEN SAT AND SUN 1-4

PENDING

7988 Applewood Ct, Pleasanton
This must see family home is 2243 sq. ft., with 4 beds, 2.5 baths on just under .5 acre. Court location, walk to schools. **LISTED FOR \$869,000**



MULTIPLE OFFERS

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



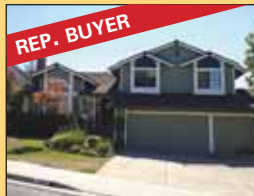
RECENTLY SOLD

2761 Sanderling Wy, Pleasanton
Birdland home with 5 beds, 3.5 baths with a full downstairs suite. Beautiful pool and large backyard. **SOLD FOR \$1,072,000**



SOLD OVER ASKING PRICE IN 5 DAYS

1036 Rhine Way, Pleasanton
Vintage Hills home backs to open space. 3016 sq. ft., 4 beds, 3 baths and a huge family room. **SOLD FOR \$1,041,036**



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920 Pamela Place, Pleasanton
Bonde Ranch home with 4 beds, a full bed/bath downstairs, bonus room, and a large master suite. **SOLD FOR \$1,215,000**



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GREAT COURT LOCATION! **\$759,000**
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EXPANSIVE FLOOR PLAN **\$899,000**
921 MARICAIBO PL
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5364 CAMINO ALTA MIRA
ENTERTAINER'S DELIGHT **\$849,000**
4 BR 3 BA Spacious/remodeled home in cul-de-sac. Vaulted ceilings. 2 yr new roof. Redwood deck. 925.847.2200

DISCOVERY BAY

124 GALLEY CT
GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION **\$320,000**
4 BR 2.5 BA 3-car garage. Large backyard. Minutes from local farms and Byron airport. 925.847.2200

DUBLIN

10858 MCEAK LN
BEAUTIFUL END UNIT TOWNHOME **\$565,900**
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3465 DUBLIN BLVD #442
GORGEOUS HOME W/VIEWS **\$419,000**
2 BR 2 BA Fourth Flr Corrida Model. Designer paint. Granite Counters. SS Appl. Crown Molding. Fireplace. 925.847.2200

HAYWARD

2246 EAST AVE.
REMODELED HOME **\$715,000**
4 BR 2.5 BA Separate family & dining rm. Plantation shutters. Updated kitchen. Hardwood floors. Views. 925.847.2200

TRACY

3679 W. LINNE ROAD
LOVELY CUSTOM HOME ON 1 ACRE **\$550,000**
4 BR 2 BA Great Rm, concept. Lrg Mstr/2ndry bdrms. Pool/Spa. 2500 + sq.ft. Shop-RV, Boats, Air compressor

LIVERMORE

25050 MINES RD.
40 ACRES W/2 SEPARATE LOTS. **\$249,950**
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OAKLAND

10963 MOONLIGHT CT
BEAUTIFUL NEWER HOME! **\$362,000**
3 BR 2.5 BA Soaring ceiling Liv Rm. Mstr ste w/ walk-in closet. 2nd flr laundry room. 2 car garage. 925.847.2200

PLEASANTON

2415 POMINO WAY
HIGH QUALITY HOME! **CALL FOR PRICING**
6 BR 5 full BA + 2 half Ruby Hill Stunner w/Nanny Ste, Lg, Mstr Ste., Office, Rec/Game Rm, Wine Cellar, Interior Ctyrd. 925.847.2200

SAN JOSE

896 CATKIN CT
MOVE IN READY CONDO! **\$389,000**
2 BR 2 BA Kitchen w/granite counters & stainless steel appl. & ample cabinet space. Close to schools. 925.847.2200

SAN LEANDRO

364 HAAS AVE.
ESTUDILLO ESTATES **\$474,900**
3 BR 1.5 BA Large Lot. Hardwood flrs. 2 fireplaces. Dual-pane windows. Updated kit w/granite counters 925.847.2200

SAN RAMON

6981 WISTERIA ST
SENIOR COMMUNITY 55+ **\$499,900**
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LINDA TRAURIG SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,749,000
STUNNING Chateau Country Estates in Pleasanton! 5 bdrms., 4.5 baths, Lg. kitchen with SS, granite, hwd. floors, crown molding, resort like backyard with solar heated pool with bit-in BBQ
883 CHATEAU HEIGHTS CT.

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,669,000
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

ANNI HAGFELDT SUN 1:30-4:00



PLEASANTON \$1,599,900
Gorgeous 5bd/3.5ba + bonus room in desirable Kottinger Ranch. Private backyard that backs to open space. Minutes from cabana, pool and tennis courts. Close to award winning schools, easy access to 580/680
3721 SMALLWOOD CT

MARK JAMES SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$1,595,000
"Nolan Farm" location and elegance, 5bd/4.5ba, gourmet kitchen, stone and hardwood flooring, sparkling pool/spa, outdoor kitchen, just a few blocks from downtown and more!
1533 ROSE LANE

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,230,000
5BD + Large Bonus Room. Bedroom and Full Bath on main level. Updated Kit w. granite, gas cooking nook & island. Pool, spa private back yard.
2661 RASMUSSEN 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 AND KELLY KING SUN 1-4



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

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$979,000
Nestled in highly sought after "Golden Eagle" gated community, single story 3bd/3ba, vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, generous natural light, community pool, club house, walking trails and more!
7808 LAQUINTA

TIM MCGUIRE SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$969,900
Situated on a quiet court includes beautiful detached 1bd/1ba in-law unit, new concrete driveway, corian kitchen, inside laundry, large private backyard, fruit trees and more!
4876 MERGANSER CT

TIM MCGUIRE SAT & SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$869,000
4bd/2.5ba, 2,047+/-SF "Monterey" model, beautiful pool, large back yard, new roof, windows and HVAC, approximately 1/2 block from Walnut Grove.
5269 NORTHWAY ROAD

MOXLEY TEAM SAT & SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$795,000
5bd/2ba, 1,997+/-sf situated on a 8,366+/-sf lot, single level expanded throughout, open floor plan, beautiful pool, 2 side yards, 3 car garage, corner lot and more.
3704 BAIRN CT.

KIM OTT BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$795,000
Beautiful Coventry home, 4bd/3ba, 1 bd/ba downstairs, recently remodeled, gourmet kitchen, granite slab counter tops, gleaming hardwood & custom tile floors, massive yard and so much more!
5558 AGATHA WAY

KAREN CROWSON SAT&SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$649,950
3 beds, 2 baths with bonus room. 1838 sq. ft. of living space, 8027 sq. ft. lot. Vaulted ceilings, solid countertops, crown molding, outdoor kitchen. Corner lot just steps away from the walking trail
58 SPARROW ST

JO ANN LUISI BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$600,000
Investors welcome. Beautifully expanded 4 bedroom home with pool. Currently leased until April 2014 at \$2550 per mos.
825 DAKOTA CT

JO ANN LUISI BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$545,000
Master bedroom plus 2 bedrooms downstairs. Bonus Room and bedroom with full bath and extra storage upstairs. Washer/Dryer/Fridge included.
5446 BETTY CIR

LEIGH ANNE HOFFMAN SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$510,000
This is a 10! Adorable 3 bedroom + loft, upgraded carpet, custom paint, landscaped yard situated in a great neighborhood and so much more!
1727 CALLE DEL REY

JO ANN LUISI BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$489,000
Quiet street. Amazing views. Downstairs master bedroom. Large, private backyard. Side yard access. New interior paint and carpet. Dual pane windows.
4807 CAPRICONUS AVE

TIM MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$485,000
Newly remodeled, granite kitchen, ss appliances, new granite bathrooms, cherry cabinets, custom tile, inside laundry, new carpet, paint, private patio, 2 car garage and much more!
3541 NORTON WAY

ESTHER BECKER OPEN SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$399,000
Beautiful Copper Hills Gated community w/pool, tennis, play grounds, 3bd/2ba, 1 car attached garage, frig, washer & dryer, gas burning fireplace and more! Please contact agent for access.
253 BELLINGTON COMMONS #4

KAREN CROWSON BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$349,950
Cute 2 bed/2 bath condo just minutes from downtown. Vaulted ceilings, balcony, fireplace, one car garage. Laminate flooring, granite tile countertops, tile backsplash. Community pool and spa.
3318 SMOKETREE COMMONS

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