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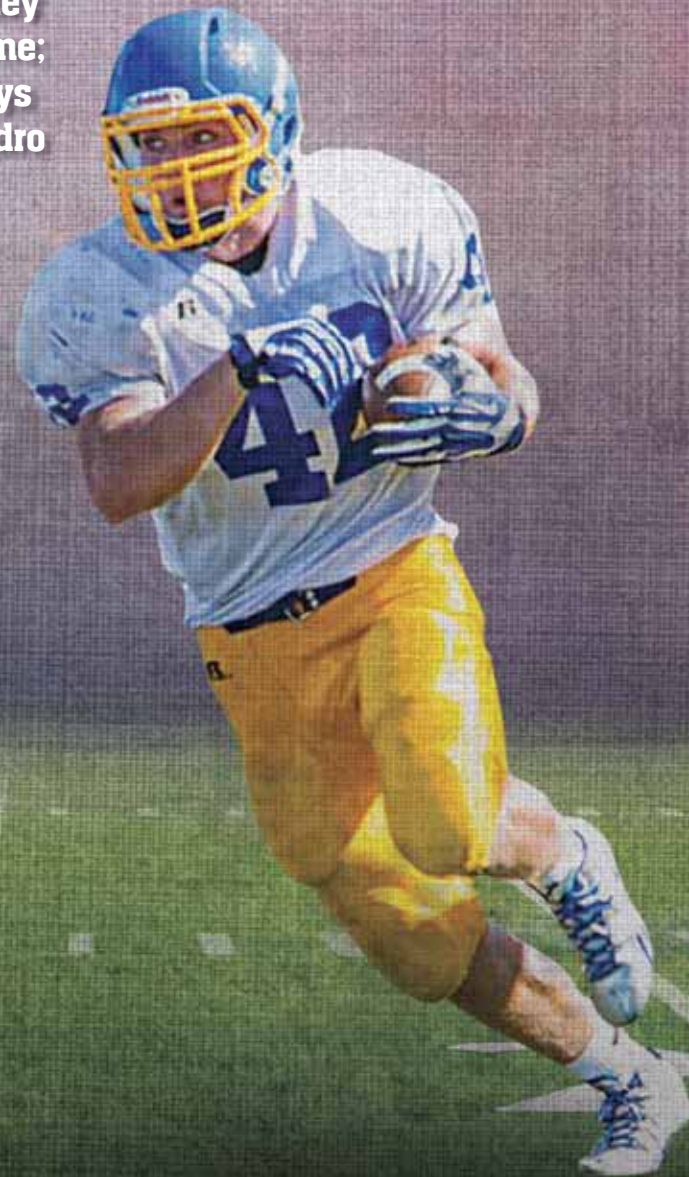
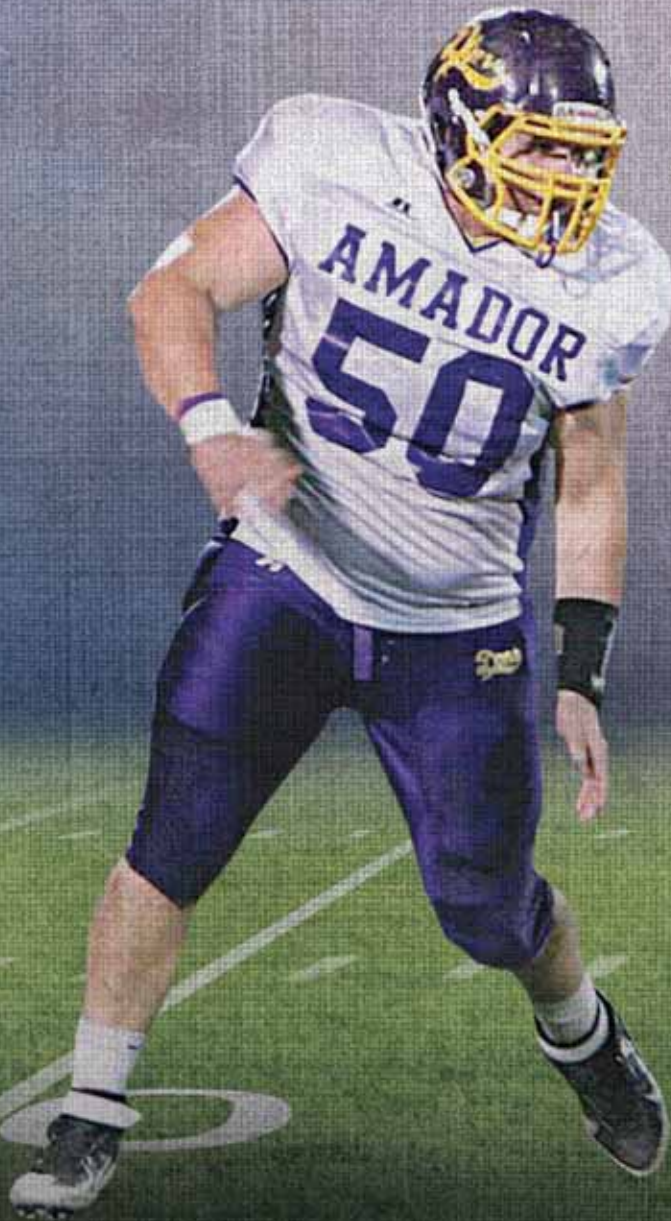
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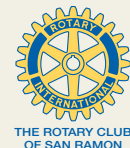


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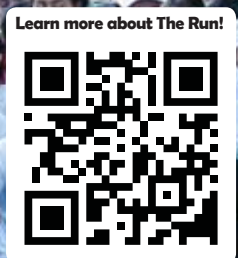


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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Talking Scotland's independence at the Scottish games

Thousands of Scots will be in Pleasanton this weekend for the 149th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games, an event hosted by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco.

Dressed in their favorite kilts and assembling by clans, they will meet at the county Fairgrounds for two days of dancing, athletic challenges and five buildings packed with Scottish vendors and food. The Scottish games annual gathering in Pleasanton offers an opportunity to experience the sounds and tastes of Scotland.

But no doubt after the events of the day and wherever the visiting Scots gather, talk will surely turn to the Sept. 18 vote in Scotland on separating from the UK and forming an independent Scotland.

Most, if not all, of the Scots and members of the Caledonian Club are U.S. citizens and probably go several generations back to their Scottish ancestry. Still, many have family connections back home who are listening to the anti- and pro-independence campaigns that are flooding the airwaves much like we see here in the States the month before Election Day.

So far, there's been scant reporting on the independence election, and for the most part among those of Scottish ancestry, or like me a Scotch-Irish background, mostly indifference. Most say, "the debate is yours, Scotland," although Alex Salmond, Scotland's nationalist leader, is offering citizenship in the new independent country to anyone with a touch of tartan in their recent family albums. He is claiming that anyone with a new Scottish passport could find travel easier in all of Europe and Australia, where many Scots have relocated.

Scots here also are thinking that independence for the Scots has an American theme of freeing the country from the Queen and British rule. When USA Today ran some stories on the topic last year, many readers reacted by framing the debate along these lines. They said an independent state is the natural state of any man, woman or nation.

Scotland, after all, is rich in cultural history and that gets exported, as we are seeing this weekend in Pleasanton. Among the thousands here touting their Scottish backgrounds and traditions, there are also more than 100 clans, from the



CALEDONIAN CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO  
Athletes will compete in the "Putting of the Stone" event with stones weighing between 12 and 17 pounds.

Colquhoun Society to the Farquharsons to the MacLeans of Duarte and the MacTavishes. The roster of clans whose names start with "Mac" fill nearly two pages of listings.

The impression of a people feeling like second-rate citizens in the UK has stuck with many Scots I've talked to who are here for the games. Whether it was a poll tax imposed by Margaret Thatcher or allegiance to the queen they paid as students in Scotland, there's a wish even among the thousands here who can't vote that an independent Scotland will give its citizens a stronger feeling of nationality, culture and difference from the UK. Some believe that a "no" in the Sept. 18 referendum will make the Scots feel like a nation of cowards, but they hope not.

It's also not clear how Scottish independence would affect the games. Probably not much here, Caledonian Club members say, but Commonwealth Games are very much UK financed and managed.

Also unclear is just how an independent Scotland would manage. The UK says it could not continue using the pound or the post office. It would have to set up a separate tax system, a national government and budget, and opponents of independence, who seem to have the winning edge just now, argue that an independent Scotland would start out broke and stay there.

The Economist, the BBC and C-Span have been providing coverage of the Sept. 18 referendum, which takes place on a Thursday, a work day. If you're at the games this weekend, Scotland's independence is a good conversation starter. But then it could be a brief chat if you're on the wrong side of politics. ■

### About the Cover

The Amador Valley Dons and Foothill Falcons open their football seasons tonight. Pictured at left: Amador Valley's James Moore (photo by Rita Sira). Pictured at right: Foothill's Matt Gates (photo by Kari Dukleth). Cover design by Lili Cao.

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## How did you feel when the earthquake struck last weekend?



#### **Angela Leporati**

*College student*

Well, it hit during the middle of the night and woke me from a sound sleep. I was so scared that I almost cried, but I calmed down when I realized it was just an earthquake.



#### **Rubens Dalaison**

*Police officer*

I didn't even realize what had happened until I got a call during the middle of the night from my cousin, who is from New York, but was on vacation in San Francisco. He was totally freaking out. My response to him was: "Welcome to California!"



#### **Cristian Dalaison**

*Middle school student*

I slept right through it. I'm a growing boy after all.



#### **Julie Pasquale**

*Physician's assistant*

At first I was really startled and confused and scared because I could hear the shower doors rattling really loudly. I had left the bathroom window open, so my first thought was that an intruder had entered our home. As soon as I realized it was an earthquake, I was fine.



#### **Gabriela Pasquale**

*College student*

It woke me from a sound sleep because my bed started to shake back and forth. Once I realized it was just an earthquake though, and that no one was hurt, I rolled over and fell right back to sleep.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Final 1st Wednesday

The last 1st Wednesday Street Party of the year will take place downtown from 6-9 p.m. this Wednesday.

Themed as “Green Scene,” the event will welcome vendors specifically involved in energy-efficient technology, waste reduction, water conservation and recycling. Organizations will be on hand to describe some of the rebates available to local residents for energy-efficient home upgrades.

Entertainment will include teen improv group Creatures of Impulse and live music from Public Eye (high-energy rock ‘n’ roll), Garage Band Academy (playing popular hits) and The GroWiser Band (rock).

Attendees can also check out downtown shops and restaurants, visit booths set up by businesses, community groups, and go to “ArtBlock” on W. Angela Street where local artists, sculptors and jewelry crafters will show their works.

### Young TV reporters

TV30 is looking for high school students from Pleasanton (as well as Livermore and Dublin) to work on broadcast TV reports for sports-related stories from their schools throughout the year.

The position is voluntary and available to students in 10th-12th grades. Segments will be produced by Tri-Valley Community Television and air on TV30’s “Tri-Valley Sports Final” program.

To apply, visit [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org), click on the “High School Reporter” icon and follow the steps. TV30 will then follow up with selected candidates from Foothill, Amador Valley, Dublin, Granada, Livermore and Valley Christian high schools. The application deadline is Sept. 14 at midnight.

### Mercer Park

A dedication celebration for Pleasanton’s newly renamed “Ken Mercer Sports Park” is set for this Tuesday evening at the park, 5800 Parkside Drive.

The City Council voted in June to rename the popular public sports complex, formerly known as “Pleasanton Sports and Recreation Park,” in honor of the city’s longest-serving mayor, Ken Mercer, who died last January.

The dedication event, which includes a barbecue, is scheduled to run from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, which would have been Mercer’s 72nd birthday. ■

# Public hearing Tuesday on city’s long-term housing plan

## 2015-2023 state-mandated Housing Element up for approval

BY JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday evening to consider approving its new Housing Element, a part of the city’s General Plan required by all California cities to show that they are meeting the statewide housing goal of “attaining decent housing and a suitable living environment for every California family.”

The plan covers land use and housing development during the next cycle of the state’s Regional

Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), which starts next year and extends through 2023.

It’s all part of the periodic updates of the Housing Element that must be certified by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). Certification is required to ensure that the city’s General Plan — to be fully legal in meeting state requirements — includes policies that continue to reflect changing community needs, challenges and opportunities in compliance with state law.

In order to catch up to the 2007-2014 RHNA cycle, which ends this year, and after nearly two years and hundreds of hours of community meetings, public hearings and staff discussions, the City Council rezoned 70 acres for high-density residential development in 2012.

In the end, those rezonings of nine separate sites in various parts of Pleasanton provided a surplus that some critics want stripped out of the plan before it goes to the state for new certification.

According to city data, the city

provided entitlements for 508 units in 2012, 1,148 in 2013 and 247 this year. The majority of these approvals are apartment-style units to accommodate requirements in State Housing laws.

The city’s rush to rezone sufficient acreage for more high-density development came after Pleasanton lost a costly court battle over its 1996 housing cap, which was ruled illegal. Both the California Attorney General’s Office (then headed

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JEB BING

The newest proposed use of this 1938 one-time family home on south Main Street is McKay’s Taphouse, which would be Pleasanton’s newest beer and wine establishment.

## Beer, wine garden on tap for south Main Street

### McKay’s Taphouse viewed as boost for Pleasanton downtown

A picturesque two-story building on lower Main Street that was built in 1938 as an upscale family home is about to become a beer and wine bar — the latest of a long series of changed uses over the years.

Barbara and Josh McKay plan to open their McKay’s Taphouse in the building at 252 Main St. later this year.

After its last homeowners moved out, the building has been used for offices and a variety of retail shops, including most recently, Bracelet Bar, a guitar lesson studio and Serenity Stone-works.

The McKays would be sole proprietors of this newest venture, which would feature an offering of craft beers and wines — all locally sourced — with an outdoor front patio to help draw patrons to the far south end of Main Street.

In a report prepared for

Wednesday night’s Planning Commission meeting, Eric Luchini, an associate city planner, recommended approval of the McKays’ bid. He said the taphouse would comply with Main Street’s zoning code and the Downtown Hospitality Guidelines, which were adopted to encourage more nighttime activities and entertainment in downtown Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton Downtown Association also has endorsed the business concept.

Several objections were sent to the Planning Commission from nearby office and commercial property owners and tenants over parking concerns.

George Dunder, owner of a mixed-use office building on First Street directly east of the proposed taphouse, commented in a message to Luchini that although he supports the project, he said parking in the area is already too limited to accommodate the ad-

ditional customers the beer and wine garden would attract.

But Luchini said businesses in the 252 Main St. building have operated for years without providing additional parking and that buildings older than five years do not have to add off-street parking areas.

The McKays said they plan to operate their taphouse from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Wednesdays, until 11 p.m. on Thursdays, and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

Amplified music also will be offered throughout the building and on outdoor areas consistent with the city’s hospitality guidelines.

Food also would be served, including daily sausage selections, German homemade pretzels, a sausage platter, Cuban sandwiches, grilled prawns, tri-tip and grilled cheese sandwiches, and a variety of desserts. ■

—Jeb Bing

## Scottish games open tomorrow at Fairgrounds

Annual event hosted by Caledonian Club of San Francisco

BY MARIA AKHTER

Labor Day weekend in Pleasanton isn’t just an opportunity to celebrate the end of summer, but is a weekend filled with kilts, bag pipes and the 149th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games.

The Scottish games, hosted by the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, come to the Alameda County Fairgrounds for the 20th time on tomorrow and Sunday.

Featuring unique dancing, athletic challenges and five buildings packed with Scottish vendors and food, the annual gathering in Pleasanton offers an opportunity to experience the sounds and tastes of Scotland.

“There is a very large Scottish community in the greater Bay Area who have migrated to the U.S., many of whom have become U.S. citizens and many more U.S. born who have family ties and ancestry to Scotland,” said Floyd Busby, the club’s publicity chairman.

The Scottish games and athletic challenges can be traced back more than a thousand years in Scotland.

“Historians believe that Heavy Events originated during Druid times,” states the San Francisco Caledonian Club website. “Heavy Events began as tests of strength and conditioning for Scottish troops. A tree trunk would be made into a caber and tossed by the strongest military men.”

The Heavy Athletics event will include braemar and open stone

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AMANDA AGUILAR

Elected officials welcome the first user of the Iron Horse Trail extension from Dublin/Pleasanton BART to Santa Rita Road.

## Pleasanton, Concord trail extension finished

Officials, community join to celebrate Iron Horse Trail addition

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The East Bay Regional Park District held a dedication ceremony at Creekside Park on Aug. 19 for the completion of the Iron Horse Regional Trail extension from the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station to Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.

This 1.6-mile project was the last gap in the trail between Pleasanton and Concord, and it was a part of the East Bay Green Transport Initiative.

According to park district general manager Robert Doyle, the trail expansion was funded by a U.S. Department of Transportation grant as well as by Caltrans' Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program, Alameda County Transportation Commission (CTC), voter-approved 2008 Measure WW and the city of Pleasanton.

"I would especially like to thank the taxpayers," Doyle added. "They really funded this project."

The Iron Horse Trail begins in

Concord and will eventually extend to the San Joaquin County line — for a distance of over 55 miles.

It was formerly used by the San Ramon Branch Line of the Southern Pacific Railroad from 1891 to 1978. The railroad tracks were removed in 1979 and the trail development began in 1986.

Livermore resident Bob Coomber has been using the trail since it was built and says he believes the extension will be a benefit to Pleasanton and the surrounding communities.

"It's a link to other communities. It gets you through town and it gets you in shape," said Coomber, who added that sometimes he'll use the trail just to grab a morning coffee in Danville.

"The coolest thing about it is there's stores and restaurants right off the trail. It makes it worthwhile," he said.

Some of the Aug. 19 guest speakers included EBRPD board president Ayn Wieskamp, Congressman Eric Swalwell, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Caltrans chief deputy district director Dan McElhinney, Alameda County chief of staff operations Dawn Argula from supervisor Scott Haggerty's office, Alameda CTC deputy director of planning and policy Tess Lengyel, and BART director John McPartland.

"This trail will be remembered as the good the government can do," Swalwell said.

**Yes on BB**

In addition, most speakers stressed the importance of voting for Measure BB during the Nov. 4 election.

If approved, the measure will implement a 30-year Transportation Expenditure Plan that will expand mass transit, improve highway infrastructure, improve local streets and roads, improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and expand special transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.

"If you want more better systems of transportation, vote yes on BB," Wieskamp said. ■

## SCOTTISH

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throwing, heavy and light hammer games, weight for distance and height challenges, and caber throwing — the challenge in which participants will take a long section of a tree trunk and throw it as far and high as possible.

These feats of strength will be displayed in front of the Fairgrounds grandstand, where several records have been broken by men and women athletes.

The Caledonian Club of San Francisco, the largest Scottish club in the U.S., held its first games complete with family picnics and athletic contests in November of 1866 at the corner of 12 Market Street in San Francisco. The club began as some 17 Scots who arrived in California among a large influx of Scottish migrants seeking the California coast for gold, states the website.

The club's games have since been held annually at various locations in San Francisco, Sausalito, Oakland and Santa Rosa, before settling in Alameda County in 1994.

"The Alameda County Fairgrounds is the second largest county fairgrounds in California," said Busby. "We simply were running out of room at our former site and now nearly fill the current fairgrounds."

The opening ceremony is set to begin at 12:30 p.m. tomorrow at the grandstand with the arrival of chief guests, parade of the clans and kilted mile race.

The grandstand will also feature performances from the Pipes and Drums 1st Battalion Scots Guards, the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band and the Western U.S. Open Highland Dancing Championships, which will include Scottish country dancing.

The games will also be holding a pipe band competition for over 30 competing bands in various divisions. At the end of both days, the bands will play together at the Massed Bands show in front of the grandstand.

Four stages will be set up around the gathering and will feature performances by traditional and Celtic rock bands including Browne Sisters, Michael Mullen, Brother, Golden Bough and several others.

The games will also include a Living History event in which history enthusiasts are taken back in time to learn about historical events in Scottish past.



CALEDONIAN CLUB OF SF

The Pipes & Drums 1st Battalion Royal Scots Guards will perform at the fairgrounds.

Other activities include: five-a-side soccer, rugby and shinty tournaments, a British car and motorcycle show, a Children's Glen event which will include games and crafts for kids, an archery exhibit, whiskey tasting, sheepdog trials, a display of Clydesdale horses, Highland cattle and birds of prey and Irish step dancing performances.

Five buildings and many outdoor areas will be dedicated to over 100 hand-selected vendors who will provide a variety of unique, handmade goods such as kilt ware, crafts and food. Booths will exhibit art, history and music of the Scottish. Kids booths will feature kids collectibles, face painting, pony rides and more.

The Glen of Clans event will provide information about Scottish heritage and genealogy. Registered Scottish clans and societies will set up booths and tents.

Gates will open at the fairgrounds at 8 a.m. each day and close at 6:30 p.m. Athletics will begin at 8:30 a.m. while other activities will begin at 10 a.m.

For more information, visit [www.thescottishgames.com](http://www.thescottishgames.com) or call (888) 769-2345. ■

## Senator calls for earthquake early-warning system

System essential to save lives, property, Feinstein says

By JEB BING

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) Monday called on the state and federal governments to partner with the private sector to build an integrated earthquake early-warning system to save lives and property.

Her statement, made in Washington, D.C., came after a major earthquake struck Napa, Vallejo and other areas in the American Canyon early Sunday morning.

"With more than 100 injured and estimates of damage approach-

ing \$1 billion, the Napa earthquake reminds us how incredibly dangerous these temblors can be," Feinstein said. "There's no doubt a major earthquake will hit California, the only questions are when and where.

"I believe an integrated earthquake early-warning system is essential to save lives and property," she added. "Two bills from the Senate Appropriations Committee move us toward that goal. The bill to fund the Department of the Interior includes \$5 million to begin

work on an early-warning system, while the bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security urges FEMA to prioritize grant funds for such a system. These bills will advance this fall and I will continue to prioritize funding for this system."

"An earthquake early-warning system would provide crucial time to carry out lifesaving actions," Feinstein continued. "A warning of even a handful of seconds would allow for emergency notifications to be sent; trains and traffic to be slowed or stopped; supplies of oil,

gas and chemicals to be turned off; nuclear plants to be safeguarded; even elevators to be safely emptied."

Feinstein said that what's needed, is a political resolve to deploy such a system.

"Officials in Washington and along the West Coast should partner with the private sector to make an interoperable earthquake early-warning system a reality, and we should do so as soon as possible before a much larger earthquake strikes." ■

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## HOUSING

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by Jerry Brown) and an Oakland-based affordable housing coalition demanded the city meet its RHNA requirements.

Of 20 sites considered for rezoning during a series of public hearings and community meetings, the council chose nine where high-density developments of 30 units per acre would be allowed.

Only one of those developments is currently underway, a 168-unit, three- and four-story complex on West Las Positas Boulevard near Stoneridge Drive being built by St. Anton Partners.

Three years ago and also part of the legal settlements, the council also approved a project by BRE Properties, which was recently acquired by Essex Property Trust, for high-density apartment buildings with 498 units in three- and four-story buildings in Hacienda Business Park. The developer is expected to break ground on those apartments in early 2015.

Earlier this month, the Pleasanton Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the new Housing Element that will go to the council Tuesday. The only exception was that it recommended cutting the density allowed on an already approved apartment complex on property owned by C.M. Capital on West Las Positas Road to 12.5 units per acre from 30 and to chop the height of anything built

there to two stories at the most.

After rezoning the nine sites for high-density housing in 2012, the council then imposed a new growth management restriction, which limits new projects since July 1 to a maximum of 235 units a year.

If approved by the council Tuesday, the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update will be submitted to the state's HCD for a 60-day review period. During that time, the proposed update will remain available for public review and ongoing comment.

Once the HCD has approved the proposed plan from Pleasanton, the plan will be considered once again by both the Planning Commission and City Council for final approval.

The City Council meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the council chambers in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. ■



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## New murals for Valley View Elementary

'Graduating' 5th-graders leave parting gift as thank-you to school

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Valley View Elementary School's former fifth-graders have presented the school with two murals painted on the playground's ball walls as a "thank you" for six years of instruction.

The fifth-grade class, which last June moved up to sixth grade in middle school, collected donations for the murals, which were used to hire Foothill High School graduate Tania Kim to design, paint and help supervise the project.

Kim was able to pay her fall tuition at Las Positas College with her stipend while Amador Valley High School seniors Erica Meier, Katie Shigemoto and Isabel Ivey volunteered to help with the murals in exchange for service hours for their senior year requirements.

The presentation was made last Friday, the day before schools opened for the new school year.



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(Left to right) Valley View fifth-grade teacher Lennis Sadler, Foothill graduate Tania Kim, Amador seniors Isabel Ivey, Katie Shigemoto, and Erica Meier.

"This has been such a wonderful project for everyone involved," Valley View fifth-grade teacher Lennis Sadler said. "We love to recognize and celebrate the students involved for all their

efforts as well as the class of 2014 for their beautiful gift."

In the past, the "graduating" classes have given benches, flower planters or something to beautify school grounds. ■

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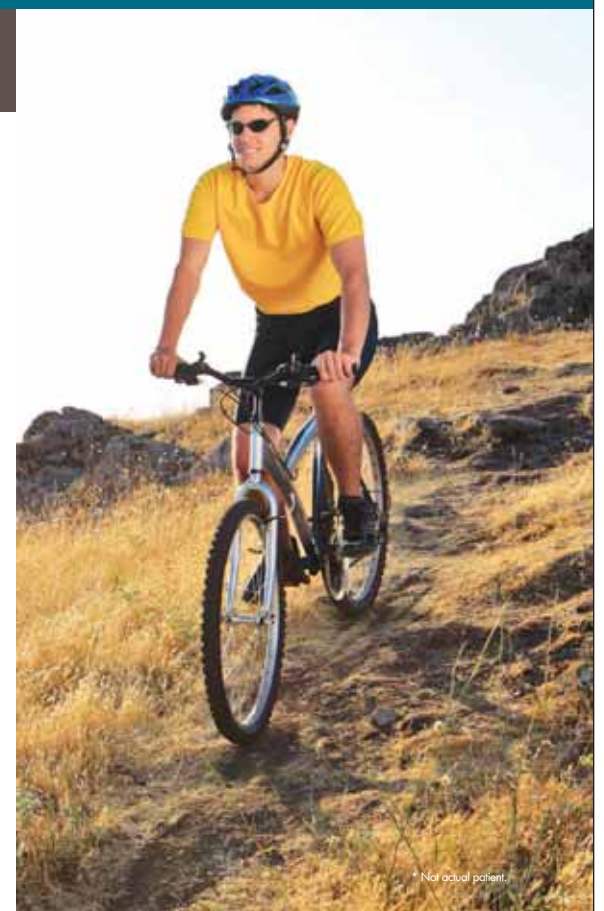
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# Smartphone 'kill switch' bill signed into law

Phones sold after July 1, 2015 must have anti-theft technology

A bill signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown Monday could make smartphones a lot less vulnerable to prospective thieves in the Bay Area and beyond.

Authored by State Sen. Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), Senate Bill 962 requires all smartphones sold in the state to come equipped with anti-theft technology. The new law will take effect next July.

"Our efforts will effectively wipe out the incentive to steal smartphones and curb this crime of convenience, which is fueling street crime and violence within our communities," Leno said in a statement.

Under the new law, smartphone manufacturers will be required to equip phones sold in California with "kill switch" technology allowing the phone's owner to remotely lock and wipe their device, rendering it useless.

If the smartphone is later found, the owner can restore the phone's functionality and data.

The new legislation also requires technology that prevents a wireless device from being reactivated without the owner's identification.

According to Leno's office, some 67% of all robberies in San Francisco involve the theft of a mobile communications device, and in Oakland the rate is as high as 75%.

The number of reported victims of smartphone thefts in the U.S. doubled from 1.6 million to 3.1 million from 2012 to 2013, according to the senator's office.

A June report from the Secure Our Smartphones Coalition revealed that since Apple implemented its Activation Lock anti-theft technology, robberies of iPhones fell by 38% in San Francisco while the city saw thefts of Samsung phones — which don't have kill switches — rise by 12% during the same time period.

Smartphone manufacturers have indicated that they plan to apply the standards required under the bill nationwide, according to Leno's office.

Since its introduction in June, the bill faced considerable opposition from some telecommunications and insurance companies.

Wireless industry membership group CTIA-The Wireless Association has said the legislation was unnecessary because the industry is already taking steps to combat theft, including the introduction next year of software that allows smartphone users to install a kill switch on their phones but doesn't include the technology as part of the phone's default setting. ■

—Laura Dixon, Bay City News Service

## Karleta Belle Atkinson

August 18, 1934 – August 20, 2014

Born in Shawnee Oklahoma August 18, 1934, 52 year Pleasanton resident Karleta Atkinson succumbed to the ravages of ovarian cancer 2 days after her 80th Birthday. She was home under Hospice care surrounded by her family at the time of her passing.

Karleta grew up in Berkeley, and graduated from Berkeley High School in 1952. She studied to become a dental assistant, but her passion was dancing. She met the man of her dreams, a handsome Cal Berkeley engineering student and football player, Robert Atkinson. They were married April 24th, 1955 in Berkeley. After a few years of living in Berkeley, New York, and Southern California, Bob & Karleta established their residence in 1962 in Pleasanton. Karleta led a very active social life and enjoyed an eclectic variety of activities: Cal football games, opera, ballet, gardening, visiting museums, spending time at the family cabin in Strawberry during the summer, Yoga, Zumba Gold, line dancing, walking, painting, sewing and quilting, being with her many friends and family, traveling, gourmet cooking, and hosting and attending wine and dinner parties. She was left-handed and loved a challenge. Her favorite color was red.

Throughout her life, Karleta kept busy as a Camp Fire girl Leader, an active member of the Livermore-Pleasanton Garden Club, and was Past President of Friends of the Vineyard.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Bob; Son, Stephen (Petra) of Germany; daughter, Julie Croll (Doug) of Pleasanton; and daughter, Maurine Kline (Paul) of Livermore; grandchildren, Sonya Atkinson, Mitchell Croll, Melanie Croll, Kyle Kline and Alyse Kline.

A gathering for the celebration of her life will be in the fall.

She has requested in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center of UCSF for Ovarian Cancer Research (<https://makeagift.ucsf.edu>) She has willed her body to the UCSF Willed Body Program.



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AMANDA AGUILAR

Hart Middle School teachers and staff work together to build new bicycles for 14 San Leandro children last week.

## Hart employees surprise children with new bikes

Gifts go to students from San Leandro

BY AMANDA AGUILAR

Hart Middle School teachers and staff in Pleasanton built and delivered 14 bicycles for children in the San Leandro Parks and Recreation program through a team-building activity held on Aug. 20.

However, staff didn't know they were building the bikes for the children and the children didn't know they were being surprised with bicycles.

Teachers and staff were told to show up at school for a staff development day, led by Odyssey Teams, Inc., said Odyssey Teams facilitator Whitney Demorest.

The staff was split up into 14 teams of five and each team

had 32 minutes to put together the product found in a big cardboard box, which ended up being a bicycle.

Once time ran out, the staff was asked to prepare a presentation of the bicycle and were shown who they would be presenting it to.

One by one, from shortest to tallest, 14 children walked into the multipurpose room.

Hart staff appeared in complete shock, while others had tears falling from their faces.

"Unbelievable. Just fabulous," said sixth-grade teacher Erin Van der Zee. "What a great way to start the year."

Each group presented a child with a new bicycle, along with a

safety helmet and bicycle lock.

"I'm so surprised," said Kennedy Middle School eighth-grader Juno Hwang. "I really appreciate this new bike."

According to Demorest, Odyssey Teams "Life Cycles" training program is a way for people to learn about themselves but also give back to the community.

"When the kids walked through that door, all the work we did immediately had meaning," said sixth-grade science teacher Brian Wigand. "When our students walk through that door on (Aug. 25), they will give meaning to all the hard work we've been doing. We can really change some kids' lives." ■

## State bill would allow cops to take guns from 'troubled' owners

East Bay elected officials and law enforcement leaders have rallied in support of a bill that would allow for the temporary removal of firearms from people who are at risk for committing acts of violence.

The legislation, authored by Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley) and two other state legislators, was introduced after an incident in Santa Barbara earlier this year in which a troubled young man went on a shooting spree, killing six and wounding 13, after his parents tried but were unable to get help for him.

Speaking at a news conference in front of the Emeryville Police Department, Skinner said Assembly Bill 1014 establishes a process for obtaining a gun violence restraining order that would temporarily limit a person's access to firearms when there are warning signs or indications that the person is at risk for violence.

Skinner said, "When someone is in crisis, the people closest to them are often the first to spot the warning signs, but almost nothing can now be done to get guns out of the hands of someone in crisis. Parents, like the mother who tried to intervene in Santa Barbara, deserve an effective tool to help prevent these tragedies."

Emeryville police Chief Ken James said, "AB 1014 fills an important gap in the law that prevents law enforcement from acting to prevent violence before it happens."

"This need has been obvious to law enforcement for years but the time to act is now," he added. "The tragedy in Santa Barbara makes that obvious."

Skinner said the legislation is modeled on California's domestic violence restraining order laws and would create a mechanism to intervene and potentially prohibit the purchase of firearms and/or remove

firearms already in possession. Law enforcement or family members would have the right to ask a judge to grant an order prohibiting the purchase or possession of firearms, she said.

The bill also provides guidance to courts for evaluating whether to issue a gun violence restraining order based upon a person's prior acts of violence or threats to commit acts of violence toward themselves or others, as well as other risk factors for future violence, Skinner said.

Skinner said AB 1014 was approved by the state Senate's Appropriations Committee last Thursday and will now go to the Senate floor. She said she hopes the bill will be approved by the Senate and the Assembly by the end of the month and then go to Gov. Jerry Brown for his signature by the end of September. ■

—Jeff Shuttleworth, Bay City News Service

## Fremont Bank to mark 50th anniversary

Fremont Bank will light up the night sky Sept. 3 in celebration of its 50th anniversary.

The fireworks display will start at 9 p.m. at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, marking a day of festivities by the bank for its employees, their families, community representatives and businesses that have made the bank successful over the years.

An estimated 1,500 bank associates and immediate family are planning to attend the celebration as the bank ignites the night sky with fireworks and festivities.

Brian A. Gentry, senior private banking officer, said that as part of the celebration, local radio station KKIQ will broadcast live from

the event and will be interviewing key bank executives throughout the evening while a Fremont Bank employee live rock band also performs.

Also at the event will be bank executives Michael Wallace, Brad Anderson, Andrew Mastorakis and founding family member Howard Hyman.

"Over the last 50 years, this bank has transformed the way banks have conducted business in the past and continues to do so today," Hyman said.

"Our success has been built on the relationships we cultivate with our community, our financial partners, valued clients and loyal associates," he added. "On this memorable night, we will celebrate those who



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have contributed to our success."

Fremont Bank was recognized recently by American Banker as the No. 1 mid-tier community bank in the U.S. and by the ABA Banking Journal for the second year in a row

as "Top Performing Mid-sized Bank" in the U.S. Also, for the 11th year in a row, San Francisco Business Times recognized Fremont Bank as a "Top Corporate Philanthropist." ■

—Jeb Bing

## Private clubs hosting Labor Day weekend tennis tourney

Tri Valley Doubles Championships raises funds for 'no kill' animal shelters

In a collaborative effort over the Labor Day weekend, Livermore Valley Tennis Club, Ruby Hill Golf Club and Castlewood Country Club will host what has become the Bay Area's largest amateur doubles tennis tournament.

The Tri Valley Doubles Championships started as a small tennis mixer five years ago to raise money for the Valley Humane Society. It has since grown into the Bay Area's biggest event of its kind.

The event now raises money not only for Valley Humane but for several other local "no kill" animal shelters.

Last year's tournament featured more than 300 players. This year's event should be even larger with players flying in from as far as Florida and South Carolina to play.

The tournament is unique in that it not only has play at all levels, but that families are encouraged to play together no matter what age old.

"I think what has made the tournament so successful is not only a cause that people can get behind, but that we have encouraged juniors to play with adults so it has been a tournament with few generation gaps," tournament director Kevin Pope said.

"The tournament has not only received support from the tennis playing community, but from businesses both local and nationally," he added.

For more information, visit [www.trivalleydoubleschampionships.com](http://www.trivalleydoubleschampionships.com).

—Jeb Bing

## NEWS FLASH: Stock market reaches all-time high! Now what?

BY GARY ALT

I'm not sure who makes more money on the stock market — Wall Street or the media?

The stock market is a never-ending source of fresh news because it changes every day, and any writer worth the ink in her pen can spin

that into a new story. Whether the market is up or down by the slightest fraction of a percent, writers are trying to turn that into something more newsworthy than Lindsay Lohan's latest brush with the law. That's the nature of our 24/7 news cycle.

The latest news is that the S&P 500 stock index reached an all-time high again this week. I say "again" because it's done this thousands of times since 1926. So what's newsworthy about that?

Here are some of the headlines we recently saw:

- "Investors cheer: S&P 500 hits all-time high" (CNNMoney).
- "Stock Market Hits All-Time High, Now What?" (CNBC).
- "If S&P 500 hits 2000, what's the trade?" (USA TODAY).

The more dangerous headlines imply that you should begin worrying about what's next, or that you should do something different with your investments.

A few years ago, when the economy was gloom and doom and the stock market was suffering, a number of my clients told me they were so tired of

the news that they just turned off the TV. They were tired of listening to the negativity because they just wanted to continue living their lives and they knew that things would eventually get better. They held onto their investments, knowing the market would rebound as it always has.

That same approach might be just as appropriate with this week's new highs. It's not a reason to live life like it's the Roaring '20s. I wasn't alive during then, but I hear it was quite a party. The best advice is to continue living your life as normal, knowing that there will always be new highs and there will always be downturns. Both are temporary.

See, the fact is that the market is doing exactly what it's supposed to do. Corporate profits are at all-time highs, and the economy is expected to continue growing. Therefore the stock market should be at an all-time high. The market is acting rationally right now. When investors expect profits to fall or the economy to slow, the market will retreat. But we know the stock market has always outpaced inflation in the long-run.

There's no need to do anything different unless your financial needs have changed. So go on living your life. Relax and put your energy toward things that matter to you. Love your family. Do something you enjoy. Smile at strangers. Eat healthily, most of the time. And most importantly, turn off the TV. ■

Gary Alt is a certified financial planner and co-founder of Monterey Private Wealth in Pleasanton.



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**Island life:** After a full day of lava tube exploring and snorkeling on the Big Island in Hawaii, the Kanowskys and Gouveias took a break with the Pleasanton Weekly in Waikoloa Village. Derek, Miranda, Ward, LeAnn, and Colleen Kanowsky stood with Joe, Holly, Connie, and Frank Gouveia with the Mauna Loa volcano in the background.



**View from the top:** A group of intrepid Pleasantonians reached the summit of Mt. Whitney. These ambitious travelers, Kathy Jackson, Allison Hauley, Gary Alt and Michael Alt, took a well-deserved rest with the Pleasanton Weekly.



**Anniversary in Venice:** Bob and Marianne Eisberg stood with the Pleasanton Weekly in hand on the Rialto Bridge over the Grand Canal in Venice, Italy, celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary.



**Surf's up:** The Graham family hit Jaco, Costa Rica for a 10 day surf and fun vacation; they surfed for four days, ATV'ed, ziplined and white water rafted. Here, a Costa Rican surf instructor, Madison Graham, Mark Graham, Zachary Graham and another Costa Rican surf instructor posed with the Pleasanton Weekly at Playa Madrigal, which has a perfect 3-5 foot wave that you can ride seemingly forever.

## THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

### WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

#### City Council

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Public Hearing:** P140440, City of Pleasanton - Review of the 2015-2023 Draft Housing Element Update to the General Plan, including housing programs and policies, and available housing inventories; and approve submittal to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
- Presentation on the Bernal Avenue at I-680 Landscape and Gateway Improvement project and monument sign; and adoption of a resolution approving the Gateway Monument Sign

#### East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force

Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.  
Operation Services, 3333 Busch Rd

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view information regarding this meeting.



**Taking a cruise:** Four Pleasantonians stopped for a photo in front of a World War II memorial at a local museum in Petropavlovsk, Russia with their Pleasanton Weekly. Their trip was part of a celebratory cruise that took them from Yokohama, Japan, through Russia and ended in Vancouver, Canada. Shown are Kurt and Ruth McAninch and the recently married Doug Macaulay and Julie Sabal.



**Sightseeing:** David Hubbard snapped a photo of Michael and Vicki Hubbard reading the Pleasanton Weekly on the New York Ferry. They took a relaxing moment after walking around and inside the Statue of Liberty and before journeying to Ellis Island and visiting the 9/11 Memorial in New York City.



COURTESY OF JUE'S TAEKWON-DO

Foothill High grad Catherine Jue (second from left) stands atop the podium after winning the gold medal for patterns at the ITF World Taekwon-Do Championships last month in Rome, Italy. She joined 19 other students from Jue's Taekwon-Do studio in Pleasanton at the international event.

## Local taekwon-do students bring home 18 medals

Pleasantonians compete in World Championships in Italy

By MARIA AKHTER

A team of 20 black-belt students from Jue's Taekwon-Do studio in Pleasanton returned from this year's ITF World Taekwon-Do Championships last month having won a total of 18 medals.

The championships were held in Rome, Italy and included 600 competitors from more than 35 countries.

"Out of the past five World Championships that we've participated in, this is the largest group of students from our school to qualify," said master Gordon Jue, an eighth-degree black belt and owner of Jue's Taekwon-Do.

Individual medal winners from Pleasanton included:

•Patterns - Gold: Arjun Dhingra, Catherine Jue and David Jue

•Patterns - Bronze: Shawn Kim, Caroline Zha, Vlada Lipkind, Rishika Baral and Sheri Ambriz

•Sparring - Bronze: Nicole Park, Shawn Kim, and Sheri Ambriz

•Power breaking - Bronze: Caroline Zha

•Gold and silver medals went to partners Vlada Lipkind and Shawn Kim on USA Junior Girls Team for specialty breaking (gold), sparring (silver) and power breaking (silver).

In addition, four younger students competed in the "World Kup" after the championships with Rithvik Sunku winning a silver in sparring and Rithik Baral winning a bronze in patterns.

Other team members included Nestor Ambriz, Eric Bouche, Roger Chen, Nathan Daniel, Brendan En-

glert, Gaurav Gulati, Sarina Kapai, Rachel Lee, Daniel Park and Rishika Sunku.

Team Jue — coached by Gordon Jue, Pete Spraggins and Robin Russell — is made up of adults as well as young adult and teenage students.

The team qualified to be a part of Team USA at the U.S. Nationals tournament held in Houston, Texas in March. The students train year-round in black belt classes six times a week, with an additional cardio training and kickboxing component.

Patterns are detailed, choreographed movements constructed in 24 patterns to symbolize the 24 hours in a day. Sparring is a "free-form" type of fighting in which students can display their skills in self-defense and fighting in a respectful, controlled environment.

Power breaking involves breaking objects such as a thick piece of wood or plastic board with the hand or foot. Specialty breaking involves breaking several boards with flying techniques. ■

## Seahawks' busy season in pool

Pleasanton swimmers compete in top summer events

By CIERRA BAILEY

Swimmers from the Pleasanton Seahawks team competed in several championship events during the past month in the Bay Area, Southern California and Washington state.

Junior nationals

Six Pleasanton swimmers attended the Speedo Junior National Championship held in Southern California. The seven-day event ran from July 28 to Aug. 3 in Irvine and included some of the nation's top youth swimmers.

All six Seahawk swimmers qualified for the finals in most or all of their races.

For the girls: Iris Brand finished 20th in the 100 free and 21st in the 50 free. Erika Brown finished 11th in 100 free and third in 200 free, which earned her a spot on the National Junior Team. Moriah Simonds finished eighth in 400 free, 13th in 800 free and seventh in 1500 free.

For the boys: Maxime Rooney finished second in 100 free, ninth in 100 fly, third in 200 fly, second in 200 free and 11th in 100 backstroke, earning a spot on the National Junior Team. Nick Silverthorn finished 22nd in 100 free, 14th in 200 breast and 15th in 100 breast. Tony Shen placed 26th in the 200 free.

The Seahawks team came in 12th place overall.

Far Western

More than 90 swimmers between the ages of 10-19 represented the Seahawks at the Far Western Championship. The five-day swim meet was hosted by the Concord Terrapins from July 30 to Aug. 3 and included 138 events.

Among the Seahawks' highlights was the performance by their 13-14 years old boys free-

style relay team, which shattered a regional record that stood for three decades. The quartet of Jonah Cooper, Tyler Lu, Christopher Jhong and Nathan Yates swam the 400 freestyle in 3:44.32 on Aug. 2. The previous Pacific record was set by the San Jose Aquatics team.

Western Zone

Some Seahawks headed north to Washington state Aug. 6-9 to compete in the Western Zone Age Group Championship for all-star swimmers up to age 14. The Pleasanton swimmers were a part of the Pacific Swimming team, which included 60 athletes.

Pacific Swimming finished in third place with 2,491 total combined points. Team Colorado came in first place with 3,283 points, and the host team, Pacific Northwest Swimming, finished in second with 3,056 points.

The 13 swimmers from the Pleasanton Seahawks were Daniella Hawkins, Caroline Eckel, Claire Suen, Miranda Heckman, Nawoo Kim, Hannah Franzwa, Grace Nimmo, Amber Fornoles, Olivia Kim, Christopher Jhong, Tyler Lu, Sydney Lu and Lleyton Plattel.

Phillips 66 Nationals

Seahawk swimmers took part in another competition in Irvine, the Phillips 66 National Championship from Aug. 6-10.

Pleasanton participants Erika Brown, Maxime Rooney, Nick Silverthorn and Moriah Simonds finished in the top of their age groups and achieved gold-medal times, a requirement to be a potential Gold Medal Team. Being ranked a Gold Medal Team means the Pleasanton Senior Elite Group is among the top 20 teams in the U.S. ■

## Rage Orange take Nevada tourney title

Rage U12 Orange (Pleasanton Team 2) took first place at the Reno Tahoe Soccer Festival recently held in Carson City, Nev., and featuring teams from Nevada and Northern California. Rage finished 3-0-1, scoring 20 goals while yielding only two en route to the U12 crown.

Pictured are (left to right, top) head coach Jarreth Chan, Reese Lombardi, Bella Segundo, Audrey Googins, Ella Camp, Danielle Caccamo, Kyhlie Weed, Sydney Walsh, Sammy O'Brien, and coach Kevin Whitehand, and (left to right, bottom) Stephanie Lee, Penny Murphy, Jenna Benner, Kate Derham, Meaghan Penrice, Faith Johnson and Eva Bull. Not Pictured are team members Lizzy Shriber, Rylee Scanlon and Sophia Ghoddoucy.



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KAY KING

## Silvers for Pleasanton softball teams

The Pleasanton's Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled (RADD) A and B softball teams each took home silver medals during the Nor Cal Regional Softball Competition at Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek on Aug. 16-17. Shown: The RADD A team, which competed in Division 3D.

# High school football starts tonight

Amador Valley opens at home;  
Foothill plays at San Leandro

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## Football Schedule

### Amador Valley High

August 29 vs. Washington 7 p.m.  
September 5 vs. Encinal 7 p.m.  
September 12 bye  
September 19 vs. El Cerrito 7 p.m.  
September 26 vs. Granada 7 p.m.  
October 3 at Monte Vista 7 p.m.  
October 10 at California 7 p.m.  
October 17 vs. San Ramon Valley 7 p.m.  
October 24 at Livermore 7 p.m.  
October 31 vs. De La Salle 7 p.m.  
November 7 vs. Foothill 7 p.m.

### Foothill High

August 29 at San Leandro\* 7 p.m.  
September 5 vs. Freedom 7 p.m.  
September 12 bye  
September 19 vs. Castro Valley 7 p.m.  
September 26 vs. San Ramon Valley 7 p.m.  
October 3 at Livermore 7 p.m.  
October 10 vs. Monte Vista 7 p.m.  
October 17 vs. California 7 p.m.  
October 24 at De La Salle 7 p.m.  
October 31 at Granada 7 p.m.  
November 7 at Amador Valley 7 p.m.

\*at Burrell Field

Friday Night Lights kick into full gear for Pleasanton high schools with Amador Valley High and Foothill High starting non-league football action tonight.

Amador kicks off the season hosting Washington, with Foothill heading over the hill to play against San Leandro at Burrell Field. Both games are set for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

It appears to be business as usual for both programs.

Foothill features two of the top players in all of the East Bay, while Amador comes into the season as a deep and experienced squad. But in the tough East Bay Athletic League — one of the top leagues in Northern California — talent only gets you so far.

"There are no breaks at all," Amador Valley coach Rick Sira said of the EBAL. "By playing in the EBAL, we are going to have to grow up quick," added Foothill coach Matt Sweeney.

### Amador Valley

The Dons have 56 kids on the team this season, and there is plenty of experience to build a solid foundation.

"Things are good," Sira said following a

recent practice. "We have a lot of good players that worked very hard over the summer."

One luxury to start off for Sira is a talented and deep offensive line. Leading the way is senior guard James Moore, a three-year starter for the Dons. At 6-foot and 215 pounds, Moore will be a rock on the line.

"He's a hard worker," Sira said of Moore.

Also returning up front for the Dons is center Jacob Gigliotti (6-2, 220), tackles Peter Ernst (6-2, 220) and Tucker Quinn (6-1, 225) and guard Chase Barkdull (6-2, 215).

"It really helps stabilizing the offense having all the returning seniors on the line," Sira said.

Running the offense is returning junior quarterback Ronnie Jones. After sharing time early last year, Jones took control as the season went on and now is back for the second year.

"The kids see him as a leader," said Sira. "He is better in terms of confidence, understanding and decision-making. He is able to get the ball into places he didn't last year."

When Jones goes to the air, look for Collin Miller (another third-year starter) and Malachi Davidson to be the big play-makers

down the field. Over the middle, Sira and Jones will be counting on tight end Harrison Mayo (6-3, 220) to be tough to stop.

"He really could be a D-I (college) guy," Sira said of Mayo.

Amador has always been a team to be able to pound the ball and behind that strong offensive line, runners like Mitchell Copenhaver, a punishing senior runner, and junior Patrick Loughnane figure to rack up their share of yards.

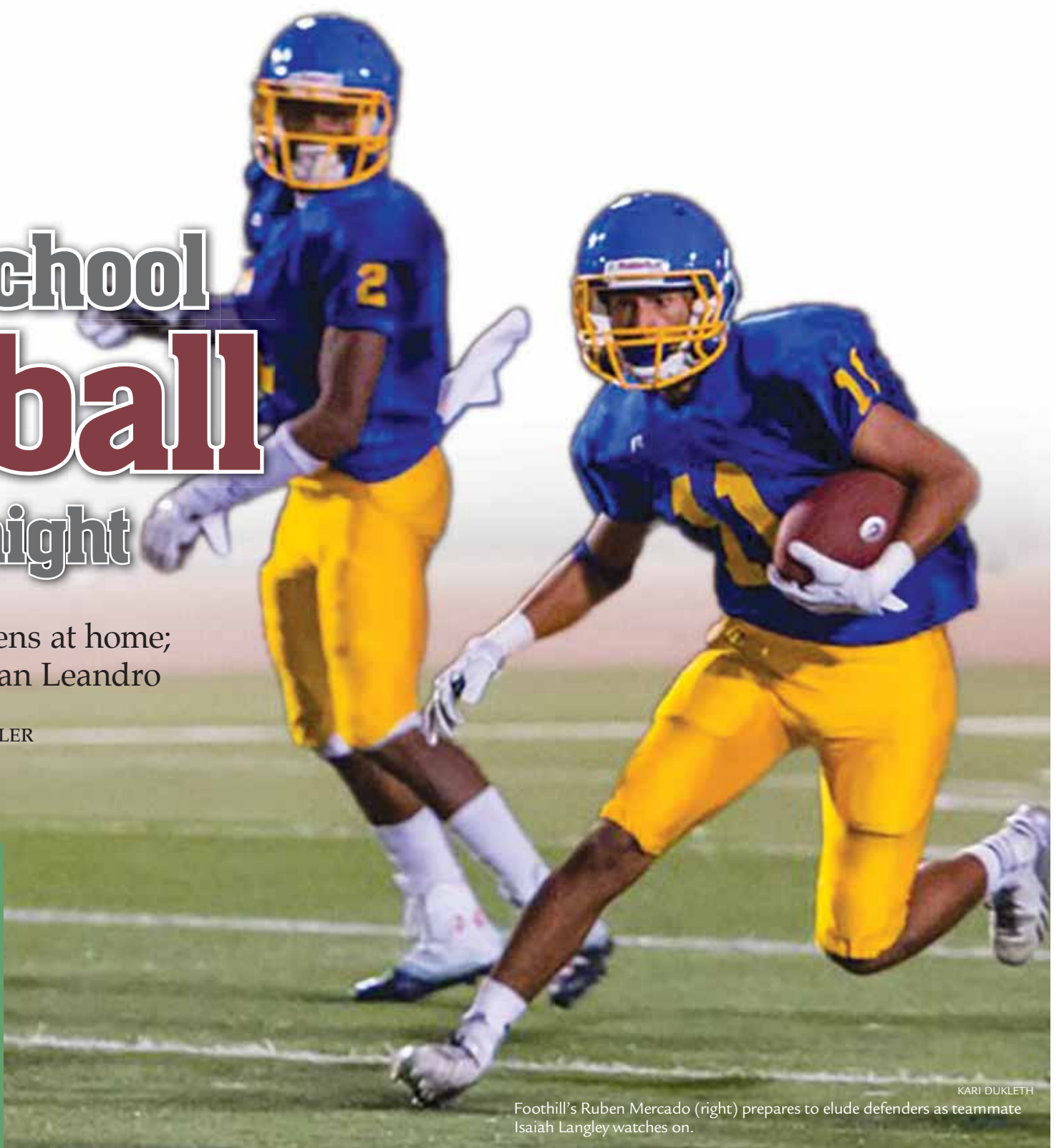
On defense, the Dons also have their share of players back, but there is a blend of some new players that could make an impact. On the line, Mason Bartolo — a 5-10, 215-pound sophomore — has played well so far.

"He is a big, thick, strong and quick guy," Sira said of Bartolo.

As for the rest of the defensive line, the coach's plan is to rotate through a lot of the offensive line starters, keeping them as fresh as possible.

"I am very pleased with the depth right now," Sira said.

The linebacker crew will be led by returning middle linebacker Patrick Pipitone. The 5-11, 190-pound hard-hitter started last year in the middle for the Dons and gives



KARI DUKLETH

Foothill's Ruben Mercado (right) prepares to elude defenders as teammate Isaiah Langley watches on.



Falcons quarterback Kyle Kearns (second from right) drops back to pass. The Foothill senior is headed to Southern Methodist University next year.

KARI DUKLETH

Sira a solid base in the middle.

"He really is a great leader," said Sira of Pipitone.

Loughnane and Mayo return as solid outside backers, with Jacob Felix also returning.

In the defensive backfield, Sira is blessed with another solid returner as the leader with Miller back for another season at safety. Adam Schmit is set at the other safety spot with Davidson holding down one cornerback spot. The other corner is a position with several players looking to be the starter.

All in all, Amador is a team loaded with experience.

"We do have a lot of kids back and that means we are further along installing the offense and defense," Sira said. "That allows us to spend more time on individual drills."

### Foothill

Coach Sweeney has had his share of talented football players suit up for the Falcons over the years, but this year his returning skill players are off the charts.

"The skill guys we have are as good as any I have ever had," said Sweeney, who normally downplays the level of talent on the Foothill roster.

At the forefront are a pair of seniors that have started for the varsity team for three years and are both moving on to NCAA Division I football. Isaiah Langley (USC) and Kyle Kearns (Southern Methodist University) give Sweeney a great starting point for this season.

"Isaiah is the most explosive football player I have ever coached," Sweeney said. "And he is very coachable and very hard working."

Langley (5-11, 175) is spotted all over the field for the Falcons, on offense getting time at receiver but also seeing his share of running plays as well. Kearns (6-3,

190) is the Foothill quarterback for the third season, with his playing time the last two years leading Sweeney to expect even bigger things this season.

"What's changed over the years is now we have Kyle with 20 starts at quarterback," Sweeney said. "The game has really slowed down for him. He can do a number of things for us and not miss a beat."

With other returners like Ruben Mercado (WR/FS), Isaiah Floyd (RB/CB), Cash Connolly (FB/OLB) and Matt Gates (RB/OLB), there are plenty of options to move the ball. However, the Falcons only return two starters on the offensive line which leaves some big shoes to fill.

Mike Parisi (5-10, 190) and Dustin Dukleth (6-0, 200) are both only juniors, so even as returning starters, there still is a lot of youth.

"Our guys up front right now are a work in progress," Sweeney said. "We have to grow up in a hurry."

Seniors Kohlten Clark (6-2, 255), Justin Gronley (6-2, 200) and Justin Silliman (6-4, 230) will all need to step in and be productive this season. Junior Jaron Jackson (5-10, 190) has been working well as a new player on the varsity squad.

Sweeney said he has also been pleased with the progress of a pair of sophomores thus far. Dylan Walsh (5-11, 243) and Brennan Gallagher (6-1, 190) have fit right in for the Falcons.

"They are tough kids and have done very well," Sweeney said of Gallagher and Walsh.

Sweeney also has high praise for junior newcomers Josh Merryman (5-10, 180) and Blake Braden (5-11, 165).

One other key returning player for the Falcons is senior kicker Dan Rodriguez. Kicking has always been a strong point for the



RITA SIRI

Above: Dons quarterback Ronnie Jones awaits the snap.

Right: Amador Valley wide receiver Collin Miller celebrates a big play.

Falcons and having Rodriguez returning shortens the field for the Falcons to put points on the board.

In the end, there are a lot of talented players suiting up for Foothill this year, but there are a host of unanswered questions as well.

"We have to be disciplined and way tougher," said Sweeney. "When you are tough, generally you are disciplined and that's where we need to be." ■



RITA SIRI

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pleasanton man arrested on suspicion of beating mom

A family disturbance call led to the arrest of a 26-year-old Pleasanton man for allegedly beating his mother, according to Pleasanton police.

The department received a call on Aug. 25 at 12:02 p.m. from the mother, but the call was disconnected, allegedly after Roman Ralph Araya pulled the phone cord from the wall, police said.

When the officer arrived, the son and mother were still yelling, according to police reports.

The mother said her neck and ribs were hurting, and she also had blood on her mouth, according to police reports. She was taken to the hospital for her injuries.

In addition, the officer reportedly discovered Araya was on probation for possession of a billy club.

Araya was arrested on suspicion of false imprisonment, battery with serious bodily injury, probation violation, removal of a telephone line and removal of a telephone line with the intent to prevent the use of the device to summon a public safety agency.

In other police reports:

- A Fitness 19 member's car was allegedly burglarized while parked at the gym's parking lot, located on 4250 Rosewood Drive.

According to police reports, a woman found her car window smashed on Aug. 23 at 10 a.m., and her purse was reported missing from the passenger-side floorboard. The purse contained her driver's license, checkbook, and various credit and debit cards, police said.

A witness told police he saw a Hispanic male smoking near the victim's car and appeared to have no business being at the gym, said police.

The officer located a cigarette butt next to the victim's car and logged it into evidence.

Police said the male subject was seen getting into an older light blue, compact 4-door vehicle. No arrests have been made.

- Subway, located at 6700 Santa Rita Road, was allegedly robbed with cash reportedly taken from the safe around 5:15 a.m. on Aug. 23.

According to police reports, the front glass door was smashed and \$359.08 was stolen from the safe. The culprits were not found at the scene but a footprint was logged into evidence, police said.

- A woman's purse and clothing items were reported stolen on Aug. 19 after a witness saw a white man leaning into a parked vehicle at 5500 Springdale Ave.

The man was reportedly seen removing a bag after the car's window had been smashed, said police.

The witness called Pleasanton police, but the man was not in the area when the officer arrived.

- Ross Property Management on Santa Rita

Road received a call on Aug. 18 from an unknown man about a bomb in the building.

Officers went to check out the building and found no bomb. No arrests have been made.

- A 34-year-old Livermore man was arrested on suspicion of drug-related charges after police received a call on Aug. 19 about a man passed out in his vehicle in the Safeway parking lot on Bernal Avenue.

The officer made contact with the man, identified as Brandon Benjamin Edwards, and knew Edwards was on probation with a search clause, according to police reports.

Police allege that the officer found small baggies of methamphetamine during the search.

Edwards was arrested on suspicion of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine and probation violation.

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

—Amanda Aguilar



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### Aug. 14

#### DUI

- 2:47 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Weapons violation

- 1:23 p.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive

#### Fraud

- 2:32 p.m. in the 1700 block of Paseo De Cajon

#### Battery

- 11:41 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

### Aug. 15

#### Residential burglary

- 7:35 a.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 10:19 a.m. in the 2000 block of Raven Road

#### Vandalism

- 7:54 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive; graffiti

- 3:40 p.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

- 4:41 p.m. in the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive

#### Battery

- 9:20 a.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

- 10:35 a.m. in the 7700 block of Creekside Drive

#### Fraud

- 12:53 p.m. in the 7800 block of Marigold Court

#### Shoplifting

- 3:26 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

- 4:24 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### DUI

- 11:08 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Blackbird Drive

### Aug. 16

#### Alcohol violation

- 4:05 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

### Aug. 17

#### DUI

- 4:05 a.m., intersection of Hopyard Road and W. Las Positas Boulevard

#### Theft

- 9:36 a.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard; theft from auto

- 2:37 p.m. in the 5000 block of Owens Drive

#### Vandalism

- 6:39 p.m. in the 4900 block of Sutter Gate Avenue

### Aug. 18

#### Theft

- 11:02 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 3:41 p.m. in the 7900 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from structure

#### Domestic battery

- 11:28 a.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Fraud

- 2:48 p.m. in the 5700 block of Black Avenue

### Aug. 19

#### Fraud

- 12:29 p.m. in the 1100 block of Bordeaux Street

- 5:09 p.m. in the 4300 block of Mirador Drive

#### Theft

- 1:57 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 2:12 p.m. in the 800 block of Chateau Heights Court; auto theft

- 5:10 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 8:08 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; theft from auto

- 9:45 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

#### Battery

- 3:18 p.m., intersection of Birch Creek Drive and Vine Street

#### Drug violation

- 4:53 p.m. in the 40400 block of Citrus Drive

#### Vandalism

- 6:43 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

#### Alcohol violation

- 7:27 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

### Aug. 20

#### Fraud

- 10:09 a.m. in the 7400 block of Hillview Court

- 3:24 p.m. in the 1800 block of Zenato Place

- 7:16 p.m. in the 4000 block of Cid Way

#### Graffiti

- 4:59 p.m. in the 3200 block of W. Lagoon Road

#### Alcohol violation

- 9:37 p.m. in the 1200 block of Germano Way

### Aug. 22

#### Alcohol violation

- 6:40 a.m. in the 3900 block of Old Santa Rita Road

#### Theft

- 1:02 p.m. in the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

- 5:42 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 6:08 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Fraud

- 1:27 p.m. in the 4900 block of Drywood Street

- 3:11 p.m. in the 3200 block of Melanie Circle

#### Alcohol violation

- 5:56 p.m. in the 7700 block of Creekside Drive

#### Domestic battery

- 9:26 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Aug. 23

#### Commercial burglary

- 5:21 a.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Theft

- 10:02 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 3:15 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Domestic battery

- 6:57 p.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court

#### Alcohol violation

- 10:56 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### City exceeding water cutback goals, but are penalties fair?

Operations Director Daniel Smith, also known as Pleasanton's water czar, couldn't have been more jubilant Aug. 19 in talking to the City Council about water conservation. And with good reason.

Gov. Jerry Brown had just signed off on putting a \$7.5 billion water bond on the Nov. 4 ballot. The state legislature has now imposed strict water-use restrictions throughout California, requiring everyone to adhere to the same tough cutback requirements we've faced in Pleasanton since March. Plus, as a city we are achieving the goal of reducing water consumption by 25%. In fact just last week, all water consumption in Pleasanton year to date showed a reduction across the board of 1 billion gallons compared to the same period a year ago.

City meters that monitor what the municipal government uses to water parks and street medians show a 56% reduction in water being used for irrigation compared to 2013. Others, according to Smith, aren't far behind.

The Kaiser Permanente/Hacienda campus has cut back 30%, saving 3.2 million gallons of water. The Ruby Hill Homeowners Association, which irrigates landscape there that is not on private property, reported a 32.5% reduction for a savings of 5.4 million gallons. A home on Barolo Court, Smith said, managed to reduce consumption by 47%, saving 4,100 gallons from what the homeowners used a year ago.

Citywide, of the 14,405 residential and business water bills sent out over the last month, 13,321 had achieved the required 25% reductions or better for a compliance rate of 92.7%. That's amazing, far exceeding expectations when the water crisis program was launched.

Still, 11.3% of residential water customers did not meet the 25% cutback requirements, and they are being penalized. There's the rub.

Some are paying steep penalties, which can climb to as high as an added \$16 on every unit of water consumed along with a \$500 penalty for each billing period. Those penalties start at \$4 a unit plus \$50 for first-time offenders, but even that can be troubling for those with financial difficulties. The city water department has waived some excesses, but not all.

Alex Lurye, whose home sits on a one-third-acre lot at 552 Sycamore Creek Way, was stunned to find a \$857.06 bill in his mailbox Aug. 1. The bill showed that the Lurye household used 106 units of water, down 2 units from a year ago but hardly the 25% reduction the city is requiring. As a result, he was billed a \$50 penalty as a first time offender plus another \$424 as part of the additional \$4 per unit charge.

Lurye called the water department seeking relief, explaining that two teenage grandchildren have moved into his home since last year and that his sprinkler control, which had been set back to a much-reduced load level, had malfunctioned while he was on vacation, resetting itself to last summer's cycle. Smith denied his petition for relief.

Lurye said his neighbor used even more water than last year and was facing penalties, too. Another neighbor who had used much more water in 2013, cut back by 30% even though his total usage for the same size lot was 125 units, well above Lurye's.

Lurye complains that the penalties for non-complaint water users should penalize them for the excess water they used over last year's base amount, not total consumption. He guesses that others in Pleasanton are facing similar penalties. He hopes they will join him Sept. 2 when he plans to bring his complaints to a meeting of the City Council. ■

## GUEST OPINION

BY GARRY SENNA

### The other side of suicide

*'As police chaplain, I prayed for right words to say'*

Startled by the Friday afternoon call from the police dispatcher, I realized my day was about to take a dramatic shift. I was needed as a police chaplain. I quickly got the details of where I needed to be, threw on my police uniform, and prayed for the right words to say.

I already knew that the longest walk for a chaplain is the one from the squad car to the family's door. You know that you have information about their lives that they do not yet have, and what you know will alter their lives forever. So as you walk you pray for wisdom for yourself and grace for the family.

#### The Knock

Startled out of their normal routines, they peer out, see the uniforms and realize something horrible has happened.

They open the door, you enter and tell them that suicide has claimed the life of their loved one. They go into shock; they are stunned; they struggle to process what you're telling them. "You're kidding me" was the common response. Their brains attempt to grasp the news that you've brought.

A death notification is a difficult process for all involved, and is made more difficult when a suicide is the cause. The reason is because suicide is a choice.

All death involves a choice of sorts — a drunk driver makes the choice to get behind the wheel, a teen decides to drive too fast or a middle aged man makes the choice to ignore his health.

But suicide is the choice to make a permanent solution to a temporary problem. Suicide leaves behind unanswered questions that forever haunt and linger in the minds of those left to deal with the loss.

Questions like: Why? What could I have done differently? How did I miss the signals and the signs? How could they give up?

For the family processing these moments, this is a challenging time as there is a funeral to process, explanations to be made, children to tell and then help them try to understand. All of this while life goes on in its merciful way.

When I had to tell 7- and 5-year-old brothers what happened to cause their father to kill himself, I explained it like this: That sometimes your brain can get really sick and it causes you to not think the right way. The pain of your brain kind of clouds everything else and their dad couldn't see beyond that

moment. It did not mean he didn't love them; it did not mean that he didn't care. He was just too sick to see beyond his pain.

For the family there will never be answers to all of their questions. The mind of a suicidal person is a dark place that has been walled off, not to be breached by even the closest of friends. The mental breakdown that propelled him or her to such degrees of hopelessness is known only to themselves.

Over 30,000 people commit suicide in the U.S. each year and 750,000 more people attempt suicide. We have a serious mental health problem that's plaguing our nation. Let's take a moment and focus on what we can do to help those around us that might be struggling with suicidal thoughts:

- Have real and honest conversations with your friends about what is going on in their heads. Social media allows a lot of posturing and ways for us to lead fake lives which can mask our true feelings.
- Check in on friends who you think might be struggling with depression. Ask the hard questions; stay until you get the true answer.
- Connect with those whose lives have been touched by suicide. Be kind; they are searching for answers that can't be found. They don't need a lecture or a pat answer; they need a present friend to try to listen to their pain and try to help them make sense of what happened.
- Understand depression and how to find help for yourself or those that need help. Don't ignore the signs in your life and those around you.
- Encourage all those around you that life is worth living and problems, no matter how big or small, are a part of everyone's life and they can get through this.

Although I no longer function as a police chaplain, my heart still breaks each time I hear that someone committed suicide.

The two young boys? Through a gentle and concerted effort by everyone around them, they processed through their young doubts and fears emerging with compassion and a keen sense of both the fragility of life and the love of a mother who simply would not allow this to shape their lives in a handicapping fashion. ■

*Editor's note: Garry Senna, former pastor at Harvest Valley Christian Church and Pleasanton police chaplain, now resides in Northern Virginia where he has launched his own executive coaching business.*



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The chicken tagine is served on a bed of couscous and garnished with sliced almonds at Pans on Fire.

## Moroccan *adventure*

Pans on Fire combines  
cooking and classic film



LARRY LAPIDES/VICIVINO.COM

Chef Linda Wyner demonstrates how to prepare couscous at a recent evening of Moroccan cooking that included a viewing of "Casablanca."

**By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Nine cooking fans traveled to Morocco on a recent Saturday evening — without leaving the kitchen at Pans on Fire on Hopyard Road. The participants learned how to make a three-course Moroccan meal, and while dinner was simmering and baking, they enjoyed the classic movie "Casablanca."

"Believe it or not, I had never seen 'Casablanca,'" participant Michelle Suski said. "So I was glued to the screen, and enjoyed that as much as the cooking."

"For me, it was a fun and different night out with two girlfriends," she added. "We could bring our own wine, watch a movie and learn some cooking skills along the way."

Store owner and culinary anthropologist Linda Wyner not only led the cooking adventure, she set the stage for the film with its historical background.

"We started the program with a bit of history of the French in Morocco and the troubled times of 1941 in which the movie was based," Wyner said. "Then everyone started to work on the evening's meal."

The dinner included phyllo-wrapped chicken-and-egg rolls with spicy tomato sauce; chicken, squash and apricot tagine (stew); vegetable couscous; and ghoribas (cookies).

"The class enjoyed their appetizer rolls with the movie, then took a break to get the tagine and cookies started," Wyner said. "While they resumed the movie, the staff finished up the cooking and serving."

As in all her classes, Wyner shared her acclaimed cooking tips, such as how to slice onions and a clever way to separate cloves of garlic.

"She has an amazing technique for slicing an onion that you would have to see to believe," said class member Jerri Long. "It not only is efficient, it also reduces the tear-producing gases from the onion as each half is sliced in three directions."

Larry Lapides attended the class with his wife Lori.

"My wife is a graduate of the DVC culinary certificate program, and I like to cook also. At home, this is what we do together for fun," Lapides said. "We have both eaten and cooked Moroccan food before. It was nice having an expert leading the cooking though."

"The pairing of Moroccan food and the movie was great," he added.

The following week Wyner held the final dinner and movie evening for this summer, in honor of Julia Child's birthday. The class cooked many of Child's famous recipes, and the movie was "Julie and Julia."

"Julie and Julia' was great," Wyner said. "We had a full house."

The cooking classroom at Pans on Fire holds 12 for a class although private events can accommodate 25.

"That's part of the reason we moved over here," Wyner said about her relocation two years ago from Main Street. "We were able to create a more flexible space."

The store hosts cooking classes year-round with different focuses and themes, to educate new cooks and inspire the experienced.

"That's sort of our byline, 'igniting your passion for cooking,'" Wyner said. "Our retail store is a virtual 'toy' store for home cooks, full of gadgets, cookware, cutlery, small electrics and gourmet foods, and more."

Pans on Fire offers knife sharpening monthly and carries gourmet foods and sauces including the famous Palo Alto Firefighters Pepper Sauce "that everyone has gone gaga over."

During the summer, teens had an Italian vacation learning about the culture and cooking the cuisines of Genoa, Tuscany, Rome and Naples. The kids camp included a Mexican day that was gluten free. The first day of school, the store held a special free event — a MOMosa Morning — for parents who'd just dropped off their children.

A new series called Great Food Fast begins at 6 p.m. on Sept. 9.

"It's a one-hour class, from 6-7 p.m., a demonstration and hands on, for a light supper," Wyner said, adding that the scheduling leaves the rest of the night free.

The first menu will be the Vietnamese banh mi sandwich with a choice of grilled chicken or lemongrass pork, quick-pickled veggies and a spicy aioli.

"It's tons of flavor packed between two pieces of bread," Wyner said.

The class will include instruction for making a flavorful summer roll, a Thai rice paper and lettuce wrap.

For more information on classes, go to pansonfire.com or visit the store at 3059 Hopyard Road.

Those who attended the "Casablanca" night raved about the experience. ■

# Time to enjoy Livermore Valley wine

Wineries beckon for 33rd Harvest Celebration this Sunday

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Enjoy the fruit of the vines at the Harvest Wine Celebration, being held for the 33rd year in the Livermore Valley wine country.

The festivities have evolved and been tweaked during the last three decades. Surveys showed that guests enjoyed the Sunday events the most, so this year, the celebration will be held on one day only, from noon to 5 p.m., this Sunday.

"Everyone's favorite parts of the Harvest Wine Celebration — music, arts and craft vendors, local foods and festivities at all the wineries — will continue," said Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

He also noted that the shuttle buses between wineries have been eliminated because they weren't meeting guests' expectations.

This year, 37 wineries are participating with events at their tasting rooms. Seven more wineries will be pouring at either Concannon Vineyard or Wente Vineyards on Tesla Road. All locations will offer wine tasting, fresh food vendors, artisans and music.

"We are combining efforts to serve the best wine for attendees and also have added reserve tasting experiences at each winery for a nominal additional fee," Chandler said.

On this day, the Livermore Val-



STEVEN F. KELLY

A commemorative wine glass is included in the cost of admission to the event.

ley Wine Country is open to ticket holders only. Guests can purchase wristbands ahead of time or at wineries during the event for \$45, which includes tastings of two wine varietals at each winery, a commemorative wine glass and an event program.

Tickets for the wristbands are for sale at the Wine Steward on Main Street in Pleasanton, at Safeway



VANESSA PELLETIER

A good time is had by all shown here at the Livermore Valley's Harvest Wine Celebration.

stores and online at [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org). Designated drivers can buy tickets for \$10 at wineries on the day of the event.

The Harvest Wine Celebration

is a fundraiser for the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association. For more information, visit [www.LVwine.org](http://www.LVwine.org) or call 925-447-WINE (447-9463).

Although Monday, Labor Day, is no longer officially part of the 33rd annual Harvest Wine Celebration, some wineries have said they also will honor wristbands on that day. ■

## A taste of 'Rigoletto'

Opera singers to perform free preview programs

Livermore Valley Opera will showcase opera singers from its upcoming production of Verdi's "Rigoletto" in two "OperaLIVE!" events in the Tri-Valley.

The OperaLIVE! performances are free:

- Pleasanton Library at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 14, sponsored by Friends of the Pleasanton Library.
- Livermore Library at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21, sponsored by Friends of the Livermore Library. The library is at 1188 S. Livermore Ave

"OperaLIVE! events are free public events that are all about bringing opera to the community so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity can experience the music and drama in an intimate public setting," said LVO president Jim Schmidt. "We hope that the experience will encourage people to seek out other opera and musical opportunities."

The library performances occur prior to each opera production, and attendance has grown greatly over the years, according to organizers. Other Livermore Valley Opera outreach programs include visits by singers to schools in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

The one-hour performances at the libraries will feature the professional opera singers who will appear in "Rigoletto," which opens the opera season in late September. The OperaLIVE! events will feature arias and duets from the opera, as well as other selections.

Both programs will feature Livermore native soprano Kathleen Magee performing in the main role as Gilda, and Tony Award-winning baritone Eugene Brancoveanu performing in the title role as Rigoletto. Danielle Naler will accompany on piano.

"The singers will perform selections from Verdi's famous opera providing listeners a taste of the wonderful talent that they can experience at the Bankhead Theater



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Award-winning baritone Eugene Brancoveanu

when 'Rigoletto' opens on Sept. 27," Schmidt said.

A question-and-answer period will follow each performance.

"The singers are always more than happy to answer questions about opera, what it's like to sing opera and be on stage," said Gary Sears, LVO outreach coordinator who manages OperaLIVE! "It's a great opportunity to get up close to these incredibly talented artists."

For more information, visit [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com). ■

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**AUDITION FOR VALLEY CONCERT CHORALE** The Valley Concert Chorale, the Tri-Valley's premier chorus, is scheduling auditions for experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music, on Mondays, Sept. 8 and 15 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Call 462-4205.

## Civic Meetings

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

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

**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.

## 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

**LIONESS CLUB** The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. Lioness is a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

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

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENTS KEVIN MCGARY** TVRWF presents Kevin McGary, author of "Insanity" and "Just, Justly, Justice," public speaker, facilitator/teacher, ministry leader, and president of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of Clifornia, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11 at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. Contact Rebecca Potts at 294-4013 or [rebecca.potts@comcast.net](mailto:rebecca.potts@comcast.net).

## Concerts

**I LIKE IT, I LOVE IT: A TIM MCGRAW TRIBUTE FEATURING TOM DRINNON** Tom Drinnon is a noted country singer in his own right, and has performed with some of the biggest names in country music. His hit show is not only a tribute to McGraw, whom Drinnon has sung with, but it is also full of stories and facts about McGraw, and experiences Drinnon has had opening for him. The show runs at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**LISA LOEB IN CONCERT** The one and only Lisa Loeb, singer/songwriter of hits like "Stay, I Missed You," actress and author celebrates 20 years of making great music in concert from 8-10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$22.50-\$35. Call 931-4848 or go to <http://www.firehousearts.org>.

## Events

**5TH ANNUAL GREEN SCENE AT FIRST WEDNESDAY STREET FAIR** The City of Pleasanton and Hacienda Owners Association will host the 5th Annual Green Scene Fair from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the First Wednesday Street Party. It will feature exhibitors specializing in green practices, products and services, live music and demonstrations.

**ARTIST REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR 12TH ANNUAL ARTWALK LIVERMORE** Artist registration for the 12th Annual ArtWalk in Livermore closes at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31. This event brings thousands to a day of art, music, wine and shopping in Livermore's eclectic downtown. Contact 447-2787 or [info@bothwellartscenter.org](mailto:info@bothwellartscenter.org). Go to <http://artwalklivermore.com>.

**DONATE BLOOD SEPT. 5** In honor of Sickle Cell Awareness Month this September, the American Red Cross is encouraging eligible donors to donate blood. Many sickle cell patients face a lifetime of blood transfusions to treat complications of the disease. Donate from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5 at California Water Service in Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**DUBLIN LIBRARY BOOK SALE** Friends of Dublin Library invite you to the Fall Used Book Sale. Most prices are \$1 or less. Funds from sales go

towards purchasing the Library's materials and supporting its programs. The event runs from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12 with a Members-only Night, Memberships available from 5:30 p.m.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13; and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14. Sunday is Bag Day: fill a paper bag (provided) for \$4. Bag Day Special: 1/2 off on selected audio-visual, vintage and specially priced items. Call 828-1315 or go to [www.dublinfriends.org](http://www.dublinfriends.org).

**GNON NETWORKING EVENT** Girls Night Out Networking and Renee Huber of State Farm Insurance want to invite women to a networking opportunity from 5-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17 at State Farm Insurance, 320 St. Mary St. Raffle prizes, socializing, great food, and wine by White Crane Winery. RSVP and prepay by Sept. 14. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Go to <http://www.gnon.org/rsvp.html>.

**NIGHT OF THE LIVERMORE DEAD ZOMBIE PUB CRAWL** The plague starts at the Downtown Art Studios, where citizens get turned into zombies and turned loose in Livermore's Downtown, from 6-10:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Contact Lindsay Ryan at 447-2787 or [lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org](mailto:lryan@livermoreperformingarts.org).

**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](http://www.bunjoscomedy.com).

**VFW AFTERNOON TEA DANCE** The Veterans of Foreign Wars present The Mellotones Jazz Combo playing a variety of listening and dancing tunes from the great American song book in a variety of ballroom styles, from 1-3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the War Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. Cost is \$10. Call 443-2224.

**WESTERN BARBECUE** Come to the Western BBQ from 11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Enjoy Western BBQ, with prizes and live music! Tickets are \$10, and available at the VIP Travel Desk at the Senior Center. Get your ticket early as seating is limited. Call 931-5370.

## Fundraisers

**FERTILE GROUNDWORKS 2ND ANNUAL 'A TASTE FOR GIVING'** Fertile Groundworks "A Taste for Giving" will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at Crooked Vine Winery in Livermore. Enjoy wine and appetizers from local restaurants and caterers, join in live and silent auctions. Fertile

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Groundworks grows organic produce for those in need and uses their gardens as a hands on teaching environment. Tickets are \$75. Go to [www.fertilegroundworks.org/](http://www.fertilegroundworks.org/).

**LVPAC LOBSTER CLAMBAKE** The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center will host the Second Annual Lobster Clambake on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Wentle Vineyards in Livermore. LVPAC's largest fundraising event of the year, the festive evening supports both the Bankhead Theater and the Bothwell Arts Center, which provide opportunities to experience and explore the visual and performing arts in the Tri-Valley. The authentic New England-style lobster clambake is accompanied by Wentle Vineyards award-winning wines and includes live music and both silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$150. Auction item donations and event sponsorships for the clambake are welcomed. Call 583-2305 or go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**PAWS IN NEED: PAWS AND OUTLAWS BARBEQUE** Bring your appetite for mouthwatering Western Barbeque with all the fixin's at the Paws and Outlaws Barbeque from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Olivina Olive Ranch in Livermore Win raffles and dance to the Blue House band. Proceeds benefit Paws In Need's programs for local animals. Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$20 for children. Call 551-1877, go to [Paws-In-Need.org](http://Paws-In-Need.org) or send a check to PO Box 3436, San Ramon, CA 94583.

**PLEASANTON LIONS 3RD ANNUAL 'A TASTE OF PLEASANTON'** Come and enjoy an evening of sampling delicious foods, beverages, and desserts while exploring the unique and fabulous shops and restaurants of downtown Pleasanton. The event will be from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23 in downtown Pleasanton. Help us help others! Tickets are \$25. Contact 872-7552 or [pleasantonlion.pam@comcast.net](mailto:pleasantonlion.pam@comcast.net).

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR HOMELESS KIDS** New Leaf is collecting donations throughout the month of September for distribution by Tri-Valley Haven. Drop off: binders, notebooks, scissors, glue sticks, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, backpacks, calculators, etc., and Payless Shoes gift cards in \$10 denominations.

**SLEEP TRAIN'S DOLLAR DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS** Going to summer camp, learning to swim or taking dance lessons are activities many get to experience as kids. This isn't always the case for foster children. Sleep Train will host its Dollar Drive now through Oct. 19. Dollar donations can be made online at <http://bit.ly/1qGUgVW>.

**SWING FOR CANCER THERAPIES 2ND ANNUAL GOLF EVENT** You're invited to a full day of fairway fun at the Hill Course at Castlewood Country Club to help raise funds for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation on Monday, Sept. 15. Registration at 10:30 a.m., box lunch at 11:30 a.m., tournament

starts at noon, awards, appetizers and cocktails at 5 p.m. To register and for more information go to <http://sjwhtf.golfreg.com>.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**'MOW NO MO'! OR 'HOW TO REMOVE YOUR LAWN' WORKSHOP** Save money, save time, save water! Lose your lawn, get a garden, and get paid for it, too! In this hands-on workshop you'll learn how to remove your lawn, select native plants, and design a water-conserving, pesticide-free garden that attracts wildlife, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. Address upon RSVP. Cost is \$30. Call (510) 236-9558 or go to [BringingBackTheNatives.net](http://BringingBackTheNatives.net).

**DROUGHT-TOLERANT GARDENING WITH NATIVES** Join artistic landscape designer Pete Veilleux of East Bay Wilds in a tour of two drought-tolerant native plant gardens designed to provide color and beauty throughout the year, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13. The third stop will be Pete's own native plant nursery, East Bay Wilds. Cost is \$30. Call (510) 236-9558 or go to [BringingBackTheNatives.net](http://BringingBackTheNatives.net).

**FALL VEGETABLE GARDEN CLASS** Join Tyler Coen for a free class on planting a fall vegetable garden at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Western Garden Nursery. He will go over soil preparation using organic soil amendments, feeding using organic fertilizers, and pest control using natural insecticides. Call 462-1760 or go to [www.westerngarden-nursery.com](http://www.westerngarden-nursery.com).

**GRIEF WORKSHOP** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. There are stepping stones that are part of each grief journey and these will be explored in this eight-week series of workshops, running at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 30 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Registration required. Open to all. Contact Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

**LAWN CONVERSION** Learn how easy it is to convert your brown, thirsty lawn into a drought-tolerant landscape. Lori Caldwell from StopWaste.org and Tyler Coen will go over step by step the process of Sheet mulching using cardboard and mulch to break down the lawn, at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7 at Western Garden Nursery. Zone 7 will provide rebate info. Call 462-1760 or go to [www.westerngarden-nursery.com](http://www.westerngarden-nursery.com).

## Seniors

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

ident. Call 931-5365 or visit [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

**DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER FOUNDATION MEETING** The Dublin Senior Center Foundation meets at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511.

**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS** Join Ayn Wieskamp and Jim Townsend as they share updates on new EBRPD trail facilities currently under development in the Tri-Valley area at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. They will also answer any questions regarding existing EBRPD parks, trails and policies. Come learn more about local parks and programs within the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5365.

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

## Spiritual

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS WORKSHOP** Do you have sugar or salt cravings, sleep problems, or often feel irritable or moody? Would you like to make changes in your eating habits but don't know where to start? Sheila Eckel is a certified Nutrition Educator, Health and Lifestyle Coach and teaches yoga, with training in Intuitive Healing and Emotional Freedom Technique. Join a 4-week workshop from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 4-25 at Unity of Tri-Valley's Gathering Place in Dublin. \$15 suggested love offering. Call 829-2733 or go to [www.unityoftrivalley.org](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org).

**OPENING THE INTUITIVE GATE: THE KEYS TO DEVELOPING YOUR INTUITION** Uplifting, musical, and inspiring, Dr. Will Tuttle unites both Eastern and Western traditions in this practical workshop from noon-2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31 at Unity of Tri-Valley. He will also be speaking at the 10 a.m. service. Suggested love offering: \$25. All are welcome. Call 829-2733 or go to <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/>.

## Support Groups

**CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP** This is a safe place to speak openly about your experience of pain and to learn ways of coping with it. Meetings are 12:30-1:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays monthly at Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Call 447-1950.

**CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP** Overwhelmed? Clutter stressing you out? ClutterLess is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Mary and St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call 922-1467 or 525-3992. Go to [www.ClutterLess.org](http://www.ClutterLess.org).

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS** Gamblers Anonymous helps people who have a gambling problem to return to happy and productive lives. If you want help for you or someone you love, meetings are 7:30-9 p.m. every Friday at Lynewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. in Room

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

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** This 12-step support group for people with eating behavior problems meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore; and at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays in the Middle School Room at The Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Free with donations accepted toward room rent. No weigh-ins. Call Nora at 337-9118.

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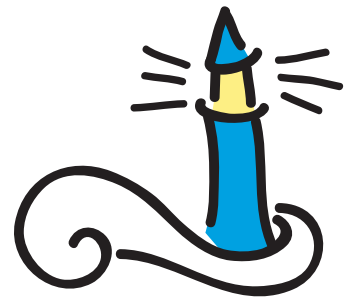
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## California home sales and prices improve in July

Median home price rises, but pace of price appreciation slows

By JEB BING

California home sales in July posted higher for the second consecutive month, and while the statewide median home price increased from the previous month as well as a year ago, the pace of appreciation continued to slow.

A report by the California Association of Realtors (CAR) showed that closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 398,940 units in July, according to information collected from more than 90 local Realtor associations and multiple listing services (MLS) statewide.

July marked the ninth straight month that sales were below the 400,000 level and a full year that sales have declined on a year-over-year basis. Sales in July increased 1.2% from a revised 394,250 in June but were down 10% from a revised 443,500 in July 2013. The July 2014 sales rate was the highest since October 2013.

The statewide sales figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 2014 if sales maintained the July pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

"It's encouraging that home sales have risen in the past two months, but low housing affordability and stringent underwriting standards are still holding back sales," said CAR president Kevin Brown. "However, recent news of changes to how credit scores are determined should make it easier for first-time buyers who are on the cusp of qualifying and others who are having a difficult time getting a loan because their credit scores are less than satisfactory."

The statewide median price of an existing, single-family detached home edged up 1.6% from June's median price of \$457,630 to \$464,750 and up 7.1% from the revised \$433,740 record-

ed in July 2013. The statewide median home price has increased year over year for the previous 29 months, marking more than two full years of consecutive year-over-year price increases.

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

"While the market improved on a month-to-month basis, statewide home sales experienced another double-digit loss on an annual basis and is down 10.2% year to date," said CAR vice president and chief economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "Last July's sales level was higher than normal as sales increased in response to rising interest rates as the markets anticipated the Fed's tapering initiative."

"Moving forward, improving inventory, recent lower interest rates, and a tempering of home prices should help spur sales in the coming

months," she added.

Other key facts from CAR's July 2014 resale housing report include:

- Housing inventory moved slightly higher in July, with the available supply of existing, single-family detached homes for sale increasing from 3.7 months in June to 3.8 months in July. The index was 2.9 months in July 2013. A six- to seven-month supply is considered typical in a normal market.
- The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home also rose in July, up from 33.9 days in June to 35.7 days in July and up from a revised 27.9 days in July 2013.
- Mortgage rates dipped in July, with the 30-year, fixed-mortgage interest rate averaging 4.13%, down from 4.16% in June and down from 4.37% in July 2013, according to Freddie Mac.
- Adjustable-mortgage interest rates in July averaged 2.39%, down from 2.40% in June and down from 2.66% in July 2013. ■

## Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage expands operations

Pleasanton-based Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced this week that it has expanded its Bay Area operations with the addition of 180 independent sales associates from offices in the region.

This local growth comes as a result of the acquisition of ZipRealty's national operations by Realogy Holdings Corp., Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's ultimate parent company.

"We are so pleased to welcome the talented sales professionals of ZipRealty," said Mike James, president of the Residential Brokerage. "ZipRealty's seamless digital platform that services both consumers and sales associates throughout the entire life cycle of a real estate transaction greatly complements our own technology offerings

and will enable us to exceed our client expectations and capture viable business for affiliated sales associates."

Realogy recently completed its acquisition of ZipRealty's residential brokerage operations in 19 markets across the U.S. and its leading-edge, integrated real estate technology platform, including its recently released private-label solution for brokers.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is the largest residential real estate brokerage in Northern California and serves the markets from Monterey to Tahoe and nearly every market in between. The company has 57 office locations and more than 3,900 affiliated sales associates throughout Northern California. ■

—Jeb Bing

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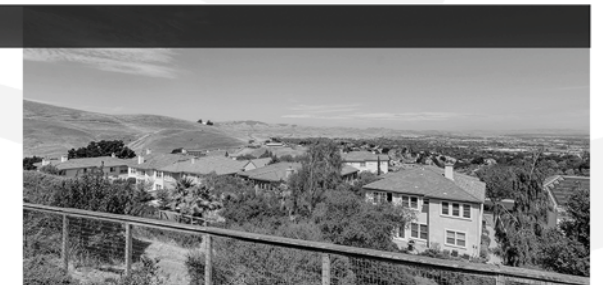
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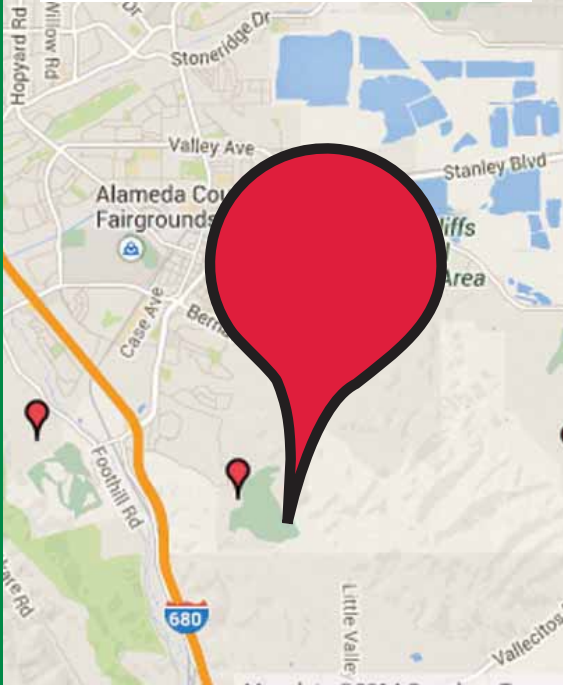
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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during July 28-Aug. 7

### Pleasanton

- 632 Abbie Street** A. & C. Olson to W. & P. Annala for \$1,380,000
- 514 Bonita Avenue** Jennings Trust to D. & E. Watson for \$840,000
- 1576 Santa Rita Road** Cummings Trust to M. & K. Mullen for \$625,000

### Dublin

- 4762 Travertino Street** KB Home to R. & C. Mak for \$1,103,500

### Livermore

- 1830 Chestnut Street** C. Nelson to M. Archibald for \$399,000

### San Ramon

- 2031 Bent Creek Drive** P. Chen to P. Sen for \$730,000

- 2792 Bollinger Canyon Road** Morse Trust to R. Sells for \$449,000

- 732 Bridge Creek Drive** E. & S. Hee to V. Gouni for \$725,000

- 9912 Brunswick Way** Kmk Trust to Asbagh Trust for \$760,000

- 5230 Canyon Crest Drive** M. Larkins to B. Hill for \$915,000

- 1296 Canyon Side Avenue** R. Graybehl to V. Williams for \$700,000

- 152 Castleton Court** D. & R. O'Brien to L. Nguyen for \$830,000

- 110 Compton Circle #B** C. Vacca to J. Jordan for \$300,000

- 111 Compton Circle #B** G. & B. Lammi to S. Reeves for \$374,000

- 9064 Craydon Circle** Perry Trust to F. Jenny for \$225,000

- 9606 Davona Drive** Hegney Trust to P. Palaniappan for \$682,000

- 9628 Davona Drive** R. & M. Chang to P. Zhao for \$690,000

- 3310 Ensenada Drive** T. & J. Jones to K. & J. Dittenber for \$735,000

- 660 Greylyn Drive** I. Kim to J. Vakharia for \$816,000

- 204 Hat Creek Court** L. & J. Rosenthal to R. & C. Wong for \$801,000

- 3098 Lakemont Drive #4** T. Soderholm to D. Brinda for \$649,000

- 5002 Lakeview Drive #200** D. Isom to B. Shelly for \$470,000

- 2799 Marsh Drive** P. & L. Ucio to C. & S. Manthei for \$675,000

- 80 Milaw Court** Menzies Trust to M. & L. Bonetto for \$955,000

- 124 Mills Place** Schuler Trust to N. & M. Taylor for \$730,000

- 2783 Mohawk Circle** S. & V. Kordestani to A. & A. Bhate for \$875,000

- 116 Pearlgrass Court** T. Breedlove to D. & A. Kum for \$900,000

Source: California REsource

## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during July 28-Aug. 7

### Pleasanton (July 28-Aug. 1)

- Total sales reported:** 3
- Lowest sale reported:** \$625,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$1,380,000
- Average sales reported:** \$948,333

### San Ramon (July 31-Aug. 7)

- Total sales reported:** 22
- Lowest sale reported:** \$225,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$955,000
- Average sales reported:** \$681,182

### Dublin (July 28-Aug. 1)

- Total sales reported:** 1
- Lowest sale reported:** \$1,103,500
- Highest sale reported:** \$1,103,500
- Average sales reported:** \$1,103,500

### Livermore (July 28-Aug. 1)

- Total sales reported:** 1
- Lowest sale reported:** \$399,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$399,000
- Average sales reported:** \$399,000

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Exhibitors will be on hand to provide information and answer any questions from attendees. The fair is for first-time home buyers or sellers, those re-entering the market or people who are just interested in real estate.

Admission is free and food will be available. Preregister at <http://www.car.org/members/haf/2013hof/> to get free parking. Parking without preregistration is \$2. The first 50 preregistered attendees receive a \$5 Starbucks gift card. For information, contact Julissa Gómez at (213)739-8380 or [julisag@car.org](mailto:julisag@car.org). ■

—Gina Channell-Allen

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