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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Wente concert to support wounded warriors

A benefit concert to raise funds to support the ongoing needs of wounded veterans in the Tri-Valley will be held Oct. 10 at Wente Vineyards. The event is a broad-based effort by Pleasanton Military Families and local veterans organizations with a host of corporate sponsors.

The concert at 7:30 p.m. will feature singer and songwriter Kenny Loggins, and American Idol finalist Lacey Brown, with the event to be hosted by Joe Mantegna, star of "Criminal Minds." Concert tickets are \$99 up to \$249 for premium seating and a buffet meal at Wente. Net proceeds will go to seriously injured veterans to help cover their ongoing costs which continue long after military compensation for hospital and treatment ends.

George Bowen, whose Marine son Andy recently returned to Pleasanton after a seven-month deployment aboard the USS New Orleans, and Doug Miller, past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 in Pleasanton, have been the key promoters of the Wente Concert fundraiser. The two have enlisted support from the San Francisco Giants, Safeway, Chevron, and scores of other local businesses. In addition to the VFW and Pleasanton Military Families, American Legion Post 237 in Pleasanton and the Valley Veterans Foundation are collaborating in promoting and organizing the event.

Among the wounded warriors who will be introduced at the concert, and who will benefit from its receipts, is Marine Staff Sgt. Jason Ross of Livermore. He lost both of his legs while on patrol in Afghanistan in March, 2011 when he stepped on an IED. Only recently, after 220 surgeries and extensive hospitalization and therapy, has Jason been able to return home to be with his family and two daughters. Last April, he visited Livermore's Granada High School, where he graduated in 2001, receiving a hero's welcome from the faculty and students.

Jason's father, George Ross, posts blogs almost daily reporting on his son's progress in regaining mobility and normal family life, as normal as it can be for a double amputee. It's clear in reading these blogs that wounded warriors have lifelong challenges and major expenses long after military care has been completed.

The Wente concert's non-profit sponsor is the Stand Up & Play Foundation, a national organization providing mobility devices



Badly wounded Marine Staff Sgt. Jason Ross of Livermore gets words of encouragement from his father George and President Obama at Bethesda Naval Hospital where he was undergoing multiple surgeries.

to wounded troops as well as the disabled public. It provided Jason with a Paramobile, a new device that allows amputees to "stand tall" once more. Unlike a wheelchair, it elevates to allow users to remain upright while also increasing blood circulation and stretching the tendons to build overall body strength.

It's ongoing medical and technical breakthroughs, such as the Paramobile, the wounded warriors will need, and they will need financial aid to obtain them and have follow-through assistance. That's the goal of concert organizers, to both raise funds at this event but also to raise community awareness of the needs of wounded troops and veterans, and to continue helping those with service injuries with the financial needs not met by government provided benefits.

Miller and Bowen said local veterans who qualify for the Tri-Valley Wounded Warriors program can submit applications for grants from the concert proceeds. Grants made will be based on severity of injury and financial needs directly related to the service injury. The applications must be received no later than Nov. 1. Grants will be evaluated and awarded no later than March 1, 2014. For more information, contact WWBenefitTV@Gmail.com.

Recipients of grants must currently live in, or have in the past lived in the Tri-Valley area for a period of at least five years. The Tri-Valley area includes Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon, Alamo, Blackhawk, Camino Tassajara, Diablo, Norris Canyon, and the three valleys, Amador Valley, Livermore Valley and San Ramon Valley.

Grant decisions will be made at the sole discretion of an advisory group made up of representatives from VFW Post 6298, American Legion Post 237, Pleasanton Military Families and the Valley Veterans Foundation of Livermore.

Tickets for the Wente Concert can be purchased through Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com. More information is available at ConcertForWounded.com/ ■

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Streetwise

ASKED AT VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY'S PAWS IN THE PARK FUNDRAISER

What do you love the most about your dog?



Ava Losee-Unger and Arlo
Elementary school student

Arlo's best quality is that he is always, ALWAYS, so happy to see me when I get home from school, no matter what kind of day I've had or what kind of mood I'm in.

Jodi Starsiak and Baby Jax
Mortgage Consultant

I love that Baby Jax is such a gentle giant. He is absolutely ginormous, but he would never, ever, hurt a fly, or anyone else for that matter. He has no idea just how big he is, and we all find that incredibly endearing.



Brian Forbes and Vanilla
Financial Analyst

Vanilla's best quality is that she is so fiercely loyal. She is hardly bigger than a peanut, yet she would try to protect the entire family in the event an intruder were to enter our home. And I'm certain she really believes that she could.

Susan Hayes and Sadie
Executive Director, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation

The greatest quality about Sadie is that she loves absolutely everyone she meets. Men, women, children, other dogs, even cats. She just adores everyone.



Beth and Isla Griston, with Candy
Mom and daughter/Valley Humane Society Volunteers

Today we borrowed an adoptable Valley Humane dog in order to give her exposure at the Paws In The Park event. What we loved most about her was her sweet, trusting nature. As VHS volunteers we spend time with many wonderful dogs while they wait for their Forever Family to find them. We were so thrilled to see that happen for Candy today!

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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Fairgrounds seeks board members

The Alameda County Fairgrounds is accepting applications to fill two open seats on its board of directors.

The board is responsible for policy oversight and general operation of the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, home to more than 300 events each year, with an annual attendance that tops 3 million people.

Board members are required to attend monthly Board and Committee meetings, as well as the annual Alameda County Fair. The position is not paid.

Applications must be submitted by Oct. 11. Formal applications can be downloaded at www.alamedacountyfair.com or contacting the CEO's office at 426-7501. Applicants must live in Alameda County and be at least 18 years old.

Free stuff

Tri-Valley TV is offering viewers the chance to win prizes by signing up to be a TV30 "Lucky Fan." In October, Lucky Fans can win one of four \$50 gift cards to Zephyr Grill & Bar in Livermore. The station is also giving away tickets to upcoming productions at the Bankhead Theater, including Lauren Fox on Oct. 4 and Jonathan Batiste and the Stay Human Band on Oct. 24.

Tri-Valley TV will be giving away tickets to Gypsy Soul on Oct. 4, School of Rock Live! Jr. on Oct. 18 and Creatures of Impulse NIGHTMARE on Oct. 25.

Register for free at www.trivalleytv.org. Winners will be announced on the TCTV Facebook page and on TV30.

Come to "Carmen"

Bizet's "Carmen," a dramatic story of passion and its consequences premieres tomorrow at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

The opera classic tells the story of a gypsy who sets her sights on a naive but passionate young corporal. The Livermore Valley Opera Company has four shows, at 8 p.m. Sept. 28 and 2 p.m. Sept. 29, and the following weekend, Oct. 5 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 6 at 2 p.m.

Tickets range in price from \$39-\$74. The Bankhead Theater will also host an Opening Night Gala at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, with a separate ticket price of \$85. Call 373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org for tickets.

Corrections

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School board calls for Prop. 13 reform

Loophole allows businesses to pay far less property tax than homeowners

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Pleasanton School board is backing an initiative that could bring more money to schools by raising taxes for corporate property owners.

On a unanimous vote, with Board Member Valerie Arkin absent, the board approved a resolution that would close a loophole in Proposition 13 regarding commercial property reassessment.

The resolution was brought to the board by Ian Fregosi of Evolve, a Bay Area activist group that's fighting to reform Prop. 13.

"Since 1978, we've seen a huge drop in education funding, and what's worse is that we're not only underfunding our schools, but the tax burden is being passed on to working families," Fregosi told the school board Tuesday night.

He explained that unless a firm owns more than 50% of its property in its own name, the property is not reassessed. Fregosi said many large companies, such as Chevron, divide own-

ership using shell companies so no single entity owns a majority share.

"For the last 35 years, companies have been unfairly benefiting from Prop. 13 in ways that voters didn't know about," Fregosi said, adding businesses with property in the state "are still paying taxes at 1975 levels."

Chevron alone saves about a billion dollars every year from the loophole, he said, noting that Evolve used a conservative estimate to come up with the figure.

The group's website used estimates from the state Legislative Analyst's Office that said requiring corporations to pay taxes based on the current value of their properties would generate \$4.5 billion a year in additional income for the state.

Although they approved the resolution in support of closing the loophole, school board members were not entirely convinced the change would actually bring more money for education.

"We might get increased allotments, because the state has more money," Board Member Joan Laursen said, "but it doesn't necessarily flow to us unless the legislation is rewritten."

Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares said the legislation in question is Proposition 98.

"How that money gets divvied up, I don't know. I'd have to ask some more questions," Cazares told the board.

Board members said the loophole should be closed regardless of whether it would mean more cash to the district. Board Member Jamie Hintzke said Prop. 13 has been a problem for a long time.

"I guess we have to hope that if the state gets more money, it's good for everybody," Hintzke said. "It stimulates the economy, no matter how you look at it."

The board also approved an agreement with Pleasanton Gateway LLC for nearly \$2.9 million in school impact fees.

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NANCY DAVIS

Valley Humane Society volunteer Susan Howe with Saige, who is currently available for adoption at Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton.

Hundreds turn out for 'Paws in Park' fundraiser

Third annual Valley Humane Society event raises \$25,000

By NANCY DAVIS

Hundreds attended Valley Humane Society's third annual Paws in the Park fundraiser Sunday at Amador Valley Community Park in Pleasanton.

The festival, which raised money to support the shelter's animal lifesaving and community outreach programs, featured costume, look-alike and talent contests. Vendors were on hand to sell pet-themed products. For most, though, it was a weather-perfect afternoon to

show off their dogs and to check out others they might want to adopt.

This year's top Dog Pack was Robert Half International, whose employees, friends and family members raised \$2,559 for Valley Humane. The top individual fundraiser was Anna Aliotti of Dublin, who raised \$1,044. This year's festival goal was \$25,000.

For more information, contact the Valley Humane Society at 426-8656 or visit www.valleyhumane.org ■

Builder plans apartments near Hart Middle School

Complex on West Las Positas Blvd. would include 177 units

By JEB BING

Summerhill Homes, a home builder and developer, has asked the Pleasanton Planning Commission for approval to tear down several one-story office buildings across from Hart Middle School on West Las Positas Boulevard in order to build a 177-unit apartment complex on the 5.9-acre site.

The site is one of nine that the City Council rezoned for high density, multifamily housing as part of its court-ordered settlement to provide more workforce housing.

The proposed development would use the two West Las Positas entrances already at the site which are serving the office buildings. The apartments structures would be two, three and four stories tall, built in U-shapes, with separate parking lots facing away from each other and recreational areas and open space for tenants in between both buildings.

Representatives of Summerhill's Apartment Communities division said the buildings would have a Spanish-influenced architectural style, blending with similarly designed buildings in the area.

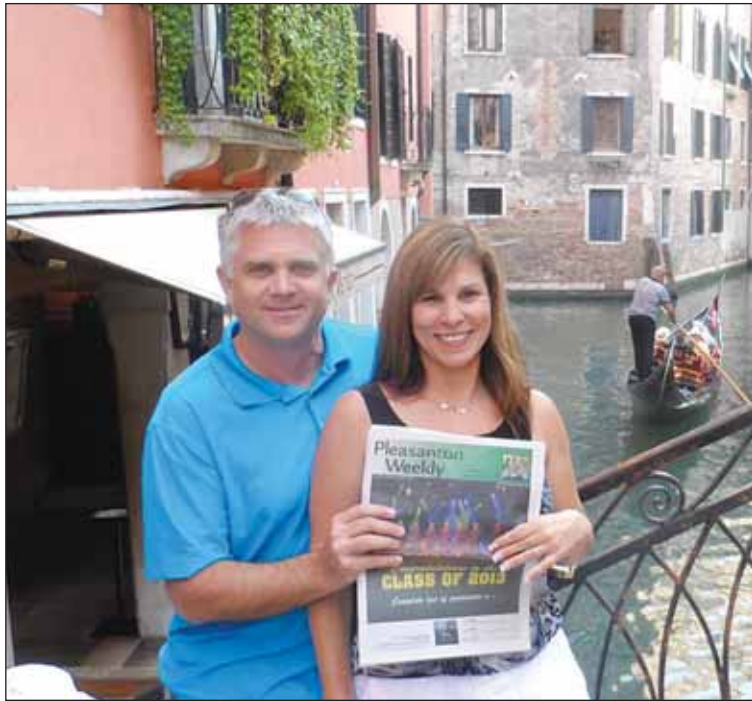
The apartment buildings would include one, two and three bedroom units, ranging in size from 718 to 1,298 square feet. Every upper floor apartment would have a deck with patios provided to ground floor units.

Associate Planner Jenny Soo said the Summerhill apartments would include 88 one-bedroom units, 72 with two bedrooms and 17 with three bedrooms. A total of 301 parking spaces would be provided, more than enough to meet the city's off-street parking requirements.

Opposition to the project, which was discussed at an informal meeting of the Planning Commission earlier this month, concerned traffic and the lack of elementary schools to serve the neighborhood.

The Planning Commission is expected to hold a public hearing on Summerhill's plan within the next several months. ■

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Beating victim still in coma

Police have 'credible leads' and are focusing on high school students

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A Pleasanton man attacked and left for dead over the weekend remained in critical condition Wednesday as police focused their search on local high school students as the likely attackers.

No arrests in the beating of David Lamont, 51, had been made as of Wednesday. Lamont was found unconscious outside his home early Saturday after police received a 911 call. He remained in a coma as of press time.

Lamont was attacked outside his home on Middleton Place, a cul-de-sac where neighbors said teens occasionally park at night.

"Officers learned the resident had come out of his house to confront some juveniles who were making some noise," said Police Sgt. Maria Munayer.

The department has "credible leads," and interviewed "several involved parties who are currently persons of interest," Munayer said.

Police have interviewed students "at both our local high schools," she said.

The investigation "has been narrowed down to people who are high school age," Munayer said. She said the department has witnesses, but would not comment on whether they were passengers in the SUV spotted leaving the scene, or if focus had been narrowed down to one high school in particular.

Munayer is hoping Lamont will come out of his coma to provide a statement.

Asked about potential charges for those involved, she said, "until we can piece together what actually happened, it's too soon to say."

Neighbor Carolyn DeFeo said she'd been told by Lamont's wife that a group of boys and girls were outside the family's home when he was attacked.

"There was an argument," DeFeo said. "He was knuckle punched or sucker punched."



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Neighbors say Middleton Place, where David Lamont was beaten and left unconscious Friday night, is occasionally a hangout spot for young people.

She said Lamont fell over, and that "the kids panicked and left our neighbor on the side of the road. He was unconscious."

DeFeo said he suffered from a fractured skull and had teeth knocked out.

"He's in bad shape and we're hoping he will stabilize and get better," she said.

Another neighbor, who asked not to be identified, was just arriving home around the time of the attack.

"I saw a copper-colored or golden car coming down the street," the young man said. "At the time, I didn't think too much about it."

He added that the vehicle he saw was an SUV and that he saw the silhouette of the driver and movement in it as well.

Ten to 15 minutes later, he said, "I saw a fire truck followed by a police car, followed by another police car, followed by an ambulance."

While police were at the scene, the neighbor said he also saw a black Mercedes SUV go partway up the street, then turn around and leave.

"It made a U-turn halfway up the street," he said.

Middleton Place is one of several cul-de-sacs off Hopkins Way in the undeveloped hills southeast of Mission Hills Park near Sunol Boulevard. Neighbors said teens use the dead end as a place to gather, especially since an unfinished road nearby has been blocked off to cars. The cul-de-sac also has access to the ridge and fields that run behind the Lamont's home.

"It's stupid, how easily it could

have been avoided, how it escalated. It was so unnecessary," said a neighbor. "All they had to do was get in the car and leave."

Lamont is the father of two teenagers, one in college and one a freshman at Foothill High School.

His wife, Agnes Lamont, and the couple's two teenage daughters have stayed by his side at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, praying he will come out of his coma.

Agnes, in a statement to the Pleasanton Weekly early Wednesday, said the community is rallying around her and her family. She thanked "both friends and previous strangers," and asked for prayers for her husband.

"Our community has brought on miracles before and we need one now," Agnes Lamont said.

"Hopefully parents take stock and embrace a culture of respect, compassion, integrity and responsibility, rather than paying them lip service as slogans on our school walls," she said. "It's our jobs, as parents, to provide a moral compass to our children, and keep them within 50 feet after 11 p.m."

Police said they'd received help from community members, but are continuing to ask anyone with additional information to come forward.

The school district has an anonymous tip line, 417-5199, that does not track numbers and that accepts both voice and text messages. Those with information may also call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100. ■

Brighter street lights coming to Pleasanton

\$1.6-million project to add LED lighting throughout city

BY JEB BING

The street in front of your home will soon be a lot brighter after the sun goes down.

The Pleasanton City Council has approved spending \$1.6 million to replace the city's sodium vapor street light fixtures with new light emitting diode (LED) energy efficient lights in the coming year.

The project is part of the city's Climate Action Plan the council adopted last year that includes a range of energy reducing goals, including those related to LED retrofit proj-

ects. Once installed, the cost savings can amount to a 60% reduction over current maintenance and electricity costs, according to a study by the Bay Area Climate Collaborative.

San Francisco-based Phoenix Electric Company was the low bidder for the light replacement project with its bid of \$1,613,404.24. Five other bids were received, ranging up from the Phoenix bid to \$3,922,534. The city engineer's estimate for the project was \$2.3 million.

LED lighting is brighter, whiter, longer-lasting and energy efficient,

proponents claim. Once installed on 5,464 street light posts, the new lights are anticipated to save the city approximately \$200,000 in energy costs a year while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions, said Daniel Smith, director of Pleasanton's Operations Services.

Funding for the project will be through a 1% interest rate loan from the California Energy Commission and a one-time conversion incentive rebate of \$354,350 from PG&E. ■

Pleasanton Aquatic Center re-opens tomorrow

Deeper pool, new decking, filtration system among pool upgrades

By JEB BING

The city of Pleasanton will show off its newly renovated Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center tomorrow with festivities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The renovation included the relocation of the diving pool into the existing 25-meter pool by way of an L shaped design; replastering of the two pools; installation of Americans with Disabilities Act access to the two pools; deepening of the 25-meter pool for future and potential competitive use; replacing the existing decking; and new plumbing, electrical, heating and filtration systems for the pools.

Re-opening day festivities



CITY OF PLEASANTON

Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center will open tomorrow.

will be centered on a pirate theme. The first 500 swimmers through the gates will swim for free and those who come dressed as pirates will have an extra opportunity at a special door prize.

Door prizes, games, arts and crafts, contests, a boat box derby and refreshments will highlight the day's events.

For more information about the event, call (925) 931-3420.

Pleasanton earns top award for environmental successes

Thorne honored at California League of Cities meeting

The city of Pleasanton has received a top award for its success in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving energy and adopting policies and programs that promote sustainability.

Mayor Jerry Thorne accepted the Beacon Award from the Institute for Local Government at the California League of Cities Conference in Sacramento.

Pleasanton earned a Beacon "Spotlight" award at the Platinum level for accomplishing 60 sustainability activities in 10 areas of the Institute's sustainability best practice framework. The list included

the implementation of an energy and water efficiency program for mobile homes, the use of weather-based irrigation controllers in city parks, the adoption of a green building ordinance and city-sponsored free e-waste and pharmaceutical drop-off events for residents.

"This award represents a systemic approach on behalf of the city and its residents towards environmental sustainability that offers an added benefit of economic sustainability," Thorne said in accepting the award. "We are proud of our achievements and honored to have been rec-



ognized for them."

Pleasanton was one of 50 cities and counties participating in the program, that addresses the issue of climate change.

—Jeb Bing

SCHOOL BOARD

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Pleasanton Gateway plans to develop a 26-acre site along Valley Avenue just south of Bernal Avenue and the Pleasanton Gateway shopping center. The Gateway project recently received approvals for its project from the Pleasanton City Council to build 210 multifamily rental units, 62 single-family row houses and 35 single-family, two-story homes.

Presumably, although not spelled out in the agreement, the money would help offset the extra cost to the district as families with children move in. The school district would receive the money in phases as each part of the project is built.

The school board voted on the agreement without discussion as part of its consent agenda, in which items not requiring a public hearing are voted on in one package. ■

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Livermore Lab physicist Jim Hammer honored

Jim Hammer, a physicist in the Weapons and Complex Integration Directorate (WCI) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has been awarded the prestigious Edward Teller Medal for 2013.

Hammer and his wife, the Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, pastor of Lynnewood Methodist Church in Pleasanton, live in Livermore.

Jim Hammer was presented with the award by the Fusion Energy Division of the American Nuclear Society at a recent International Inertial Fusion Science Applications conference in Nara, Japan.

He was cited for his "outstanding, innovative research in inertial confinement fusion and high energy density physics using both high-powered lasers and Z-pinch machines."

Hammer has been a physicist at LLNL since 1979, starting in the

magnetic fusion area. He joined the Inertial Confinement Fusion Program in the early 1990s and continued into WCI. He is recognized for the invention and demonstration of new fusion and high energy density concepts as well as groundbreaking science.

Initially working on the Lab's spheromak experiment, Hammer went on to come up with a version of what is now known as "fast ignition." He also has worked on pulsed-power driven fast Z-pinches, developing new X-ray and fusion concepts, and on the energy balance issue in the weapons program,



Jim Hammer

where he identified a previously unrecognized physical effect that plays a dominant role. Recently, he conceived the viewfactor experiments that have clarified the capsule X-ray drive in the ignition campaign on the National Ignition Facility and helped design a novel technique for measuring high-pressure material properties employing pulsed power devices.

In recognition for his extraordinary scientific and technical contributions to LLNL and its missions, Hammer was named a Distinguished Member of the Technical Staff in 2012.

"I am very honored to receive the award named after Edward Teller, the Laboratory's co-founder along with Ernest Lawrence," Hammer said.

Teller and Lawrence established a way of doing things that made the Laboratory a great place to work, especially in the basic and applied pursuit of high energy density physics.

"I feel very fortunate to have spent my career here, being mentored by the leaders in the field, and privileged to work with a phenomenal group of people," he added.

Established in 1991, the Edward Teller Medal recognizes pioneering research and leadership in the use of lasers, ion-particle beams or other high intensity drivers to produce unique high-density matter for scientific research and to conduct investigations of inertial fusion.

The medal is named in honor of the late distinguished physicist, director emeritus of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution. Teller is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in inertial fusion science. ■

Life Technologies named 2013 sector leader by Dow Jones Sustainability Index

Dow Jones has named Life Technologies Corporation the 2013 Life Sciences Tools & Services industry sector leader in its Sustainability Index.

Notable achievements in 2013 for Carlsbad-based Life Technologies firm was the installation of the company's second fuel cell system, supplying 95% of the energy needed to power its Pleasanton campus, located on Sunol Boulevard near I-680 while also boosting energy reliability and cutting CO₂ emissions.

Life Technologies also certified two more of its plants at Lohne, Germany and Eugene, Ore. as zero waste facilities.

At the same time, the company was praised for supporting public education by instituting InnovatioNation, a program that is offering science education curricula to more than 1,000 K-12 students across the U.S. It has also achieved a 99% completion rate for employee ethics training and recently was recognized as a Top Veteran-Friendly Company by U.S. Veterans Magazine.

The Pleasanton plant was the very first Life Technologies site to achieve zero waste status, which the company defines as diverting at least 90% of non-hazardous waste from landfill, at least 70% of which is recycled. Pleasanton was certified as diverting more than 95%, or over 677 tons of

waste without any incineration.

One particularly innovative program that helped the Pleasanton facility reduce waste was by cultivating a new partnership with Kimberly-Clark and TerraCycle to recycle laboratory gloves and garments, a traditionally challenging waste stream. Those items are now turned into plastic park benches, chairs and more.

The Pleasanton operation also is home to Life Technologies' second Bloom Energy fuel cell system, which was installed last March and now supplies 95% of the Pleasanton campus electricity demand.

Life Technologies Corp. plans to invest \$18 million in a multiphase plan to expand its facility in Pleasanton, where it will implement Current Good Manufacturing Practice capabilities for its genetic analysis products.

The project, which will broaden the company's offerings in the growing molecular diagnostics market, will break ground soon, a Life Technologies spokesman said. The expanded facility will provide accessibility for customers on a global scale and enable more efficient business continuity planning.

The Pleasanton facility, at 6055 Sunol Blvd., currently manufactures product lines that are part of Life Technologies' genetic analysis portfolio. ■

Safeway gives \$3 million in grants to fight childhood obesity

The Safeway Foundation announced last week that it has given a cumulative total of over \$3 million to community health programs and hospitals to launch grass-roots projects for the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity.

The "Innovative Approaches to Preventing Childhood Obesity" grants are a part of an overall outreach and commitment to community health sponsored by Pleasanton-based Safeway Inc., said Safeway spokesman Keith Turner.

The Safeway Foundation's partner in this effort is Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland. In early 2013, the partners invited organizations to apply for grants of up to \$100,000 for grass-roots childhood obesity projects in the geographic areas served by Safeway, and its other corporate-owned stores, including Vons, Pavilions, Tom Thumb, Rاندalls, Carrs and Dominick's.

Specifically, they looked to promote collaborations between the medical community and local com-

munity-based agencies to help children become more physically active, improve food choices and create better access to healthy foods.

Some of the more unique and ambitious programs in Northern California to receive funding include: *Children's Health Fund, San Francisco: Funds will aide a mobile medical clinic that provides comprehensive nutrition counseling and mental health services including individual and group sessions, fitness activities, supermarket education and food preparation demonstrations.

*La Clinica de La Raza, Inc., Oakland: Funds will offer a multi-component program that incorporates health education sessions, medical and behavioral health assessments and access to ongoing services, and weekly physical activities; peer support and psychosocial coping focus.

*Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Mountain View: Funds will allow expanded access to an online tool to lower income families and

schools in three counties, assess current behavior, and provide an individually-tailored health report with guidance, tips and resources for achieving goals.

Other organizations that also received grants to fight childhood obesity were the Chinese Community Health Resource Center, San Francisco; Contra Costa Regional Health Foundation, Martinez; North East Medical Services, San Francisco; and, UC Berkeley School of Public Health.

Safeway and The Safeway Foundation have a long history of supporting health and wellness programs throughout North America.

In addition to raising more than \$180 million for breast cancer and prostate cancer research and treatment, Safeway and The Safeway Foundation have also raised \$133 million for organizations that conduct neuromuscular disease research and provide medical services and outreach to people with disabilities. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council
Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider agreement for Stabilization of Mobilehome Space Rents between City of Pleasanton and owner of Hacienda Mobile Home Park
- Consider a Work Plan and appropriate funds in the amount of \$60,000 for consultant services for a Housing Element update

Human Services Commission
Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation from Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley on its FY 2012/13 Contract Service Agreement and Final Performance Report
- Receive End of Fiscal Year 2012/13 Fee Assistance Program Report

The City Council is currently recruiting for an At-Large member for the Pioneer Cemetery Master Plan Oversight Committee

The Pioneer Master Plan Oversight Committee is a seven (7) member ad hoc community committee who will provide ongoing dialogue and direction for the master planning process.

The Committee will work with City staff and a consultant to help direct the process. The role and expectations of the Committee members are:

- Be informed, collaborative and solution oriented
- Provide a forum for community discussion
- Provide input on draft products
- Keep commission and/or agency informed and up to date regarding Committee activity
- Provide recommendations as requested by City staff

The deadline for filing an application is Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street. For additional information, contact Kathleen Yurchak, Assistant Director of Operations Services at (925) 931-5506 or by Email kyurchak@cityofpleasantonca.gov

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

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Here we go again at Las Positas College

The ink was barely dry on the contract Las Positas College signed with its newly-recruited president Kevin Walthers when, 16 months into his tenure, reports started circulating that he had lost the support of students, faculty and the Chabot-Las Positas College Board of Trustees that hired him.

Now Walthers is gone, sworn in recently as the new superintendent/president of Allan Hancock College in downstate Santa Maria, and Las Positas is again interviewing possible successors. Three candidates, all with doctoral degrees, will appear in a "President Candidate Forum" next Wednesday afternoon as part of a very public interview procedure that Las Positas champions — a process that led to Walthers' selection but one that has left other education leaders questioning its effectiveness, calling it transparency run amok.

Candidates for the Las Positas president's job speak to invited faculty and students in a classroom auditorium for 45 minutes each, including a question and answer session. When they're finished, those in the audience are asked to fill out cards giving their opinions on each of the candidates. Of course, there are structured faculty and college board committees who first select finalists from a list of applicants, and the board of trustees makes the final decision.

But the process, as one candidate said, can be somewhat intimidating and time-consuming. In several of the interviewing rounds, including the one Walthers was in, a candidate took another college president offer and another dropped out. Although most candidates advise their current college management team that they are interviewing at Las Positas, word spreads quickly on their campuses. In fact, news about Walthers' troubles first appeared in the Las Positas College Express, the campus newspaper, which spilled the beans with an editorial telling students that their college "will soon have its third president in as many years." Las Positas administrators, including Walthers, squirmed, but the paper had it right and Walthers is gone.

Coming up for a new round of these public presentations Wednesday are Barry Russell, from 2-2:45 p.m., Christopher Villa, from 3-3:45 p.m. and Pamela Walker, from 4-4:45 p.m. These finalists will appear on stage in the Barbara F. Mertes Center for the Arts, 300 Campus Hill Drive.

Barry Russell is vice chancellor of Academic Affairs in the California Community Colleges' chancellor's office in Sacramento. Appointed to the post by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2009, his office provides leadership and technical assistance in the areas of academic planning, academic support programs, program approval, and the review of degrees and certificates. Earlier, he held administrative positions at the College of the Siskiyous in Weed, Calif., Cerritos College in Norwalk, and Southwestern College in Chula Vista. Before that, he held positions at Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium and Paris (Texas) Junior College.

He received his doctoral degree in Educational Administration from the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin and also holds a degree in music from Texas A&M University.

Christopher Villa is vice president of Student Services at Fresno City College. Earlier he held student services posts at Long Beach City College, California State University/Northridge and at College of the Canyons. He is a member of the California Community College Chancellor's Office advisory group on student mental health, and has served on several evaluation teams for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

He received a bachelor's degree in Social Ecology from UC Irvine, a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah.

Pamela Walker currently serves as vice president of Student Services at American River College in Sacramento. She also was the dean of Physical Education and Athletics at Cerritos College, as well as serving as the college's dean of Admissions and Records. Earlier, she was associate director for the Commission on Athletics, overseeing all collegiate athletics at community colleges in the state.

She received her doctoral degree in Organization and Leadership from the University of San Francisco, and also holds a Master's degree in Education from Cal State University in Sacramento and a bachelor's in Physical Education from Eastern Oregon State College. ■



Barry Russell



Christopher Villa



Pamela Walker

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

BY GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

Get a Life

Last week's edition of the Pleasanton Weekly included our annual magazine Pleasanton Life. In case you didn't see it, Life is jam-packed with features and other information that only Pleasanton's most trusted, most connected local newspaper can provide. The stories include an update on the Stoneridge Drive extension and how the court order to provide more high-density "workforce" housing is being addressed. There is also information on schools and service organizations, activities for children and much more.

Thus the reason for the high demand. New residents and those who have lived here for decades find Life a convenient guide they use all year. We have also heard that the beautiful, glossy pages make the magazine "coffee-table-worthy."

If you are looking for an issue of



Pleasanton Life, or want another, extra copies were delivered to most Pleasanton real estate offices, the Chamber of Commerce, the library, and of course at the Pleasanton Weekly office at 5506 Sunol Blvd. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. ■

LETTERS

Editorial misleading, BART union chief says

Dear Editor,

I came across Pleasanton Weekly's editorial ("No settlement in sight with BART," Sept. 20, 2013) and found several inaccuracies, beginning with its portrayal of our current counter-proposal. The pension swap does not amount to an additional wage increase and our proposal is for 4.5%, which includes cost of living adjustments. This totals to 13.5%, not 21%, over three years. To make up numbers for a fourth year of wages and benefits we haven't proposed and say our current counter-proposal amounts to 21.5% for a non-existent four-year contract is simply misleading.

You have also failed to mention the additional contributions that workers are willing to make to their benefits, including increasing their healthcare contributions to more than 15%. Furthermore, BART workers have proposed picking up the cost of paying their own pensions in three increasing installments of 1.4% of salary in the first year, 2.8% in the second year and 4.9% in the third year. The unions have been more than willing to move and continue negotiations but have been faced with repeated delays from BART's management and their chief negotiator Thomas Hock, who took a vacation in the middle of the 30-day contract extension and who refused to meet with the unions for the first half of the cooling-off period.

**Cecille Isidro,
Service Employees
International Local 1021**

The proverbial unsung hero: We all know one or two

The Pleasanton Weekly will honor eight groups or individuals this holiday season who have been selected as 2013 Tri-Valley Heroes.



The award recipients are "unsung heroes," the ones who keep doing what they do to make our community and lives better, but very rarely get the recognition they so richly deserve. Two Heroes will be profiled each week for four weeks, Nov. 22 to Dec. 13.

- Awards will be given in the following categories:
- ▲ Arts and Culture
 - ▲ Community Spirit
 - ▲ Courage
 - ▲ Environmental Stewardship
 - ▲ Innovation
 - ▲ Rising Star
 - ▲ Role Model
 - ▲ Lifetime Achievement

We are still seeking sponsors for the program and for the individual awards. Please contact Gina Channell-Allen at gallen@PleasantonWeekly.com or 925-600-0840 for information.

Thank you to Tri-Valley Heroes sponsors



POLICE BULLETIN

Jewelry valued at nearly \$79k stolen in residential burglaries

Two Pleasanton homes were hit by burglars who made off with jewelry, camera equipment and electronics in separate incidents the same day, according to police reports.

On Sept. 18, a jewelry box and jewelry valued at \$75,000 was stolen in a residential burglary from a home in the 700 block of Hamilton Way. Also taken was a \$2,000 laptop computer, entry to the home may have been made through a pet door that had apparently been left open. The break in occurred between 12:30 and 3 p.m.

In the second incident, camera equipment valued at \$6,250 was stolen from a home in the 3600 block of Bernal Avenue, along with jewelry worth about \$3,900, a laptop computer worth \$2,000 and a \$200 cell phone. The burglary occurred between 6:15 and 6:50 p.m. and the method of entry was not immediately apparent.

In other police reports:

• Aurash Gomroki, 20 of Pleas-

anton, was arrested in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue on one count of showing lewd material to a minor with intent to seduce, a felony.

• A 2003 GMC Sierra pickup truck and a 2004 Ford F-350 loaded with more than \$1,500 in lumber and more than \$8,700 in tools, including a generator worth nearly \$4,400 were stolen from Borg Fencing in the 3300 block of Busch Road. Also taken was a \$160 GPS unit and 15 bags of concrete valued at nearly \$49. A warehouse door was pried open for access to the truck and other items in the incident, reported at about 6:31 a.m. Sept. 20.

• The front door of the Valero gas station in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road was smashed in a Sept. 19 commercial burglary that netted 20 cartons of cigarettes worth an estimated \$1,000 and \$500 in cash. Door glass, valued at \$500, was broken in the break in, which occurred between 1:19 and 1:35 a.m.

• Herlinda Marie Vidana, 34, of Vallejo was arrested at about 9:44 a.m. Sept. 22 for auto theft and receiving stolen property, felonies,

along with a felony probation violation and DUI. Police were called to Foothill Road and Stoneridge Drive about a female asleep at a red light. The traffic stop revealed the car, from Fairfield, had been stolen from San Jose. Police also recovered a debit card in the name of the car's owner.

• A suspect was arrested after attempting to cash a \$1,600 check in Dublin drawn on the account of a resident of the 4300 block of Bevilacqua Court. The bank contacted the resident, who said she hadn't written the check. The suspect's name was not immediately available.

• Kenneth Allen Hubbs, 36, of Brentwood was arrested by Pleasanton police at West County Jail in Contra Costa County on a felony warrant for an April residential burglary in the 7600 block of Canyon Meadows Circle in which a purse, old Mexican coins and a charm bracelet with a total value of \$155 were stolen, along with two credit cards.

• Police have a suspect in a Sept. 22 report of felony embezzlement of \$5,000 in sports equipment from Gregg Jefferies Sports Academy in the 6900 block of Koll Center Parkway. The theft remains under investigation.

• No one was arrested in a Sept. 19 attempt to cash a fraudulent \$400 check at Wells Fargo in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. The check was not cashed in the incident, which was reported at about 3:14 p.m.

• A purse was stolen from an unlocked car in an open garage of a home in the 660 block of Amber Lane left overnight on Sept. 18. The resident received a call from her bank about attempts to use her credit card, but those charges were blocked, and there was no loss.

• Anthony S. Borgognone Jr., 19, a transient from Pleasanton was arrested at about 8:06 p.m. in the 1200 block of Hearst Drive for possession of a club after a report of a suspicious vehicle.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Sept. 18

Theft

- 9:50 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue
- 10:59 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; bicycle theft
- 1:39 p.m. in the 2100 block of Armstrong Drive; theft from structure

Residential burglary

- 4:40 p.m. in the 700 block of Hamilton Way
- 6:54 p.m. in the 3600 block of Bernal Avenue

Auto burglary

- 4:56 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:41 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 1:26 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Rose Avenue
- 7:37 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive; graffiti
- 9:48 a.m. in the 4500 block of first Street; graffiti
- 3:10 p.m. in the 2100 block of Foothill Road

Drug violations

- 4:15 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; confidential drug violation
- 7:57 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; confidential drug violation

Sept. 19

Theft

- 3:14 p.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 5:01 p.m. in the 4300 block of Bevilacqua Court; fraud
- 6:44 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

- 1:29 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; commercial
- 7:26 a.m. in the 6600 block of Amber Lane; residential

Auto burglary

- 11:21 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 7:03 a.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Highland Oaks Drive
- 8:13 p.m. at the intersection of Holland Drive and Brooks Court
- 10:36 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and W. Neal Street

Sept. 20

Auto theft

- 8:06 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Commercial burglary

- 6:31 a.m. in the 3300 block of Busch Road

Prowling

- 6:09 a.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:33 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; DUI
- 3:49 p.m. at the intersection of Old Vineyard Avenue and Yolanda Court; marijuana possession
- 9:37 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue; possession of marijuana while driving
- 10:21 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue; DUI, possession of methamphetamines, under the influence of a controlled substance

Sept. 21

Fraud

- 11:04 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Auto burglary

- 8:43 a.m. in the 3800 block of Kamp Drive

Battery

- 12:11 a.m. in the 4900 block of Middleton Place

Sept. 22

Theft

- 9:24 a.m. in the 6900 block of Koll Center Parkway; embezzlement
- 5:42 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Battery

- 12:21 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

- 1:16 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

- 10:09 a.m. in the 8100 block of Mountain View Drive
- 11:17 a.m. in the 5300 block of Sunol Boulevard; graffiti

Alcohol violations

- 1:44 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Roselma Place; DUI
- 6:06 p.m. in the 3700 block of N. Gettysburg Court; DUI
- 10:24 p.m. at the intersection of Regency Drive and Lylewood Drive; DUI
- 11:56 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness

Sept. 23

Auto burglary

- 11:55 a.m. in the 5900 block of Knoll Woods Court

Weapons violation

- 8:06 p.m. in the 1200 block of Hearst Drive

Graffiti

- 7:34 p.m. on Kottinger Drive

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Ethel Marjorie (Marge) Hayes Methvin

March 17, 1925 – July 14, 2013

Ethel Marjorie (Marge) Hayes Methvin, resident of Pleasanton, CA and Newport, RI went to her eternal home on July 14, 2013. She was born in Newport, Rhode Island on March 17, 1925 to Frederick Charles Hayes and Florence May McKenzie. She is predeceased by sister, Florence M. Luckhurst, and five brothers, Harold F., Walter H., Norman A., Gilbert E. and Gordon M. Hayes.

Mrs. Methvin graduated Rogers High School and became a dental assistant in Newport for many years. She was a member of the United Baptist Church, John Clarke Memorial, where she met her future husband Benjamin L. Methvin at the church's young singles group. They married in 1949. Family was important, and she embraced her role as a mother by nurturing and pouring life into her children. She sought to instill solid, foundational truths into the lives of her children. She was unambiguous and confident, setting clear boundaries in her parenting. She did her best by giving a large part of herself to her children, encouraging them to grow and develop into responsible human beings.

Her colorful New England language, accent, resiliency, wit and humor are warmly remembered. She was a social person and active in a local woman's bowling league, Weight Watchers and T.O.P.S. programs. She valued relationships and made a determined effort to maintain relationships, particularly with family members.

Mrs. Methvin was a gifted helper and sought out opportunities to serve in her community. She logged in thousands of volunteer hours in the gift shop as a member of the Newport Hospital Women Auxiliary, served on



the Townsend Aid for the Aged Fund, in the island soup kitchen and worked at the election polls. She served for many years as secretary of the youth Sunday School program of her church and was an active member of the Deaconate Board serving as secretary. She was also a member of the Nestell Chapter O.E.S.

Mrs. Methvin worked as a teacher's aide. She later went on and took college course work at the University of Rhode Island and became an educator for the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Program. She traveled throughout Rhode Island, conducting food and nutrition programs.

She moved to California in 2001 after the death of her husband. Her intact faith brought her through life. There remained in her heart a melody, "Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still," as she continued to face life's ebb and flow. The mighty old hymns of faith kept her singing and strengthened her to face the challenges of dementia.

She is mourned by her son, John H. Methvin (Susanne) of Moraga, daughters, Marjory F. Methvin Tilley of Pleasanton and Barbara A. Garfield of Napa, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews along with sisters in law, Mabel Griswold and Jacqueline Hayes. She is predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Benjamin L. Methvin and son in law, Dr. Merten A. Tilley.

A Memorial Service will be held at Centerpointe Presbyterian Church, 3410 Cornerstone Court, Pleasanton, at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 4. Interment will be on Aquidneck Island, in Rhode Island. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution in her name to the building fund of the United Baptist Church, John Clarke Memorial, 30 Spring Street, Newport, RI 02840.

Jan Swaner Mitchell

August 8, 1961 – Sept. 10, 2013

Jan Swaner Mitchell was born August 8, 1961 in El Paso, Texas to Jerry and Olivia Swaner. She grew up in Arlington, Texas graduating from Bowie High School in 1979. Jan went on to achieve a Marketing degree from Texas A & M University. Among her many talents, including her passion for decorating,



writing and editing became her forte. For 25 years, she was the Senior Editor for the National Association of Homebuilders' bi-monthly publication, *Sales and Marketing Ideas* magazine. Jan also published a book and did ghost writing for many others. She was a major contributor to the homebuilding industry and highly respected by her colleagues. Most recently, Jan obtained her California Real Estate License and was eager to embark on a new career.

Jan and Ken met in the library in high school. She was 15 and he 16. They became sweethearts instantly. They married shortly after college and just recently celebrated their 30th anniversary. Ken and Jan were blessed with two sons, Austin, 24, and Hayden, 19. The boys adored their mother and she was absolutely in love with her boys. She was honored to be President of the PTA for two years and was very much involved in the Pleasanton public schools and community.

Jan touched many people's lives. She was a woman of courage, integrity, and unconditional love. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, and friend. Jan will be forever missed and

we will hold a special place in our hearts with her memory.

Memorial Services for Jan were held Friday, September 13, 2013 at 1:00 pm at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 1st St., Pleasanton.

A Celebration of Life reception followed at the Tucker Residence located at 1844 Martin Ave., Pleasanton. Donations can be made to the Pleasanton Public School District in Jan's memory. Make checks payable to the Janet Mitchell Amador Valley High School Scholarship Fund.

Geno Mario Andreatta

May 16, 1918-Sept. 12, 2013

Geno Mario Andreatta passed away peacefully on Sept. 12, 2013 in his home in Pleasanton. He had recently celebrated his 95th birthday with close friends and family.

Geno was born on May 16, 1918 in Dunsmuir, California to Italian immigrants Maria and Giuseppe Andreatta. He was the youngest and last surviving of 9 children. During WWII, he served with the 41st Infantry Division, US Army, Pacific Campaign. While stationed in Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia, he spotted a beautiful local woman on the train to the beach. Geno always playfully insisted that it was a wink from Marjorie that sparked their romance. They married on March 7, 1944.



Geno had a long career as a die-setter working for Schlage Lock Co. in San Francisco and was active in the Machinists Union. After retiring, he continued to work as a security guard well into his eighties. He was an avid woodworker, and kept his family

supplied with gadgets, whirlygigs, and frames for grandchildren's awards and Marjorie's craftwork.

As a longtime resident of Pleasanton, he was the iconic Man in his Chair of Northway Road: no passerby went without a cheerful greeting of "Howdy Doody!" and he always had treats for the four-legged friends. He supported lemonade stands and was a surrogate grandfather and watchdog in the neighborhood. He was well-loved by his neighbors, who remain kind, generous and faithful.

Geno was a member of the Junglers, 41st Infantry Division Veterans Association. Geno and Marjorie were active members of the WWII War Brides Association. For the last several years, he faithfully cared for his wife of 69 years, recently visiting her daily at Pleasanton Nursing Home.

Geno is survived by his loving wife Marjorie; his 3 daughters, Janis Martinelli (Ed), Sandra Katona (Don), Judi Hinkson (Howard); his 8 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Also surviving Geno are his loving goddaughter (Spitfire) Jovan Trujillo, many nieces and nephews, and sweet and loyal Diane Mara, who is so much more than a caregiver to Geno, Marjorie and the entire family. Geno will be sorely missed by his family, friends and neighbors. He will be remembered for his quirky habits, feisty nature and his quiet generosity.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Geno's life on Saturday, October 5 at 2 p.m. Please contact his daughter Judi Hinkson for details. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to woundedwarriorproject.org, or any other organization that supports our Veterans.

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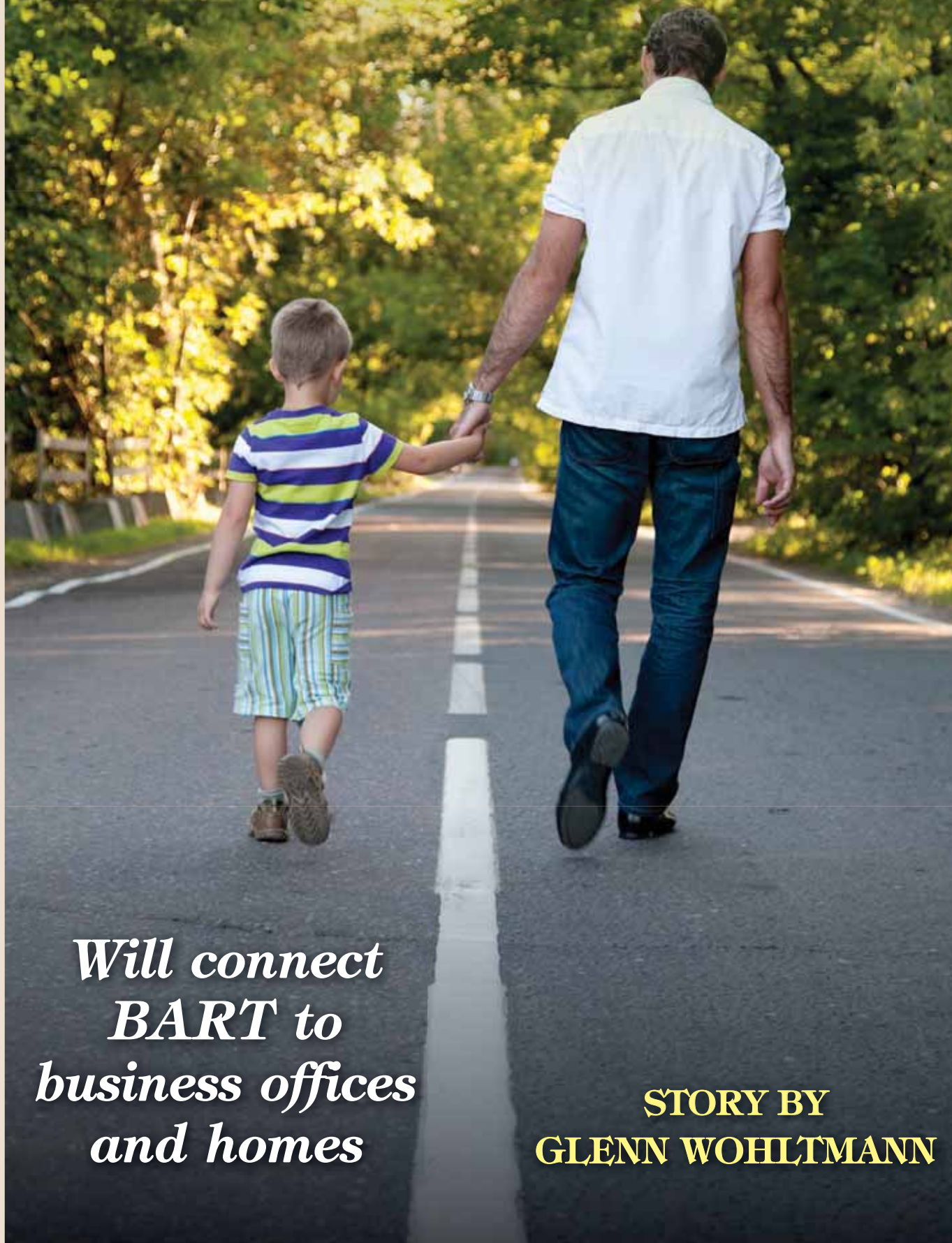
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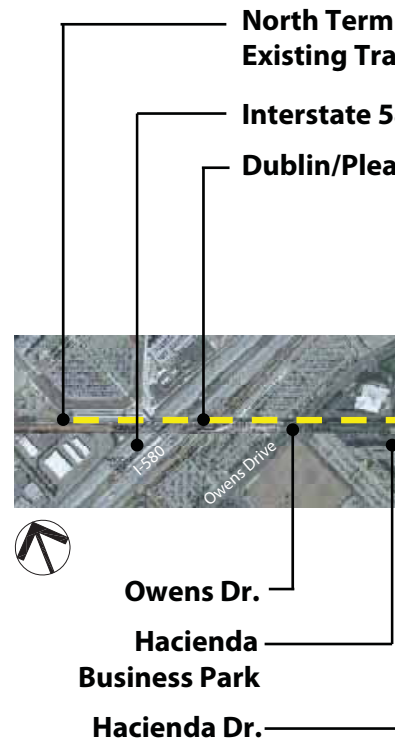
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Missing link on IRON HORSE TRAIL set for January completion



*Will connect
BART to
business offices
and homes*

**STORY BY
GLENN WOHLTMANN**



Above: The 1.6 mile section of the Iron Horse Trail in Pleasanton is set for completion in January.

With the Iron Horse Trail due to be completed in January, those who commute to and from Pleasanton will have an easier way of getting to and from their jobs.

The final link will connect Santa Rita Road to the Pleasanton/Dublin BART station, literally paving the way for people to use the trail by bike or on foot to get to and from BART. It will connect the BART station to corporate business offices and employment centers such as Kaiser Permanente in the Hacienda Business Park.

The main purpose of the trail is for recreation. According to Jim Townsend, the East Bay Regional Park District trail development manager, EBRPD estimates that about 1 million people use the completed portions every year, walk, bike or ride horses.

Pleasanton Planning Commissioner Arne Olson, an avid bicycle rider, said he welcomes the new section of trail in both professional and recreational capacities.

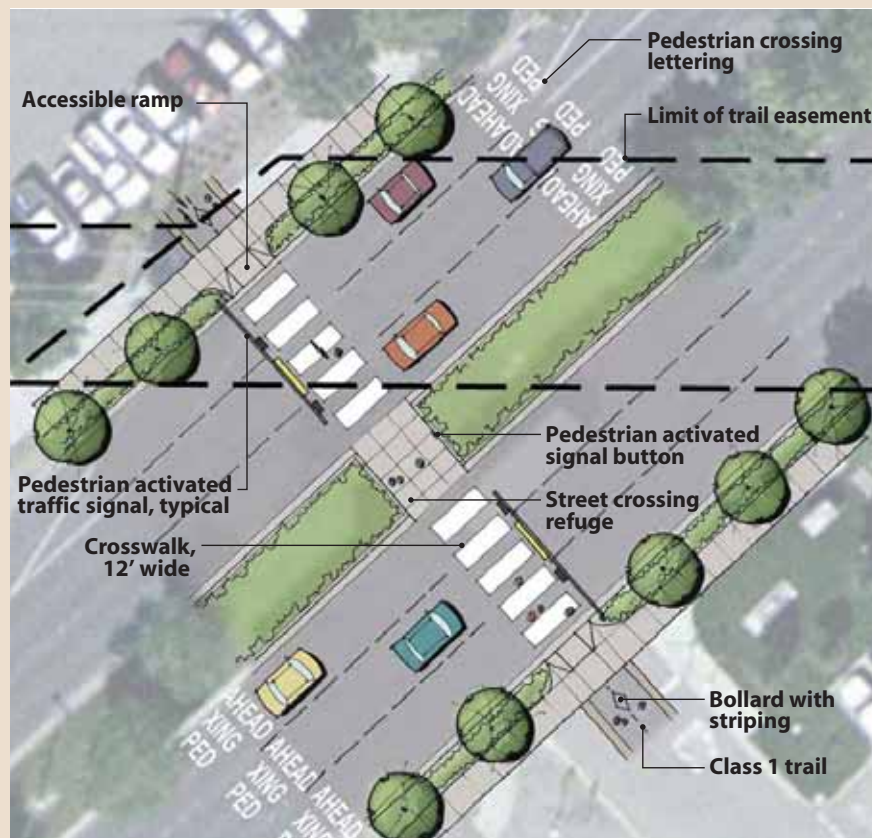
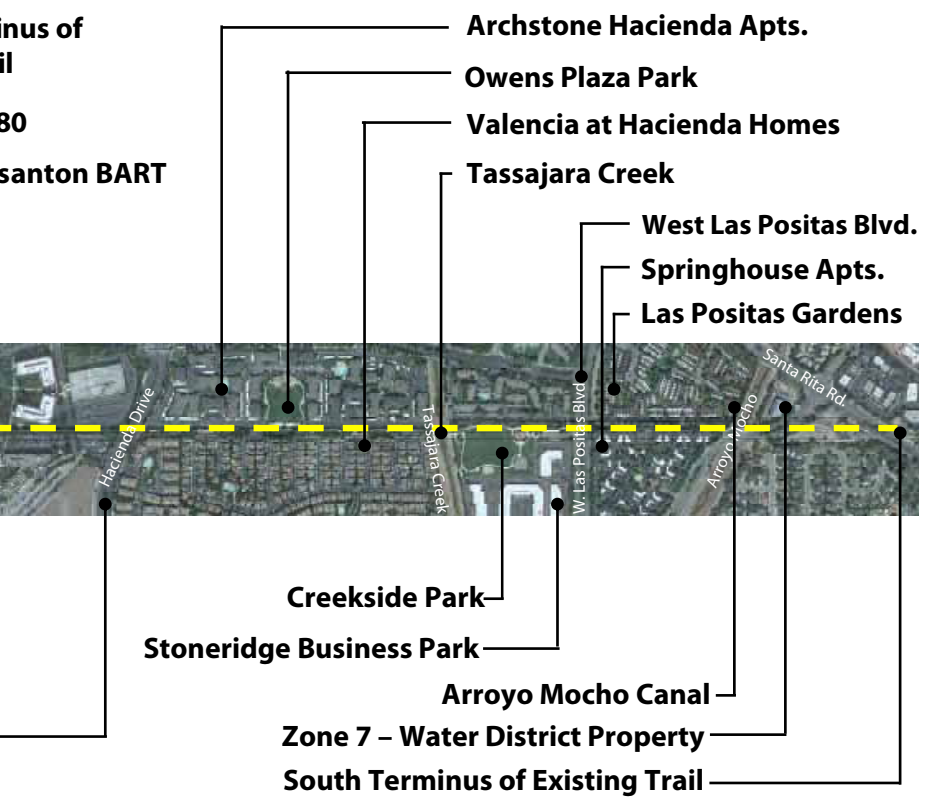
"Anything that improves the route through Pleasanton is welcome. I've gone from Pleasanton to Walnut Creek and back — most of it is pretty easy to do, just when you get to the BART station it's been somewhat of a hassle through the area just south of the BART station. This trail that'll be a big improvement," Olson said. "I could see the possibility of people using the trail with bicycles to get to the BART station and using BART to get to their jobs."

The trail will run next to several existing projects and close to one of two new projects planned for the area, allowing people who work elsewhere in the East Bay to walk from home to BART.

Closing the 1.6 mile gap will cost an estimated \$10 million, according to Ryan Perry of Harris and Associates, which was hired as construction manager for the project.

"They've got the majority of the concrete in place between Owens Drive and Hacienda Drive, and the majority of the concrete in between Tassajara Creek and Santa Rita Road. There's a few extra gaps that are open," Perry said.

Work on the trail in Pleasanton began in March 2006, creating a new section about a mile long on the south side of the city.



EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS DISTRICT

Iron Horse Trail runs through two business parks, two parks and three apartment complexes. At right: A typical street crossing for those who walk or bike the new section of trail, due to be finished

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estimated completion date is Jan. 2 right now. They're still shooting for a spring of 2014 grand opening."

He said a deal made with the owners of an apartment complex will bring a new tennis court and a new basketball court to Owens Plaza Park. The landowner lost the two courts to make way for the trail, and the builders made a deal to move them to the park.

Once the trail is completed, Perry said, "people will be able to ride from Valley Avenue to Concord on paved trails."

But there are some problems when it comes to crossing

busy streets, most notably at Hacienda Drive, West Las Positas Boulevard, Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive.

Work on the trail at the intersection of Santa Rita and Stoneridge came at an opportune time, as Pleasanton works to extend Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road in Livermore.

As the city does improvements in the area, including moving a sidewalk, it will also do work to link the trail between Santa Rita and Stoneridge, according to Pleasanton Traffic Engineer Steve Kirkpatrick.

At Owens Drive, the trail will cross at an existing cross-

walk. At other intersections, Townsend said pedestrians and bikes will be able to push a button and wait for the light.

Herb Ritter, who is a member of the Planning Commission and served on the city's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee, said he knows the trail won't be for everyone.

"The crossings are supposed to be designed for kids to cross, so it will be safe as can be. I don't think you'll get the hardcore bicycle riders," Ritter said. "I think the Iron Horse is designed to be a safe avenue for recreational bike riders, pedestrians, runners and those kinds of things."

He said having it paved will make the section easier to maintain and make it useable to more people, but added that education will be needed.

"The challenge is going to be getting everyone to learn how to use the trail, pedestrians stay on the right, that kind of thing," he said.

Pedestrians on the trail yield to horses and bicyclists and bicyclists yield to horses. The East Bay Regional Parks District has a list of more general rules, but the overarching rule is courtesy.

When completed, the trail will offer a continuous multi-use path running from Martinez on the Carquinez Strait to the San Joaquin County line near the Altamont Pass. So far, about 33 miles of what will ultimately be 55 paved miles of trail have been completed at a cost Perry estimated to be between \$30-\$40 million.

The Iron Horse Trail generally follows the former Southern Pacific Railroad right of way established in 1891 and abandoned in 1977. The old rail line was ideal for converting to a trail — it was a relatively straight path with few hills and already linked several cities. ■

MIKE SEDLAK

Workers on the Iron Horse Trail prepare for the pouring of concrete on the last remaining unpaved portion of the trail that runs through Pleasanton.



IRON HORSE TRAIL FACTS

The trail passes through the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill and Concord.

Thirty-three miles of trail have been completed. When done, the paved trail will run 55 miles and connect two counties and 12 cities, from Suisun Bay in Contra Costa County to Livermore.

Work on the area currently being paved in Pleasanton will cost about \$3 million. Paving the entire trail will cost an estimated \$40 million, paid through a combination of federal state and local money.

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

Local women go with **BEYOND** burlesque troupe

Dancers get oomph
and confidence onstage

By Jessica Lipsky

The four members of Beyond Burlesque are clad in lingerie and heels as they strut around a small fitness studio in Lafayette, each striking a sexy, secretive or surprised pose. They practice leans, twirls and synchronized bends for an upcoming show.

One might expect this scene from a group of co-eds but the women of Beyond Burlesque are all mothers in their 30's and 40's and unabashedly so.

"I've never been more comfortable with my body. Even when I was 20 with no kids and my body was great, I didn't feel as good about myself as I do now," said Rebecca, a mother of three.

Rebecca has been with the troupe since its inception in November 2010 and has since graced stages in Oakland and San Francisco, performing a variety of dances in what many describe as "the art of the tease."

The body-positive, confident atmosphere of Beyond Burlesque is exactly what choreographer, troupe leader and lifelong dancer Dianna Rowley aims for. While other forms of dance encourage precision and a specific body type, burlesque caters to a performer's individual style and comfort level.

"What's great about burlesque is you get to be you, but you have to get into your soul. You have to dig out that feminine side or that unique part of you. There's no one in the class, in burlesque, that should look the same, dance the same, it's a unique style," Rowley said.

Rowley has been involved in burlesque since 1989, when she began teaching friends the style in her college gymnasium. While many dancers will disrobe to underwear and pasties (though half of Rowley's troupe does not), burlesque is less about being naked and more about

how a performer gets there.

"This allows you to be more theatrical and more in character. A lot of people haven't explored that side of themselves but in this class we teach them how to do it," Rowley said. "For all of us I think it's a chance to be in touch with ourselves."

Eight to 10 dancers practice with Rowley and her troupe on Tuesdays, learning how to incorporate tease and sultriness into various forms of dance, including jazz, Broadway and Latin. Those who attend enough classes and express interest can perform with Beyond Burlesque as guests; guests can choose how much clothing, if any, they want to take off.

"My dancers didn't want to disrobe too much. They'd take off jackets and gloves, but didn't want to go down to pasties," Rowley said. "I went down to pasties...and never had before. Once I did it, then a couple other girls said they wanted to and now we have several girls who do."

The Beyond Burlesque ladies try to tell a story while they strip. The troupe danced to Metallica's "Ride the Lightning" at a heavy metal show and acted out a scene of a woman condemned to the electric chair who eventually comes back to kill her oppressors. At a nursery rhyme-themed benefit, the women performed to the cutesy Broadway tune "Bushel and a Peck," where they offered glimpses underneath their petticoats.

Although the burlesqueers keep their personal and performer lives separate, getting on stage has been no easy task. Each described a moment of panic before performing for the first time, but said the camaraderie of the troupe has helped break down walls.

"(At first) we were a little intimidated, so we were keeping



JESSICA LIPSKY

Beyond Burlesque performer Nandy strikes a sexy pose during troupe practice.



JESSICA LIPSKY

Lifelong dancer Dianna Rowley founded the troupe with body-positivity in mind. "What's great about burlesque is you get to be you," she says.



JESSICA LIPSKY

Dancers Amy, Dianna, Rebecca and Nandy strut their stuff during practice.

our movements conservative and small," Nandy, a founding Beyond member, said. "Then over the course of the next few months, we became so uninhibited and it became fun and playful."

Support from their families and friends has been integral in the success of Beyond Burlesque and its members. Rowley joked that she's received thanks from several husbands, who enjoy seeing their wives strut confidently in costumes.

"I've invited people (to performances) that I was not sure how they would take it, then I peek out and they're having a great time," Rebecca said, adding that although her children are old enough to know what burlesque is, she doesn't

let on that she is a burlesque performer. "My mom was at the first show where I went in pasties. That was the only show she's come to see...she knows me and knew how scary that was for me and she said she was proud of me."

While Nandy's mother also responded positively to a performance, Rowley said response to the troupe is often mixed. Beyond Burlesque performed at the Lafayette Art and Wine festival on Sept. 21 and toned down a few acts for the occasion.

"We're trying to promote women, to say get up and enjoy yourself, don't be ashamed. America's made it like don't shake your hips where in other countries, it's ok to move

around to feel good about yourself," Rowley said. "It's really inspiring when you perform at a festival and get positive feedback, that women feel good and want to try it."

The Beyond Burlesque ladies have continued to find strength and camaraderie in the Bay Area's large burlesque community, which favors variety over perfection.

"There you see all shapes and sizes. We have guests that come and say 'Oh my God, I love to dance but never thought I had the body for it, and now I see how comfortable everyone is and how positive,'" Rowley noted. "It's not a place where anyone should come and critique. This is art, this is about loving yourself." ■

Auditions

AUDITION PREP FOR 'AVENUE Q' SCHOOL EDITION Join for a free audition prep class for "Avenue Q," the school edition, from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7 at the Tri-Valley YMCA, 6693 Sierra Lane, Dublin. For ages 10+. Auditions are Oct. 20-21. Contact 413-8161 or TVPA@TriValleyYPA.org. Go to www.TriValleyYPA.org.

Author Visits

T.A. BARRON VISITS THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY Meet popular children's fantasy author T.A. Barron from 7-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. He will discuss his writing and introduce "Atlantis Rising," first in an exciting new fantasy series. For ages 10+. Contact 931-3400 ext. 3, or go to <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library/>.

Civic Meetings

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

Clubs

LIONESS CLUB The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the

many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. Lioness is a service club that helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

MOMS CLUB MONTHLY SOCIAL Join the MOMS Club monthly social at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30 at San Ramon Community Center, 12501 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon. This is a local chapter of International Moms Club serving stay-at-home moms and part-time working moms in San Ramon and Dublin. Contact 560-2441 or momsclubsanramon@yahoo.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.pleasanton-newcomers.com. Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

UKULELE CIRCLE Come play ukulele with others and bring friends, noon-1 p.m., last Saturday of the month, at Galina's Music Studio, 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. All ages and skill levels welcome. Please bring in some music to share with the group. Cost is \$5. Call 960-1194.

WELCOMING TEA FOR THE AAUW Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch of the AAUW will host a

tea at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., to welcome current and prospective members. Honored guests include branch presidents for the past 60 years. Call 484-3321 or go to <http://LPD-CA.AAUW.net/>.

Concerts

AN EVENING WITH FLUTIST ANNIE WU Enjoy a dynamic evening of solo flute from award-winning Foothill High School student, Annie Wu, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Cost is \$5-\$10. Call 462-2766 or go to www.museumonmain.org.

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IN THE SPIRIT OF LENNON See Drew Harrison in his critically acclaimed, one-man show celebrating the life and music of John Lennon, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Cost is \$14-\$22. Call 931-4848 or go to <http://www.firehousearts.org>.

Events

'IT'S A CIRCUS' AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Museum on Main presents "It's A Circus!" from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, as part of its free family days. Step right up to enjoy circus related crafts, a photo booth, a strong man challenge, a tightrope, a visit to the fortune teller and more! Call 462-2766 or go to www.museumonmain.org.

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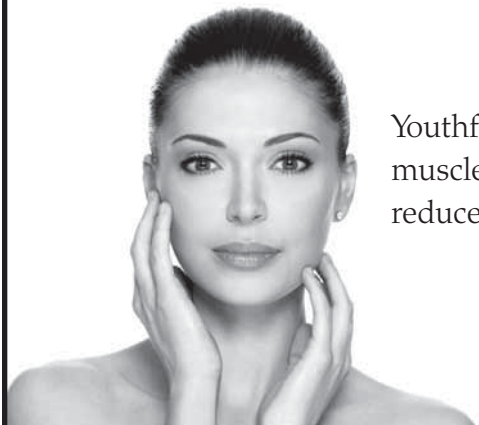
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PLEASANTON GEM FAIRE Over 60 exhibitors from all over the world will be on site for the Pleasanton Gem Faire, from noon-6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$7 for a weekend pass. Contact 503-252-8300 or info@gemfaire.com. Go to www.gemfaire.com.

SUNOL AGPARK PUMPKIN PATCH Come to the Sunol AgPark Pumpkin Patch! Activities include picking pumpkins and strawberries, farm tours, garden demonstrations and bird walk. From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 505 Paloma Way, Sunol. For more information contact (510) 526-1793, ext. 6 or info@sagecenter.org.

Film

'BULLY' Free screening of "Bully," a touching film about the effects of

bullying on kids and their families. At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3 (PG-13 version); and at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 (edited for young audience) at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Go to <https://avhsbully.eventbrite.com/>

DOUBLE FEATURE: FRIGHT FEST! To commemorate the Village Theatre's 100th Anniversary the Town will host a double feature Saturday. Get into spooky holiday spirit from 7:30 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, October 5 by going to Double Feature Fright Fest at the Village Theatre in Danville. "Bride of Frankenstein" (1935) and "Psycho" (1960) will be shown back-to-back. Cost is \$3-\$5. Contact 314-3400 or recreation@danville.ca.gov.

Fundraisers

'JEANS AND JEWELS IN MARGARITAVILLE' "Jeans and Jewels in Margaritaville," the Tri-Valley Conservancy's annual fundraising event, takes place from 6:30-11 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3 at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery. There will be a hosted bar, dinner, dancing, and a live and silent auction. Tickets are \$105 by Sept. 22 and \$125 by Oct. 1, and available at <http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org/consaffair.html>. Call 449-8706.

2013 STEP UP FOR DOWN SYNDROME Gather up a team and walk a mile for Down syndrome during National DS Awareness month, from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6 at Little Hills

Ranch, 18013 Bollinger Canyon Road, San Ramon. Help support programs for people with DS and their families. Cost is \$30. Contact 362-8660 or dscba@dsconnection.org. Go to www.dsconnection.org.

COMEDY UNCORKED Come see Comedy Uncorked and help the Open Heart Kitchen at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, at Retzlaff Winery, 1356 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Comedy Uncorked is a canned food drive and fundraiser for the Open Heart Kitchen. Contact Linda McKeever at 846-9223 or executivedirector@open-heartkitchen.com

KENNY LOGGINS CONCERT FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS Come see Kenny Loggins in concert to help raise funds for wounded warriors of the Tri-Valley. The concert will be on Thursday, Oct. 10 at Wente Winery in Livermore. Live and silent auctions. Go to <http://concertforwounded.com/>.

Health

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

PLEASANTON WELLNESS FAIR Come meet some of the finest preventive wellness practitioners in your community and get a chance to win valuable health-enhancing prizes! From noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Tri Valley Trainer, 3724 Stanley Blvd., Suite D. Call 413-2268 or go to <http://trivalleytrainer.com/>.

Kids & Teens

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY BOOK DRIVE Assistance League of Amador Valley will hold a children's book drive in support of Oct. 26, Make a Difference Day. Books for K-5 will be collected now through Oct. 26. Go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org, or www.hands-on-network.org/MakeADifferenceDay for details.

Lectures/ Workshops

STOP YOUR HOME LEAKING ENERGY AND MONEY Join Energy Upgrade California at the free Livermore Home Energy Efficiency Workshop to learn about how a home energy upgrade can help you save money, from 6:30-8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30 at the Livermore Library, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. Go to <http://livermoreenergyworkshop.eventbrite.com/>.

Live Music

THE SADDLECATS The Saddlecats are a cowboy a pocket orchestra, bringing Western Swing into the new century with fun and finesse. They will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free and open to all. Call 931-3405.

Miscellaneous

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

FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR Join for a sampling of wine or beer in New Leaf's Buzz Organic Juice Bar and Café from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 at New Leaf Market, 3550 Bernal Ave. A different vendor is featured each week. Must be 21 and older. Go to www.newleaf.com.

NEW LEAF MARKETS PURVEYORS' FESTIVAL New Leaf is celebrating its first autumn in Pleasanton with a festive grand opening fair to thank the community and introduce food purveyors. Enjoy samples of 40 vendors, wine tasting, bounce house, the Max Cruise band and games. From noon-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 at New Leaf. Free admission. Call 621-7660 ext. 120 or go to www.newleaf.com.

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BIZET'S 'CARMEN' AT BANKHEAD THEATER See the opera "Carmen," a dramatic story of passion and its consequences at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$39-\$74. Opening Night Gala at Uncle's Yu's at the Vineyard with a separate ticket purchase of \$85. Call 373-6800 or go to <http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org>.

Recreation

DOLORES BENTSON AQUATIC CENTER POOLS REOPEN The Dolores Bentson Aquatics Center invites you to celebrate the reopening of two swimming pools from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28. This pirate-themed party will include door prizes, games and more. Call 931-3240.

Seniors

MILLS LINE DANCE SOCIAL DJ Millie Dusha will play tunes from the classic oldies at the Mills Line Dance Social on the first Thursday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All levels of dancers are welcome. Cost is \$3. Call 556-4511.

SENIOR SAFARI VAN TOURS Nature enthusiasts, ages 50 and over,

can enjoy the back roads of East Bay Regional Parks. Take a tour from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park. The tours require some agility and the ability to negotiate bumpy rides. Registration is \$30. Call 1-888-327-2757.

Sports

FREE PICKLEBALL PLAY IN PLEASANTON Pickleball, a fast-growing paddle sport that combines the elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, swings into Pleasanton for a free demonstration and play event from 8:30-11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6 at Harvest Park Middle School Gym, 4900 Valley Ave. Equipment provided. Call 931-3439.

GIRLS ONLY: GIVE ICE HOCKEY A TRY FOR FREE Hockey is for everyone, so come check it out! From 11:30 a.m.-1:45 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Tri-Valley Ice, 6611 Preston Ave. Suite D, Livermore. Equipment and coaching are provided. Space is limited so reserve your spot now. Sign up at www.ladybluedevils.org. Call (408) 489-0032.

Support Groups

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

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TV30 starts high school football broadcasts next week

6 games to be shown with commentary by local sports personalities

By JEB BING

Tri-Valley television will broadcast six high school football games on TV30 this season, starting with the game Oct. 4 between Dougherty Valley and Dublin at the Dublin High School field.

Melissa Tench-Stevens, TV30's executive director, said the games will not air live but will be broadcast the following day with play-by-play announcing and game commentary by TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew, George Dr. iBi Baljevich, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti and on-field reporting by TV30's Anna Kagarakis.

Interviews during the game will include coaches, players, principals, students, mayors and many more.

After the Friday night game between Dublin and Dougherty Valley, which will be broadcast on Saturday, TV30 will cover these other games:

Oct. 11: Las Lomas @ Dublin, to be broadcast Oct. 12;
Oct. 18: Livermore @ Amador, to be broadcast Oct. 19;
Oct. 25: Granada @ Foothill, to be broadcast Oct. 26;
Nov. 1: Amador @ Granada, to be broadcast Nov. 2;
Nov. 8: Amador @ Foothill, to be broadcast Nov. 9.

For complete air dates and times or to watch on your mobile device, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at www.trivalleytv.org/

In addition, the games may be viewed via Video on Demand on TV30's website the following Monday. DVDs of the games may also be purchased by going to the website. ■



TV30's play-by-play announcing and game commentary during the six high school games the station will broadcast will come from these sports personalities: (from left) Ian Bartholomew, Anna Kagarakis, Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti and George Dr. "B" Baljevich.

TV30

PREP LINE-UP

Sept. 27

- Football: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, home
- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, home
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Saint Francis, away

Sept. 28

- Amador Cross Country: 9 a.m. at Stanford Golf Course

Oct. 1

- Girls' Golf: 3:15 p.m., Amador vs. Granada
- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, home
- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Carondelet, away

Oct. 3

- Girls' Golf: 3:15 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista
- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs.

Livermore, home

- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, home
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away
- Girls' Water Polo: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, home
- Boys' Water Polo: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, home

Oct. 4

- Football: 7 p.m., Amador vs. California, home
- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away

Oct. 8

- Girls' Golf: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. California
- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, home
- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Amador vs. California, home
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, home

Oct. 10

- Girls' Golf: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill

- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, home
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill, away
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. California, home
- Girls' Water Polo: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, away
- Boys' Water Polo: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, away

Oct. 11

- Football: 7 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. California, away

Oct. 12

- Amador Cross Country: 9 a.m. at Woodward Park Fresno

Oct. 15

- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. California, home
- Girls' Tennis: 4 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley home
- Girls' Volleyball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, home
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File No.: 481840
The following person(s) doing business as: PLEASANTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, 1811 SANTA RITA ROAD SUITE 211, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BlueSky Wealth Advisors LLC, 2131 S Glenburnie Road Suite 8, New Bern, NC 28562. Registered in North Carolina. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant:

David L. Blain, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 08/20/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27; 2013)

RENOMA CONSULTING; WEST COAST MEDEVICE SALES; RENOMA GROUP, LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 482122-124

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CALIFORNIA BAGELS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 4826707

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File No.: 482132

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File No.: 482748

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California home sales dip while condo/townhome sales take off

Sales ease in August, but prices continue upward trend

BY JEB BING

Following a strong performance in July, California's housing market pulled back in August as mortgage rates continued to inch up, although sales of condominiums and townhomes remained robust.

"The condo and townhome market has been performing exceptionally well, as rising single-family home prices and limited inventory prompted many buyers to look for a more affordable alternative," said Don Faught, vice president and managing broker for Alain Pinel Realtors in Pleasanton.

Faught, who is president of the California Association of Realtors, added: "In fact, sales of condominiums and townhomes surged almost 8% from last August and are up nearly 5% year to date compared to last year."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 434,700 units in August, according to information collected by CAR from more than 90 local Realtor associations and MLSs statewide. Sales in August were down 2% from a revised 443,500 in July and down 1.9% from a revised 443,030 in August 2012.

The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2013 if sales maintained the

August pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

Home prices continued in an upward trend in August, reaching levels not seen in more than five years. The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home was up 1.7% from July's median price of \$433,910 to reach \$441,330 in August, the highest price recorded since December 2007.

August's price was 28.4% higher than the revised \$343,800 recorded in August 2012, marking a year and a half of annual price increases and the 14th straight month of double-digit annual gains.

The median sales price is the point at which half of homes sold for more and half sold for less. It is influenced by the types of homes selling as well as a general change in values.

"Housing inventory levels are improving, especially in homes priced below \$750,000," said CAR Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young.

"Indeed, the number of active listings across all price ranges has been rising on a month-to-month basis for the last six months and has reached the highest level since mid-2012," she added. "As housing supply loosens up with the seasonal slowdown, annual home price increases

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HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

2761 SANDERLING WAY, PLEASANTON, \$1,072,000



Wonderful family home in desirable "Birdland." Enjoy 5 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, with a full downstairs suite. Enjoy the Pleasanton summers with a beautiful pool and large backyard. Sold by Julia Murtagh of Alain Pinel Realtors (925) 997-2411.

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (Aug. 16-27)

Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$476,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,140,000
Average sales reported: \$694,250

Livermore (Aug. 16-27)

Total sales reported: 42
Lowest sale reported: \$150,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,225,000
Average sales reported: \$591,679

Pleasanton (Aug. 16-27)

Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$195,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,775,000
Average sales reported: \$805,808

San Ramon (Aug. 30-Sept. 4)

Total sales reported: 18
Lowest sale reported: \$450,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,930,000
Average sales reported: \$892,111

Source: California REsource

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4 BEDROOMS
796 Danville Blvd. \$1,250,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

Dublin

2 BEDROOMS
5501 Demarcus Blvd. \$499,955
 Sat 2-4:30 Richard Lee 519-1815

3 BEDROOMS
5868 Tassajara Road \$750,000
 Sun 1-4 Lisa Ferraris (510) 304-1271

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
2865 Lemon Common \$725,000
 Sat 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

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848 Old Oak Road \$1,150,000
 Sun 1-4 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

1182 Sherry Way \$849,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Pleasanton

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8150 Mountain View Drive \$329,950
 Sat 1:30-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

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6399 Alvard Way \$709,888
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5317 Piazza Court \$750,000
 Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

6785 Melody Court \$735,000
 Sun 2-4 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

1159 Mataro Court \$1,029,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Denise Ivaldi (510) 325-7997

1532 Whispering Oaks Way \$1,125,000
 Sat 2-4/Sun 1-4 Delores Gragg 989-6500

5 BEDROOMS
4198 Remillard Court \$1,988,000
 Sun 1-4 Dorothy Broderson 963-8800

3221 East Ruby Hill Drive \$2,150,000
 Sun 1-4 Liz Venema and DeAnna Armario 413-6544

6 BEDROOMS
2869 Vizzolini Court \$2,325,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

San Ramon

2 BEDROOMS
112 Neptune Place \$499,990
 Sun 1-4 BHG Tri-Valley Realty 463-9500

SALES

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are expected to taper as we've observed in the last two months."

Other key facts of CAR's August 2013 resale housing report include:

The available supply of existing, single-family detached homes for sale inched up in August to 3.1 months, up from July's Unsold Inventory Index of 2.9 months. The index was 3.2 months in August 2012. The index indicates the number of months needed to sell the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate. A six- to seven-month supply is considered typical in a normal

market.

The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home also edged up to 28.8 days in August from 27.8 days in July, but was down from 41.1 days in August 2012.

Mortgage rates moved higher in August, with the 30-year, fixed-mortgage interest rate averaging 4.46%, up from 4.37% in July 2013 and up from 3.60% in August 2012, according to Freddie Mac.

Adjustable-mortgage interest rates in August averaged 2.65%, slightly down from 2.66 in July but down from 2.67% in August 2012. ■

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How Reliable is Price Per Sq Ft as an Indicator of a Home's Value?

Price per square foot is just one factor in determining the value of a property. It would certainly be nice if we could rely solely on price per sq ft to arrive at a fair price, but that would not yield accurate results.

Price per sq ft is influenced by the neighborhood. In general, WITHIN A GIVEN NEIGHBORHOOD, the smaller homes sell for a higher price per sq ft than larger homes. A small single story floor plan will sell for a higher PPSF (price per sq ft) than the largest model, sometimes significantly so. In this case, the neighborhood pulls up the value of the smaller home, and restrains the price of the larger home. As an example, a 900 sq ft home in downtown Pleasanton may sell for \$550,000 (\$611 per sq ft), while a 3000 sq ft home in the same area may sell for \$1,050,000 (\$350 per sq ft). This would not be unusual. If you take the average price per sq ft of the two properties (\$480 per sq ft), you would under-price the smaller home and over-price the larger home. And as an extreme example, if you took the PPSF of the larger home to price the smaller home, you would come up with a price of \$315,000, and if you took the PPSF of the smaller home to price the larger home, you would end up with \$1,440,000. So obviously price per sq ft must be used carefully.

If the "neighborhood" is large enough, you can narrow the size of the

home and get a more accurate read. But differences in up-grades, lot size, view, etc will typically skew the results. As with any variable, it is most useful when all other variables are constant. This metric loses its relevance when you compare different neighborhoods, as other factors such as schools, commute access, freeway noise, age, etc come into play.

Another common scenario is when there has been an addition to a home. In this case, because the size of the home is enlarged, it may expect to sell for >> **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**



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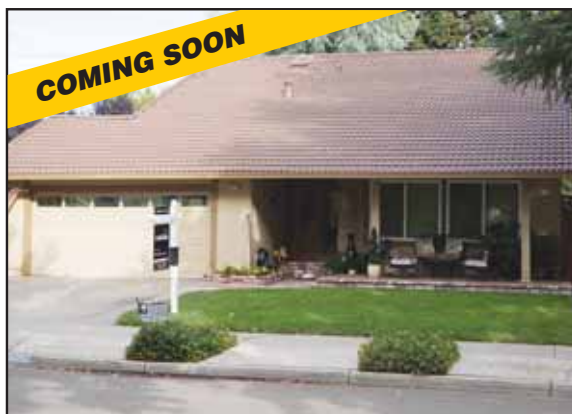
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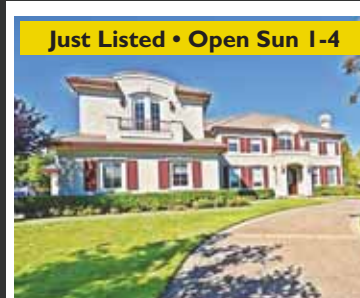
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