

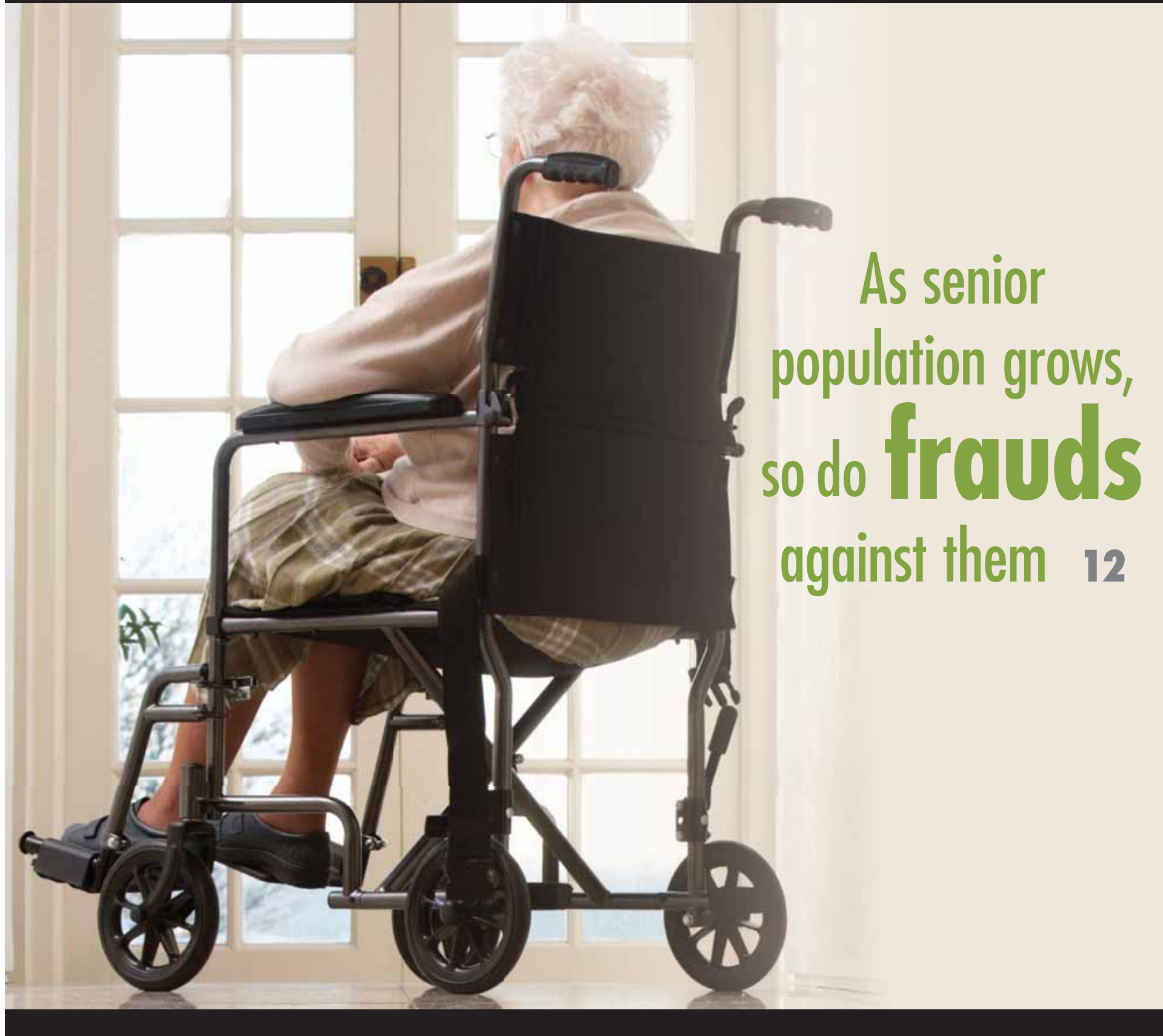
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Judge Walker steps down

Superior Court Judge Hugh Walker is retiring at month's end but the ceremony won't be held in his 5th floor courtroom in Dublin. The new courthouse, which he helped plan and design and was ready for the builders in 1998, has yet to be built. And when it is sometime next year, it won't have a 5th floor as he hoped although he's been assured he can sit in a 4th floor corner office during the week or two each month that he will serve on "assignments" after he retires.



JEB BING

Superior Court Judge Hugh Walker, who retires this month, at meeting of Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Walker, who is 67, talked about his days on the bench and earlier in remarks at last week's meeting of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, which gave him a chance to lunch again in Hap's Steak House where he recalled spending time at a number of meetings during the noon hour in his days as a judge's assistant. At times, he joked, there was also food on the table in addition to "beverages," that flowed freely in those less formal days in the 1970s. "I don't know how we all survived those times," he said, "but at least I'm still here."

Walker received his law degree at Santa Clara University School of Law and has been involved in the legal profession ever since. He was appointed a Municipal Court judge in the old Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin judicial district in 1994 by Gov. Pete Wilson, following earlier years as a lawyer and then court commissioner. For a time he served in a courtroom in Livermore that had 17 chairs, and also in the old Municipal Courthouse on Angela Street, convenient for those luncheon meetings at Hap's. In 1998, the municipal and Superior courts were combined, which elevated Walker to Superior Court judge, handling mostly criminal cases.

Anyone who's been arrested on criminal charges in the years that followed in the Tri-Valley or, as Walker said, within the 435 square miles of the Zone 7 water district, has no doubt faced Walker in Courtroom 701 in the county's Superior Courthouse on Stoneridge Drive in Pleasanton. He's known as a tough judge with little patience for spousal abuse and drug offenders. Still, he takes great satisfaction when he's stopped on the street by a parent whose son or daughter has been "clean" because of Walker's mandate that they enter rehabilitation programs. "I didn't like you then, but I sure like you now for what you did to help my son," one father told him the other day.

Spousal abuse cases are the most difficult, Walker says, because so often the beaten-up spouse, usually the wife, can't afford or won't leave

the relationship. They're often the one pleading with Walker not to impose a restraining order, but just as often they are the ones beaten again within days of their court appearance.

Remedial classes for motorists arrested for drunk driving are also helpful, especially in the Tri-Valley. Pleasanton police are known for regularly stopping possibly inebriated drivers, which keeps DUI arrests to a minimum compared to other cities. As a tip, he warned Pleasanton motorists to be off the streets by 11:30 p.m. when police here seem to become even more vigilant.

As for the courthouse, Walker said the county is continuing to pay \$1 million a month to rent the Stoneridge Drive building, a fee that could have been avoided all these years but for the city of Dublin refusing to approve plans for the new one there. But Linda Smith, economic development director for Dublin, who heard Walker at the Rotary Club meeting, disagreed. His version of the story is not consistent with what happened, she said. The community had issues with the county's plan to relocate the juvenile detention facility from San Leandro to Dublin, which caused the courthouse delay.

However, the county has had its approvals to build since 2004, so for almost 10 years now. They redesigned the facility in 2009, which Dublin approved that year, and has extended these approvals in 2011 and 2013. The county now wants to redesign again and will be resubmitting the new plan in Dublin shortly.

In terms of the building floors, Dublin was never involved in the number, but rather in the height of the building. The current building height is 90 feet high, and the courthouse will be built on a hillside and will be highly visible. We may even be able to see Walker in his new 4th floor corner office on those days he puts on his judicial robes after retirement. ■

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**Betsy Johnson**

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**Patrick Flynn**

*Veterinary Surgeon*

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**Sandi Phillips**

*Teacher*

I think people think of me as being very warm, compassionate and caring. I know my students know that I am genuinely fond of and concerned about them, and that I want to see them be successful in all of their endeavors.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Boo brews

Call your babysitter and dust off your Halloween costume for trick-or-treating adult style at the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Brew Crawl on Oct. 26.

Sample local beers and food pairings while shopping along Main Street and enjoying fall downtown. Guests are encouraged to wear costumes.

Tickets include a commemorative beer glass, event map and beer tastings. Get them at [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net) or at three downtown locations: Main Street Brewery, Redcoats Pub or Studio Seven Arts. Tickets must be redeemed by 6:30 p.m. and this is a 21-and-older event.

About 1,100 tickets are available, but get them soon — pre-sale tickets are \$30, but go up to \$35 this week.

### Music on the march

The Foothill High School Band will hold its 39th annual school band review on Oct. 26, showcasing some of the region's top talent with 55 Northern California bands in parade and field show competitions.

Parade competition will run from 8 a.m. to noon on Main Street. Concert bands will perform at the Amador High School theater and its multi-purpose room from 7 a.m. to noon. Field show competitions will be at Foothill High starting at 3:30 and running until 10:30 p.m.

Admission is \$10, with food vendors, concessions and merchandise for sale at Foothill.

### Light a candle

Mothers With a Purpose will hold its third annual candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Oct. 24.

The vigil will be held outside the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., in memory of those lost to drug- or alcohol-related deaths and those suffering from the disease of addiction.

The group was formed to combat prescription drug abuse. It meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Foothill High School library.

In 2011, Mothers With a Purpose was honored by Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley for their work in raising awareness about the prescription drug abuse problem. ■

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## Council OKs study of major development on city's east side

Environmental review will look at plan for 2,279 housing units

JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council agreed Tuesday to move forward on a plan to allow homes, apartment buildings, retail and commercial businesses, and a public elementary school to be part of a major land development on the city's east side.

Recommended by the East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force, the development would occur on 400 acres of mostly vacant land on the city's east side. Except for the Pleasanton Garbage Service's recycling plant, the property is part of undeveloped quarry land east of Valley Avenue and continuing along the north side of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Stanley Boulevard.

As a result of the Council's 5-0 vote after a public hearing that lasted late into the night,

city staff and consultant Wayne Rasmussen will seek an environmental review of the task force's preferred, or base plan. That calls for 2,279 new homes and apartments on the site, although Council members indicated they want fewer housing units when the plan is finalized.

"There's no way we will permit that many homes and apartments to be built on the east side site," said Mayor Jerry Thorne. "The environmental impact report (EIR) of this base plan will give us the information we need on the best kind of development for the property."

Sometimes called Pleasanton's last frontier because it's the largest piece of undeveloped vacant land in the city, the East Side development would make use of a 1,000-acre site with 600 acres of lakes that are controlled by Zone

7. Quarry-related activities have long since stopped and large landowners there are now interested in converting their properties for residential and retail use.

Also, Pleasanton, which just gained state and court approval of its rezoning actions to meet requirements for more affordable housing, faces new requirements to meet its mandated housing numbers in the 2014-2022 planning period, and the East Side development could meet those demands. Otherwise, the planners might have to search for other available housing sites, which is not an easy task in a city largely built out from border to border.

Both city planners and the Pleasanton school district are looking at the east side site for pub-

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### Firefighters Expo draws about 1,000

Kids had the chance to use fire hoses and climb inside real fire trucks at a Fire Safety Expo on Oct. 12. About 1,000 people turned out at the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department's event to eat pancakes, watch demonstrations and learn more about fire safety.

The event was held at the LPPD's training tower on Busch Road and featured firefighters showing a vehicle extrication, roof ventilation from a third-floor roof, vehicle firefighting, and a high angle rescue.

Families were able to participate in fire extinguisher drills, home fire safety and evacuation practice, a kid's obstacle course, and handling firefighting hoses. K9 officers from Livermore and Pleasanton were on hand with demonstrations showing emergency response vehicles and equipment.

The event was in honor of Fire Prevention Week, and the pancake breakfast and raffle raised money for local charities. ■

## Woman hit in crosswalk accident dies

Flashing yellow lights had been removed from crosswalk

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

One of two people hit in a Pleasanton crosswalk on Oct. 12 has died.

"We received word that the female pedestrian succumbed to her injuries," a Pleasanton police news release says. "The extent of her injuries and the exact cause of death are not known to the police department at this time."

The Alameda County Coroner's Office confirmed the woman's identity as Yizhen Zhou, 65. The names of the driver and the woman's husband, who was also struck, are not being released by police.

The woman and her husband were crossing Santa Rita Road at a crosswalk near Francisco Street at about 8:37 p.m. last Saturday. Both sustained what police described as "severe injuries."

Pleasanton Police Sgt. Robert Leong said hospital officials described the man in "serious but alert" condition.

The driver, identified as a 49-year-old Danville resident, stopped at the scene and is cooperating with police.

Flashing yellow lights embedded in the Santa Rita Road crosswalk had been removed earlier; yellow warning lights on posts facing traffic in both directions were operating when the couple crossed Santa Rita.

The crosswalk has four overhead flashing yellow lights, two in each direction. The overhead lights are activated when a pedestrian pushes a button at the edge of the road and were working at the time of the accident, according to a statement from Pleasanton City Attorney Jonathan Lowell.

"The embedded lights were removed four days prior to the accident in order to allow for installation of new embedded lights," Lowell's statement says. "The accident occurred before the new lights were installed."

Leong said the couple was crossing from the Amador Center shopping center, apparently headed to their home.

The crash closed Santa Rita Road for several hours Saturday night. The Pleasanton Police Department's Special Operations Unit were called out and will be handling the investigation.

The cause of the accident has not been determined. Anyone with information related to the investigation is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100. ■

## Drug take back set for Oct. 26

Program can stop drugs from being abused

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

It's time to clean out the medicine cabinet.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the Pleasanton Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will hold the city's seventh annual drug take back program.

The program allows people to get rid of expired prescriptions and keep them out of the hands of those they're not intended for. According to the DEA and the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse with prescription drug abuse rates in the U.S. alarmingly high.

The same survey states that more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than those using cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family

and friends, including from home medicine cabinets.

"The program allows the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs," said Police Sergeant Penelope Tamm.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department, 4833 Bernal Ave. The drop-off is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

Representatives from Mothers with a Purpose will be on hand to share prescription drug abuse information with the public.

During the last three take-back events, nearly one million pounds of prescription drugs were turned in at more than 5,300 sites across the country.

For more information about the drug take back in Pleasanton, contact Tamm at 931-5100. ■

## Alviso Adobe to hold 5th anniversary party Saturday

Adobe is part of 7-acre historic park on Foothill

Pleasanton will celebrate the 5th anniversary of its Alviso Adobe Community Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. next Saturday. The adobe and park are located at 3465 Old Foothill Road.

The free, public event will include showings of a local student-produced documentary about the adobe, a presentation by Meadowlark Dairy and a visit with Fiona, the park's life-sized, fiberglass cow-in-residence.

The event will feature 17 hands-on activities and presentations from the Adobe's three time periods: Ohlone, Californio and the Meadowlark Dairy.

Of special interest will be cultural presentations by four generations of Ohlone descendants, including acorn processing, cordage making, jewelry making and soap root brush making. Other activities include adobe brick making, soap carving and cider making.

Guests will also be treated to complimentary food and refreshments. The event will also feature presentations by Pleasanton's nationally recognized teen improv group, Creatures of Impulse. Free seedlings will be distributed by Western Garden Nursery. There will be games and crafts for chil-

dren, and authentic Californio music and dance by Los Arribenos.

Of the more than 700 adobe structures originally constructed in the San Francisco Bay Area during the Spanish and Mexican periods, just a few exist today, including Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe. It serves as the centerpiece of a seven-acre park that tells the story of how one piece of California land has been inhabited and used in different ways since the time of the pyramids in Egypt.

Portions of each historical period have been left intact at the Adobe complex. These include artifacts from its earliest recorded human habitation as a settlement of the native Ohlone Indians, to the days of the Spanish ranchos managing herds of cattle on the original 12,000-acre Rancho Santa Rita, to the turn of the century when it was home to California's first certified dairy.

A \$4.5 million restoration transformed the site into an interpretive park where school children and visitors learn about the history of the Amador Valley and get a rare glimpse of times past.

A re-creation of the historic Meadowlark Dairy Milking Barn



FILE PHOTO

"Fiona," Alviso Adobe's cow-in-residence, will be visiting with guests at Saturday's anniversary celebration.

and Bunk House/Interpretive and Activity Space serve as classrooms and indoor interpretive displays.

Since its opening in October 2008, more than 200 third and fourth grade classes have visited the park to learn about local history. Additionally, the Environmental Education staff based at the park provided programs for more than 1,800 students last year with off-site visits to Pleasanton pre-schools and elementary schools to educate 4-to-7-year-olds about regional natural history.

The site also features a dramatic overlook of the valley, with images of Pleasanton at different time periods. A small amphitheater seats 20-30 people for lectures and storytelling. Nearby are demonstration areas that involve visitors in the activities of the past, such as making adobe bricks, churning butter, and weaving baskets. The park grounds have been carefully landscaped with native plants, ancient Heritage oak trees, and a seasonal creek.

Limited parking for the anniversary celebration is available at the Adobe. More parking will be available at nearby Foothill High School, with a free courtesy shuttle to the event and back. For more information about the event, call 931-5357.

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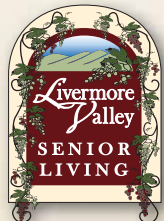
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## PPIE hosting 'Toasts & Tastes' tomorrow

15 culinary teams competing at annual fundraiser

JEB BING

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation will host its 10th annual "Toasts & Tastes of Fall" culinary competition and fundraiser from 6:30-10 p.m. tomorrow at the California Center in Pleasanton.

The annual event will feature a silent auction as part of its fundraising program.

A total of 15 culinary teams comprised of a local chef, school principal and corporate/community sponsors will compete for "Top Nod and a Cash Prize" in one of three categories: "Savory" "Sweet" and, new this year, "Slow."

Judges in this year's competition are Nick Boer, food editor at Diablo Magazine; food and wine critic Deborah Grossman, and Auburn James Frost, a winemaker.

Competing in the Slow category will be Almond's Kitchen, Eddie Pappa's American Hangout, FAZ Restaurant, Forno Vecchio, Mangia Mi and On the Vine Catering.

Going skillet-to-skillet in the Savory category will be Baci Bistro & Café, Blue Agave Club, The Hopyard, Pans on Fire, The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards and Valley Catering.

Competitors in the Sweet category competitors will be Primrose Bakery, Sweet Freedom Bake Shop and Sweet & Savory.

Offerings at the silent auction will include a "Stay-

cation" lot featuring dinner for two at The Restaurant at Wente Vineyards and an overnight at The Rose Hotel and a few days for the entire family at Seascape in Aptos, an ocean-view condominium.

Keep your eyes peeled for our Napa Valley Roving Raffle opportunity courtesy of Black Tie Limousine or invest in a selection of Fine Wines from Auburn James and Chappellet Vineyard & Winery or Cult Wines from The Prisoner and Orin Swift. While the guys are filling their wine cellars, the gals will be eyeing a selection of fine jewelry donated by Barron's Jewelers as well as some fun, trendy items from Twisted Silver.

Sponsors of this year's event include the Pleasanton Weekly, Clorox, Fremont Bank, KKIQ, Oracle, Robert Half International, Black Tie Transportation, Kaiser Permanente, Ogden Costa Creative Group, Stoneridge Creek, Vulcan Materials, Balloons & Beyond, Pleasanton Police Officers Charitable Foundation, New Leaf Market and Pleasanton Rentals.

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased online at [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org). Names will be placed on a guest list. No hard tickets will be mailed. Guests must be over 21 years old.

For more information, contact the PPIE office at (925) 846-5620 or by email at [mail@ppie.org](mailto:mail@ppie.org). ■



JEB BING

Susan Hayes, executive director of PPIE, shows board displaying how funds are spent. Display panel will be at PPIE fundraiser Saturday.

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## COUNCIL

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lic uses that would be financed by housing and commercial developers. The school district has asked the task force to include land for a new elementary school that would be provided by one of the developers and also wants the city to require developers to build the school. The estimated \$1 million a year in ongoing staffing and operating costs for the school would be paid by the school district.

Planners also want to extend El Charro Road from its current terminus as a public road through the east side development to connect to Stanley Boulevard. The estimated \$60 million cost, including an underpass beneath the Union Pacific tracks, also would be paid by developers, as would several parks and trails contained in task force plans.

The concern expressed over the 2,279 housing units is that it's more than anyone on the task force, City Council or Planning Commission want. Most would prefer no more than 1,000 units, which is one of the alternative plans, but there seems to be an agreement that 1,600 would be manageable.

But with the city and school district asking developers to pay for millions of dollars in new roadways and a school, it's unclear just how many housing units will be needed to pencil it out for developers.

"That's what the EIR will tell us," Thorne said. "We may find out that no one wants to develop this land if it's not in their financial interests." ■





MIKE SEDLAK

## \$100k raised in Veterans Victory Velo

Veteran Ryan Sykes, using one arm and one leg to pedal a recumbent bike, was among the 400 riders who raised approximately \$100,000 to help veterans in Saturday's V3 ride. The bikers chose from 100-, 60- and 30-mile rides to raise funds for the Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation, a San Ramon-based nonprofit which has been helping wounded veterans since 2003. The Veterans Victory Velo was the second annual event for Sentinels of Freedom and the rides were followed with a barbecue in the Sentinels of Freedom parking lot with live music, wine and beer tastings, free massages for riders and displays by local military organizations.

## Pleasanton Library to celebrate 25th anniversary

Fundraiser party will pay for more children's books

JEB BING

The Pleasanton Public Library will celebrate its 25th anniversary next month with an evening reception that will include a silent auction, prizes, food and music.

The event will be held from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 at the library.

The \$65 price of a ticket includes food, wine, desserts, drinks, a swing band and many local authors who will be talking about their books.

Silent auction items range from meals at local restaurants, merchandise from downtown shops, golf course gift certificates, sports memorabilia, tickets to shows, artwork, travel packages to Disneyland and other family-oriented passes. A wine raffle at \$25 a ticket will also be held for 24 bottles of wine.

All of the profits from the silent auction will go towards buying more children's books for the library. Tickets for the anniversary party can be purchased at Towne Center Books on Main Street or at the library. ■

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## Safeway's Gateway Center now filled

Ceremony celebrates final leases at Bernal-Valley center

Merchants, employees, shoppers and city and civic leaders joined last Friday in a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the completion of Gateway Center at Bernal and Valley avenues.

Mayor Jerry Thorne led the festivities, saying that the shopping center, anchored by a new Safeway Lifestyle supermarket, has brought vitality and shoppers to the once empty 12-1/2-acre site.

Located next to the northbound Interstate 680 off-ramp leading to Bernal Avenue, the Gateway Center complex is part of a 39-acre site that was purchased by South Bay Construction in 2000. The developer received zoning approval to build eight four-story office buildings on the property, but backed off that plan when the recession hit that market first.

Later, part of the land was sold to Safeway, which developed Gateway. South Bay recently was granted an approval to build apartments and single family homes on the rest of the site.

MJ Kroll, a portfolio manager at Colliers International, sponsored the ribbon-cutting ceremony to announce that the center is now filled, that all the spaces are leased. ■



DAWN WILSON

City and civic leaders held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 11 to celebrate the completion of Gateway Center.

## Nordstrom Rack to open in Dublin in 2015

Discounter will join Whole Foods in new retail center

Seattle-based Nordstrom, Inc., announced Tuesday that it will open one of its Nordstrom Rack discount stores in Dublin in the fall of 2015.

The new 35,000-square-foot store, being developed by Regency Centers Corporation, will be located in the Village at Dublin retail center Regency is developing. The Rack will be just three miles from the full service Nordstrom department store in the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Last month, the Rack opened its newest East Bay location in the Sunvalley Shopping Center in Pleasant Hill. The company also operates Rack stores in San Leandro and Fremont.

"We've been thrilled with the customer response as we've continued to grow the Rack throughout the East Bay," said Geevy Thomas, president of Nordstrom Rack. "We know our customers want great fashion at great prices. We are going to work hard to exceed their expectations at our new location in Dublin."

Nordstrom Rack will join other retailers, including Whole Foods Market, that have agreed to locate in the Village at Dublin, a new open air shopping center that will be built across from Hacienda Crossing at Hacienda Drive and Dublin Boulevard just

off the Interstate 580 interchange.

"The presence of Nordstrom Rack complements the exciting merchandising mix of Village at Dublin, which will offer a variety of emerging restaurants and first-class retailers," said Pete Knoedler, senior vice president of investments at Regency Centers.

"Anchored by Whole Foods Market, the center meets the area's growing demand for specialty retailers and grocers and is well situated to serve Dublin and the surrounding Tri-Valley area, which has a very high daytime population."

Nordstrom Rack is the off-price retail division of Nordstrom, Inc., offering customers a wide selection of apparel, accessories and shoes at savings of 30-70% off regular prices at full-service Nordstrom department stores.

The Rack carries merchandise from Nordstrom stores and Nordstrom.com, as well as specially purchased items from many of the top brands sold at Nordstrom.

The Village at Dublin will be a 152,500-square-foot center housing a mix of retailers and restaurants. Knoedler said the area has a daytime population of 112,778 with an average household income of more than \$126,000. ■

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Uncertainties cloud days of wine and roses

There are times in the Livermore Valley wine country when these sunny fall weeks are called the “days of wine and roses.” This week has not been one of them. It’s been a week filled with uncertainties because of the federal government’s partial shutdown, a day-by-day looming BART strike and rising concerns over health care, both in availability and cost.

Consider one couple we know who both work for Sandia National Laboratories. The mother of twins born in August is on maternity leave and both face being furloughed without pay starting next Monday if a settlement isn’t reached over the country’s debt limit ceiling. For this couple and no doubt the thousands of others at Sandia and at the Livermore Lab, who have been furloughed most of the week, these have been anxious days of planning ways to continue paying the mortgage on their home, the loan on a car they just purchased and repaying their still-hefty college loans. Even with the last-minute agreement by the president and Congress, this could all happen again in just a few months, compounding the uncertainties facing these wage earners.

Or consider a single mom we know who lives in the the Archstone apartment complex. She drops her daughter off at a childcare facility before catching BART to work in downtown San Francisco, where she’s an executive assistant. Living near the east Dublin/Pleasanton station, she counts on BART to get her to work on time, and then back to Pleasanton in time to pick up her daughter before childcare ends.

She’s spent nights all week worrying that the trains might not run the following day. Her boss said to work later hours but that wouldn’t match her daughter’s child care schedule. Adding to her uncertainties are concerns over how much her transit costs might rise to pay the 12% raises BART workers will receive over the next four years.

As for health care, the uncertainties over pending changes brought on by Obamacare/the Affordable Care Act have many of us worrying. Those in group insurance plans, particularly, will soon get word on their own plan’s new premium and it could be shocking. Pleasanton investment fiduciary Gary Alt received his and found that his current group insurance premium of \$631.00 per month will rise to \$1,596 in 2014, a 152.9% increase. Not all increases will be this large, but health insurance brokers we’ve talked to said to advise readers to brace themselves when opening their 2014 notices. Monthly premiums will be going up by unprecedented margins and, adding to uncertainties about costs, are changes in the policies that may not include favorite doctors and health care facilities. One certainty, however, brokers expect the 2015 premiums to go even higher.

With luck, the uncertainties of the week just ended will fade as the spirit of the season takes hold. Some wine and roses might also help. ■

## LETTERS

### Mass on Sunday to remember Laurel Williams

Dear Editor, A mass intention for Laurel Alice Williams will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20 at St Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Dr. Pleasanton, where her service was held six years ago. This is the teenage mass that we participated in with current and lovely music as well as a great sermon. What better way to encourage God’s word in faith then to be together again.

If you still have her old T-shirt with her blowing the kiss, I encourage you to wear it. Dress is casual so no worries on what to wear, but bring your hearts open to fill with Christ’s message.

I would advise aiming to arrive at 6:25 pm and I will try to keep an area for us all to sit together. If you are fairly sure you will attend, please call (925) 227-1717 to let me know so I can notify the church if it will be a large turn out.

The Laurel Alice Foundation was part of the Tri Valley Community Fund that was shut down last year and we lost \$26,000 to be used to support the Safe Rides programs. We will start over soon with our own 501(c)3 as a non-profit. A painful year but with all of your support and fundraising, I have faith we will stand tall again. You can find more information at [www.laurelalicefoundation.org/](http://www.laurelalicefoundation.org/)

**Kathy Pace Williams**

### Swalwell just another politician

Dear Editor, Prior to his being elected, I met Eric Swalwell at a real estate meeting. I explained to him that the problem with politicians is that immediately after they are elected to public office, but before they are sworn in, they are taken to the hospital. There, they have common sense bypass surgery, and it is replaced by an insatiable desire to get re-elected. I had hoped that Mr. Swalwell would avoid that situation, but based on what I read in your newspaper on Friday (“Congress must find a bipartisan way out,” Oct. 11), as well as others, he is just becoming another politician.

For example, he complains that Speaker Boehner controls what is voted on in the House. He neglects to point out that it is Harry Reid who controls what is voted for in the Senate, and that over the past two years there have been many bills introduced from the House for vote in the Senate, which are completely ignored.

We need one simple amendment to the U. S. Constitution that will do away with at least 50% of our problems. This amendment would restrict every office holder to one specific term in office. My suggestion would be 4 years for the House, 8 years for the Senate, 6 years for President and 12 years for the Supreme Court. That is the only way that we can do away with career politicians and the flood of money needed from special interests once they are in office.

**Ken Koenen**

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As senior  
population grows,  
so do **frauds**  
against them

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

## Officials advise: when in doubt, speak out

Americans are getting older, and as they age, more and more are becoming targets of fraud.

Pleasanton is no exception. Nick Henley, a certified fraud specialist who volunteers at the Pleasanton Senior Center, calls the area “a target-rich community.” Henley spent much of his career as an investigator with the IRS, and he’s watched as the numbers of seniors who have been defrauded has grown.

“A lot of them are apprehensive about coming forward and talking about it. There’s a little sense of guilt, because a lot of elder abuse comes from within, from family members,” Henley said. “Some of the stuff that’s going on that’s involving their finances, you have a caretaker or family member that takes over as a signator on their account.”

He said the most important thing for seniors to do if they suspect they’re being victimized is to speak up.

“Don’t be embarrassed. That’s the big thing. Time and time again, I’ve talked to these folks and they say, ‘I can’t believe I’m doing this. My son-in-law or my daughter or my son is taking my money.’”

Frauds by family members are by far the most common way seniors are victimized. The National Center on

Elder Abuse, part of the federal department of Health and Human Services, reports that family members account for 90% of financial fraud against the elderly.

That was the case with an Auburn man and his girlfriend, who were prosecuted for draining the bank account of the man’s mother, an 86-year-old resident of Eden Villa Assisted Living on Mohr Avenue.

Mark Champlin, 61, was sentenced to 60 months in prison for bilking his mother out of her life savings, nearly a half million dollars.

Friends who gain the trust of an elderly person are also a concern to Henley, who said there are systems in place that watch out for suspicious actions against the elderly.

“Fortunately the local banks are really good about reporting this information to federal law enforcement,” he said. “Banks have a suspicious activity report — it goes to the FBI and the IRS. These forms, they document what occurs and what is said during a transaction. They’re a really good source of leads on potential victims.”

There are also county-based offices of Adult Protective Services that investigate reports of abuse of elders and dependent adults who live in private homes.

An APS investigation led to the arrest and the ongoing prosecution of a former captain in the Pinole Police Department and his wife. Matthew Messier and Elizabeth Regalado were charged with three counts of attempted grand theft, four counts of elder abuse, one count of forgery, one count of criminal conspiracy, one count of registering a fraudulent document and a count of practicing law without a license.

The victim was 82 when the pair, her neighbors, were arrested. Messier drafted documents that included a quitclaim deed to the woman’s home, and power of attorney naming himself as trustee and sole beneficiary when she dies, according to court documents. The woman’s home is worth between \$500,000 and \$700,000; she also has safe deposit boxes containing savings bonds, cash and gold worth more than \$50,000.

An APS examination showed the victim is incapable of making financial decisions for herself.

Henley added that, if a senior is being bilked by a family member or friend, “I’d recommend that they go to a third party, go to a non-family member that they can trust, (or) go to the senior center.” ■

## Double check to avoid scams, fraud

Beyond large-scale thefts, seniors are being targeted by everyone from unscrupulous mechanics and contractors to people selling fraudulent health insurance policies.

State officials say mechanics may claim a car is unsafe to push for costly, unneeded repairs. They advise getting an estimate in writing and seeking a second opinion unless the car is undriveable with a flat tire, an overheated engine or brake failure.

“Don’t feel pressured to make a decision. You can always get a second opinion on a repair,” said Joaquin Murphy with the state’s Bureau of Automotive Repair. He added people should check to see if the repair shop has a current registration, which is required to be posted on a wall of the shop.

“They’re entitled to their old parts, if they request them,” prior to signing for repair work to be done, Murphy said.

If there’s a problem or a complaint, he said, “We encourage consumers to have a conversation with the managing personnel in the shop, that’s the first place to stop.”

When it comes time to buy, state officials warn that some dealers may use bait and switch tactics, advertising a car they claim has been sold when a would-be customer arrives. Focus on the total price, not the payments, when buying and be prepared to walk away if pressured.

Unlicensed contractors may offer to do a job offering leftover materials from a nearby job. Check to see that the contractor’s license number is available — they’re usually on the business card of a legitimate contractor — and get any estimate in writing. State law prohibits anyone from doing a contracting job of \$500 or more without a license.

“There are contractors who are not licensed who try to talk people into giving money before they do work,” said State Senator Ellen Corbett (D-Oakland) who recently held a senior scam stopper event at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

If you’re switching doctors, give him or her a checkup before you get yours. Contact the California Department of Consumer Affairs at (800) 952-5210. Federal officials say to beware of unsubstantiated claims of miracle breakthroughs, supplements or devices that prevent, treat, or cure diseases or other health conditions.

Similarly, free trial offers often come with hefty shipping fees and can land an unwary consumer on monthly refills at full price. Those miracle cures can also delay someone from seeking medical treatment from a real doctor who can tell if a problem is serious or not and interfere with medicines someone is already taking. The US Food and Drug Administration has tips on its website, FDA.gov. ■

## Beware of telephone and email scams

By far, the most common way of separating seniors from their money is through the telephone, in cons ranging from the grandparent scam to the Jamaican Lottery scam.

The grandparent scam started showing up in Pleasanton a few years ago, and a number of local residents have fallen victim. It targets older people, making them think a grandchild has gotten in trouble, often in another country. The con artist asks for money and tells the victim, “Please don’t tell Mom or Dad, they’ll kill me if they find out.”

Scammers have been known to call a potential victim asking, “Can you guess who this is?” and when given a name, they’ll run with it to try to coax money out of their target. Victims are told to wire transfer cash to help out.

The Jamaican Lottery scam starts with a call from someone claiming that the victim has won a prize, but needs to pony up some money to claim it.

A Pleasanton woman recently fell victim to a variation on the scam. The 77-year-old was told she’d won \$100,000, but the money was sent to Mexico because it was assumed she was dead. She wired \$1,500 in an attempt to get the cash.

Wire transfers are like cash — once the money is wired, there’s no way to get it back.

Certified fraud specialist Nick Henley said to watch out for telemarketers and emails that can dupe someone into giving out credit card information.

“There’s a lot of ways to do it,” he said. “There’s a lot of telephone and there’s a lot of email scams.”

Henley added that when it comes to scams, they often cross jurisdictions and can be time consuming and difficult, if not impossible for police to solve.

State Senator Ellen Corbett (D-Oakland) is the author of two bills to protect people online that were recently signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown. One requires consumers to be notified immediately if someone’s email has been hacked.

“One of the most important things you need to do is



change your password and change your security questions,” Corbett said. “In the wrong hands, a person has the ability to access your financial data, your bank account, possibly, anything that password is connected to.”

She said anyone who’s email has been hacked has had their security breached.

Another new law authored by Corbett protects senior veterans. She said the new law prohibits unauthorized use of military symbols, often used on advertising materials to legitimize everything from products for sale to workshops.

The bottom line from professionals across the board: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. If you feel pressured, walk away, and remember, your bank will never call you to authenticate anything. If in doubt, call the bank yourself. ■

### 2012 SCAM LOSSES BY AGE

Age 50-59	Complaints	Loss	Age 60 & over	Complaints	Loss
Males	3,446	\$10,073,514.21	Males	3,285	\$9,095,181.56
Females	3,598	\$8,313,675.16	Females	2,664	\$7,992,878.56
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,044</b>	<b>\$18,387,189.37</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,949</b>	<b>\$17,088,060.12</b>

2012 California statistics from the federal Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3).

# POLICE BULLETIN

## Six businesses hit by burglars

Six businesses and one home were burglarized in recent days, including four break-ins at restaurants, according to police reports.

On Oct. 14, High Tech Burrito and Main Street Properties, both in the 300 block of Main Street were burglarized at around 5:41 a.m. Those burglaries remain under investigation and no additional details were available.

The same day, a safe valued at \$300 was stolen in an early morning commercial burglary at Food and Beverage, a convenience store in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive. A front door was smashed between 6:17 and 6:21 a.m.

A rear door of El Molino in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road was pried open sometime between 9:15 p.m. Oct. 12 and 9:40 a.m. Oct. 14. A \$50 floor safe was taken, along with \$1,444 cash. Telephone lines valued at \$2,000 and a fiber panel box worth \$50 were damaged in the break-in.

An Oct. 10 burglary at Taco Bell in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive netted \$202 cash. The burglary occurred between 6:54 and 6:56 a.m.; it's unknown how entry was made.

A sliding glass door at the rear of a home in the 4100 block of Rockingham Drive was broken in an Oct. 14 residential burglary, reported at about 6:32 p.m. The

homeowners are preparing a property list of the items taken.

### In other police reports:

- Kyle Andrew Pierson, 20, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 11:21 a.m. Oct. 8 in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue for felony false impersonation and misdemeanor theft. Pierson used his brother's name in an arrest at Safeway for stealing \$287 in miscellaneous items.

- Ricky Kavel Landers, 31, of Oakland was arrested on a felony warrant for a controlled substance sales and a misdemeanor warrant after a 6:47 p.m. traffic stop on Oct. 9 at the intersection of Foothill Road and Interstate 580. He was also arrested for providing a false name to police and a parole violation.

- Justin James Childers, 31, a Pleasanton-based transient was arrested for felony vandalism at about 2:14 a.m. Oct. 11 after a call from the homeowner, worried that he was trying to break into their home in the 4100 block of Casterson Court.

- A laptop worth about \$2,200 was reported stolen from High Tech Connect in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road sometime between 12:51 and 1:10 p.m. Oct. 15.

- A resident of the 6000 block of Acadia Court reported someone had made transactions she hadn't authorized in Livermore and Pleasanton. Three charges were made, for \$197, \$118, and \$50. The fraud was reported at about 1:45 p.m. Oct. 9.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Oct. 8

#### Auto burglary

- 7:59 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

#### Weapons violation

- 3:11 p.m. in the 4200 block of Mirador Drive; brandishing a knife

#### Drug violations

- 3:57 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

### Johnson Drive

#### Oct. 9

#### Shoplifting

- 2:32 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto burglary

- 11:04 a.m. in the 5700 block of Sonoma Drive

#### Oct. 10

#### Shoplifting

- 7:17 p.m. in the 6000 block of

### Johnson Drive

#### Auto burglary

- 6:14 p.m. in the 4000 block of Stoneridge Drive

#### Vandalism

- 12:24 p.m. in the 4100 block of Walnut Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:11 p.m. in the 4100 block of Peregrine Way; drug violation

- 10:38 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street; DUI

### Oct. 11

#### Shoplifting

- 8:06 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street

- 11:51 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

- 6:16 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto burglary

- 9:04 a.m. in the 1100 block of Lund Ranch Road

- 5:06 p.m. in the 4400 block of Mirador Drive

### Oct. 12

#### Battery

- 2:52 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Vandalism

- 12:23 p.m. in the 1900 block of Brooktree Way

#### Under the influence of a controlled substance

- 5:57 p.m. at the intersection of Zwissig Court and Ewing Drive

### Oct. 13

#### Auto theft

- 12:44 a.m. in the 400 block of Mavis Drive

- 3:37 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

### Oct. 14

#### Bicycle theft

- 5:19 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### DUI

- 12:29 a.m. near the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Interstate 680

### Oct. 15

#### Theft

- 7:32 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud

#### Vandalism

- 1:29 p.m. in the 4500 block of First Street

# OBITUARIES

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## Susanne Vivion Cook

April 24, 1938-Sept. 23, 2013

Susanne Vivion Cook, 75, passed away peacefully at her home on Sept. 23 with her two daughters by her side.

Susanne was born April 24, 1938 in San Bernadino, CA to Lee Emmet Vivion and Mary Eliza Vivion. In her younger years, Susanne's family moved frequently due to her father's changing occupations. Susanne attributed her flexible character to the experiences she gained while on the road with her parents. Her older sister, Shirley, was 12 years her senior and married young, so Susanne grew up mostly an only child. In 1959, Susanne married Maurice Cook, Jr. and they made their first home in Garden Grove, CA where they had their two daughters, Cheryl and Carol.



In 1970, Maurice took a job in Northern California, and Susanne's family relocated to a small 1.5-acre ranchette in Pleasanton. It was here that Susanne would live for the rest of her life. She had many fond memories "on the farm" while raising her family. She learned to grow much of the food she prepared - from fruits and vegetables to pork chops and chicken. Until just recently, neighbors would still see Susanne out front feeding her pet goose.

Susanne was very devoted to raising her girls, and later spoiling her grandchildren. She was also a dedicated and loyal employee. She so very much loved her work and was a gifted communicator. The last 30 years of her professional life was spent working for Bank of the West as an executive secretary. She reluctantly retired in June 2007 when the commute to San Francisco became too much for her.

In her leisure time, Susanne loved to travel. She and her husband traveled to places like Panama, Alaska, New Orleans, Hawaii, the Grand Canyon, and embarked on several cruises as well. Closer to home, Susanne loved taking frequent trips to Tahoe and Reno with her husband and friends. She enjoyed the challenge of video poker and loved the sound of slot machine jackpots!

When she was not traveling, Larry, Wally, and Honey kept Susanne company at home. A visitor would never see her sit alone in her chair without one of these three loving and devoted cats by her side, or sitting on her shoulder, or sleeping on her lap, or curled up on her feet. She jokingly would say that she never had time alone with her "three boys" dotting over her all the time.

Susanne is survived by her daughters and their husbands, Cheryl and Stuart Craig, Carol and John Styles, five grandchildren, Jimmy, Susie, Katie, Shelby, and Jessie, and sister-in-law, Marlana Dickey.

Susanne was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice, in 2012, and her sister, Shirley.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Faith Chapel, 6656 Alisal St. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. In Lieu of flowers, feel free to donate to the Wounded Warrior Project, which provides programs and services to severely injured service members during the time between active duty and transition to civilian life. You may donate at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

## Elizabeth Anna Kopp

Dec. 20, 1925-Sept. 30, 2013

Elizabeth (Betty) was a long-time resident of Pleasanton until recently moving to San Jose. She is survived by daughter Deborah (Morris), son Dennis (Patty), grandchildren Aaron (Heather), Daniel (Jasmine), Suzanne (Alfredo), Jonathan, Christopher, Rosie and Katherine (Franklin) as well as great grandchildren Roman, Isabella, Lilah and Luci. Predeceased by Edwin Daniel (husband), David Daniel (son) and Milo Kopp (husband). Betty will be remembered as being a strong, loving, kind woman who was always ready to help family and friends. She was a long-time volunteer with Hope Hospice and The Valley Care Hospital Auxiliary and a member of the Pleasanton Presbyterian Church. Services were held at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery. Make a donation to: Hope Hospice, Attn. Gift Coordinator, 6377 Clark Ave. #100, Dublin, CA 94568; or to Vitas Healthcare, Attn. David Clarke, 607 N. McCarthy Blvd. Suite 220, Milpitas, CA 95035.



## Raul Cortez

Raul Cortez passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on October 11, 2013 after a battle with cancer. He was born in June, 1933 in Los Angeles to Manuel and Adelfa Cortez as the oldest of four brothers. He was raised in Pleasanton and graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1952.

Raul joined the Navy and served his country for four years, then attended San Jose State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. After graduation, Raul made his living in the car industry where he became a much respected sales associate, reputable manager, and owner of various automobile dealerships.

Raul married his best friend and partner in life, Mariann, and they have been together for the past 50 years. They have one daughter together, Michelle, with Raul having five children from a previous marriage, one of whom passed after his birth. Raul and Mariann moved to Atascadero in 1980 with their daughter after purchasing the local Ford Dealership and renaming it Atascadero Ford with a business partner.

Raul was an avid lover of the lake and boating and could be found at Lake Nacimiento with his family when he wasn't working. He enjoyed water skiing, listening to music, dotting on his grandchildren and vacationing at Lake Shasta in Redding, CA.

He is preceded in death by his parents; oldest son, Raul Cortez Jr. (Sonny); oldest daughter, Linda Cortez; and son Leon Matthew Cortez. Raul is survived by his wife Mariann, daughter Debbie Cortez Islas, son John Cortez, and daughter Michelle Cortez Goossens, 16 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and his 3 brothers, Robert, Richard and Rudy, and their spouses/family.

At Raul's request, there will be no services; a family celebration will be held in his honor. The family would like to thank Central Coast Hospice, 253 Granada Suite D, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, for all their help during his last weeks in life, and asks that any donations be made to them in his name in lieu of flowers.



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**Author Visits**

**CONTEMPORARY TEEN FICTION NIGHT** Meet two debut authors, Corina Vacco with her book "My Chemical Mountain" and Stephanie Kuehn with her book "Charm and Strange." Enjoy readings and signings from these dark, contemporary novels at 7 p.m. on Thursday Oct. 24 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

**MARGARET ZHAO AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY** Meet Margaret Zhao, author of "Really Enough, A True Story of Tyranny, Courage and Comedy," at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20 at the Pleasanton Library. Learn of her struggle for survival as an Enemy of the State under Chairman Mao, and her cultural clash with the "American Dream." Call 931-3405.

**WILLIAM PETROCELLI AT TOWNE CENTER BOOKS** Bill will introduce his first novel, "The Circle of Thirteen," a provocative drama set in a turbulent future that follows one woman's investigation into the dark forces unleashing chaos around the world. Meet Bill at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826.

**Civic Meetings**

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

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION** The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**SCHOOL BOARD** The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

**Class Reunions**

**AMADOR CLASS OF 78 REUNION** The Amador High School Class of 1978 will hold their 35th Class Reunion at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Cost is \$30. For more information contact Rob and Michelle Flores at AmadorClassof1978@comcast.net.

**Classes**

**ACE CODING** Free programming classes in Scratch and Java programming languages from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the Pleasanton Library's large meeting room. All ages are welcome to attend. Contact Daniel Huang at 858-3958 or [daniel.huang@acecoding.org](mailto:daniel.huang@acecoding.org). Go to [www.acecoding.org](http://www.acecoding.org).

**MICROSOFT EXCEL CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY** Microsoft Excel is one of the main skills needed for job advancement. The Pleasanton Library will have Excel classes. Sign up for one or two sessions, both from 6-7 p.m. Beginners Excel will be on Wednesday, Oct. 21, and Intermediate Excel will be on Thursday, Oct. 31. Call 931-3400 ext. 4.

**Clubs**

**CONGRESSMAN SWALWELL AT TRI-VALLEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB** The TriValley Democratic Club will host Congressman Eric Swalwell CD 15. He will tell the club why he should be endorsed in the Democratic Party Pre-Primary endorsement

process from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21 at IBEW 595, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Call 451-4303 or go to <http://trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm>.

**PLEASANTON MOTHERS CLUB** The mission of the Pleasanton Mothers Club is to provide a social, supportive, and educational outlet for moms and their families in the local community. They offer a variety of activities, children's playgroups, special interest groups, and more. For information visit [pleasantonmothersclub.org](http://pleasantonmothersclub.org). Contact membership@pleasantonmothersclub.org.

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

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

**Concerts**

**JONATHAN BATISTE AND THE STAY HUMAN BAND** With his unique

voice, musical virtuosity and high energy style, Batiste transcends musical genres to share the joy of jazz at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$15-\$45. Call 373-6800 or go to <http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org>.

for kids and much more. Call 931-5357.

**MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** Join Mothers With a Purpose in memory of those lost to drug and alcohol related deaths and to those suffering from the disease of addiction, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24 in downtown Pleasanton at Museum on Main, 603 Main St.

**BONE AND JOINT EXPO** The Bone and Joint EXPO is a one-stop shop for 20 seminars on arthritis-related conditions and how to improve quality of life. This event will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Hilton, 7050 Johnson Dr. Call 1-888-391-9389,

**Events**

**5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF ALVISO ADOBE COMMUNITY PARK** Join the celebration from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road. Enjoy authentic Californios music and dance by Los Arribenos, student-produced documentaries, games and crafts



**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council/Housing Commission Workshop**

Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Discussion regarding the Lower Income Housing Fee Study

**Planning Commission**

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

- **P13-2028, Anil and Divya Reddy** Application for Design Review approval to evaluate the conformance of an existing single family residence in the Ruby Hill Development to the Ruby Hill Architectural Design Guidelines. The property is located at 3737 West Ruby Hill

**Energy & Environment Committee**

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 5:00pm Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Green Scene Fair review and comment for 2014 event
- LED light project outreach review
- Recycled Water study review and Council recommendation

**Kottinger Place Task Force**

Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Pleasanton Senior Center Classroom, 5353 Sunol Blvd

- Review and approval of the preferred site and building plans for the redevelopment of the existing Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens properties located at 240 and 251 Kottinger Drive

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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 Friday, November 1, 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](mailto:kyurchak@cityofpleasantonca.gov)

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

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**DANVILLE FALL CRAFTS FESTIVAL** Celebrate the 22nd annual Danville Fall Crafts Festival on tree-lined Hartz Ave. Visit the talented 200 artisans, Glass Pumpkin Patch, Children's Costume Parade, Classic Car and BMX shows and much more. From 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26-27. Call 837-4400 or go to [www.mlproductions.com](http://www.mlproductions.com). Hartz Ave., Danville.

**GHOST WALK** Meet the ghost of Pleasanton's past. Let the spirits guide you on this haunted tour, from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 at Museum on Main. Costumes encouraged! Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$13 for 12 and under. Contact 462-2766 or [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org).

**HALLOWEEN BREW CRAWL** The Pleasanton Downtown Association presents the third annual Halloween Brew Crawl from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Downtown Pleasanton. Downtown merchants and local breweries will

create a night of trick-or-treating for adults. Tickets available for \$30 presale, online at [instagift.com/pda](http://instagift.com/pda), or at Pleasanton Main St. Brewery, Redcoats Pub and Studio Seven Arts. Ticket price includes beer tastings at 25 downtown locations, a commemorative beer glass and tasting map. Call 484-2199.

**HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT** Come in costume for this annual trick-or-treat evening! This free event features the Haunted Hallway of Horror, games and activities for kids and adults, and yummy treats for all. From 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 at Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park, 5801 Valley Ave. Call 931-3449.

**HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT** The annual Halloween Scavenger Hunt will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Oct. 26. Elementary-age children can come in costume and pick up instructions, a Halloween bag and their first clue from the starting location at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Go to [www.pleasantondowntown.net/events.php](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net/events.php).

**HARVEST CELEBRATION** Celebrate the harvest season for fun, games, prizes, face painting, puppet shows, music and more! The celebration will be on Friday, Oct. 25 at 3200 Hopyard Road. Event is free, food available for purchase. Contact Valerie Fleming at 484-2482 or [valerie@harvestvalley.org](mailto:valerie@harvestvalley.org).

## Fundraisers

**ADOPT A DOG/PUPPY: TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE (TVAR)** Visit the Tri-Valley Animal Rescue's tent to meet puppies and dogs available for adoption! Speak directly with foster parents or find out how you can become a foster home. At the Pleasanton Farmer's Market from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. Visit [www.TVAR.org](http://www.TVAR.org) for more information.

**BOO!...BIE SCARE** Come to a Halloween dinner to scare Breast Cancer away at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18 at the Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Road. All proceeds will go to Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. Tickets are \$10 in

advance, \$12 at the door. Call 819-6263 or 640-1558.

**BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER AT SALON TERRA BELLA** Salon Terra Bella and Tri-Valley SOCKs team up to fight Breast Cancer from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the salon, 101 E Vineyard Ave., Livermore. Proceeds support local Breast Cancer education, research and prevention. Call Salon 485-4946 or Dina (650) 762-5722 for raffle tickets. Go to [www.TriValleySOCKs.org](http://www.TriValleySOCKs.org).

**PAWS IN NEED HALLOWEEN PHOTO SHOOT** Bring your pet in costume or bring your children in their Halloween costumes for face painting and photography, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Milfleur, 200 Ray St. Photographs are \$15 each, face painting is \$4 per child. Benefits local animal nonprofit medical fund. Contact [csmead@me.com](mailto:csmead@me.com) or go to [Paws-In-Need.org](http://Paws-In-Need.org).

**SLEEP TRAIN'S DOLLAR DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS** To help make sure all foster kids get the chance to experience activities such as camp

or learning how to swim, Sleep Train is hosting its Dollar Drive now through October 20. Dollar donations can be made online at <https://secure.sleeptrain.com/donations.aspx> or at any Sleep Train store.

**TVAR'S THAT'S AMORE** TVAR will hold their annual fundraising auction on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Castlewood Country Club. Help them save homeless puppies and kittens! Tickets are \$80 and can be purchased at [www.tvvar.org](http://www.tvvar.org). To volunteer or donate, contact Jo Gunderson at (415) 676-8514 or [gundersonjo@gmail.com](mailto:gundersonjo@gmail.com).

## Health

**GLUTEN-FREE 101** Wellness Coach Kim Rice will explain the essentials of living a gluten-free living, recommend transition products, and discuss cross contamination concerns, eating out and more. From 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at New Leaf Market, 3550 Bernal Ave. Preregister at [www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com](http://www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com) or 621-7660 ext. 120.



**Don't Miss Downtown Pleasanton's Brew Crawl!**  
**Saturday, October 26 – 5pm - 8pm**

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## 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](http://www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org) or [www.handsonnetwork.org/MakeADifferenceDay](http://www.handsonnetwork.org/MakeADifferenceDay) for details.

## Lectures/ Workshops

### 'UN-PRETTY UP A POEM' POETRY

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## Support Groups

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The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit [www.valleycare.com](http://www.valleycare.com). 7:30-9 p.m. Free.

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## Thousands hit the street for 30th annual Run for Education

By JESSICA LIPSKY

More than 9,100 East Bay runners, joggers and walkers participated in the 30th annual Run for Education on Oct. 13. Formerly known as Primo's Run, the race is the largest and most visible fundraiser conducted by the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation.

The Run consisted of a fun run, 5K and half marathon, and race results are now available at [srvef.org/the-run](http://srvef.org/the-run). Hayward resident Ivan Medina was the half marathon race leader, finishing at 1:14:51; Dublin resident Charles Michael was less than three minutes behind and came in second. Danville's Jason Intraiva took first overall in the 5K run, completing the course in 15 minutes; San Ramon's Jesse Zipursky took second with a 16 minute, 17 second finish time.



COURTESY OF SRVEF

Thousands of local adults and children participated in the 30th annual Run for Education on Sunday.

Both races began in front of Iron Horse Middle School and headed north before turning onto Norris Canyon Road. The 5K track circling around onto Camino Ramon and Bollinger Canyon Road while the half marathon continued down through Bishop Ranch and up Executive Parkway before rejoining the course near Bishop Ranch 7.

The half marathon also included a special Clydesdale category for larger runners. Top female winners were Fremont resident Kelly Tarkowski in first place with a 1:40:05 finish time and Pleasanton's Melanie Grossheider following at 2:13. Martinez resi-

dent Cliff West took first in the male category, finishing at 1:36 with San Jose's Michael Branca behind by one minute, 46 seconds. ■



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## Middle-schoolers race to the top

By JESSICA LIPSKY

Pleasanton middle school students took three of the four top spots in the second annual cross country championship race Oct. 9.

Over 250 students participated in the 1.8 mile race at Pleasanton Middle School. Livermore's Mendenhall Middle School took the overall boys team award and Fallon Middle School in Dublin won overall girls.

Top finishers from each meet category are as follows:

#### Sixth-grade boys

First Place: Jack Gray (Harvest Park)  
Second Place: Owen Svanter (Wells)  
Third Place: Chris Pearson (Fallon)  
Winning Time: 10:52

#### Sixth-grade girls

First Place: A. Casey (Hart)  
Second Place: C. Heinbaugh (Fallon)  
Third Place: A. Jagannathan (Fallon)  
Winning Time: 12:24

#### Seventh- and eighth-grade boys

First Place: J. Bennett (Mendenhall)  
Second Place: Sean Carrick (Harvest Park)  
Third Place: B. Blackfield (PMS)  
Winning Time: 10:23

#### Seventh- and eighth-grade girls

First Place: Kaitlin Cartwright (PMS)  
Second Place: M. King (Fallon)  
Third Place: K. Bartolotto (Mendenhall)  
Winning Time: 10:54



Winners from the sixth-grade boys competition.



Winners from the sixth-grade girls event.



Seventh- and eighth-grade boys competition together.



Winners from the seventh- and eighth-grade girls competition.

ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

## Today's hot housing market to get even better in 2014

Economist projects sales, prices to continue upward trend

By JEB BING

Buyers and sellers alike know that the California housing market has heated up, and now the California Association of Realtors projects that the trend will continue upward into 2014.

In its latest forecast, CAR predicts primary home buyers will make a comeback after a period of tough competition with investors for what has been a limited supply of homes on the market.

"We've come up against an exceptionally low-inventory situation in California for at least the last year and half, and it has started to take a bite out of sales" said Leslie Appleton-Young, CAR's chief economist. She said the market is still "robust" but that there's been a 2.1% drop in the number of homes sold this year over last year due to limited supply.

But two trends are changing that.

One is a rapid rise in home values. Appleton-Young said that's lifting many underwater homeowners who still owe more in mortgage payments than their homes are worth. Higher prices are providing them with the opportunity to sell. Appleton-Young says that's beginning to boost the

number of real estate listings.

The second, according to Appleton-Young, is a shift in investor behavior. For the past three or four years, investors have bought homes and rented them out. Now, they're starting to "flip" the houses, in other words buying, fixing and putting them back on the market more frequently.

Appleton-Young's forecast projects home sales to reach 430,300 units in California this year and rise 3.2% next year to reach 444,000 units. The median price of a California home will also increase, according to the forecast: 28% this year over last year to \$408,600, and then another 6% in 2014 to \$432,800.

Appleton-Young also said the dynamics of today's housing market are different from earlier years when those without adequate income were buying homes they couldn't afford.

It's a lot harder to get a home loan today, she explained.

"The underwriting that goes into loan origination today does not look anything like the underwriting that we had in 2003-2006, where if you essentially had a pulse, you could get a loan," Appleton-Young said. ■

## Luxury home sales up 74% in East Bay

22 homes priced over \$1 million sold in Pleasanton in August

By RICK TURLEY

The East Bay's luxury housing market continued its summer rally in August with sales soaring 74% from a year ago, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

The figures are based on Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold for more than \$1 million during August in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A total of 273 luxury homes sold in August, up from 157 transactions in August 2012. On a monthly basis, luxury sales were off 6.5% from July's level of 291 transactions, although a seasonal decline from July to August isn't unusual.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury home last month was \$1.25 million, down 3.5% from a year ago and the previous month.

The upper end of the market remained strong with 21 sales of more than \$2 million, up from 15 multi-million-dollar transactions at the same time last year. All other key indicators for the luxury market improved year over year with homes selling faster and sellers receiving a higher percentage of their asking price on average.

"The East Bay's luxury housing market remained very solid in all price ranges as summer drew to a close," said Rick Turley, president of Coldwell Banker Residential

Brokerage. "We're gradually starting to see a few more listings coming on the market to meet the strong buyer demand, and we're hopeful this will continue into the fall to help balance out the market."

Some key findings from Coldwell Banker's luxury homes report:

The most expensive sale in the East Bay in August was a five-bedroom, seven-bath approximately 5,900-square-foot home in Lafayette that sold for \$3,195,000.

Danville boasted the most million-dollar sales with 28, followed by Fremont and Oakland with 24, San Ramon with 23, Pleasanton with 22, and Alamo, Lafayette, and Walnut Creek with 20 each.

Homes sold in an average of 29 days, down from 41 days a year ago but up from 22 days the previous month.

Sellers received an average of 103% of their asking price, up from 99.8% a year ago but down slightly from 103.7% the previous month.

The East Bay Luxury Housing Market Report is a monthly report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, which specializes in high-end real estate sales. ■



Rick Turley

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#### Danville

##### 3 BEDROOMS

**40 Summer Hill Court \$729,000**  
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##### 4 BEDROOMS

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Sat 1-4 Jim Lavey 846-3755

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### SALES AT A GLANCE

#### Dublin (Sept. 10-13)

**Total sales reported:** 21  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$255,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$997,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$600,619

#### Livermore (Sept. 10-13)

**Total sales reported:** 26  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$155,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$752,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$463,192

#### Pleasanton (Sept. 10-13)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$332,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,270,500  
**Average sales reported:** \$763,350

#### San Ramon (Sept. 18-25)

**Total sales reported:** 29  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$234,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,295,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$719,603

Source: California REsource

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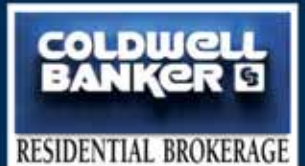
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This home is upgraded throughout and move in ready! Brand new 40 year roof, new carpets, and new hardwood floors. Beautifully and professionally landscaped front and rear yards. Four bedrooms, office/teen room, two and a half baths, 2,460 square feet all on a 6,489 square foot lot. The upgraded kitchen is open to the family room. A formal dining room is located just off the kitchen. The rear yard is private and serene offering a large grassy area and two decks. Close to schools and neighborhood Cabana Club! Call for more information!  
**OFFERED AT \$ \$839,000**

### HANSEN HILL

**SOLD!**



**10758 INSPIRATION CIRCLE, DUBLIN**

This beautiful, model like upgraded home sits on a private lot with views. This floor plan is spacious and open with raised ceilings. The gourmet kitchen offers granite counters, island, and a gas range. Additionally, this newer home offers a spacious separate formal dining room. The master suite is expansive with walk in closets, an oversized tub and separate stall shower. The property has upgraded landscaping and the rear yard offers a large patio, a spacious grass area and a dog run. Call for more information!  
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### PHEASANT RIDGE

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**1185 LAGUNA CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON**

With unobstructed views of the Pleasanton Ridge, this five bedroom, five and a half bathroom, 5,329 square foot home sits on a premium 16,321 square foot lot. The gourmet kitchen boasts a large island, granite counters, stainless steel appliances and a six-burner gas range. Grand entrance with large foyer, vaulted ceilings, formal dining room, spacious master suite, laundry room, three car and so much more. The resort-like back yard offers a pool, spa, pool house, outdoor kitchen, and gazebo. Easy access to I-680 and close to schools! **OFFERED AT \$1,897,500 AND SOLD FOR \$1,897,500**

### BRIDLE CREEK

**SOLD!**



**831 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON**

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

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**2226 KAMP COURT, PLEASANTON**

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**1037 SUNSET CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON**

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**SOLD FOR \$2,050,000**

### WALNUT GLEN ESTATES

**SOLD!**



**2556 WILDE AVENUE, PLEASANTON**

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this expanded single level home with upstairs bonus room in Walnut Glen Estates. The premium estate lot includes a private rear yard with a pool, spa and sports court offering a resort-like experience. The open floor plan includes vaulted ceilings and a gourmet kitchen that opens to the family room. Walking distance to award winning schools and parks!  
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### SYCAMORE HEIGHTS

**SOLD!**



**5731 DAKIN COURT, PLEASANTON**

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## LEGALS

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 482132  
The following person(s) doing business as: FARMHOUSE EATERY AND BAR, 600 MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): LAMSHANKS INC., 1889 Mill Springs Common #313, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant

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**EAST BAY HEALTH LLC DBA SMART BODY INSTITUTE**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 482748

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File No.: 482610

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File No.: 483178-9

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### 997 All Other Legals

**SUMMONS (Citacion Judicial) Case Number: RG12640691 (Numero del Caso) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (Aviso al Demandado):** JAMES RIVERA and TIFFANY CARR AND DOES 1 TO 22, INCLUSIVE: YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): MARY KATE CUNNIFF, MITCHELL EASON, KATIE EASON, BRYAN EVANS, GREGORY HENRY, TOBIAN HENRY, DAVID LIM, JANICE YEE, WEBSTER D. LOUDD, KATHERINE LOUDD, DEBORAH MCLARTY, RICKIE MCLARTY, DARLENE MCLARTY, JANICE NELSON, TOMMY NESS, DEBORAH NESS, BENJAMIN OSTROFF, MARY OSTROFF, ERNESTO SAYO, JOJI SAYO,

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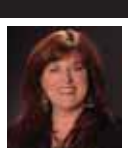
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