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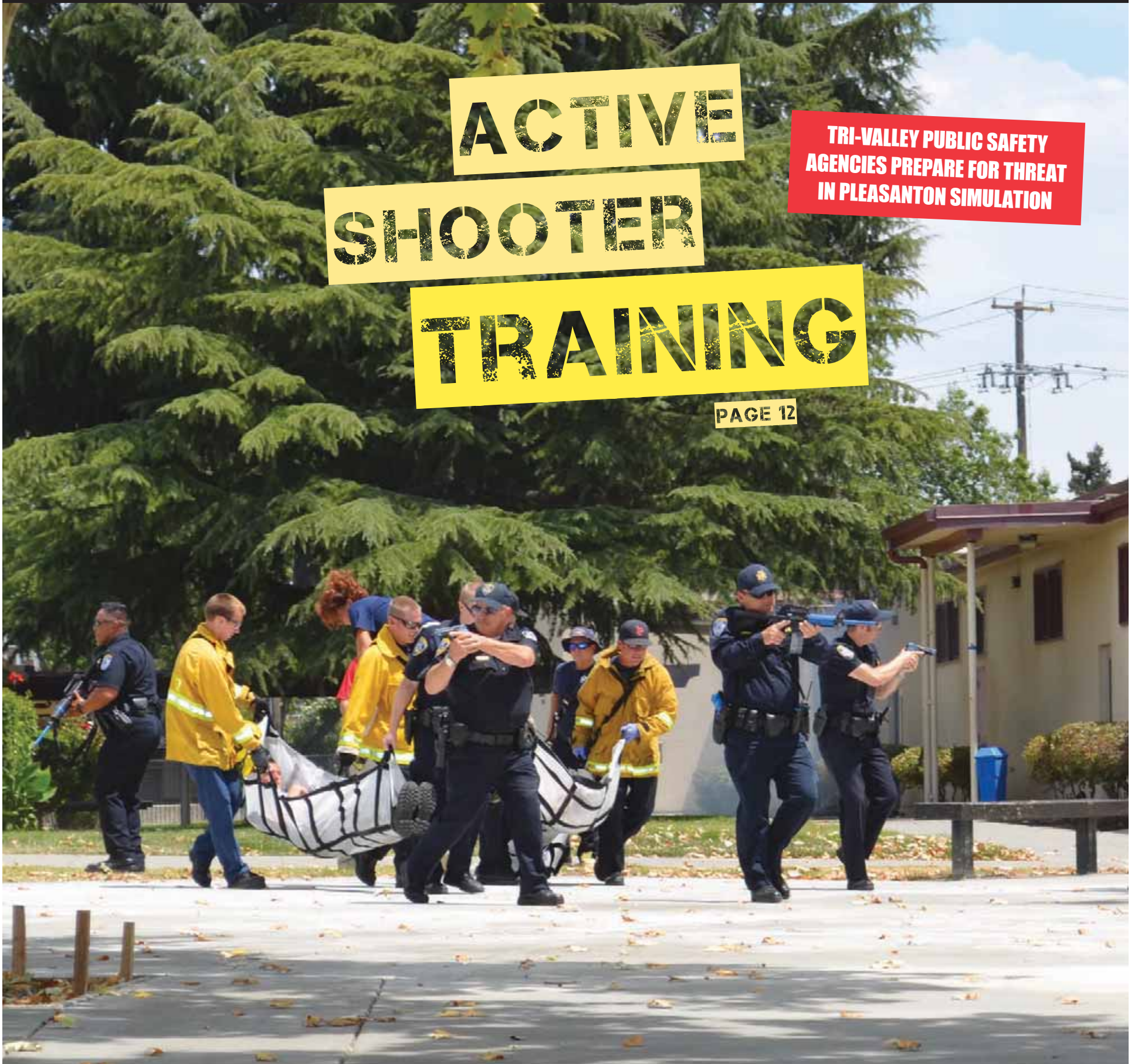
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Adopt a dog, see the world

Can the relationship between dogs and people lead us to a better world?

Maddie's Fund President Rich Avanzino thinks so, and will join the Chabot Space & Science Center as the keynote speaker to celebrate the "Pawsitively Incredible Science of Dogs" at the Second Annual Dog Days of Summer tomorrow. And yes, dogs are allowed.

Formerly the executive director and CEO of the San Francisco SPCA, Avanzino believes understanding the profound relationship between humans and pets can teach us equally profound lessons about human kindness and the path to world peace.

"Our pets are the great equalizers," Avanzino said. "They bring people together, which creates conversation with each other that may not have happened without their presence."

In the event's keynote address, Avanzino will share his vision for a better future, as well as the simple steps we can all take to save all our nation's healthy and treatable homeless pets by 2015. He'll also share the story of Maddie, and how the love of one little dog inspired a movement and left a very big legacy.

Established in 1994 as the Duffield Family Foundation and renamed in memory of the family's beloved miniature schnauzer in 1997, Maddie's Fund has helped allow Dave Duffield and his family to give over \$300 million to ensure the welfare and placement of shelter animals.

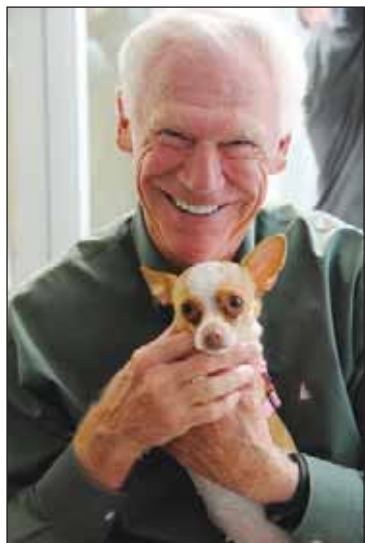
The business executive and Pleasanton have a long history together.

First there was PeopleSoft, then came Workday. Now Duffield has based Maddie's Fund in 3,000 square feet of the Stoneridge Corporate Plaza originally purchased for Workday offices. From there, the foundation is working with local rescue groups and shelters to make America a "no kill" nation by 2015.

"Chabot is the only science center in the U.S. to offer this type of program for public audiences," said executive director Alexander Zwissler. "We are dedicated to inspiring all people about the science surrounding them, from the grass growing under our toes to the way our dog's ears perk up when he hears our voice or car pull into the driveway."

Based in Oakland, Chabot is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging and inspiring the next generation of science leaders.

Maddie's Fund will bring dogs and kittens that are in need of loving homes for adoption to this special event. These pets will be available



Maddie's Fund President Rich Avanzino with friend.

for free to qualified homes, for anyone paying an entrance fee to the Chabot center. Dogs will be on the first floor to the left of the admission booth, and kittens will be upstairs on the second floor. Maddie's Fund will provide a leash and collar (dogs), a carrier (cats) and a few days worth of food to all adopters.

In the event's first year, Chabot welcomed over 700 visitors and their pets to the center.

This year, they'll explore the science around the things that dogs do and love, from training, sleeping, and exercise to play and nutrition. In addition to adoptions, other doggie-themed fun will include:

- Demonstration by the U.S. Coast Guard on how dogs can detect explosive devices
- Canine circus
- Doggie spa
- Techniques in how to capture your pets best moments by an expert pet "Furrtographer"
- Lesson in how to give a dog a comforting massage
- Fashion show featuring the best looking dogs of the day
- A full moon hike in the redwoods.

"Our location on 13 acres of parkland makes it a perfect spot for visitors and their pets to enjoy the venue not just during this signature event, but also during our regular pet-friendly hours," Zwissler said.

The festivities will start at 11 a.m. at the Chabot Space & Science Center located at 10000 Skyline Blvd. in Oakland. For more information, a complete line-up of pet-friendly events or to fill out a required waiver to bring your dog to the center, visit www.ChabotSpace.org. ■



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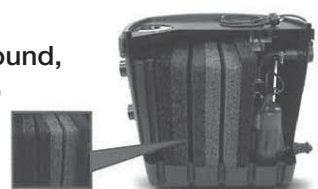
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you envision spending your retirement?



Dusty Mapson
Medical sales

When I retire, I plan to travel and play golf. I've had the pleasure of visiting 45 countries around the world and retirement should be the perfect opportunity to visit the rest. Or at least most of them.



Ken Herman
Retired

I am already happily retired, and doing exactly what I had planned to do. I play lots of racquetball and paddleball, I do yoga, I play my drums and I go on vacations. I really believe that all of these things are what keep me so young and spry.



Elaine Dexter
Racquetball instructor

I don't have any grandchildren yet, but by the time I retire, I expect to. I am hoping to spend lots of time with them, and to travel a lot.



Carlos Contrera
Accountant

When I retire, my plan is to go back to my country and just enjoy the nice weather while hanging out on a beach.



Scott Holm
Data analyst

Honestly, I don't ever expect to be able to retire. But at least I like my job.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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Hope Hospice help

Hope Hospice is currently looking for individuals interested in volunteering to assist hospice patients and their families. Volunteers provide a variety of services that help enhance the quality of care of patients' lives, according to Hope Hospice representatives.

Volunteer opportunities are available in home care, cosmetology, healing touch, Reiki, massage therapy and choir.

The application deadline is Aug. 29. Volunteer training sessions will be held on five consecutive Thursdays, beginning Sept. 4.

For more information, contact Jill Biggs, Hope Hospice director of volunteers, at 829-8770 or visit www.hopehospice.com.

Zone 7 award

Zone 7 Water Agency's Del Valle water treatment plant has been recognized by the Partnership of Safe Water for receiving its "Directors Award of Recognition" for 15 consecutive years.

Zone 7 provides water resources and flood control to the Livermore-Amador Valley as well as sells treated water to Pleasanton and other jurisdictions.

The agency was recognized for successfully maintaining Phase III of the Partnership program — which includes evaluation of plant operations and performance, identification of performance-limiting factors and development of action plans.

To date, 30 water utilities across the country have received this recognition since the program started in 1997.

Evening with Ford

The Museum on Main presents "An Evening with Henry Ford" next Tuesday (Aug. 12) at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton.

American cultural history professor Doug Mishler takes the stage as American industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Co., Henry Ford. As Ford, Mishler will explore Ford's many sides including his support of welfare capitalism and his political positions during both World Wars.

The presentation is part of the Ed Kinney Speakers Series. For ticket information or other details, visit www.museumonmain.org or call 462-2766.

Corrections

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2 now in race for Pleasanton mayor, 3 for City Council

Challengers stress differences with incumbents over housing issues

By JEB BING

Two new challengers have entered the race for Pleasanton mayor and City Council.

George Bowen, who is seeking election to the council on Nov. 4, recently retired from a 32-year career as a corporate insurance executive and principal of an insurance brokerage. He and his wife, Jane, are 29-year residents of Pleasanton and live in the Parkside neighborhood, where they raised their three children.

"I am running for the City Council because I am convinced that the

people of Pleasanton need a council member that will hold the line on further unnecessary residential growth," Bowen said. "The Council's upcoming decisions about adding thousands of new homes make Pleasanton's growth the most important issue facing the city in the years to come."

In the mayor's race, Pleasanton attorney Matt Morrison, who was unsuccessful in his bid for election to the Zone 7 Water Agency board in June, is challenging incumbent Mayor Jerry Thorne, who is seeking re-election to a second two-year

term in office.

Morrison said his primary concerns also are over Thorne's and the City Council's ongoing promotion of housing being planned for the east side of Pleasanton, "as well as a lack of understanding and vision by not articulating any plan to meet the diverse needs of Pleasanton residents as the community grows."

With Bowen in the race, there are now three candidates for City Council, vying for two available seats in the November election.

Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio is stepping down this year

after serving eight years on the council, the maximum allowed under term limits. Councilwoman Kathy Narum, who was elected in a special ballot-by-mail election in May 2013 to fill Thorne's unexpired term on the council, also must be elected to a full four-year term to continue on the council.

Also in the council race is retired bank executive Arne Olson, who completed eight years of service on the Pleasanton Planning Commission two months ago.

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AMANDA AGUILAR

Pleasanton's 'Night Out Against Crime'

Connor Hernan (left) and brother Nick spent part of their evening Tuesday with Pleasanton police at National Night Out block party on Second Street. The event brings community members together with law enforcement and first responders to spread crime awareness and strengthen police-community partnerships, as well as letting criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Pleasanton police started taking part in the national event 12 years ago, and local participation stood at about 40 block parties this year.

New challenger joins school board race

IT manager, parent is 4th to throw hat in ring

Pleasanton school parent and information technology manager Mark Miller is seeking his first year on the Pleasanton school board in the Nov. 4 general election.

According to Miller, the recent change of the school calendar opened his eyes to the challenges with the current board, saying that parental input was "almost entirely ignored."

In addition, he said he is concerned about issues regarding loss of administrators and the poor relationship between the district and the community.

"My pledge is to seek a balance of parent, student and staff needs, to be as transparent as possible, and to work collaboratively with the community and neighboring districts to improve our schools," Miller said.

Although Miller stated he is not a politician or an educator, he said he believes he has much to offer the Pleasanton school district, such as his business and analytics backgrounds and expe-



Mark Miller

PUSD names 2 elementary school principals

1 promotion within district, 1 new hire from Alamo

The Pleasanton Unified School District announced two new principal hires on Tuesday.

Karen Johnson was appointed as principal of Alisal Elementary School, and Jake Berg was named principal of Lydiksen Elementary School.

Johnson succeeds Terri Quesinberry, who became the new principal at Sunset Elementary School in Livermore on July 24.

Johnson comes from San Ramon Valley Unified School District where she served as vice principal of Alamo's Stone Valley Middle School since 2012.

She has also been a teacher for the first, third and fourth grades, as well as middle school levels. In addition, Johnson has served as an elementary school literacy

coordinator, intervention specialist, summer school administrator and administrative teacher on special assignment.

According to Pleasanton school officials, her strong background in curriculum and professional development will be useful in her new position as principal.

Johnson received her bachelor's degree in sociology from UC Berkeley, and a master's degree in counseling and psychology from Santa Clara University.

Berg, the new Lydiksen princi-

pal, succeeds Mindy Bolar, who was appointed as the Pleasanton school district's director of curriculum in May.

Berg most recently served as vice principal for Lydiksen, Hearst and Vintage Hills elementary schools. He was the principal of Pleasanton's elementary summer school program this

summer.

Prior to his administrative positions, Berg taught the fourth grade at Lydiksen for nine years.



Karen Johnson



Jake Berg

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Bipartisan coalition supports school facilities bond on November ballot

State Assembly passed bill in June

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Assemblymembers Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) and Curt Hagman (R-Chino Hills), along with many supporters from around the state, urged Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday during a news conference to sign Assembly Bill 2235 to place a school facilities bond on the Nov. 4 ballot.

AB 2235 authorizes a \$9 billion general obligation bond that, if approved by voters, will provide \$6 billion for the construction and rehabilitation of K-12 schools and \$3 billion for higher education facilities.

"The quality of school facilities makes a difference," said Buchanan, whose district includes Pleasanton. "Research demonstrates that clean air, natural light, regulated temperatures and quiet, safe learning environments can dramatically



Joan Buchanan

boost academic and social outcomes for children."

"Districts are working to integrate technology into the classroom to prepare our students for the changing workforce," she added.

The current state building program, created in 1998, has helped build over 55,000 new classrooms and modernize 136,000 classrooms.

The program — which is a funding partnership between the state, local school districts and developers — has been "one of the most successful in the history of our state," Buchanan said.

The funds from the last state bond, passed in 2006, has been out of money for two years.

Local voters have passed bonds and developers have started projects that both require the state to "live up to its part of the bargain and place a school bond on the November 2014 ballot," Buchanan said.

"All of these projects rely on the state, local school districts and developers being partners. This part-

nership is in danger if the governor does not sign AB 2235 to place a bond on the November ballot," she added.

"It is irresponsible for the state to eliminate the program when schools are working hard to update curriculum and integrate technology and the housing market is beginning to turn around and lead our economic recovery. The governor must sign AB 2235," said co-author Hagman.

The bill is supported by Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson, California Chamber of Commerce, State Building and Construction Trades Council, California School Boards Association, California State Parent Teacher Association, California Building Industry Association, Association of California School Administrators, California Teachers Association, Public Advocates, Coalition for Adequate School Housing, California Teachers Association, California Federation of Teachers, as well as school districts throughout the state. ■

COUNCIL

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Bowen is perhaps best known for his work with veterans organizations in promoting a Wente Concert fundraiser last October that raised funds to support wounded soldiers. Last month, he also announced the formation of a citizens' coalition, Pleasanton Voters for Smart Growth, an organization that is opposed to adding more apartment houses in the city.

"I am very concerned that Pleasanton is rapidly and unnecessarily departing from our long-held vision of being the 'City of Planned Progress,'" Bowen said.

"Unchecked growth will have a major, detrimental impact on the things we hold dear in this city such as our award-winning public schools, abundant clean water, open space and reasonable traffic," Bowen added.

"I will be a Pleasanton Council member who strives to keep our residents aware of these critical issues, who holds true to the 'spirit' of our former housing cap, and I have no ties to big developers," he said.

A graduate of Excelsior College, a private nonprofit university headquartered in Albany, N.Y. that offers courses online, Bowen holds the professional designations of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter, CPCU, and Accredited Advisor in Insurance, AAI.

Although he has never served on a Pleasanton commission or in an elective office, Bowen has been active with a nonprofit organization he founded that is focused on reducing teen driving-related deaths. He also serves at the national level on the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) Living



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

New Pleasanton City Council candidate George Bowen signs for nomination papers with City Clerk Karen Diaz.

Donor Committee, advocating for safe and transparent practices in living donor organ transplantation.

Morrison, who has lived in Pleasanton since 1969, has been an activist on environmental, growth and preservation issues.

"Pleasanton's former housing cap was not an arbitrary number," Morrison said. "The cap was the best estimate by knowledgeable and concerned residents for the total number of Pleasanton households that are sustainable given constraints of transportation, services, schools and water."

Pleasanton currently exceeds regional housing requirements by 1,200 units, but the City Council has voted to continue planning for

up to 2,200 more homes on the east side of Pleasanton," he said. "Rezoning of the east side should take place only when Pleasanton leaders clearly understand what our regional requirements will be under the law."

Morrison is treasurer of the Sierra Club's San Francisco Bay Chapter executive committee and has held other volunteer roles that focus on water issues. He worked 11 years for Triad Systems in Livermore and 7.5 years for ProBusiness/ADP in Pleasanton.

A graduate of Foothill High School, he received his law degree from the University of San Francisco. He and his wife, Heidi, have three children. ■



COURTESY ZONE 7

The swearing-in ceremony for Zone 7 Water Agency board members (left to right) Bill Stevens, Sarah Palmer, John Greci and Jim McGrail.

Zone 7 board sworn into office

Directors consist of 3 incumbents, 1 newly elected member

Zone 7 Water Agency's four board members were sworn into office at the July Board of Directors meeting — newly elected board member Jim McGrail and incumbents John Greci, Sarah Palmer and Bill Stevens.

Greci, a retired Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory supervisor for groundwater cleanup and environmental quality issues, was elected by his colleagues as board president for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Palmer, a Ph.D. biochemist, was named vice president.

In addition, the board com-

mended AJ Machaevich, who served from 2010-14, for his "invaluable contributions" to the agency in matters of improving budget transparency and fiscal management, as well as with watershed stewardship and planning for future capital project investments.

Machaevich lost his re-election bid in June.

Zone 7 provides water resources and flood control to the Livermore-Amador Valley, as well as sells treated water to Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and a part of San Ramon. ■

— Amanda Aguilar

MILLER

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perience as a manager and leader.

He added that as a parent of two Foothill High School graduates and a Pleasanton Middle School student, he knows it "takes more than a high GPA and test scores to get into the best colleges."

As for the younger grades, reasonable class sizes are a must, he said — adding that active community support of schools is even more critical.

"If you are happy with status quo, vote for the incumbents," Miller said. "For a fresh perspective and independent thinking, consider giving me your vote."

Miller will run against incumbents Jeff Bowser and Joan Laursen, and challenger Paige Wright, a Pleasanton substitute teacher and volunteer, in the November election. The candidate filing period ends today. ■

— Amanda Aguilar

PRINCIPALS

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He will bring a strong background in technology, according to the district. Berg worked in the information technology/computer support industry for eight years prior to beginning his career in education.

Berg received his bachelor's degree in journalism/communication from the University of Oregon and his master's degree in education from National University. ■

— Amanda Aguilar



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20 school district employees awarded education grants

PPIE Foundation grant program has reached its 26th year

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation announced the recipients of its 2014 Innovative Education Grant Program last week.

The 20 educators and counselors were awarded \$41,000 in education grants to fund projects that are student-focused, promote creativity and innovative thinking, and offer expanded learning opportunities to students.

According to PPIE, this was one of the largest pools of recipients in the history of the program.

"While the grant committee was encouraged to see increased interest, the limitations of the budget made decisions difficult and many qualified applications went unfunded," said executive director Susan Hayes.

Oracle Corp., a local supporter of the grant program, gave a grant of \$30,000 for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) related projects — which funded almost half of the requests received.

Grant requests were accepted in amounts up to \$3,000 to supplement district funding.

The following are the PPIE Foundation's award recipients:

Orff Instruments at Fairlands
\$3,000.00 — Jason Borris, Fairlands Elementary School

Funds purchase instruments to support transition from theory to hands-on learning and volunteer ensemble.

Art at Horizon
\$2,700.11 — Christine Capitani, Horizon High School

Funds purchase materials to support development of a comprehensive art program.

Harmony through Innovation
\$1,800.00 — Jon Grantham, Amador Valley High School

Funds provide a "Harmony Director" technology tool for instruction in musical concepts.

Harvest Park Library materials
\$3,000.00 — Megan Maloy, Harvest Park Middle School

Funds support technology conversion of library resources enabling more students to meet common core requirements.

Launching "Project Lead the Way" with iPads

\$3,000.00 — Erin Dixon, Mohr Elementary School

Funds support integration of

"Project Lead the Way" programming at the elementary school level.

Programming, Coding, 3D Printing, Robotics in Elementary
\$2,912.00 — Adam Randall, Vintage Hills Elementary School

Funds support STEM-based project using iPads to learn about these technology concepts while improving critical thinking.

Introducing Next Generation Science Standards

\$536.47 — Amy Turner Bull, Amador Valley High School

Funds purchase reusable kit offering activities which introduce new biology standards.

Protein Studies, PAGE, ELISA and Fluorescent Proteins

\$2,750.00 — Lata Mistry, Amador Valley High School

Funds purchase laboratory materials that introduce practical skills utilized in industry.

Mobile Formative Assessments for Science

\$1,500.00 — Heather Pereira and Brandy Barnett, Amador Valley High School

Funds purchase Android Tablets offering greater access for students to formative assessments.

Outdoor Garden Education: Linking Science, Food, Nutrition

\$402.69 — Kathryn Peters, Walnut Grove Elementary School

Funds provide materials for students to build a student-friendly composter station.

Accurate Dissolved Oxygen

\$970.46 — Eric Thiel, Amador Valley High School

Funds purchase outdated probes with optical sensors, which are next generation technology.

iPads for Resource Room

\$414.54 — Jessica Sempronio, Lydiksen Elementary School

Funds bring technological support into the Resource Room to support equitable and assistive learning.

Please Pass the iPad

\$1,160.00 — Linda Boveda, Lydiksen Elementary School

Funds purchase 2 iPads to support existing technology projects using Glogster, Educreations, iMovie and iBooks apps.

Chromebooks for Creative and Innovative Instruction

\$1,525.00 — David Middleton, Foothill High School

Funds purchase Chromebooks

for use in Social Studies Research projects.

Chromebooks for the Classroom
\$2,717.37 — Michelle Williams, Walnut Grove Elementary School

Funds purchase Chromebooks to provide enhanced Geography research tools in elementary school.

Collaborative Classroom

\$2,020.50 — Tammy Creighton, Vintage Hills Elementary School

Funds support existing classroom redesign effort towards a student-centered, interactive environment.

Chromebooks for Prezi

\$2,113.51 — Erin Diaz, Walnut Grove Elementary School

Funds purchase Chromebooks to enable use of Prezi online visual learning tool in third grade.

From Spiral to Online Notebooks

\$2,627.46 — Debbie Harvey, Amador Valley High School

Funds support integration of technology necessary to advance an existing, successful program.

3-D Printing in Unified Arts

\$3,000.00 — Warren Jensen, Pleasanton Middle School

Funds support purchase of 3-D printer for projects aligned with 'Project Lead the Way,' reaching over 1,000 students in the first year.

Chromebooks for Math

\$2,850.00 — Christopher Ragg, Pleasanton Middle School

Funds support transition to 'flipped' classroom requiring additional technology tools. ■

Thoratec to report on its growth at national meeting

Pleasanton company is recognized leader in therapies to address advanced-stage heart failure

By JEB BING

Thoratec Corp., a Pleasanton-based developer of mechanical circulatory support therapies to save, support and restore failing hearts, will be participating in the Canaccord Genuity 34th Annual Growth Conference next Wednesday.

The conference, to be held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Boston, is sponsored by Canaccord Genuity, a Canadian banking and financial services company that specializes in wealth management and brokerage in capital markets.

Taylor C. Harris, vice president and chief financial officer, will provide an update on Thoratec starting at 11 a.m. Pacific time.

A webcast of the presentation will be available at <http://wsw.com/webcast/canaccord14/THOR>, or on the company's website at <http://www.thoratec.com>.

Thoratec is a leader in therapies to address advanced-stage heart failure. The company's products include the HeartMate II and HeartMate III LVAS (Left Ventricular Assist Systems) and Thoratec VAD (Ventricular Assist Device) with more than 20,000 devices implanted in patients suffering from heart failure.

Thoratec also manufactures and



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Pleasanton-based Thoratec will participate in the Canaccord Genuity 34th Annual Growth Conference next week.

distributes the CentriMag and PediMag/PediVAS, and HeartMate PHP product lines.

Thoratec's headquarters are on

Johnson Drive in Pleasanton.

For more information, visit the company's website at www.thoratec.com. ■

PUBLIC NOTICE REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Public Comment Period
July 15, 2014 through August 15, 2014

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The Alameda County Fire Department (ACFD) announces a 30-day public comment period for the Draft Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration pertaining to the Sunol Fire Station, Sunol, California. The Site is located within on land currently owned by San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. The Draft Initial Study addressed the 16 resources as required in the CEQA document.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Based on an Initial Study, the ACFD has determined that no significant environmental impacts would result from the Sunol Fire Station Project, therefore, in compliance with the CEQA, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed. The Mitigated Negative Declaration, Initial Study, and all related documents are available for review and comment.

Go to www.groundzonees.com. Click on Project Experience. Then click on the report link below Project Reports. A hard copy of the report is also available at the Pleasanton Public Library at 400 Old Bernal Rd. and the Alameda County Library at 2400 Stevenson Blvd. in Fremont.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the project and to provide the ACFD with your comments on the Draft Initial Study and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

You may participate by providing your written comments on the Draft Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. All comments will be carefully considered before a final decision is made on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. Comments may be mailed, hand delivered, faxed, or emailed. All written comments must be delivered to:

Pete Pegadiotes, Manager

Alameda County Fire Department, 835 East 14th Street #200

E-mail: ppegadiotes@acgov.org, Phone: (510) 670-5880, Fax: (925) 875-9387

All comments must be in writing and must be postmarked no later than August 15, 2014. Faxed, hand-delivered, or emailed comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2014.

TAKE US ALONG



Big Apple birthday: Janeen Rubino Brumm celebrated her 50th birthday with her best friends and her mother in New York City. Cathy Ritter, Lisa O'Neal, Julie Borg, Janeen and her mother, Marian Pontes, took the Pleasanton Weekly for a tour of Broadway.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

Business News

Edited by Jeb Bing,
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Consumer reporting agencies follow your moves

Specialty reports identify risks of doing business with you

By JASON ALDERMAN

By now, you've probably heard about the Big Three credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion), which monitor your financial history and issue credit reports and credit scores to potential lenders.

But did you know that there are dozens of other specialty consumer reporting agencies that track your history for activities that may not appear on your regular credit reports — things like bounced checks, late utility payments, insurance claims and

prescription orders?

Most people never hear about these companies until they're suddenly turned down for an apartment, checking account, insurance policy or even a job or promotion. But you need to know that potential landlords, banks, insurance companies and employers are very likely ordering specialty reports to help them assess the risk of doing business with you.

That's fine if you've got a squeaky-clean track record. But what if their files contain mistakes; or worse, what if someone has hijacked your identity and is poisoning your record with their own bad behavior?

Fortunately, you do have recourse. Under federal law, you can request a copy of your report once a year from each agency, generally

for free. You're also entitled to a free copy whenever an "adverse action" is taken against you because of something in the report (for example, if you're turned down for a checking account).

Unfortunately, there's no central clearinghouse for these specialty agencies so you need to contact each individually. However, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has taken some of the legwork out by compiling a list of the most commonly used agencies, along with instructions and contact information for ordering your reports. (Search "Specialty Consumer Agencies" at www.cfpb.gov.) Another great resource is the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse's fact sheet on specialty reports at www.privacyrights.org.

Specialty consumer reporting agencies collect information about you from various sources and share it with creditors and other businesses, including:

- Public records of criminal and civil cases
- Credit history
- Bankruptcy filings
- Companies with which you have an existing or prior relationship
- Medical information
- Driving records

Typical inquiries might include:

- Check-writing history — for banks, credit unions and businesses that accept payments by check. They'll look for things like bounced or returned checks and fraud.

- Medical conditions and prescription drug history — if you're applying for an individual life, long-term care or disability insurance policy. (Note: Health insurers can't deny coverage or charge higher premiums because of preexisting conditions.)

- Residential — landlords checking your tenant history, credit, criminal background, etc.

- Auto or homeowner/renter's insurance — insurers will screen your records for things like traffic violations, claims and property losses

- Payday lending — creditors investigating people who don't use traditional financial services (banking, credit cards, etc.) might evaluate payday loans, check-cashing services, prepaid cards, etc.

- Utilities — If you're trying to open a new utility, phone, cable or Internet account.

- Employment background — By law, employers must obtain your permission to run a background check. Unfortunately, they're generally not required to identify which company they're using unless they decide not to hire you — it doesn't hurt to ask ahead of time, though.

Bottom line: You might not realize there's false or potentially damaging information being reported about you, so get in the habit of ordering specialty consumer reports along with your credit reports. ■

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. Follow him on Twitter, @PracticalMoney.



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POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton man arrested after Safeway altercation

A Pleasanton man was arrested Aug. 2 after allegedly assaulting a Safeway customer who refused to give him money, according to police.

A man told police he was walking out of the Safeway on Santa Rita Road when a man on a bicycle, later identified as 47-year-old Michael Paul Onate, approached him and asked for money, according to police reports.

The Safeway customer told Onate he didn't have money, but Onate said he saw him come from the bank located inside the store, police said.

According to reports, the customer refused Onate's request, and Onate allegedly got off his bike and charged at the man with fists raised. In addition, Onate simulated a gun with his fingers pointing toward the man.

By this time, police received a call

about two people arguing outside Safeway, around 3:45 p.m.

Prior to the officer arriving, Onate allegedly kicked the customer's car door and dented it before riding off on his bicycle.

When the officer arrived, the customer gave a description of Onate and the officer recognized the given description from previous police contact, according to police reports. The officer reportedly showed a picture of Onate to the victim and he identified Onate as the man that assaulted him.

At 4:50 p.m., police received a call about a man sleeping on a bench on the 4400 block of Valley Avenue. An officer went to the area and identified the man as Onate, police said.

Onate allegedly smelled like alcohol and could not stand up by himself when contacted by police.

Onate was arrested on suspicion of vandalism, being drunk in public, assault, battery and probation violation. He was booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

In other police reports:

- A house on Pine Hill Lane was reportedly robbed on July 29, according to police reports.
- One of the homeowners left the house around 11 a.m., and when she returned at 3:30 p.m., she found many jewelry items missing, police said.
- The items reportedly stolen included watches, earrings, necklaces and pins — all totaling \$5,500.
- Police said the culprit gained entry through the rear sliding door. No arrests have been made.
- A neighbor with surveillance cameras caught an unfamiliar car driving slowly through the neighborhood, but due to poor video quality, investigators were unable to identify the car's license plate, police said.
- A Pleasanton resident discovered her 1996 Honda Civic missing from her assigned parking space on Aug. 3, according to police reports.

The car owner parked and locked the vehicle at her apartment complex located on the 5600 block of Owens Drive at 2:30 a.m., and when she came out at 3:45 p.m., her car was gone, police said.

In addition, her Beats by Dre headphones were inside the Civic's glove box. No arrests have been made.

- A man reported his bicycle was stolen from his garage sometime between July 28 and Aug. 1.

The \$1,079 bicycle is described as a blue 2014 Giant Trance bicycle, according to police.

Investigators did not find any evidence of forced entry at the house located on the 5000 block of Rigatti Circle, and they think the thief might have gained access to the garage when it was left open occasionally throughout the four days.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 23

Alcohol violation

- 4:46 a.m. in the 4700 block of First Street; DUI
- 6:49 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street
- 11:53 p.m., intersection of Hopyard Road and Arthur Drive; DUI

Theft from auto

- 10:14 a.m. in the 600 block of Concord Place

Domestic battery

- 6:59 p.m. Street information being withheld.

July 24

Fraud

- 12:11 p.m. in the 3100 block of Randick Court

Drug violation

- 12:59 p.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive

Theft

- 2:39 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure
- 2:46 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:09 p.m. in the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; auto theft
- 7:19 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

DUI

- 10:23 p.m., intersection of Hearst Drive and Grant Court

Graffiti

- 11:04 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

July 25

Theft

- 6:13 a.m. in the 11300 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft
- 11:16 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from structure
- 3:53 p.m. in the 1200 block of Via Di Salerno; theft from structure
- 9:54 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Vandalism

- 4:19 p.m. in the 5500 block of Black

Avenue

- 6:03 p.m. in the 4600 block of Ithaca Way
- 6:05 p.m. in the 4500 block of Denker Drive

Embezzlement

- 4:50 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Commercial burglary

- 6:26 p.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane

July 26

Battery

- 2:54 p.m. in the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle

Theft

- 4:08 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 6:15 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

Alcohol violation

- 7 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

July 27

Commercial burglary

- 2:45 a.m. in the 3900 block of Valley Avenue

Battery

- 9:06 a.m., intersection of Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue

July 28

Theft

- 9:50 a.m. in the 5300 block of Black Avenue; theft from auto
- 12:26 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- 1:59 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 8:19 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 10:25 p.m. in the 4800 block of Harrison Street; theft from structure

Vandalism

- 4:19 p.m. in the 600 block of Del Sol Avenue

July 29

Theft

- 8:53 a.m. in the 3400 block of Park Place; theft from auto

- 9:13 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; bicycle theft
 - 5:44 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting
- #### Fraud
- 10:38 a.m. in the 3100 block of Paseo Robles
- #### Vandalism
- 11:26 a.m. Street information not disclosed.
 - 12:14 p.m., intersection of Camino Segura and Corte Arboles
- #### Residential burglary
- 2:13 p.m. in the 400 block of Pine Hill Lane
- #### Sex offenses
- 9:59 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

July 30

Fraud

- 6:18 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
- #### Theft
- 7:27 a.m. in the 3300 block of Rosada Court; auto theft
 - 12:09 p.m. in the 6800 block of Paseo Santa Cruz; theft from auto
 - 3:48 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road; bicycle theft

Graffiti

- 8:40 a.m. on the Arroyo Walking Trail

DUI

- 4:34 p.m., intersection of Kottinger Drive and First Street

July 31

Embezzlement

- 10:58 a.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Aug. 1

Shoplifting

- 12:06 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Sex offenses

- 1:53 a.m. Street information not disclosed.

DUI

- 2:27 a.m., intersection of Hopyard Road and Black Avenue

Graffiti

- 7:43 a.m., intersection of Hopyard Road and Del Valle Parkway
- 12:41 p.m., intersection of Bernal Avenue and Stoneridge Drive

Fraud

- 3:02 p.m. in the 7600 block of Maywood Drive

Residential burglary

- 9:20 p.m. in the 4300 block of Bristolwood Road

Aug. 2

Alcohol violation

- 12:16 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street
- 1:22 a.m., intersection of Santa Rita Road and Alvarado Street; DUI
- 11:37 p.m., intersection of Hopyard Road and Black Avenue; DUI

Theft

- 8:56 a.m. in the 5000 block of Rigatti Circle; bicycle theft
- 9:59 a.m. in the 7800 block of Oak Creek Drive; theft from auto
- 5:55 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; bicycle theft

John Henry Dion

John Henry Dion, born December 27, 1928 in Beverly Ma, passed July 24, 2014. He resided at 443 Division St. #7 Pleasanton, CA., with his wife Eileen. He is survived by 3 daughters, Valerie Sinkavich of San Francisco, CA., Juliette Karjala of Beatrice Nebraska, Georgette Pond of Amarillo, TX and 2 sons, John R Dion of Raleigh, NC, William H. Dion of Salt Lake City, Utah, seven grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was an avid golfer, loved pinochle, cribbage and card games of all sorts. In retirement he was the crossing guard at the intersection of W. LasPositas and Dorman for Donlon School in Pleasanton for 8 yrs and a volunteer at the Public Library and the Senior Center. Memorial will be announced. Sadly missed by family and friends.



PAID OBITUARY

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P14-0440, 2015-2023 Housing Element Update**

A request to review the 2015-2023 Draft Housing Element update to the General Plan and consider a recommendation to the City Council to approve submittal to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), including a review and discussion of housing programs and policies and available housing inventories.

- **P14-0829, Greg Munn, Design Tech Associates/George and Mary Schmitt**

Application for Administrative Design Review approval to undertake the following to the existing dwelling located at 554 Hamilton Way: (1) construct an approximately 781-square-foot single-story addition to the rear of the house; (2) construct an 88-square-foot, 13-foot, 6-inch tall covered front porch; (3) construct an approximately 614-square-foot second-story addition with an approximately 177-square-foot second-floor deck; and (4) change the overall roof pitch of the home including raising the height of the ridge line and peaks by 1-foot, 9-inches to 7-feet, 4-inches.

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT

The City Council is accepting applications for the following Vacancies:

Economic Vitality Committee**1 Member from each of the following categories:**

Green Economy/Environmental Industry
High Technology
Residential Real Estate Broker
Residential Real Estate Developer

Housing Commission – 1 member**Human Services Commission – 1 member****Library Commission – 1 member****Parks & Recreation Commission – 1 member****Planning Commission – 1 member**

(Supplemental Questionnaire Required)

Youth Commission

2 Middle School Representatives

2 At-Large Community Members for Alviso Adobe Task Force

The City of Pleasanton is beginning the process of developing a plan to address the short and long-term needs of the Alviso Adobe Community Park. This process is intended to provide guidance and direction for the future of the Community Park and its programming which will help determine whether the Park is being fully utilized and if not, identify resource requirements and availability of these resources to increase utilization. The City Council approved the formation of a nine (9) member Task Force to provide input throughout the process, which includes one (1) at-large representatives and one (1) representative residing within a neighborhood next to or adjacent to the Alviso Adobe Community Park. For more information contact Susan Andrade-Wax, Director of Community Services at (925) 931-5340.

APPLICATION DEADLINE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office,
123 Main Street, or on the City's website at

<http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>.

For additional information,

contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

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

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

Opinion

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Why Pleasanton is popping

Recent large-sale transactions demonstrate the strength of Pleasanton's commercial real estate market. Thanks to Pamela Ott, the city's director of economic development, we have these recent activities to report.

A nearly seven-acre site at 5758-5794 W. Las Positas has two office/R&D buildings with 105,000 square feet traded to Embarcadero Capital Partners for \$18.8 million, or \$180/square foot, as an investment sale with the buildings fully leased to Hewlett-Packard and Gatan.

The 1 million-square-foot California Center campus in Pleasanton sold to Swift Real Estate Partners in a very competitive bidding process with the deal closing at \$155/square foot. For that, Swift got six office buildings, a top-notch conference center, a 600-seat cafeteria, fitness center and an 8.4-acre site that is fully zoned and entitled for 305 residential units.

Earlier this year, a joint venture partnership with the San Ramon Regional Medical Center and John Muir Health bought the 92,000-square-foot building at 5860 Owens Drive for over \$200/square foot. The center, which is in Hacienda and a short walk from the East BART station, will house primary care physicians, specialists, an urgent care center and imaging services to serve the Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville corridor.

Veeva Systems is purchasing the 141,000-square-foot building at 4280 Hacienda Drive for \$24.5 million. As the software company expands its footprint from the 40,000 square feet it now occupies, it will also grow its current 250-employee base with occupancy in the new building to begin in spring 2015. Veeva makes cloud-based software for the life sciences industry. Veeva Systems brought in \$261 million in its initial public offering last October.

Energous Corp., a Pleasanton developer of a wire-free charging technology, earned \$24 million in its IPO this past March. Nearby, NeoTract, a medical devices company, received \$18 million in investment funding in the first quarter of this year, while ServiceMax — another Pleasanton-based software-as-a-service provider — brought in \$71 million in investment money.

To date, since the last quarter of 2005, Pleasanton companies have received more than \$1.5 billion in investment funding.

Pleasanton businesses also are widely recognized as among the best in their fields. Just a few examples:

Thermo Fisher Scientific (formerly Life Technologies) continues to build out the shell buildings at its site on Sunol Boulevard. The company's commitment to sustainability at its Pleasanton campus was recently recognized with a Business Environmental Award for Sustainability from Acterra. This is Acterra's highest award and recognizes businesses whose programs achieve significant triple bottom line benefits for people, planet and profit, while also advancing the state of sustainability in an industry. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of leadership, significant environmental and social benefits, serving as a potential model for other businesses and a demonstrated commitment to continuing its endeavors.

Workday in Pleasanton was again recognized with a No. 2 among the Best Places to Work for large companies by Business Times, making this the seventh straight year Workday has received recognition on the list. Workday currently has 1,400 Bay Area employees but look for that number to grow rapidly as the company constructs its new, six-story headquarters building on Stoneridge Mall Road.

Also, in the software-as-a-service industry, Callidus Software is a finalist for a prestigious Stevie Award from the American Business Association later this year in several categories, including Maverick of the Year among business products and service industries, Management Team of the Year and Marketing Executive, Team and Department of the Year, again among these industries.

These accomplishments and recognitions show why 91% of businesses recently surveyed said that "Pleasanton is an excellent or good place to do business." ■

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Sunol racer wins X Games gold

Childhood hobby to pro career, Martinez battles her way to first place

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

Sunol dirt-bike racer Kacy Martinez has been striving to make her mark in the world of action sports, and her hard work paid off in a big way earlier this year when she took home the gold in the women's EnduroCross event at Summer X Games in Austin, Texas.

"This year I got the gold, which I felt was long overdue. I feel like I should have been able to accomplish that a couple years ago," Martinez said.

Martinez began riding at 8 years old when her father bought dirt bikes to start a new family activity. Riding dirt bikes quickly became one of Martinez's favorite things to do, and now at 24 years old, she has developed a professional career out of it.

Martinez specializes in Enduro-

Cross, a dirt-biking event in which participants ride at high speeds through short laps laid out with jumps and obstacles such as tractor tires, logs, bark and water pits. She has competed throughout the United States and internationally in Brazil, Germany and Spain.

X Games first included EnduroCross in 2011, and Martinez won the bronze medal that year. The following two years she did not qualify for a medal in the event, finishing fifth in 2012 and sixth in 2013.

Since competing in her first X Games, Martinez has switched to a new racing team, Factory FMF KTM, which she said is a level above her previous team.

"After my first year when I got bronze, I kind of went downhill. But I think with the new bike and



KACY MARTINEZ

Sunol EnduroCross star Kacy Martinez snaps a selfie after winning X Games gold.

new team, they've really stepped it up in helping me," she said. "I was able to train a lot and I have a track

in the Fremont hills where I was able to practice. So, finally I got the gold medal and I was really happy."

Martinez also competes in a different racing circuit than she did back in 2011. She's now a part of the Grand National Cross Country (GNCC) series, which requires her to be on the East Coast for most of her races.

Last year, Martinez lived in North Carolina to be closer to her work destinations, but she moved back home to Sunol at the start of 2014. She now flies to and from the East Coast to compete. "I like being home much better. I missed my family and my dog a lot," she said.

The women's EnduroCross event at this year's X Games took place on June 6, and the following morning Martinez had to fly to Ohio for another race. Despite not being able

to rest after winning the X Games gold, she was triumphant at the Ohio event, winning her class and the overall race, which included male and female participants.

"That was probably the best weekend of racing for me, going from the gold in Austin and then winning in Ohio," she said.

Right now, Martinez keeps her gold medal hanging around the Gibson guitar she also received for winning the race at X Games, but she plans to have a keepsake shadow-box made with the jersey she wore that day and the medal hanging inside.

A passion for racing and strong family support continue to motivate Martinez.

"My parents make it to a lot of my races," she said. "They really support what I do because we grew up doing it as a family and it's really cool to have them there."

Up next for Martinez are four more rounds of GNCC races, which start back up in September through the end of October. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

PFL team claims Danville tourney title

Pleasanton Foothill Little League's 11-year-old tournament team recently capped a successful season by winning Danville's Brett Slinger Memorial Championship.

Pictured are: (back, left to right) coach Troy Treto, manager Casey Overcash and coach Wiley Hendershaw; (middle, left to right) Connor Sullivan, Tanner Treto, Jacob Kim, Shelby Hendershaw and Sam Miller; and (front, left to right) Nathan French, Brandon Overcash, Jimmy Andre, Liam McKean, Roy Mubarak, Rohan Patil and Peter Yu. Not pictured were manager Mike Sullivan and Hudson Skerl.



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All the Rage

The Pleasanton Rage 02 Premier team came in first place in the NorCal Premier Region 3-4 spring league by finishing with a record of 8-0-2.

Pictured along with coach Darin Preszler (bottom) are (back, left to right) Chaney Heinbaugh, Christina Johnson, Maddie Goldberg, Noelle Marceno, Allison Jones, Vanessa von Sosen, Immie Burstein, Kaeli Tembrevilla and Naya Williamson; (middle, left to right) Maille Smith, Ella Melvin, Victoria Frentz, Emily Gossett and Kennedy Mayo; and (front, left to right) Zoe Whelan, Audriana Templeman and Kalena Johnson.

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Above: Officers quickly run to find the suspect during an active shooter training July 28.

Right: (From left) Pleasanton police Sgt. Mike Collins, Sgt. Jim Boland and Lt. Jim Knox discuss different operational strategies at the command post located outside of the “hot zone.”



Active shooter training

Tri-Valley public safety agencies prepare for threat in Pleasanton simulation

Story and Photos by Amanda Aguilar

Mass casualty shootings such as at Isla Vista, Santa Barbara, Sandy Hook Elementary, a Colorado movie theater and Columbine High School have prompted law enforcement and fire services, like those in and around Pleasanton, to train together in order to prepare for an active shooter incident.

Since the Columbine massacre in 1999, in which 13 people were killed, more than 250 people have been killed in an active shooter incident, according to the U.S. Fire Administration.

“Post-Columbine, we’ve noticed these deaths were all preventable,” said Lt. Mike Elerick of Pleasanton Police Department’s special operations unit.

Elerick added that when these types of mass casualties happen, it’s emergency medical services (EMS) that have the training to help wounded victims. Due to fire services policy, EMS is required to stage away from the active shooter scene, known as the “hot zone,” until law enforcement has deemed the scene safe.

“If we can get firefighters inside with police, the more lives can be saved,” Elerick said.

In order to be better prepared for an active shooter incident, Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore police departments, as well as Livermore-Pleasanton firefighters joined together and went through a day-long active shooter/fire concepts training on July 28 at Amador Valley High School.

In the morning they learned about different

tactics that can be used in an active shooter situation, and in the afternoon they were able to put these tactics to the test as they went through scenarios in a school setting — which is where 34% of active shooter incidents occur, according to an FBI study.

Officers and firefighters were able to establish common tactics, communication capabilities and terminology to have an effective operation procedure.

With this new operation response, both police and fire services will enter the scene together as opposed to police securing the scene and then allowing EMS to enter.

Last week’s first scenario started off with a loud bang and some gunshots, followed by screaming and calls for help.

“He’s got a gun! Help! He’s shooting,” yelled one of the role players.

No more than five seconds later, a team of police officers run into the school asking where the suspect went and what he looks like.

Police officers already on-scene that came across a wounded victim had to communicate to the Command Post where the victim was located and what kind of injury he/she had. However, officers could not help the victim, but only leave the victim in place to wait for firefighters.

“It’s the police officer’s job to stop the shooter. If they spend time helping a victim, they’re giving more time to the shooter to hurt even more victims,” said Elerick, adding that this type of



During the simulation, firefighters and actors portraying wounded victims are escorted out of the “hot zone” by officers with weapons drawn.

mentality is most difficult for officers that have children.

Soon after, a group of four to five firefighters entered the scene surrounded by a group of police officers with their rifle or handgun in position to shoot.

As the scenario went on, one by one, officers accompanied firefighters into the “hot zone” to find wounded victims, played by high school students and Police Explorers (teenagers interested in a career in law enforcement), and give them the proper medical assistance needed.

After officers escorted the firefighters and victims out of the shooting area, they go back to finding and stopping the shooter.

Once the scenario finished, officers and firefighters gathered together to receive critiques from the force operation instructors.

Pleasanton Sgt. Mike Collins commented on how well officers used their weapons and the communication between the Command Post and teams.

After a short break, they went through another scenario — for a total of three different types of active shooter situations.

Pleasanton police officer Matt Kroutil said the training went well and really put things into perspective as he went through each real-life scenario.

“By implementing the fire services, it made it more real,” he said, adding that he learned how slowing down and taking things step-by-step actually made the operation go by smoother and faster.

Last week’s training was the second of four active shooter trainings planned this year for Tri-Valley agencies.

According to Elerick, it was LPPD’s assistant chief Joe Rodondi who contacted Pleasanton police to see if they were interested in developing a joint training with neighboring agencies such as Dublin and Livermore police. If there was ever an active shooter incident, all four agencies would respond to the scene.

“It’s so much better to do it now than the first time it happens,” Elerick said.



Police officers learn to barricade an active shooter in a classroom to prevent the suspect from additional shooting.

Allyson Camillucci, an incoming junior at Amador Valley High School and Pleasanton Police Explorer, said she thinks it’s great that officers and firefighters are going through an active shooter training.

“I just feel safer knowing they’re already trained for these types of situations,” she added.

Active shooter statistics

The FBI has conducted many academic studies on active shooting incidents from 2001-2010 and has come up with the following findings.

In a study of 84 active shooter incidents, most incidents occur in a small- or medium-sized community where police departments are

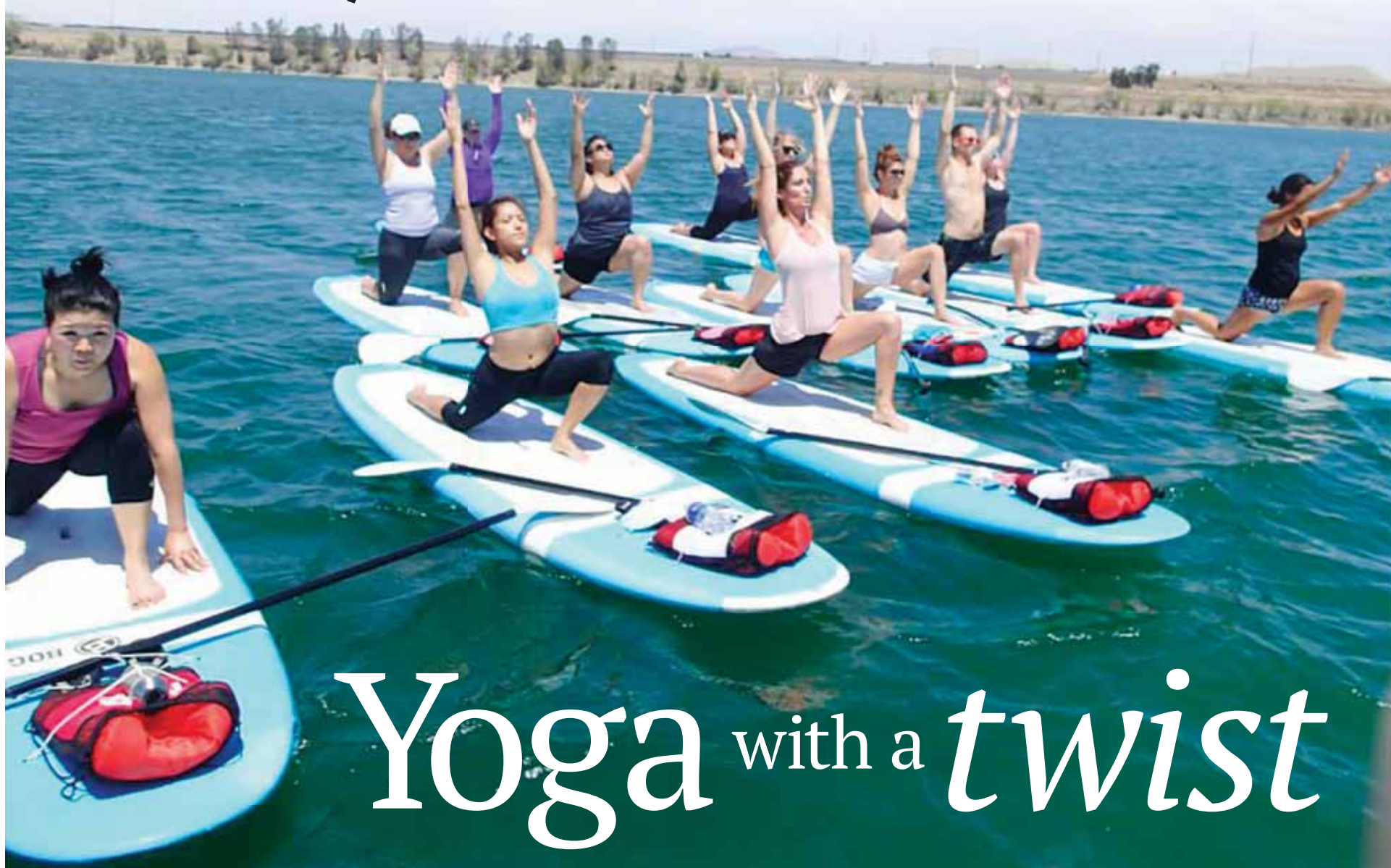
limited by budget constraints and small work forces.

According to FBI statistics, 37% happen at a business, 34% school, 17% public venue and 12% other locations.

The average active shooter incident lasts 12 minutes — 37% last less than 5 minutes, 43% are over before police arrive and 57% are still happening when police arrive.

When it comes to the shooter, FBI studies have found that the culprit almost always is a single-shooter (98%) and is a male (97%).

In addition, 40% of active shooters commit suicide, 10% stop shooting and walk away, and 20% go to another location. ■



Yoga with a *twist*

RICK CARPENTER

Pleasanton Weekly reporter Amanda Aguilar (second board from left) does the “Warrior I” pose with other stand-up paddleboard yoga participants on Shadow Cliffs lake the morning of July 20.

By AMANDA AGUILAR

“And deep breath, inhale in ... and exhale out.”
One more time.

“And deep breath, inhale in ... and exhale out.”

It was such a relaxing way to spend my morning on July 20. Moving through various yoga poses — downward-facing dog into a plank into a child’s pose — all while taking deep, long breaths and staying present with my surroundings.

And did I mention this was all done while on a paddleboard in the middle of a lake at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area?

Yes, yoga on a paddleboard — better known as stand-up paddleboard yoga (SUP yoga).

As an ex-dancer, I’m always looking for exercise classes where I can practice my flexibility and dance technique while getting in a good workout. I’ve taken Zumba, yoga, pilates and 24 Hour Fitness’ U-JAM class.

But going to a gym or a studio gets boring after a while, and I was looking for a change of scenery for my workout.

After searching on Yelp for a good 30 minutes, I stumbled across SupAsana East Bay’s 5-star Yelp page with a picture of women in various standing yoga poses on a paddleboard in the middle of a lake.

I immediately read the reviews, and five minutes later, I was signed up for my first SUP yoga class with instructor Malia Hill.

On that Sunday morning, I arrived at the boat launching area of Shadow Cliffs and saw a man and woman laying out Boga paddleboards — paddleboards specifically designed for SUP yoga.

One by one, people started arriving at the meeting spot. Everyone was welcoming if they noticed you were new to the class, which helped settle my nerves.

Once everyone arrived, we received a brief 30-minute paddleboard lesson from instructor Rick Carpenter. Then we picked up our paddleboard and paddle, and

headed down to the boat launching area where Carpenter sent us off into the lake.

Now, coming into the class, I knew paddleboarding would be the hardest for me since I have very little arm muscles. This plus a slight wind made it difficult to paddle to our class destination, but Hill and Carpenter helped.

“Paddle on your left! Wide strokes, wide strokes!” Hill yelled.

“There you go! Keep going! Use that strength!” Carpenter yelled.

After what seemed like an hour, my board was finally aligned with the others.

Hill had us start the class with the reclining goddess, where we lay on our backs with the bottom of our feet pressed together so our knees were facing outward.

Deep breath in, deep breath out.

And again ...

Deep breath in, deep breath out.

I could feel the water peacefully moving under me, and I could hear the water gently splashing as it hit my paddleboard.

I cannot remember the last time I felt so relaxed and one with nature.

Hill took us through a variety of poses and always gave us different options based on our yoga level. She also let us know if any poses were “fall-in poses” — meaning there is a possibility of falling into the water, which she explained happens all the time.

“Use your core. Stay present or you will fall into the water,” she said.

And that’s what I did — tightened my core and focused on my breathing and what was going on around me.

Still on my board, phew.

In fact, no one fell in during the “fall-in poses.” Although I wouldn’t have been upset if I did since the hot Pleasanton sun was beaming down on me.

Hill took us through 15 more minutes of yoga poses, but unfortunately the winds started getting stronger and Carpenter directed us to head back to the shore for our safety.

When I had been struggling in the beginning with paddleboarding, Carpenter had told me I’d be faster when we headed back — and he was right.

After getting back to the shore, Hill was kind enough to continue the rest of the yoga class on the grass.

She led us through various standing and balancing yoga poses — always reminding us to do whatever level pose we are comfortable with. But if she knew you were capable of doing an advanced level, she motivated you, without pressuring you, to do it.

For example, when we practiced our headstands, I had my hands, head and feet on the floor. Hill saw I had the core strength to extend into a full headstand, and carefully guided me into my first such pose.

Even though we weren’t out on the water anymore, it was still relaxing to practice yoga outside.

As Hill ended the class, she commented on how well we dealt with the wind that had thrown some of us off-course while we were paddleboarding.

“Be like that in your life,” she said. “Life throws us curve balls, but don’t panic. Respond, don’t react.”

I enjoyed my first SUP yoga class and it was a great experience — not to mention a great workout. (I was sore for the next three days.)

The instructors were knowledgeable about their practice, and never hesitated to help if they saw someone struggling. The people, first-timers and regulars, were welcoming and friendly.

SUP yoga is one class I wouldn’t mind taking over and over again.

“This life is short. Do something that invigorates you,” Hill said.

Namaste. ■

New opera season stages 'Rigoletto,' 'Lucia di Lammermoor'

Livermore Valley Opera to begin 23rd season, at Bankhead Theater

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Livermore Valley Opera raises the curtain on its 23rd performance season with opening night Sept. 27 for Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto," at the Bankhead Theater. The other fully staged opera this season will be "Lucia di Lammermoor," by Gaetano Donizetti, onstage from March 14-22.

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

"Rigoletto" was written by Verdi as a social commentary on corrupt and abusive nobility. The story juxtaposes good and evil, beauty and disfigurement, purity and promiscuity, honesty and deceit, as well as loyalty and betrayal. The drama is matched by powerful melodies and dramatic orchestration, as well as some of the most compelling arias in all of opera.

Baritone Eugene Brancoveanu will sing the title role of Rigoletto. He is a favorite of LVO audiences from past performances and has directed two of its productions.

"Lucia di Lammermoor" is a tragic story, a protest against the

practice of forced marriage that is still occurring in some parts of the world. Lucia is a beautiful young woman deeply in love with a young man from a family hated by her villainous brother, who forces her into a political marriage for his own benefit, using deceit, lies and forgery.

Although the tale ends in tragedy for everyone, Donizetti's music is among the most glorious in opera, and its mad scene has been a dramatic vehicle for sopranos like Maria Callas and Dame Joan Sutherland.

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

This season the Saturday evening performances will have a new curtain time of 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. Pre-opera talks begin one hour before curtain times, and an artist's reception is held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Tickets are \$39-\$84; students 18 and younger are \$10 less.

Opening night for each of the two operas will have a gala at Uncle Yu's at the Vineyard, with a welcome reception at 4 p.m., dinner at

4:30 p.m., and a dessert reception at the Bankhead Theater. Gala tickets are \$85.

In conjunction with its two fully staged operas, LVO also presents free, one-hour public events at local libraries, called OperaLIVE! This season the performances will feature opera singers performing arias from "Rigoletto" and "Lucia di Lammermoor" as well as other well-known operas. For times and dates on this community outreach program, go to www.livermorevalleyopera.com. ■

Opera season begins

What: "Rigoletto"

Who: Livermore Valley Opera

When: Sept. 27-Oct. 5; 2 p.m. Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Saturdays

Where: Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore,

Tickets: Adults \$39-\$84. Students 18 years and younger, \$10 off. Available at the box office or call 373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.



COURTESY OF FURPHY FAMILY

70th wedding anniversary

Pleasanton residents Chuck and Evelyn Furphy celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last month with a party held in their honor with family and friends.

The couple were married in Salida, Colorado on July 7, 1944. They have six children (five boys and one daughter), eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They currently reside at Ridgeview Commons in Pleasanton.

A message of thanks from the Foothill High School Senior Parents Class of 2014

Thank you to the many generous donors and volunteers who helped us provide a fantastic Grad Night celebration, delicious After-the-Ball Breakfast and memorable Baccalaureate service for Foothill High School's Class of 2014.

The wonderful parents who volunteered to help at each event

Everyone who donated food and money for the After-the-Ball Breakfast and other senior activities

Balloons and Beyond

Chuck Lemoine

Frank Castro

Dickey's Barbecue Pit, Pleasanton

Fernando's Mexican Restaurant

Lowell Hoxie

Meadowlark Dairy

Michael's Transportation

Mountain Mike's Pizza, Pleasanton

Margo Olson

Peet's Coffee

Prime Source Floral/Sophia Farfan

Pro Image Studios

Safeway

Shangrila Chinese Cuisine, Dublin

Trader Joe's

www.foothillfalcons.org

Calendar

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY • POST CALENDAR ITEMS AT PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM

Book Clubs

TOWNE CENTER BOOK CLUB The club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 or visit www.townecenterbooks.com for the current selection.

Civic Meetings

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday 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.

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Classes

COMPUTER TUTORING Need help with downloading E-books from the library to your E-Reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general Internet questions? Drop-in classes are from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Mary Luskin at 931-3400, ext. 7. Free and open to all.

FREE COUNSELING JOB SEARCH SKILLS AND RESUME WRITING Get a free consultation with an experienced Employment Recruiter on select Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons at the Pleasanton Library. Receive help with resume writing, employment web sites, search for a job on the web, and get help with online applications. Make a 20-minute appointment at the Reference Desk by calling 931-3400, ext. 4.

Clubs

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

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court. The dinner fee is \$10. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

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. 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. Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

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

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Call 556-2333 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ You are invited to the Annual Summer BBQ get together from 3-8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 at a private home in Livermore. Come get acquainted, and learn about Republican women of the East Bay and their accomplishments. There will be plenty of food courtesy of the TVRWF. Bring a side dish or dessert to share and a drink of your choice, and bring a swimsuit and towel for a dip in the pool! Address and directions provided upon RSVP. Contact Rebecca Potts at 294-4013 or rebecca.potts@comcast.net.

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

Events

A GOOD MAN IS EASY TO FIND IN THE BAY AREA A good is easy to find at the Best of the Men Convention! Each woman will meet at least one good man, or receive a full refund at midnight. Join the fun and meet a good man from 7:30-11:45 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Marriott, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road. Adults of all ages welcome. Dressy attire recommended for this lovely hotel ballroom. Cover is \$20. Call (415) 507-9962 or go to www.thepartyhotline.com.

[thepartyhotline.com](http://www.thepartyhotline.com).

AN EVENING WITH DONNER PARTY SURVIVOR MARGARET BREEN Dr. Doris Dwyer, professor of history and humanities at Western Nevada College, takes the stage as Margaret Breen, a member of the ill-fated Donner Party, on Friday, Aug. 8 at Firehouse Arts Center. Breen joined the California wagon train of 81 pioneers who in 1846 found themselves trapped in the snow in the Sierra Nevada. Admission is \$10. Call 462-2766.

AN EVENING WITH HENRY FORD American cultural history professor Dr. Doug Mishler takes the stage as American industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Company, Henry Ford, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the Firehouse Arts Center. As Ford, Mishler will explore Ford's many sides including his support of welfare capitalism and his political positions during WWI and WWII. Tickets are \$10 for General Admission, \$7 for Seniors, \$5 for Members, \$3 for students and teachers. Call 462-2766 or go to www.museumonmain.org.

COMMUNITY CAMPOUT The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department and the Boy Scouts of America are proud to host their first ever Community Campout Friday-Saturday, Aug. 22-23 at the Bernal Community Baseball fields. Fun activities, games, a campsite, breakfast and dinner will be provided! Register at www.PleasantonFun.com. Call 931-5340 for more information.

DINNER IN LIVERMORE The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for dinner at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17. RSVP to Gloria at 846-8320 or hskoog@comcast.net by Aug. 15. Casa Orozco, 325 South L St., Livermore.

FARMERS MARKET Visit the Pleasanton Farmers Market from

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

GOODGUYS 28TH WEST COAST NATIONALS The west's largest gathering of hot rods and custom cars! The Goodguys 28th West Coast Nationals features over 3,500 1972 and older show cars, plus vendor exhibits, an automotive swap meet, collector cars for sale corral, FREE kids fun, live entertainment, beer garden, mini engine display and more! Join the fun from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Aug. 22-24 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Call 838-9876 or go to www.good-guys.com.

LIVE LOVE LATCH Join La Leche League of Livermore/Mountain House at this World Breastfeeding Week event from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8 at Ravenswood Park in Livermore. The event will feature an official count of the number of breastfeeding moms and their supporters, a potluck dinner, a free raffle for great prizes, breastfeeding mini photo sessions and vendors. Contact Katherine Havener at (209) 820-8339 or kchavener@att.net.

QUILTS OF VALOR: ROOKIE QUILT PROJECT Amador Valley Quilters invites you to help make a Quilt of Valor or fleece scarves and neck coolers for 400 homeless veterans expected at East Bay Stand Down held Sept. 11-14 at Alameda County Fairgrounds. Bring a yard of fleece or cotton from noon-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17 at Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Road. Call 484-1641 or go to www.amador-valleyquilters.org.

TERRA BELLA FAMILY FARM ANNUAL TOMATO TASTING Terra Bella family farm will host its annual tomato tasting from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Sunol water temple, 505 Paloma Way in Sunol. Sample over 20 varieties of heirloom tomatoes and cherry tomatoes, farm tours, seed saving demonstration, pickling workshop, and taste the first melons of the season! Call Farmer Shawn at 202-8020 to register or for more information.

THE 7TH ANNUAL KILLER LAUGHS COMEDY COMPETITION Killer Laughs features some of the best and brightest comics in the Bay Area. Many who have participated in the past have moved on to do television, movies and more. Audience votes will determine who moves on and will be crowned the Killer Laughs Champion. The competition will take place from 8:30-10 p.m. every Friday, now through Oct. 24 at Vito's Express in Dublin. Call 264-4413 or go to www.bunjoscomedy.com.

Exhibits

'FOR THE BIRDS' AT HARRINGTON ART GALLERY The works of eight award-winning Bay Area artists, several of whom have placed in the famous "Birds in Art" national juried exhibition, will be on display Aug. 13-Sept. 13 at Harrington Art Gallery. Featuring a wide variety of media, including paint, batik, and sculpture. A free reception with the artists will be held 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13. Call 931-4849.

BRANCHING OUT: THE TREE IN ART Trees breathe life into our atmosphere and into our art. See this inspired exhibit now through Aug. 31 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Works include contemporary, re-visioned and traditional art in multiple media. A reception for the artists was

PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

Flash for the ages

Meet Flash, a 12-year-old domestic short-haired cross. Don't let his age deceive you; after slowly getting off his bed and stretching to warm up his muscles, he loves to play. He's always ready to comfort you with his little raptor purrs. Flash is available at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center, 4651 Gleason Drive. For information, visit www.eastbayspca.org or call 479-9670.

held on Wednesday, Aug. 6. Go to mylvpac.com.

SUMMER EXHIBITS: LYNDA BRIGGS AND JEFF SNELL See the works of two outstanding artists from June 5-Aug. 13 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center. Lynda Briggs’ paintings are colorful, lively, and busy; Jeff Snell unites traditional landscape and popular culture in vigorous abstracts full of movement and energy. Call 931-4849.

Film

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK: ‘MAN OF STEEL’ Pleasanton residents are invited to enjoy a free movie at dusk on Thursday, Aug. 14 at Amador Valley Community Park. See the hit 2013 Superman movie, “Man of Steel,” compliments of the City of Pleasanton. Call 931-5340. Contests, games and sing-alongs before the show!

Fundraisers

BOLLYWOOD JAM Bollywood Fusion is the Bay Area’s first ever charity Indian Independence Day celebration! They have partnered with Love Never Fails to ensure that all proceeds go to helping youth that are threatened in becoming involved with domestic sex trafficking. Join for a great cause from 7-10:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 15 at Dougherty Valley High School in San Ramon. Cost is \$10. Contact Shivi Bhatnagar at 913-1552 or Shivibhatnagar97@yahoo.com; Neha Makkapati at 997-1212; Lekya Mukkamala at 519-5178; or Jasmine Sondhi at jas.sondhi@gmail.com. Go to bollywoodfusion.ezregister.com or https://www.facebook.com/events/1470501019859045/.

MUSIC IN THE ORCHARD Nottingham Cellars, Altamont Beerworks and Ken’s Woodfired Pizza come together to support the Pedrozzi Foundation and Team Delaney. See Crawdad Republic in concert from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28 at Purple Orchid Resort and Spa in Livermore. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets available at www.purpleorchid.com or Nottingham Cellars tasting room.

PLEASANTON/TULANCINGO SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION 23RD ANNUAL BBQ AND AUCTION FUNDRAISER Join and fun and help a good cause! The BBQ and auction will be from 5:30-11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Advance reservations suggested at \$35, \$40 at the door; children \$12 and reserved sponsored tables for 8 for \$280 before Aug. 9. Sign up online at www.ptasca.org or credit cards accepted at 846-4134 after 7 p.m.

Health

BACK-TO-SCHOOL GLUTEN FREE STORE TOUR Are you trying to navigate the gluten-free world alone when preparing meals for your child? Join Certified Health Coach Kim Rice for a Gluten-Free store tour to help you pick the best products, from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday,

Aug. 13 at New Leaf Markets. Preregister and receive a free New Leaf reusable bag and a coupon for \$10 off any \$50 purchase. Call 621-7660 ext. 120 or go to bit.ly/glutenfreetour.

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.

Kids & Teens

M.O.M.’s READING TIME: OLD TIME SUMMERTIME Preschoolers and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for a free monthly reading program with books and crafts! This month’s theme is Old Time Summertime at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13. Free Admission, donations are always appreciated. No reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please contact Museum on Main in advance. Call 462-2766.

Lectures/ Workshops

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS MEETING This month’s speaker at Amador Valley Quilters will be Merrill-Lee West, a traditional quilter with a modern twist who has started her own fabric, design and pattern business in Sacramento. The meeting will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9 at Pleasanton Middle School. A quilt made by Rep. Joan Buchanan will be presented to the Guild for their Quilts of Valor project. Call (510) 727-1353 or go to www.amadorvalley-quilters.org.

INFANT SLEEP WORKSHOP AT PLEASANTON LIBRARY A practical workshop for parents of children ages 0-2 (and expecting parents, too), will be presented by Dr. Irena Keller, Ph.D., Adjunct Prof. in the Child and Adolescent Development Dept. at San Jose State University. The focus will be on what parents should know about infant sleep and handling sleep issues, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the Pleasanton Library. Call 931-3400 ext. 3.

Miscellaneous

FREE REFERRALS AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY Meet with a local case manager to get help finding local resources, including kinship or parenting services, financial resources, senior services, child care referrals, legal assistance, mental health resources, and emergency food, clothing, shelter. From noon-2 p.m. every Monday at the Pleasanton Library. No registration required. For more information go to lincolinchildcenter.org.

VETERANS FOR PEACE The new East Bay Chapter, No. 162, of Veterans for Peace meets at 10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at 6501 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. All veterans are welcome. To learn more about the monthly meetings,

call Fred at 462-7495.

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

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

On Stage

‘O BEST BELOVED’ “O Best Beloved,” winner of the San Francisco Fringe Festival 2013 “Best of Fringe” Award, will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17 at Pleasanton’s Centennial Park, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Based on Rudyard Kipling’s Just-So-Stories, it’s fun for the whole family! Bring family, friends, a blanket and a picnic, and enjoy free, professional entertainment! Go to www.obestbeloved.org.

Seniors

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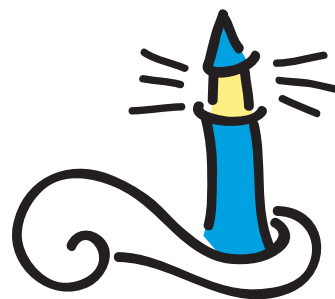
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We are in the middle of summer, one of the busiest times for any real estate market with thousands of homes and properties going up for sale in every town and city throughout the U.S.

Getting the most for a home is always a seller's top priority. Heeding these 10 tips and tricks when considering putting your house on the market will help toward getting you top dollar.

1. Paint color

When choosing an exterior paint color, stick with what's popular in the neighborhood, goes well with the surroundings of the area or fits the style of the home. Picking a paint color that is not common or completely clashes with the rest of the neighborhood is a very risky decision, especially when thinking about listing a home. When it comes to paint, choose safe colors for the biggest return on investment.

The same should be considered for interior paint. Big, bold, bright colors might work for your current design scheme, but when buyers walk through a home, and the main living space is four different colors, it's likely all they'll see is dollar signs and time spent repainting.

2. Landscaping

Landscaping can make or break a home sale, or turn it into a long, laborious process. When thinking of landscaping, consider the plants or trees before anything gets planted. Trees and roots can wreak havoc with lawns,

foundations and pipes. Take into consideration how large a plant or tree will get and how far the root system will travel over time.

3. The Front Door

The front door is one of the first things potential buyers see. A strong and visual front door can leave a great first impression to potential buyers. If the door is broken, doesn't work properly, or is in desperate need of a makeover, a buyer may see these things as weak points and consider offering less.

4. Upgrades

Don't assume you'll recoup every investment, especially when it comes to large upgrades. Pools are notorious for poor return on investment, as are other large home additions. If you're considering upgrading your home before putting it on the market, look to areas that are sure to make you money: kitchens and bathrooms, if tastefully done, will always add to the value of a house.

5. Fireplaces

Fireplaces appeal to a large majority of buyers, but changing out the aesthetics of a fireplace can either be a great investment opportunity, or drastically lower a buyer's offer. It's best to take trends into consideration when making updates or changes to a fireplace. Painting over exposed brick can be a huge deal breaker for some buyers, especially when a majority of people like exposed brick fireplaces.

6. Old Appliances

Potential buyers look at the appliances in a home to gauge their age and how well

they've been taken care of. Appliances play a large part in any home, and if they are old, outdated and no longer working, they can create hesitations for potential buyers.

If it's a classic that still works, don't worry about replacing it. If you can't get the door clean, or the oven temperature doesn't rise above 350 degrees, it's probably time to replace it.

There's no need to go all out on the latest and greatest technology either. While a beautiful stainless steel fridge might be alluring, it's likely you won't recoup the cost through the home sale, and it's more likely you'll want that classy fridge in your new home.

7. Deep Cleans and Small Stuff

Most buyers have an eye for the small details of a house. An initial deep clean of the house, and continued maintenance thereafter, shows potential buyers that the house has been maintained. The small details matter: windows and window tracks, light switches, molding, a garbage disposal, tile, grout, sinks, ovens and appliances are all looked at by buyers.

Make sure these items are not overlooked. When the house goes on the market, potential buyers will appreciate the time you took to address them.

8. Trends

Trends can be quite alluring for those looking to dabble in interior decorating. Some buyers like trends, but the majority of buyers look for classic, neutral colors on

walls and fixtures. While a chevron pattern may be the perfect accompaniment to your current sofa or bedspread, most buyers will see the pattern, when applied to walls, as a potential paint job.

If you're considering listing your house, consider accessorizing with drapes, pillows and some pictures. These are simple ways of adding personality, and buyers will appreciate a neutral color scheme on the walls.

9. Hard to Clean Surfaces and Floors

Buyers always look at the floors and counters in a potential home, and these surfaces can be huge selling points. If the counter tops are stained, hardwood floors scratched up, carpet damaged, or the tile is breaking, consider cleaning or finding a quick replacement. If a solid counter top is stained, a buyer will no doubt see dollar signs.

If you have hardwood floors, some products can actually dull the wood over time. If the wood needs a little TLC before the house is listed, consider having the floors buffed. This will add some life, and buyers will see that they've been cared for.

10. Small Spaces

Kitchens and bathrooms are undoubtedly some of the biggest selling features of a house or property. If either of these areas is small, consider revamping to make them look larger. A small bathroom with no windows is going to look like a cave if the color scheme is on the darker side. Bigger in a small space is always best.

Stick with neutral, light colors to help make the room look larger. Update any light bulbs that are reaching the end of their life;

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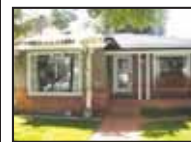


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3 BEDROOMS

92 Amberfield Lane \$673,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

1777 Green Valley Road \$899,900
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 837-4100

4 BEDROOMS

177 Santiago Drive \$1,099,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS

4276 Fitzwilliam St. \$575,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS

2425 Amantea Way \$958,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

5498 Springvale Drive \$899,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS

1085 Murrieta Blvd. #217 \$325,000
Sat 10-12 Patrick Maravelias 890-1254

4 BEDROOMS

5890 Woodrose Way \$698,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 872-1416

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

1675 Calle Santiago \$475,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

2465 Heatherlark Circle \$549,000
Sun 1-4 Denise Ivaldi 846-7997

3 BEDROOMS

4587 Ross Gate Way \$849,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alex Watson 566-5757

6075 Audrey Court Call for price
Sun 1-3 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4 BEDROOMS

1331 Valley Ave. \$1,075,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

740 Avio Court \$1,725,000
Fri 10-1/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

8053 Horizons Court \$2,295,000
Fri 5-7/Sat 1-4/Sun 1-4 Steve Fast, Elizabeth Thompson, Jo Gibbons 785-8239, 918-0634, 216-6496

4502 Sutter Gate Ave. \$835,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Marti Gilbert 216-4063

7538 Stonedale Drive \$649,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

1126 Mills Court \$1,150,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Jo Gibbons, Karla Brown 216-6496, 200-1909

839 E. Angela St. \$1,450,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario and Liz Venema 260-2220

8031 Bethel Lane \$1,790,000
Fri 5-7 Gail Boal 577-5787

6370 Alvord Way Call for price
Sat 1-3 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

5 BEDROOMS

1081 Heinz Ranch Court \$1,849,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

964 Mingoia St. \$1,599,000
Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 397-4326

San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS

2702 Derby Drive Call for price
Sun 1-4 Connie Long 339-1569

5 BEDROOMS

453 Calico Court \$1,545,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 8-17

Pleasanton

4264 1st Street #1 I. & N. Khalil to K. Battleson for \$1,199,000

495 Adams Way Mcnees Trust to B. Joyce for \$1,190,000

3847 Antonini Way J. Choi to M. & A. Reddy for \$2,310,000

1033 Bartlett Place Nolting Trust to C. & V. Joly for \$1,375,000

3431 Blakemore Court M. & L. Bonetto to A. & J. Chavez for \$760,000

6995 Corte Antonio Nazareno Trust to P. Subramaniam for \$1,080,000

5961 Corte Arboles Dk Trust to Y. Zheng for \$726,000

2393 Fairfield Court Connors Trust to V. Leon for \$870,000

7454 Ginger Court Burger Trust to G. & R. Ranganathan for \$915,000

6106 Kavala Court 4j Family Trust to C. Ussery for \$1,328,000

276 Mavis Drive J. & S. Maddali to K. Diraviam for \$574,000

8035 Mountain View Drive #A K. & S. Savanur to L. & R. Leslie for \$415,000

2434 Sanderling Drive Roberts Trust to S. & S. Nayak for \$845,000

2654 Sanderling Way C. & M. Holmberg to L. Belagodu for \$920,000

631 St. Francis Way Brown Trust to K. & S. Wagner for \$576,000

3283 Sylvaner Court J. & K. Helfrich to R. & K. Emig for \$1,020,000

3927 Vine Street K. Debenedictis to J. Pusich for \$422,000

2498 Allegro Street N. Utterback to Siegel Trust for \$1,250,000

3131 Arcadia Common #5 A. Cunningham to C. Howard for \$485,000

4390 Chaucer Court M. & S. Taravati to Loda Trust for \$900,000

630 Debra Street N. Bolduc to P. & J. Rosa for \$604,000

335 Holladay Court M. & C. Barlow to L. & D. Engstrom for \$400,000

1085 Murrieta Boulevard #110 Bccd Trust to A. Orenberg for \$290,000

627 South L Street D. Soave to B. & C. Mann for \$740,000

6141 St. Andrews Way J. & D. Andersen to K. Hui for \$480,000

451 Sumal Common Shea Homes to K. Cheung for \$696,000

866 Sunset Drive Farrin Trust to E. Martinez for \$380,000

Dublin

3677 Aviano Way P. Davis to V. Kalika for \$743,500

3713 Central Parkway #21 Manning Trust to G. & J. Hanna for \$675,000

7148 Dublin Meadows Street #H N. Tu to S. Seyedi for \$430,000

4715 Fawn Way R. & W. Bosbach to M. Kamity for \$879,000

3373 Monaghan Street C. & J. Mahabir to G. Low for \$498,000

5889 Newfields Lane Thornton Trust to A. Vijayakumar for \$1,175,000

6989 Penn Drive Hendricks Trust to L. Chidambaram for \$668,000

4861 Perugia Street C. Torbeck to R. Gonzalez for \$605,000

7593 Reimers Court S. Lim to P. & V. Dulam for \$1,130,000

11928 Rhoda Court A. & K. Avanzino to K. & C. Grier for \$885,000

5066 South Forestdale Circle D. & J. Lim to Z. Li for \$876,000

4776 Travertino Street KB Home to K. & A. Bhakare for \$1,016,000

3069 Vittoria Loop Taylor Morrison of California to V. Reddy for \$845,500

11866 West Vomic Road Hammerstrand Trust to J. & M. Teixeira for \$800,000

Source: California REsource



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4875 Dolores Drive, Pleasanton
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For each \$1,000 increase, 206,000 more prospects can't buy a home

Numbers vary according to markets, but still significant

By JEB BING

Each \$1,000 increase in the cost of a new median-priced home price forces 206,000 prospective buyers out of the marketplace, according to a new study by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

The number of households affected varies across states and metro areas and largely depends on their population, income distribution and new home prices.

Among the states, the number of households who would no longer be eligible to qualify for a mortgage based on a \$1,000 increase to a median-priced home ranges from a low of 313 in Wyoming to a high of 18,250 in Texas.

"This study highlights the real effects that building regulations have on housing affordability," said NAHB chairman Kevin Kelly, a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del. "Local, state and federal government officials need to know that higher regulatory costs have real consequences for working American families."

"Oftentimes, these government regulations end up pushing the price of housing beyond the means of many teachers, police officers, firefighters and other middle class workers," Kelly added.

Based on national mortgage underwriting standards and incorporating the latest income distribution data from the American Community Survey and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the report contains detailed results for more than 300 metro areas.

The analysis found that every \$833 increase in fees paid during the construction process, such as the price of a construction permit or an impact fee, adds \$1,000 to the final price of the home.

Measured by local metro areas, the number of households who would be priced out of the market based on a \$1,000 increase range from a low of 19 in Napa to a high of 5,742 in the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y., New Jersey and Pennsylvania areas.

Looking at affordable metro areas, where roughly 50% or more of households can afford new homes, the priced out effects are typically large and can often disqualify thousands of new home buyers, as in the case of Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, Texas (4,234); Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga. (4,135); and Las Vegas-Paradise, Nev. (2,044).

The full study is available online at nabh.org/PricedOut2014. ■

TIPS

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upgrading to a higher wattage or lumen can help enhance a small area too.

Selling a home is a large task, and sellers

always hope to make money on their home sale. Prepping your home before a sale will always result in better viewings and interested buyers, and the end result will be a happy seller and an even more excited buyer. ■

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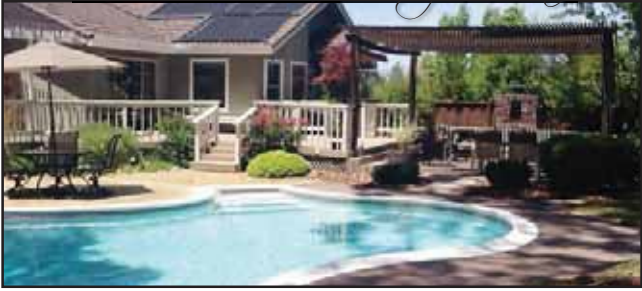


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1408 VIA DI SALERNO

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Pleasanton's rich history in this historic charming "Queen Anne" Victorian home situated on a 55+/- acre hilltop estate lot overlooking downtown Pleasanton! Pvt. park-like grounds & sparkling pool.
303 NEAL STREET

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5 bd, 4.5ba, Office, 4,952+/-sf, 812+/-sf. Carriage House - 1bd/1ba, w/ kitchen. Office off entry & Guest Suite w/ full bath. Pool, spa, wading area. Open floor plan, wood & tile floors throughout
773 ROLLING HILLS LANE

BLAISE LOFLAND

BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,595,000
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1460 IRONGATE CT.

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PLEASANTON \$1,270,000
6BD, 3.5BA 3,378sf. on an 11,265sf. lot. Expanded & offering 2 bedrooms & full bath, plus 1/2 bath on main level. Expanded master suite w/ generous closet space. Large lotw/ pool & cover, patio & lawn
2639 CORTE VIDA

BLAISE LOFLAND

SAT&SUN 1-4



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PLEASANTON \$1,075,000
Gorgeous updated 4bd/2.5ba, granite kitchen, designer carpet, custom tile floors, luxurious master suite w/retreat, huge walk-in closet, 3 car garage, pvt lot and more.
1331 VALLEY AVE

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LIVERMORE 987,000
Beautiful executive style home, peaceful vineyard setting, downstairs bed/den/full bath, detached office on side of house, solar heated pool, spacious garage w/ attached hobby room.
2173 HALL CIRCLE

EMILY BARRACLOUGH

SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$949,000
Gorgeous 4bd/2.5ba in desirable West Pleasanton, close to schools, parks, shopping & BART, upgrades include hardwood floors, updated master & guest baths.
4896 DRYWOOD ST

TIM MCGUIRE

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PLEASANTON \$839,900
Rivershore model, 3bd/2ba, 1,722+/-sq. ft, on a 6,860+/-sq.ft lot, updated kitchen with Stainless appliances, updated baths, newer windows, HVAC, roof, private back yard with newer hardscape
2574 SKYLARK WAY

MARTI GILBERT

SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$835,000
4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 2,100+/-sf, situated on a corner lot.
4502 Sutter Gate Avenue

TIFFANY ROSE

BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$799,000
Charming single story ranch in desirable Jensen Tract neighborhood! Prime corner lot location, 3bd/2ba, spacious and open, huge living/dining area, breakfast nook private rear yard, walk to downtown & schls
4090 NEVIS ST

JO ANN LUISI

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$680,000
Meticulously maintained home. Open floor plan. Add your personal touch to make this gem your dream home. Per owner some hardwood floors under carpet. Clear pest report
736 WIMBLEDON LN

JULIA MURTAGH

SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$649,000
Largest model "Stoneridge" townhome, upgraded with style, 4bd/2.5ba, 2000+/-sf, nice backyard, newer kitchen, hardwood floors, upgraded windows and more!
7538 STONEDALE DRIVE

KAT GASKINS

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$679,900
Charming 4bd/2ba, court location, Huge lot and RV area high ceilings, lovely rear yard, pool, garden beds, 12x16 storage shed, green house and more!
6135 ALTAMAR CT

JO ANN LUISI

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$634,950
Bright and Sunny 4 bedroom home. Well-maintained Pool & Garden. Possible Side Yard Access. New paint and interior freshly painted. Low maintenance front yard.
256 HAGEMANN DR

TIM MCGUIRE

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$629,000
Santa Monica model, built in 2012, 3bd/2ba, 1,806+/-sqft, Granite/Cherry kitchen, Hardwood floors, Plantation shutters, walk in master closet with organizers, 2-car garage, Low HOA Dues
556 HELIGAN LANE #4

MOXLEY TEAM

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PLEASANTON \$570,000
2BD, 2BA 930sf. on a 5,129sf. lot. This detached home offers single level living with an updated kitchen opening to the living room w/ vaulted ceilings. Large Lot & close to Mohr Elementary School.
4398 KRAUSE ST.

JO ANN LUISI

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LIVERMORE \$549,950
For those that enjoy a Downtown Lifestyle - Block from transit center, schools, theatre, restaurants & shopping - this elegant townhome offers it all!
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