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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Neighborliness in Birdland takes a hit



FILE PHOTO

Woodthrus Park serves the Birdland community.

The neighborliness of one of Pleasanton's oldest and largest communities — Birdland — took a hit at a recent City Council meeting.

In a confrontation reminiscent of the Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde feud in one of Robert Louis Stevenson's novels, backyard neighbors Kursad Kiziloglu and Jamison Cummings squared off publicly at a council hearing over a second-floor balcony. Kiziloglu wanted the lawmakers to approve his bid to add the open-sided balcony on the rear of his home at 5196 Hummingbird Road in Birdland. Cummings, whose home is across the rear-yard fence, opposed, saying it would invade his "privacy."

For the homeowners and the council, it was the end of the line on a plan first proposed by Kiziloglu last March. Since then, Kiziloglu and his family, including attorney Elise Balgley, and Cummings and Birdland neighbors he enlisted to help him contest the balcony plan, have spent many hours in meetings with the Pleasanton zoning administrator, who liked the plan, and the Planning Commission, which didn't. In a 3-1 vote, the council also ruled against the balcony, but only after a two-hour hearing that was uncomfortably hostile.

Clearly, a lot has occurred at the Kiziloglu homesite since he purchased the house last year. Immigrating to the U.S. in 1988, Kiziloglu lived in the Sacramento area when a job transfer brought him here. He bought the home on Hummingbird Road, which both Kiziloglu and neighbors said was in a deteriorating condition. He hired an architect and contractor to make improvements, including adding a narrow balcony off a rear-facing master bedroom. The balcony is similar to a number of other second-floor balconies throughout Pleasanton neighborhoods.

But during this time, Kiziloglu told the council that he and his family have felt increasingly ostracized in a neighborhood known for its conviviality, referred to as foreigners and never invited to local get-togethers. According to attorney Balgley, neighbors were heard saying "someone strange" is living in that house. "The Kiziloglus felt threatened," she told

the council, and they installed video monitors on the outside of their home for security reasons.

Saying he and his family are true patriots, Kiziloglu waved U.S. passports to the council and neighbors also at the meeting.

Cummings scoffed at that, saying that while he has witnessed "vitriolic behavior" at the Kiziloglu home, no one ever talked to them about their nationality. He complained about the process of getting the city to finally ban the balcony. "We've compromised our time and possibly lost a relationship," he said.

Jacob Brown, who lives three houses away from the Kiziloglus, said the feud over the balcony has brought discord and tension to the neighborhood, where he has lived for the last 14 years. "Both of these families are very friendly," Brown said. "I don't understand how it got to this point."

Another neighbor, Patricia Bosma, closed the public hearing to loud applause with these comments:

"I've lived in Birdland since 1978. With regard to the balcony, I can see five of my neighbors yards from my backyard. I think we all want privacy, but perhaps we assume there is more privacy than there actually is.

"Birdland has always been a welcoming community. This is heartbreaking. These people (the Kiziloglus) are trying to improve a house that has degenerated to a point where it was disgraceful. It really was in a dreadful condition.

"A letter was circulated by Jamison (Cummings) about that house and I felt it was divisive. I felt it was setting out neighbor against neighbor. I'm not taking sides, but I went to them (the Kiziloglus) and told them I was sorry this was happening.

"I feel badly for the two families. I wish that they would listen to Abraham Lincoln, who said: 'The best way to destroy your enemies is to make them love you.'"

The Birdland neighborhood is located north of Valley Avenue, between Santa Rita and Hopyard roads. Built by Morrison homes in the early 1960s, it is centrally located near Ken Mercer Sports Park and elementary, middle and high schools. ■

About the Cover

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you ever wake up in a panic due to anxiety or a nightmare?



Kelly Fasman
Percussionist

Oh yes, all the time. I'm a professional drummer. I often dream I've double-booked myself and am expected to be playing in two different places at the same time. Or I'll wake up in a panic after dreaming I got to my venue, but my equipment is broken. Sometimes my drum set just melts into liquid or my sticks get floppy like a cheese stick.



Sean Cerruti
Bartender

I do sometimes wake up in a panic. And it's always because of the same dream, which is that I am stuck against a wall and a giant boulder is rolling closer and closer toward me and is about to crush me. I can't get away from it, and it smashes into me and kills me. Fortunately it has been many years since I've had that dream. LOL.



Laura Fasman
High school student

I do. And every time that happens, it's after I've had a dream where I wake up dead. Sometimes I'm being chased, sometimes I'm falling from a height or sometimes something falls on me from a height. After the initial panic, it always feels good to realize I'm actually alive and well – and to then go back to sleep.



Marc Linville
Banker

No, actually. I always wake up calm, cool, collected, composed and well-rested; ready to start the day. That's just how I roll.



Alex Trujillo
Student/loan counselor/solar salesman

Yes. Last night I woke up that way because I had a dream that I insisted my girlfriend fly somewhere with me. And she hates to fly. The plane started spinning around in circles as we were taking off, and then suddenly, she and I were thrown out of the plane and I was hanging onto her in mid-air. I was so happy to wake up because if that had really happened, she'd be so mad at me.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

BART shutdown

There will be no BART train service between San Francisco and the East Bay this holiday weekend, with officials closing the Transbay Tube to repair a key section of track near the tube.

Officials are closing the track starting at end of service today and running through end of service Monday, with regular train service expected to resume for the Tuesday morning commute. BART is operating on a holiday schedule Monday because of Labor Day.

BART will offer limited transbay bus service between 19th Street in Oakland and the Transbay Terminal in San Francisco during the closure, but agency officials warned it could involve delays of up to one to two hours. The West Oakland station will be closed.

Officials encourage travelers to plan ahead, avoid unnecessary transbay travel and seek alternate transportation options. For more info, visit www.bart.gov.

An Evening with ...

The Museum on Main is presenting "An Evening with Gary and Nancy Harrington" this Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Amador Valley High School Theater where the Harringtons, benefactors of public art in Pleasanton, will discuss artworks in the community.

The couple will highlight "Poppies" at the Veterans Memorial Building, "Girl Reading" in front of the Pleasanton Public Library and "Pioneer Founders," a large-scale mural installed on Main Street in 2014. They will share stories behind many public art pieces around Pleasanton.

The event is part of the museum's Ed Kinney Speakers Series. For ticket prices and other details, visit www.museumon-main.org or call 462-2766.

Religion Chat

Interfaith Interconnect, a group of 16 participating congregations in Pleasanton and Livermore, is set to host its monthly Religion Chat this Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St. in Livermore.

The topic will be, "What is your faith's position on an afterlife?" Scheduled speakers are Pastor John Bost of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, who will give the Lutheran perspective, and Margaret Zhao, who will explain the Buddhist way of thinking.

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and all are welcome, organizers said. For more info, email Interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com or visit www.interfaithinterconnect.weebly.com. ■

Winners and losers in Lund Ranch 50-home development approval

Planning Commission's endorsement of new road tests Measure PP hillside construction ban

By JEB BING

There were winners and losers last week as the Pleasanton Planning Commission approved a bid by Greenbriar Homes to build 50 homes on the now-vacant 195-acre Lund Ranch II site in the hills south of Sunol Boulevard.

The decision now goes to the City Council for another public hearing, likely to be held Oct. 20.

In approving the project in a 4-1 vote, the commission also ruled that the upscale home development could be accessed only by a new 24-foot-wide road that Greenbriar must build to connect to Sunset

Creek Lane, which homeowners would then use to reach Sycamore Creek Way and Sunol Boulevard.

That route is controversial because a section of the new roadway would be built across a 25% slope, which opponents said will violate voter-approved Measure PP. The law, passed by Pleasanton voters in 2008, is now part of the city's General Plan that requires the city to restrict development of housing and commercial structures on steep slopes and within 100 vertical feet of a ridgeline.

Opponents of the roadway approved by the commission argued at the Aug. 26 public hearing that the

road is a structure and therefore can't traverse slopes steeper than 25%.

They live along Sycamore Creek Way, the road Lund Ranch II homeowners would use, and favored the access plan Greenbriar proposed, to have all Lund Ranch II traffic — about 550 vehicles per day — use a circuitous route from Lund Ranch Road through Ventana Hills onto Livingston Way, Hopkins Way, Independence Drive and Junipero Street to reach Sunol Boulevard.

That route would avoid any hillside road construction and would also spare Greenbriar's cost of building a new road.

Some 25 speakers addressed the commission with their comments about evenly divided between those who live on the Independence/Junipero route who want no more traffic on their streets, and those in the newer homes along Sycamore Creek Way and in the Bridle Creek neighborhood who share the same view.

In deciding to route the Lund Ranch II traffic onto Sycamore Creek Way, commissioners noted that the street was built extra-wide to accommodate future traffic to Callippe Preserve Golf Course and

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Charlene Swansiger prepares her Girl Scout Troop for Coastal Cleanup Day last year on a Livermore street.

LYNNA ALLEN

Volunteers needed to help on Coastal Cleanup Day

One-day trash collection effort is Sept. 19

Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest annual volunteer event in the state, will take place Saturday, Sept. 19.

The program's "LuvTheBay" campaign is encouraging Pleasanton and other Tri-Valley residents to participate in Alameda County cleanup events, both for the one-day trash collection effort and also throughout the month in similar efforts that are organized by public agencies and nonprofit groups.

Last year, nearly 67,000 participants removed more than 1.19 million pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches, lakes and waterways.

"More and more people are becoming aware of the extremely negative impact litter, especially plastic debris, has on wildlife and our water quality in general," said

Clean Water Program manager Jim Scanlin.

"When people attend a cleanup event, they feel good about being part of the solution, and many come away with a new respect for the importance of always using trash cans because even litter from inland communities still finds its way to the water," he added. "We encourage all cleanup volunteers to help spread this message in their communities."

Scanlin said that only a small amount of marine debris enters waterways directly. The vast majority of litter — up to 80% — originates inland, where it is carried by rainwater, street runoff and wind into the storm drain system.

From there litter travels into creeks, the Bay and the ocean, as

stormwater generally does not pass through a water treatment plant.

Plastic bags and other lightweight plastic litter items are particularly hazardous because they float, entangling and poisoning marine wildlife that mistakes the items for food.

Less visible, but equally serious, Scanlin added, is the negative impact plastic marine debris has on the food chain: Plastic fragments can concentrate and transport chemical pollutants into the marine food web, and potentially into human diets.

To view a calendar of local cleanup and restoration events or to register to help, sign on to www.cleanwaterprogram.org/residents/volunteer. ■

—Jeb Bing

Claim filed against police

Family of teen fatally
shot by PPD officer
argues wrongful death

By MEREDITH BAUER

The family of a 19-year-old San Jose man who was fatally shot by a Pleasanton police officer in July has filed a wrongful death claim against the department and has requested the case be handed over to the U.S. Department of Justice for investigation.

The tort claim, submitted Aug. 26 by attorneys representing John Deming Jr.'s family, seeks unspecified damages and includes new allegations that the results of a third-party autopsy don't match the public statements made by police about the fatal shooting.

Deming family lawyers, of the Los Angeles-based celebrity firm Geragos & Geragos, declined to release their third-party autopsy until they receive the autopsy report of the Alameda County Coroner's Office. The coroner's autopsy has not yet been released, nor has the Alameda County District Attorney's Office formal investigation report about the July 5 shooting.

The District Attorney's Office and the Pleasanton Police Department declined to comment on the claim when contacted last week.

"The Pleasanton Police Department and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office are both investigating this matter following established procedures and protocols. Because these investigations are still pending, it would be inappropriate, and unfair to all parties involved, to comment further at this time," said police spokesman

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Water wholesaler talks rates, transparency

Zone 7 board discussed why raising prices might be necessary

By MEREDITH BAUER

While the final plan is still a ways off and fairly amorphous, the writing is on the wall for the future of the Zone 7 Water Agency: They're probably going to have to raise their wholesale rates.

A years-long drought has affected the agency's revenues and reserves, and board members discussed how Zone 7 has cut back on staff, delayed construction projects and tried to delay raising rates as long as possible, but the time has probably come.

"We've squeezed the sponge a lot, and I don't see much fat," said board member Dick Quigley at a Zone 7 Water Agency board meeting Aug. 26 in Livermore.

The meeting discussed an ongoing study that will impact whether the Zone 7 Water Agency — a water wholesaler which sells to water providers in Pleasanton and other Tri-Valley communities — will change its water rates.

Some residents spoke during

the public meeting, bemoaning the concept that the more water Tri-Valley residents conserved, the more water was going to cost.

Zone 7 is looking at about \$20 million a year in capital improvement projects to replace aging water management infrastructure and to manage flood control infrastructure. Maintenance costs are also rising each year for old pipes and old water treatment plants.

In addition, the drought means the water that is coming into the treatment plants has to travel greater distances, which muddies it with algae, salts and other contaminants that are more expensive to treat, according to staff comments during the meeting.

In addition, the drought may be hitting the agency's reserves harder than was initially expected, according to a presentation by Sanjay Guar, vice president of Raftelis Financial Consultants, which was contracted to conduct the cost of service study.

The agency's end-of-year reserves were projected to be \$7.3 million at

June 30, 2016. However, Guar said, those projections were made under the assumption the area would conserve 20% of its water usage.

At the moment, it's looking like the area will actually conserve 38%, said Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig. While that's great for water supply, it's bad for the agency's funding, so Zone 7 may have to use its reserves to make up for the water it won't be selling.

If all of those assumptions are correct, the presentation indicated Zone 7 could easily run out of its reserves in a few years if the agency doesn't act soon.

Guar recommended putting in some type of a drought surcharge that will bring in \$3.5 million from January to June 2016, \$7 million in fiscal year 2016-17 and \$3.5 million in fiscal year 2017-18. Fiscal years run from July 1 to June 30 of the next year.

Board members haven't decided what type of surcharge they want to implement — or whether they definitely want to use a surcharge.

The board and public will be updated on the study again at the next public meetings on Sept. 16 and Oct. 21.

The study is analyzing the cost of

service and will propose a three-year wholesale water rate, which will go before the water board this fall. It will also propose a drought wholesale rate that can be incorporated into the forthcoming Urban Water Management Plan, which will be adopted by the board in the spring.

Overall, the study is reviewing the agency's finances, including its budgets, the funding needed to put the agency's capital improvement and asset management plans into effect, findings from the Water Supply Evaluation and recent audits.

The water agency also decided to respond to an Alameda County civil grand jury decision by denying allegations that the agency wasn't fully transparent during its deliberations to buy land surrounding Lake Del Valle for \$18.6 million, and thus the agency doesn't need to change its processes.

The civil grand jury claimed that by having discussions about the sale of land during closed session, Zone 7 was violating the spirit of open government detailed in the Brown Act.

Zone 7 rebutted that all of its negotiations followed state public information laws as described in the Brown Act. The agency stated having

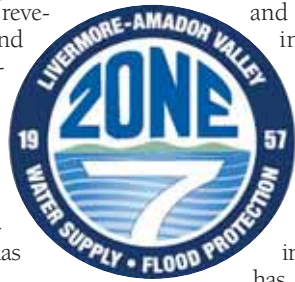
some discussions in closed session where the public couldn't hear was necessary to secure the land, which the agency describes as invaluable to water management purposes.

The agency attested it needed to buy that land because otherwise, a developer would have come in and built homes around the lake, which would have impeded water management. Lake Del Valle acts as a potable water reservoir for Zone 7.

Civil grand juries are citizen panels that hears cases brought to its attention by residents, issues a decision and provides recommendations. While Zone 7 must legally respond to the recommendations and findings, the civil grand jury cannot force any agency or individual to adopt their recommendations, said Adam Byer, a spokesman for the Alameda County Superior Court.

Zone 7 stated it is not required to make a public case for the purchase because it was consistent with the district's overall watershed management plan.

In addition, the agency stated it posted the parcel number on its agenda items for closed session meetings, but no residents showed up to discuss the matter before the board convened for closed session. Officials also said financial details were stated in the 2013-14 budget. ■



Steinle family files claims against S.F., federal officials

Arrest of undocumented immigrant for fatal shooting has spurred national debate on 'sanctuary city' policy

By JEB BING

The family of a Pleasanton native fatally shot on San Francisco's waterfront in July filed wrongful death claims Tuesday against San Francisco and federal officials.

The family of Kate Steinle gathered with attorney Frank Pitre on the steps of San Francisco City Hall to announce the legal claims, which are often precursors to lawsuits.

Steinle was fatally shot on July 1 while walking with family members on Pier 14 in broad daylight. Within an hour of the shooting, police arrested Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an undocumented immigrant who had been deported five times and has seven prior felony convictions.

The shooting and arrest have

spurred a national debate on San Francisco's sanctuary city policy, which limits cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities.

Pitre said San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi "made himself the king, judge and jury" when it came to the city's cooperation with federal authorities.

The gun used in the shooting belonged to a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) ranger who had it stolen from his car in San Francisco.

Pitre said that the gun was left in his car against mandatory regulations for federal employees.

Sheriff Mirkarimi, who has borne the brunt of the criticism following the incident, has argued that coop-

erating with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) request would have violated San Francisco's Sanctuary City and Due Process for All policies, as well as the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The Steinle family's claims were filed against Mirkarimi, ICE and BLM.

Mirkarimi on Monday issued a statement saying that while he "can't comment on potential litigation, he continues to extend his deepest sympathy to the Steinle family for their loss."

In a preliminary hearing last week to determine if Lopez-Sanchez would stand trial for murder, experts testified that the bullet that killed Steinle appears to have ricocheted off of something before hitting her, suggesting that she was not the intended target.

That hearing was scheduled to continue yesterday. ■

Editor's note: Hannah Albarazi, Bay City News Service, contributed to this report.



Kate Steinle



Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez

City library holding free high school prep workshop

By MEREDITH BAUER

The Pleasanton Library is hosting a free high school workshop on Wednesday to help students get off to a good start this year.

The workshop runs from 4-5 p.m. at the library. Games and prizes will be available.

The "Jumpstart to a Successful

School Year" workshop will provide strategies to help high school students have a successful year and to smoothly transition into college, according to city officials.

The workshop series will include sessions on where to find help on campus, how to join clubs and organizations on and off campus, how to

develop healthy relationships, how to pick courses that fit with prospective college majors and scholarships, how to identify individuals strengths and how to use those strengths to pick majors and careers, how to prepare for college admission testing and how to construct a career and academic portfolio. ■

Congregation Beth Emek to use new prayer book for Rosh Hashanah

Services set for Sept. 13 with Yom Kippur following at sundown Sept. 22.

Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton will introduce a new Reform Judaism prayer book at its Rosh Hashanah services Sept. 13.

The prayer book, called Mishkan Hanefesh (meaning "sanctuary of the soul") "changes the way the worshiper approaches these High Holy Days," said Beth Emek's Rabbi Laurence Elis Milder.

"We are very excited about the new possibilities that Mishkan Hanefesh offers our congregation as it enters into this sacred time of year," Milder said. "The High Holy Days are meant to be a time when we examine our lives, and commit to a more conscious and holy way of living. Our prayers are the guideposts to that personal journey."

He said the new prayer book places a greater focus on the spiritual transformation of each worshiper than did previous prayer books.

Milder said the last time the Reform movement published a High Holy Day prayer book was in 1978.

"Much has changed in the past 30 years," Milder said. "Reform Jews have a deeper appreciation for traditional texts, while at the same time desiring a more creative spirituality."

Congregation Beth Emek is the Tri-Valley's only synagogue

affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism and is one of the early adopters of the new prayer book, which will be used for the first time this September at synagogues around the country.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis, publisher of the new prayer book, describes it as inspiring a multifaceted experience of the High Holy Days, "from feelings of awe to moments of solace, from the solitude of contemplation to the solidarity of song and worship."

Many Jewish Americans observe Rosh Hashanah, known as the New Year in the Jewish calendar, for two days, while others celebrate the event for one day. It is a time of family gatherings, special meals and sweet foods.

Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for the Jewish people, follows, starting at sundown Sept. 22. Also known as the day of atonement, it is traditionally observed with an approximate 25-hour period of fasting and intensive prayer.

Information about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services is available by calling Congregation Beth Emek at 931-1055 or visiting its website at www.bethemek.org. ■

—Jeb Bing

Sewer district seeks comment on long-term goals

DSRSD honing in on alternative water sources in updated supply goals

BY MEREDITH BAUER

The Dublin San Ramon Services District is inviting the public to comment on the district's long-term water supply goals.

The draft "Water Supply, Storage, Conveyance, Quality and Conservation Policy" plan updates the goals for the DSRSD — which provides water to Dublin and the Dougherty Valley in San Ramon, as well as wastewater on contract to Pleasanton and wastewater to parts of San Ramon.

The water supplier, like many others in the East Bay, has felt the pressure of the four-year drought. One problem is DSRSD's water wholesaler, Zone 7 Water Agency, hasn't been receiving the amount of water it expected from state sources due to little snowfall filling state reservoirs. The lack of rain to fill local reservoirs and the local aquifer only compounds the problem.

The draft DSRSD policy highlights the need to look at alternative water sources. One goal states having 60% of the district's water come from local sources and to diversify so no more than 40% of its water comes from any one source,

according to the policy.

The district is specifically looking at moving away from the State Water Project, from which Zone 7 typically obtains and sells to DSRSD, since little water has been released from those state reservoirs during drought years.

The plan also discusses focusing on local reservoirs for water sources, as well as amping up conservation until average residential potable use is 70 gallons a day or less per capita.

"We encourage input from the community," engineering services manager Dan McIntyre said. "We need to diversify our water supply so it is more reliable. Even with our robust recycled water system in place, the past two years have clearly demonstrated that depending on one source (the State Water Project) for two-thirds of DSRSD's water supply is not working."

To comment, email board@dsrsd.com or attend the next DSRSD public meetings to talk to the board directly. The next meeting is on Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. at 7051 Dublin Blvd., and final adoption of this plan is expected to happen at that meeting. ■

Students, parents urged to check 2 federal college tax credits

IRS posts information online as colleges open 2015-16 school year

California parents and students should check now to see if they will qualify for either of two college tax credits when they file their 2015 federal income tax returns.

In general, the American Opportunity Tax Credit or Lifetime Learning Credit is available to taxpayers who pay qualifying expenses for an eligible student, according to a report sent this week by the IRS.

In a report, Raphael Tulino, who handles media relations for the IRS in the Bay Area, as well as in Southern California and Nevada, said eligible students include the taxpayer, spouse and dependents. The AOTC provides a credit for each eligible student, while the Lifetime Learning Credit provides a maximum credit per tax return.

Consider that in the tax year 2013, Tulino said, more than 1.2 million California taxpayers claimed the AOTC worth more than \$948 million on their taxes. Almost 1.1 million claimed the Lifetime Learning Credit, resulting in \$1.1 billion in tax savings.

Nationally, 9.7 million taxpayers claimed the AOTC while 10 mil-

lion claimed the Lifetime Learning Credit in 2013. Both credits combined helped taxpayers offset higher education costs by \$19.4 billion.

Other key points:

- A taxpayer often qualifies for both of these credits, but the rules say that only one can be claimed for a particular student in a particular year.

- Taxpayers should complete Form 8863 (Education Credits) to claim either credit.

- The credits apply to eligible students enrolled in an eligible college, university or vocational school, including both nonprofit and for-profit institutions.

- The credits are subject to income limits that could reduce the amount claimed on their tax return.

- Many of those eligible for the AOTC qualify for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student.

- The Lifetime Learning Credit of up to \$2,000 per tax return is available for both graduate and

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DEMING

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Lt. Jeff Bretzing in an email.

Deming, a Piedmont Hills High graduate, was fatally shot by Pleasanton police officer Daniel Kunkel during a confrontation outside a Pleasanton classic car dealership in the early morning hours of July 5.

Bretzing stated in a press conference July 7 that Kunkel acted "in fear for his life" because Deming, undeterred by Taser strikes, was beating the officer near unconsciousness.

The Deming family alleges fatal force wasn't necessary, and they dispute the version of events presented publicly by Pleasanton police, saying there are inconsistencies about where police initially found Deming, whether Kunkel was wearing a body camera, the extent of Kunkel's injuries and other allegations.

Deming family lawyers said that after the police department and the District Attorney's Office responds to the claim, the next step will be

to file a lawsuit. However, the firm stated it hasn't decided whether that civil complaint will be filed in county or federal court.

The claim filed last week names the City of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Police Department, police chief Dave Spiller, Bretzing, Kunkel and 10 unspecified officers.

It states damages are requested based upon "wrongful death of John Deming Jr., and general and special damages arising thereto: Loss of society, comfort, and support, pain and suffering, loss of familial relationship; survivorship claims; cost and damages incurred in conducting independent investigation."

According to the claim, a summary of preliminary findings by forensic pathologist Cyril Wecht — who was hired by the Deming family — indicated there were no Taser burn marks on Deming's body and Deming was shot at "dis-

tances significantly at odds with PPD's description" of the shooting.

Wecht is also an author of crime novels and perhaps best-known for his opposition to the findings of the investigation into President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

The District Attorney's Office has not provided a time-frame for when its report will be completed. The fact the District Attorney's Office is investigating is routine and occurs after any officer-involved shooting in the county.

"When we complete our investigation and a letter outlining our findings is sent to the chief of police, it will be made available upon request. (5 working days after the chief receives it.) This is our policy regarding all officer involved shooting investigations," DA's Office spokeswoman Teresa Drenick said in an email.

Kunkel remains on paid administrative leave until the investigation is concluded. Kunkel has been a police officer for eight years and was sworn in as a Pleasanton officer in 2014.

Deming died the morning of July 5 after he was spotted acting errati-

cally inside a classic car dealership in Pleasanton. After multiple commands to stop, Deming was shot with a Taser several times, but he didn't comply with officers, Lt. Bretzing stated at a press conference two days after the shooting.

Deming ran out of the back of the building and encountered Kunkel, who was the only officer in the area, Bretzing said. Kunkel reportedly fired a Taser at Deming and hit the teen in the back. After a chase, Deming turned and charged at Kunkel, kicking the officer in the stomach, punching him in the head and knocking him to the ground, Bretzing said.

Deming then climbed on top of Kunkel and hit him in the face and head until the officer felt he was going to lose consciousness, Bretzing said. The officer fired at Deming with his Taser again but it didn't stop the attack, so the officer shot Deming with his firearm in the face and torso, Bretzing said.

Kunkel was found unconscious by other officers, and Deming was taken to a trauma unit by ambulance, where he was pronounced dead, Bretzing said. ■

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undergraduate students. Unlike the AOTC, the limit on the Lifetime Credit applies to each tax return, rather than to each student. Also, the Lifetime Credit does not provide a benefit to people who owe no tax.

Tulino also reminds students applying for financial aid, that they can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA website to import tax return information to their financial aid application. The temporary shutdown of the Get Transcript tool does not affect the Data Retrieval Tool. Applicants may also click on the "Help Page" for more information.

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Dual-enrollment program launches at Las Positas

Middle College will offer classes to students in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin districts

BY MEREDITH BAUER

A dual-enrollment program has been launched by Las Positas College and Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (ROP) to help students earn college credits and learn about college life while completing high school.

The newly initiated Middle College program at Las Positas College in Livermore kicked off Aug. 12 and will run through the end of the school year until May 27, said Kathleen Frazer, Tri-Valley ROP administrative program director.

"This program allows high school students the opportunity to experience college and take ownership of their learning journey," Frazer said. "This non-traditional educational opportunity allows students to explore career pathways while still obtaining both college and high school credit."

The dual-enrollment program collaborates with local school districts so high school students could earn up to 11 college units while receiving their high school degree, she said. Students do not attend classes at their high schools while enrolled in the program.

The program is meant for students who are looking for an alternative high school experience for a variety of reasons, Frazer said. Since the program collaborates with public school districts in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, students in those districts are able to attend the program for free.

The Middle College program is a collaboration between the Tri-Valley ROP, Livermore Joint Unified School District, Pleasanton Unified School District, Dublin Unified School District and Las Positas College. ■



JEB BING

Former Councilwoman Kay Ayala (left), an author of Measure PP, and Junipero Street homeowners Julie and Don Lewis at crowded public hearing on Lund Ranch II project.

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possibly to a Lund Ranch II development. Homeowners who moved into that neighborhood also signed covenants agreeing to those additional traffic flows on their street.

As a compromise, the Pleasanton planning staff recommended splitting the traffic, with residents of 10 of the new Lund Ranch II homes traveling on Independence/Junipero and the other 40 using Sycamore Creek Way. But commissioners preferred a single access route and, with the exception of Planning Commissioner Gina Piper, voted for the new road and Sunset/Sycamore Creek route.

When the votes were taken after the three-hour public hearing, Piper voted against the new road proposal, saying she felt it would be in violation of Measure PP.

Plans for a major housing development on the former Lund cattle ranch date back to September 2002 when 113 homes were proposed for construction on 12,000-square-foot lots. Even then, the Planning Commission expressed concern over that project's effect on hillsides. The proposed development then changed hands and it was not until April 2007 that a new builder pro-

posed 149 homes on 3,000-square-foot lots. Those plans again were delayed and, a year later, Measure PP became the law of Pleasanton.

Measure PP doesn't affect the latest 50-home development plan, which would be built on a fairly flat bow of the old ranch, not on hillside slopes. It's the needed 50-yard extension of Sunset Creek Way that will have to cross a steep slope that falls under Measure PP's terms.

During the hearing, Brian Dolan, assistant city manager, said the City Council and previous planning commissions have struggled with the interpretation of Measure PP.

"The last official action that the council took was its decision not to adopt an implementing ordinance and to use the language in Measure PP as it is written and interpret it on a case-by-case basis as projects come forward," Dolan said.

The proposed Lund Ranch II development and the Planning Commission's approval of constructing a roadway across a steep slope appear to be that "case."

If the council agrees with the Planning Commission decision, a lawsuit is likely, based on statements made by opponents of the new road at the Aug. 26 meeting. That would mean actual construction on the old Lund cattle ranch could still be years away. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Police searching for man accused of stealing laptop from Office Max

Pleasanton police are searching for a man accused of stealing a laptop from the display table of an Office Max.

The man was reportedly seen ripping the laptop's anti-theft cable out of the table and then leaving the Springdale Avenue store with the laptop on Aug. 5, according to Pleasanton police officer Mark Gwin.

The man was described as

white and in his 20s, having short hair and wearing dark pants and a dark jacket. Police released a still photograph of store surveillance video depicting the man they're looking for in connection with the theft.

To report any information about the case, contact Gwin at 931-5100.

In other police reports:

- A Tracy man was arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated after allegedly driving erratically in Pleasanton while more than twice as drunk as the legal limit early Saturday morning.

A Pleasanton officer allegedly spotted Joseph Daniel Trujillo, 24, speeding through the Sunshine Saloon parking lot. Trujillo pulled into a parking spot, ran over the concrete parking bumper, backed out of the spot and sped onto Santa Rita Road, according to police.

After Trujillo merged several lanes unsafely, an officer pulled him over and saw he had signs of alcohol intoxication, police stated.

An officer conducted a sobriety test, which Trujillo failed, police said. When the officer did a breathalyzer check, the Tracy man blew at more than double the legal limit, according to police.

Trujillo was arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail.



COURTESY OF PPD

Pleasanton police are searching for the man in this security footage who they say stole a laptop from a local Office Max.

- An off-duty Dublin police officer spotted a man in Pleasanton who'd been reported missing from Piedmont and helped confirm the man wasn't in danger.

While driving in Pleasanton on Saturday afternoon, the officer noticed a 33-year-old man matching the description of a "be on the lookout" report his department had recently received from Piedmont police, according to Pleasanton police.

The Dublin officer notified Pleasanton police, who followed up and confirmed the man had been reported missing but was unharmed.

Officers let the man go on his way, and the individual who reported him as missing was told the man is safe, police stated. ■

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Aug. 23

Robbery

- 1:23 p.m. in the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

Found property

- 9:17 p.m. in the 4400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Aug. 24

Theft

- 7:45 a.m., 3800 block of Mesa Verde Court; theft from auto

- 8:59 a.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

- 2:23 p.m., 00 block of California Avenue; theft

- 3:35 p.m., 3400 block of Andrews Drive; theft

- 5:03 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

Fraud

- 9:06 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

Aug. 25

Theft

- 9:16 a.m., 1800 block of Harms

Drive; theft from auto

- 10:21 a.m., 1800 block of Harms Drive; theft from auto

- 3:29 p.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

Burglary

- 9:16 a.m. in the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive

- 12:33 p.m. in the 7800 block of Paseo Santa Cruz

Fraud

- 1:02 p.m. in the 3100 block of Pawnee Way

- 1:20 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Aug. 26

Burglary

- 7:26 p.m. in the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

- 8:43 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Aug. 27

Theft

- 7:49 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

- 2:19 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; auto theft

- 8:11 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft

Found property

- 8:35 a.m. in the 500 block of Tawny Drive

- 8:59 a.m. in the 3300 block of Busch Road

Aug. 28

Fraud

- 9:22 a.m. in the 2700 block of Vista Diablo Court

Theft

- 11:08 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 11:29 a.m., 6600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 2:58 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

- 3:08 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from structure

- 4:05 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Aug. 29

DUI

- 1:42 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Missing person report

- 1:54 p.m. on Johnson Court

Theft

- 10:06 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Urban Shield coming to Pleasanton

Urban Shield, a regional preparedness training program for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, will hold exercises at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton over a four-day period starting next Friday, but not everyone is comfortable with the event.

Speakers at Tuesday night's City Council meeting denounced Urban Shield as a pro-war, \$1 million trade show and training exercise funded by the federal government that will bring more than 200 law enforcement organizations to Pleasanton. Along with them could be hundreds of anti-war protestors who took to the streets in Oakland last year to denounce the event. The next day, Oakland's then-Mayor Jean Quan said Urban Shield could no longer hold its program in her city.

Given the anti-police demonstrations held in Ferguson, Mo., and Baltimore, Urban Shield has gained importance as a comprehensive, full-scale means of assessing and testing the Bay Area's response capabilities related to quick and effective response to critical events and incidents in our area.

The overarching goals of Urban Shield include striving for the capability to present a multi-layered training exercise to enhance the skills and abili-

ties of regional first responders, as well as those responsible for coordinating and managing large-scale events.

Urban Shield is implemented to identify and stretch regional resources to their limits, while expanding regional collaboration and building positive relationships. In addition, this exercise provides increased local business and critical infrastructure collaboration.

Urban Shield challenges the skills, knowledge and abilities of all who participate. It not only improves regional disaster response capabilities, but provides a platform for national and international first responders, as well as the private sector, to work efficiently and effectively together when critical incidents occur. It helps coordinate policing with tools and tactics that can quell disturbances such as those in Ferguson and Baltimore before they get out of hand and endanger the local community.

Established by Congress to enhance catastrophic preparedness in selected high-risk urban areas with an emphasis on regional planning, Urban Shield can help make sure that our first responders are ready for a coordinated response with the needed resources in the event of a major disturbance, whether it be an area-wide earthquake, storm, terrorist attack or riot.

More than 5,000 are expected at next weekend's Urban Shield, an event now in its eighth year. The agenda includes analyzing regional catastrophic plans, bomb prevention, multi-jurisdictional security planning, nuclear threat devices and how

easily they might be smuggled into the U.S., large-scale event planning, including preparing for Super Bowl 50 next year in Santa Clara, and a review of the Aurora, Colo. theater massacre by members of the Aurora Police Department. ■

LETTERS

School board member wrong in opposing Hansen

Dear Editor,

For several years, I have believed the Pleasanton school board has been a model of inefficiency, making decisions that result in alienating teachers, classified employees, parents and administrators. It is its dysfunction that led to our last superintendent leaving our district for a smaller one where she will earn a higher salary. I came to believe we were stuck with a school board composed of several egotists who don't care about students, teachers or parents of Pleasanton.

Last summer, the board appointed Jim Hansen as interim superintendent. I thought, maybe this board is finally coming to its senses by appointing a highly qualified professional to lead Pleasanton schools through 2015-16. Alas, one board member's ignorance became apparent

again when Joan Laursen stated, "I cannot vote to expend public dollars on a candidate for interim superintendent who does not possess the qualifications for the job."

The oldest of eight children, Hansen grew up in Hayward and his family moved to Pleasanton more than 50 years ago. Jim's father was an outstanding teacher, coach and administrator in our schools. His mother was a nurse. Jim learned leadership from his parents, not in some Ph.D. mill. He has taught and been an administrator at the elementary, junior and high school levels.

What's more, he is a humanitarian and always puts students first. While an administrator, he knew every student by first name and made each feel special. Hansen will be a great superintendent for Pleasanton, and we are lucky to have him, a fact Laursen should recognize. ■

—Ben McEntee, Pleasanton



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P15-0290, Alok Ventures, LLC**
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Library Commission
Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Civic Center Task Force Replacement Alternate
- Civic Center Task Force Update
- Staff Presentation Calendar
- Library Foundation
- Commission Retreat

Parks & Recreation Commission
Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Reviewed the Proposed Veteran's Memorial Design for the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery Communications
- Approve the Proposed Cost Recovery and Pricing Plan

Youth Commission
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
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- Review Commission meeting schedule for FY 15/16
- Review and selection of committee and meeting assignments
- Unity Day – October 21, 2015

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Labor Day

festivities

Scottish Games among highlights of local holiday weekend happenings

BY CATHY JETTER

Thank goodness for Labor Day weekend — a chance to pause and catch our breath after the frenzied rush of back-to-school and back-to-work with no vacation days in sight.

It's as if summer gets one last moment to shine: three days of time off with warm weather and plenty of ways to celebrate the last long weekend before the clocks roll back and the holiday season rolls in.

We have been honoring the American worker on the first Monday in September since Congress declared it a national holiday on June 28, 1894. Labor Day is a big government "thank you" to all those who spend the majority of their days contributing to the country's strength, prosperity and well being.

In Pleasanton, it's the last weekend before the soccer parade marches through downtown and fall sports begin to fill our fields, stadiums and calendars. It's also when, despite our varied ethnic backgrounds, we all have the opportunity to become a wee bit Scottish, acknowledge our Valley's wine heritage and celebrate

a milestone with one of our newest cultural centers.

So, what are you planning to do with all those extra hours this weekend?

Consider starting at the fairgrounds where the Scottish Highland Gathering and Games will be celebrating their sesquicentennial anniversary throughout Saturday and Sunday. The Caledonian Club of San Francisco has been hosting the Celtic celebration since the inaugural event took place on the corner of San Francisco's Hayes Park at 12th and Market streets on Thanksgiving Day in 1866.

Now, 150 years later, the event has grown from a family picnic atmosphere featuring old Scottish games like "throwing the heavy hammer" and "blindfolded wheelbarrow race" to the largest event of its kind in the United States, with over 35,000 spectators enjoying national and world competitions.

"You've heard of three-ring circuses," explained Frank Busby, as he described the wide variety of events taking place this weekend.



COURTESY OF SCOTTISH GAMES

"Putting the stone" is one of eight different Scottish athletic events that each of the more than 70 pro and amateur athletes must compete in during this year's World Championship Heavy Events.

"It's not a three-ring circus, it's a 21-ring circus."

Busby, a member of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco, serves as promotion chairman for the games, a job he performs with traditional Scottish pride.

"The Scots like facilitating social opportunities; we enjoy perpetuating the Scottish culture," he said. "That is still the aim of the games — to

broaden and promote our traditions."

Those traditions, he is quick to explain, can be enjoyed by a wide variety of backgrounds and ethnicities: "I always invite people from other cultures to come out and experience the Games, and people from other countries have thanked me for encouraging them to go."

Busby pointed out there is always something interesting to learn

about cultures that are different from your own, and with over 1,000 years of history, the Scottish Games have had plenty of time to develop from their original military-training roots to a festival fit for families.

The list of activities goes on so long you'll have to visit the website to make sure you're not playing games in the Children's Glen when



COURTESY OF SCOTTISH GAMES

A drum major leads a formation of four pipe bands onto the track in front of the grandstands during the Massed Bands Closing Ceremony at a previous Scottish Games in Pleasanton. The Saturday and Sunday show includes more than 35 pipe bands.



COURTESY LWVA

Crowd tastings under the arbor at Concannon during previous Harvest Wine Celebration.

the Highland Dancing begins, or hanging out with the Clydesdale horses when you should be watching the sheep dog trials.

Be sure to check the schedule for the Heavy Athletics — this is the stuff legends are made of, with roots extending back to ancient Scotland.

These games, in their modern format, certainly highlight the celebration. More than 70 professional and amateur athletes from eight different countries will compete in eight grueling events that include “putting the heavy stone,” “56-pound weight for distance” and the iconic “tossing of the caber” — a 22-foot, 150 pound pole.

“Game of Thrones” fans will be thrilled to learn that the series’ popular character, “The Mountain,” known in real life as Hafthor Julius Bjornsson, has challenged the dozen professional entries to a shootout in the “weight-for-height” competition.

Bjornsson, who placed second in the World’s Strongest Man contest, is one of only two humans to have succeeded in tossing a 56-pound weight over a 19-foot bar. Bjornsson, who will also be available for autographs both days, will compete against the world’s best at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday before flying to Ireland to continue his work on the popular HBO series.

The music at the Scottish Games is not to be missed.

With six stages providing a continuous cornucopia of diverse styles from traditional Scottish/Celtic balladeers to high-voltage Celtic rock, there is a constant stream of music to keep you entertained while crossing the grounds.

But you’ll want to find a grandstand seat for the afternoon closing ceremonies, when nearly 40 pipe bands from the U.S. and Canada form the largest assembly of pipe bands in America.

“The gathering of the bands is done elsewhere,” Busby explained. “But our covered grandstands bring the music right up to you. They come in waves, 850-900 pipers and drummers followed by the L.A. Scots Grade 1 Pipe Band playing with the Third Marine Aircraft Wind Band. It’s really a remarkable experience.”

While it may not yet have the longevity of the Scottish Games, the 34th annual Harvest Wine Celebration will definitely be “crushing” it this weekend over in the Livermore Valley.

In all, 42 wineries will host up to 6,000 wine enthusiasts from all over the Bay Area and beyond on Sunday from 12-5 p.m.

“Our celebration is one of the first events to mark the start of the harvest season,” said Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Wine Growers Association. “We have a long, fun history

here. It’s authentic and people have made it a tradition to visit their favorite wineries.”

Organized by the Wine Growers Association, the event highlights the friendly nature of the Livermore wine industry.

“Wente and Concannon will both be serving their own wines, as well as hosting tastings from other wineries that might be too far out of the Tesla/Greenville Road to attract visitors, or too small to accommodate the revelers,” Chandler said. “It’s a cooperative effort for sure.”

If drinking isn’t your thing, or you’re the designated driver for the day, there are still plenty of ways to enjoy the harvest celebration. Besides offering some of the most beautiful views in the Valley, most of the participating wineries are featuring food, music and arts and crafts exhibits, plus discounts on wine to take home and enjoy later when driving is not a concern.

Non-drinkers are required to wear a participant’s bracelet for admittance, but it’s hard to complain once you know that all proceeds from the \$5 purchase price are donated to the Livermore area schools’ Every 15 Minutes programs, which educates high school students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

It may seem there is a lot to do and not much time to get it done with just one official day of harvest happenings, but be aware, the fun is continued unofficially for a second day with 30 wineries honoring the bracelet for tastings and special events right through Labor Day itself.

Five years is just starting out when compared to the history of the Livermore Valley and Celtic traditions, but the anniversary party for Pleasanton’s Firehouse Arts Center is every bit as important.

Originally constructed in 1929, it’s been five years since the historic downtown firehouse was upcycled

and reopened as the Firehouse Arts Center.

The Firehouse brings a range of entertainment opportunities to our downtown every year, and they’re starting this season off with a real birthday-style celebration. Everyone is invited for free cake and ice cream on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Just down the road from the Scottish Games and the fairgrounds, art aficionados will be enjoying plenty of music, entertainment and free art instruction in celebration of this important addition to Pleasanton’s own cultural life.

Scheduled events include the Eden Taiko Drummers, “Made to Order Fairy Tales” from teen improv troupe Creatures of Impulse, folk music from Extended Roots, face-painting, preview mini-performances of “Tales of Olympus Jr.,” mariachi, art demonstrations and kids art projects.

If you haven’t had a chance to enjoy a performance in the intimate 227-seat theater, explore the latest exhibit featured in the Harrington Gallery or take a walk across the glass bridge, now is the time to see what you’ve been missing.

After all, this is the weekend of not working. So turn off the voice-mail, forget about email and have some fun celebrating these last days of summer. ■

Event details

150th Scottish Highland Gathering and Games

Tickets:

Two-day adult, \$31
One-day adult, \$24
Senior, \$13; Student, \$13
Under 11, Free

For complete schedule, visit the scottishgames.com.

34th Annual Harvest Wine Celebration

Tickets:

Advance, \$45; Day-of, \$55
Non-drinker, \$5
Advance tickets available online (www.lvwine.org) through 11 a.m. Saturday.
On Sunday, tickets can be purchased at the participating wineries.

* Ticket includes: entrance into participating wineries, wine tastings from over 40 wineries, special activities at each winery, exclusive wine discounts, Livermore Valley Wine Country glass and event program.

Firehouse Arts Center anniversary

Event is free
4444 Railroad Ave.
For more information, visit www.firehousearts.org.



COURTESY OF FIREHOUSE

The Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton is celebrating its fifth anniversary with free music, improv, art instruction, cake and ice cream, and more this Saturday.

Paws in Need to the rescue

Nonprofit group helps with vet bills, spaying, neutering

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Teddy, a Chihuahua mix living in San Ramon, thought he'd found freedom when he squeezed through the little hole in the fence in his backyard. Instead he found disaster when he was hit by a car — and left for dead.

Apparently, he tried to hobble home, and a neighbor saw the little dog lying on the side of the road and carried him home to his family. They brought Teddy to the vet to learn that he needed surgery to repair a broken femur.

"Unfortunately, they could not afford to fix Teddy's leg, but could not leave him suffering," reads his story on Facebook. "They began looking for help, and Paws in Need came to the family's rescue."

Paws in Need helps pets and their owners in two ways: Just Like New Fund helps pet owners like Teddy's pay for medical care; and the Spay and Neuter Program helps defray this cost in order to eliminate unwanted kittens and puppies.

"Our main function is trying to help people keep their pets in their homes," said Karen Simon, director of the Just Like New Fund. "They are responsible pet owners but they've run out of money."

Often pets will need medical attention for a condition that is fixable, but treatments or surgery costs are prohibitive.

"That's the common story," Simon said. "They're looking at possibly euthanizing their pets because they don't have money. A lot of people don't want to euthanize them, so they want to surrender them so someone else can adopt them. But, frankly, that doesn't always happen."

Simon noted that veterinary facilities are real hospitals with many of the same costs, such as expensive X-ray machines, surgery lights and more.

"There is a lot of overhead," Simon said, "and consequently vet bills are very high."

Simon has been with Just Like New Fund since it was started in 1995 by Jackie Barnett, a retired Pleasanton teacher and animal advocate.

"She had a neighbor lady who couldn't afford to take her cat to the vet," Simon recalled. "She recognized that there were other people out there in that situation and wanted to help them."

Barnett launched fundraisers to pay for the services plus sought out veterinarians who could give a price break to the organization, which now include Feline Medical Center and Amador Valley Veterinary Center in Pleasanton; Bishop Ranch Veterinary Center & Urgent Care in San Ramon; Arroyo Veterinary Center in Livermore; Parkway Animal Hospital, Four Paws Veterinary Center, Dublin Veterinary Hospital, Sage and Ironhorse VetCare in Dublin; and Jules Veterinary Center in Tracy.

Barnett died in 2009 but the Paws in Need board of directors and other volunteers continue the fundraising and coordination efforts. Just Like New Fund has an annual budget of \$15,000, which helps approximately 20 pets per year, Simon said. The Spay and Neuter Program's bud-

Why to spay and neuter

An unspayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing two litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter, can total:

1 year: 12
2 years: 67
3 years: 376
4 years: 2,107
5 years: 11,801

An unspayed female dog, her mate and all of their puppies, if none are ever neutered or spayed, add up to:

1 year: 16
2 years: 128
3 years: 512
4 years: 2,048
5 years: 12,288

—Paws in Need



Top: Austin, an outgoing 5-year-old Bengal cat, jumped on a wine rack while playing with the family dog and broke his leg, resulting in continuing veterinary care that resulted in mounting bills. The concerned family contacted Just Like New Fund. Bottom: Young tabby Lyla got healed and adopted because of assistance through Just Like New.

COURTESY PAWS IN NEED



COURTESY PAWS IN NEED

Teddy, a Chihuahua mix, was hit by a car after squeezing through a fence in his backyard. The Just Like New Fund helped pay for his medical care.

get last year was \$25,000, enough to alter 250 animals that otherwise could have resulted in thousands of births during the next few years.

"If you can't afford it, we will offset the cost for you, and you will pay about \$30 for an appointment at one of the vets we work with," Simon said.

Animal shelters make sure dogs and cats are spayed and neutered before they are adopted, but many animals come from private owners, Simon pointed out.

"There are a lot of pets out there who are unsplayed and unneutered, and there are feral cats as well," she said.

The group provides traps for people who have befriended feral

cats so they can capture them and have them spayed or neutered. Paws in Need trains volunteers to help with this endeavor.

"We need volunteers in every area; we're growing very rapidly," Simon said. "If you love animals, there are any number of things you can do, from working at home on your computer to going out trapping to everything in between."

Paws in Need is holding its annual Paws & Outlaws Barbeque from 3-6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Olivina, 4555 Arroyo Road in Livermore. Tickets, at \$35 per adult and \$15 per child under 12, include barbeque with all the fixings, live music and drawings.

Tickets are available at www.paws-in-need.org, or call 551-1877.

The group also holds yard sales, boutiques and crab feeds to raise money, and its Animal Lovers Boutique is always open with cat- and dog-themed gift items at Feline Medical Center in Pleasanton.

"There's not another program like this in the area," Simon said. "Keeping pets in their loving homes is what we do."

And Teddy? He is recovering just fine. His family reported that they have repaired the fence, and although Teddy didn't use to like the neighbor who saved him, now he showers him with kisses. ■

Chorale holding tryouts for 2015-16 season

Concerts to include Bach, Bernstein, Copeland and more



COURTESY VCC

The Valley Concert Chorale performs a wide array of music.

Valley Concert Chorale is scheduling auditions for singers to be part of its 2015-16 season. Auditions will be held Mondays (Sept. 14, 21 and 28) at the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, 2020 Fifth St.

The chorale — which performs a wide variety of music, from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz — is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy exciting and challenging music. To schedule an appointment, call 462-4205.

The chorale's 52nd concert season will feature the following:

- Bach's "Christmas Oratorio";
- music of Eric Whitacre in December
- John Rutter's "Requiem";

Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" in March.

- Salute to America's musical greats, with songs by Aaron Copland, Alice Parker, Robert Shaw and others.

Valley Concert Chorale is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of singers and supporting musical endeavors in the community. John Emory Bush, the artistic director and conductor since 1998, holds a master's degree from Juilliard School of Music and is trained as a pianist, organist and harpist.

For more information, visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org or call 866-4003. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Awards for Fife & Drum Band members

Marching band also teaches American colonial history



COURTESY YAP

Pleasanton's Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps members are ready for competition on the Fourth of July.

The Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps, Pleasanton's hometown 1776-era musical kids marching band, held its twice-yearly musical competition July 4 at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont.

The students, ages 8-16 and mostly from Pleasanton, competed musically on fife (a type of traditional flute) and on snare drum for gold, silver and bronze medals.

"Adding some competition and prizes has a near-magical effect," said group founder Jason Giaimo, himself a three-time national fife champion. "Kids practice more because they want to win."

This community-based band teaches not just instrumental music and marching, Giaimo pointed out; it also weaves American colonial history and leadership skills into its weekly lessons.

The group has played in more than 70 charitable and other events since its founding five years ago.

"YAP's kids have also met members of the U.S. Olympic team, politicians, military leaders, a famous musician, played the opening ceremonies at a baseball stadium, met a tech start-up CEO and even a NASA astronaut," Giaimo said. "They are, however, most often seen at hometown parades and events supporting Pleasanton's veterans."

Results of the July 4 competition are as follows:

Snare drum performance awards

Gold: Jainam Giaimo, Heejee Yoon
Silver: Austin Nicolas, Aayushi Choudhary
Bronze: (junior) Sungju Yoon

Fife performance awards

Gold: Aditya Jain, Harsha Lakshman Kumar
Silver: Ashni Giaimo, Vishok Lakshman Kumar
Bronze: (junior) Greeshma Gundavaram

For more information, go to www.YoungAmericanPatriots.com. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Darlingside to kick off Firehouse season

Darlingside in Concert opens Season 6 for the Firehouse Arts Center tomorrow night, with songs from its new album, "Birds Say." The sound of the Massachusetts-based quartet is bluegrass and rock instrumentation, classical strings, tight vocal arrangements and smart lyricism, with each arrangement marked by interplay among the four members: Dave Senft (bassist, former street musician), Don Mitchell (guitarist, banjoist, former boy alto), Ayoun Mukharji (classical violinist who studied mandolin in Ireland and Brazil) and Harris Pasetiner (classical cellist, guitarist). Tickets are \$20-\$30, available at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848 or at the center's box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Don reflects on playing baseball in Dominican Republic

Westcott joins Team USA for Latin American Baseball Classic

By JEREMY WALSH

Amador Valley High junior Ryan Westcott suited up for Team USA with some of the country's best young baseball players to compete in an international tournament with peers from Canada, St. Croix and the Dominican Republic this summer.

On the field, Westcott primarily played left field and went 5-10 at the plate with two doubles, a triple and six walks during five games in the event. Off the field, he said he gained life lessons that he would not forget.

"Looking back, my experiences playing teams from Latin American countries were totally unique and

surreal," he said in an email interview this week. "Although there was a clear language barrier, the baseball barrier was knocked down as soon as I stepped out on the field."

Westcott was part of the under-16 USA team during the Latin American Baseball Classic, held Aug. 6-12 in the Dominican Republic. His team was coached by former Chicago White Sox and Tampa Bay Devil Rays pitcher Jim Parque and former Major League Baseball scout Chris Pera.

The team went 5-1 during the tournament and took home the championship trophy.



COURTESY OF WESTCOTT FAMILY

Pleasanton's Ryan Westcott went 5-10 with six walks for Team USA.

"Throughout every game there would be young kids watching our games, and they even sat about a 15-foot wall to watch. After the game, players on my team would give gear to the children, including bats, helmets, gloves, cleats and batting gloves," Westcott said.

"It was wonderful seeing the joy that these kids got as they received our old equipment. This made me appreciate where I come from and where I am growing up, and makes you realize everything you have and that you take for granted every day," he added.

The team opened with an 8-7 loss, with Westcott going 0-1 with two walks. He didn't play in the team's next game, a 5-4 victory.

He again went 0-1 with two walks — plus two stolen bases — in Team USA's 10-6 win in Game 3, and he followed with a 2-2 performance, with a double, triple and walk, in the team's ensuing match-up, a 15-4 victory.



COURTESY OF WESTCOTT FAMILY

Westcott (center) with his Team USA coaches, former Major League Baseball scout Chris Pera (left) and former MLB pitcher Jim Parque.

Seahawks swim at international all-star meet

Six compete in North American Challenge Cup in SoCal

Six top Pleasanton Seahawks swam as part of the Pacific Swimming all-star team during the international North American Challenge Cup in La Jolla earlier this summer.

The local swimmers competed against teams from Mexico, Gulf Swimming and Southern California regions, with SoCal taking first in the competition and Pacific Swimming placing second.

Miranda Heckman, 14, was the leading Seahawks performer during the meet, scoring 51 points overall for her team by winning five events and taking third place in her other race.

Her most competitive race was the 100 freestyle, which she won by a margin of 0.03 seconds. Her winning time of 58.30 also earned her a winter junior national time standard.

Heckman's other wins came in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle races and the 400 individual medley. She finished third in the 200 IM. In all, she posted personal-best times in all events, except for the 400 freestyle.

Seahawks' 12-year-old Alex

Ren also placed in six events.

He won the 200 backstroke with a best time of 2:23.63, coming in two seconds ahead of the runner-up. Ren also earned three second-place finishes (200 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 200 IM), a third-place (400 freestyle) and a sixth-place (50 freestyle). He had five new personal-best times in the competition.

In the boys 15-16 age group, the Seahawks were represented by Chris Jhong and Tyler Lu, who each brought home three medals.

Jhong took first in the 400 IM with a time of 4:33.36, a personal best by two seconds. He also took second in the 200 IM and third in the 200 butterfly.

Lu took sixth place in the 200 and 1500 freestyle races with personal best times. He also took eighth in the 400 freestyle.

Gwyneth Wong, 12, placed seventh in the 100 freestyle with a best time in the finals of 1:04.10.

Mattias Blanco, 14, swam the 100 backstroke in 1:06.72 en route to an eighth-place finish. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Team USA won its semifinal 13-12 against Liga La Javila, a Dominican Republic team. Westcott went 2-3 with a double and walk.

In the finale, the Americans won 8-2 against another Dominican team, Liga Nefalty Cruz, with Westcott going 1-3.

The Pleasanton native said he gained great respect for his competitors after seeing first-hand some of the challenges many of them over-

came to play at such a high level.

"An eye-opening experience for me was seeing the opposing teams from a poor country using, at the most, three bats that could be as old as the player using it and passing helmets back and forth between each other," he said.

That, he added, helped him realize "that the equipment doesn't make the player, but the skills and their passion for the game does." ■

Correction

The story "Football returns tonight," published in the Aug. 28 Pleasanton Weekly, gave an incorrect first name for Foothill High School player Dustin Dukleth. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

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Book Clubs

NESTED TREASURES BOOK CLUB

The Nested Treasures Book Club meets from 6-8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Nested Treasures, 113 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore. Open to everyone. To join, email Laura at nestedtreasures-promotions@gmail.com. Go to www.nestedtreasures.net.

TOWNE CENTER BOOK CLUB

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

Clubs

DUBLIN 4-H CLUB

Dublin 4-H Club is accepting registration of new members ages 5-19 years old. Learn leadership, citizenship, and life skills. The first 4-H meeting of the year will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Dublin San Ramon Services District Office, 7051 Dublin Blvd., Dublin. Contact Sharon at 462-4518 or sharonclay@comcast.net. Go to www.dublin4h.com.

FOUNDING MOM'S MEETUP

This group of Mompreneurs tackles business strategies while engaging in a fun and enlightened way. Join from noon-1:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. Cover is \$10. Call (480) 703-4632 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/FoundingMoms-EastBay>.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Marlene Simon of UC Davis Botanical Conservatory will speak on native and Mediterranean bulbs for our waater-wise gardens. Call 485-7812 or go to www.lavgc.com.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING

WITH 'GOOD NEWS BEARS' GNON will partner with Good News Bears, a non-profit based in Livermore that gifts teddy bears to those suffering from trauma or loss, at their mixer from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14 at Barone's Restaurant. GNON will be collecting new teddy bears, and attendees can sponsor a bear for as little as \$5. A representative from Good News Bears will be available to answer any questions. For more information on GNON or to donate to Good News Bears, contact GNON Founder/Director Frances Hewitt at 487-4748 or gnoners@gmail.com. Go to www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS GARL

SATTERTHWAITE The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present experienced genealogist Garl Satterthwaite, discussing DNA testing, which tests are available from each company and for what price at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Contact Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, at program@L-AGS.org.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB

The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/V. KELLY

Hurry, grab Rover

You'll want to look over this three-legged Rover before he's picked by someone else! The 6-month-old Lab mix is adorably floppy. He's a tad green, but with love and training, he'll be a magical addition to the family. Hurry! Fetch Rover today at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. For more info, visit valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656.

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

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB

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

PLEASANTON-TULANCINGO SISTER

CITY All are welcome to join for "Taco Tuesday" at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road Unit J. We are an active organization promoting cultural exchange, goodwill and friendship. We have a youth and adult exchange program. Call 989-6882 or go to www.ptscs.org.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

FEDERATED PRESENTS JOHN MORLEY AND JUDI CALER TVRWF presents "The Convention of the States," with John Morley speaking in favor and Judi Caler speaking against, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10 at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. John is the appointed District Captain for The Convention of States Project for the 12th and 13th Assembly Districts of California and co-founder of The Tracy Tea Party Patriots. Judi is the Article V Issues Director for Eagle Forum of California, co-founder of Common Core Concerns of Nevada County and founder of AnimalSave. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. RSVP by Sept. 8. Contact Linda Krikorian at 426-1474 or krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com.

Concerts

SPENCER DAY: 'THE LOOK OF LOVE'

San Francisco favorite Spencer Day will present "The Look of Love," celebrating the classics with his distinctive, upbeat twist and baritone vocals, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 at Firehouse Arts Center. The cabaret styled show includes his trademark storytelling and humor, along with hits like "Groovin," and of course "The Look of Love." Tickets are \$17-\$27. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

THE RAY CHARLES PROJECT

In a tribute to the genius of Ray Charles, a sextet of outstanding musicians offers their take on highlights from Ray's songbook at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. The band unites elite jazz and blues musicians, including Grammy Award-winning Santana vocalist Tony Lindsay, Bay Area guitarist Chris Cain, and Glenn Walters on vocals. Tickets are \$25-\$39, \$16 for students. Call 373-6800 or go to livermoreperformingarts.org/.

Events

AN EVENING WITH THE HARRINGTONS AND PLEASANTON

PUBLIC ART Gary and Nancy Harrington, benefactors of public art in Pleasanton, will discuss public artworks in the community, including "Poppies" at the Veteran's Memorial Building, "Girl Reading" at the Pleasanton Library, and "Pioneer Founders," a large scale installed in 2014, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for seniors and students, and \$5 for members. Call 462-2766 or go to <http://www.museumonmain.org/ed-kinney-series-an-evening-with.html>.

DUBLIN LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE

Come to the Fall Used Book and Media Sale, hosted by Friends of Dublin Library: 6-8 p.m. members-only night (memberships available starting at 5:30 p.m.) on Friday, Sept. 11; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12; and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Dublin Library. Sunday is Bag Day. Fill a paper bag for \$4. Funds from sales go toward purchasing the Library's materials and supporting its programs. Call 803-7252 or go to www.aclibrary.org.

FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Firehouse Arts Center 5th Anniversary Celebration will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Eden Taiko Drummers will kick-off the festivities, followed by "Made to Order Fairy Tales," the folk music band Extended Roots, face-painting, preview mini-performances of "Tales of Olympus Jr," mariachi, art demonstrations and projects, improv shows, and free cake, ice cream and balloons. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

firehousearts.org.

MUSEUM ON MAIN READING TIME

Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for books and crafts at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The theme is "Firefighting Heroes." Admission is free. No reservations required. Call 462-2766 or go to <http://www.museumonmain.org/moms-reading-time.html>.

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NEW DAY FOR CHILDREN

New Day for Children is based in Alamo and serving girls throughout the US. Their mission is to rescue children caught in the despair of child sex trafficking. They will hold a dinner and silent auction on Sunday, Sept. 13 at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville, and share news about two new projects in Napa Valley, a new boarding school for younger girls and a transitional life skills center for their graduates. New Day is seeking donations or auction items. Donations can be in any form. To show appreciation for your support, your company's name will be announced as a sponsor at the event, and listed in their newsletter, social media and website. All proceeds from this event will go toward underwriting New Day for Children's restorative care programs and services for American girls who were once victims of child sex trafficking. Contact (408) 634-9768 or laurav@newdayforchildren.com.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB 4TH

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The Pleasanton Lions Club will host their Fall Restaurant and Shoppe Walk from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22 on Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. Proceeds will allow Lions to meet pressing needs in our community, like renovations to Lions Wayside and Delucchi, programs for eye, vision and hearing care, as well as helping to support other local organizations such as Pleasanton Military Families, Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City, and scholarships for our local schools. Contact Pam Grimes at 872-7552 or go to pleasantonlionsclub.org.

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Lectures/ Workshops

'JUMPSTART TO A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR' WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Pleasanton Library will offer free workshops for high-school students, "Jumpstart to a Successful School Year," at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9. These workshops will provide real-time and long-term solutions for a successful school year and college planning. With games and prizes. Contact Teen Services Librarian, Teresa Parham, at 931-3404.

NAVIGATING THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM: BECOMING AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

Hope Hospice will offer a class to help you navigate the healthcare system and learn how to become an advocate for your loved one from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Sept. 12 at the Hope Hospice office, 6377 Clark Ave. Suite 100, Dublin. The speaker for this class is from LASHICAP, (Legal Assistance for Seniors, Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program), presenting "Welcome to Medicare: An Overview of Coverage and Options" and "Knowledge is Key: Know Your Medicare Rights." Go to HopeHospice.com.

TEENAGE BRAIN

Dr. Dan Siegel, professor of psychiatry at the UCLA School of Medicine and co-director of the UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center, will speak on the power and purpose of the teenage brain at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17 at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Cost is \$10. Call 846-8826 or go to townecenterbooks.com.

WHAT TO DO WITH THAT BROWN LAWN

City of Pleasanton Water Conservation Division and local landscape designer, Kat Weiss, will present "What To Do With That Brown Lawn" from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Sept. 12 at City of Pleasanton Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road. Learn sustainable and beautiful alternatives to "lawns," efficient and easy irrigation system changes, and how to sheet mulch. Register by calling the Water Conservation Hotline at 931-5504, or go to www.PleasantonWaterConservation.com.

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YOUTH OPEN GYM

The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department will hold the Youth Open Gym program for basketball and volleyball from 7-9 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 12-Nov. 21 at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave. For grades 6-12. Cost is \$30 for residents, \$33 for non-residents. Contact Pleasanton Sports Office at 931-3437 or pleasantonsports@pleasantonca.gov.

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Celebrating 50 years of marriage

By SIERRA RHODES

Charles and Betty Stallings celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9 at a celebration for family and friends at their home in Pleasanton.

The couple, who have lived in Pleasanton since 1970, met in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1964.

Charles has his Ph.D. in physics and worked for Physics International for 30 years. Betty established the Valley Volunteer Center in 1976 and was its executive director for 14 years. Since that time, she has written five books and has been speaking and training on volunteer engagement throughout North America.

Their two daughters live with their families in Danville and San Diego, respectively. Betty and Charles have four grandchildren. ■

The Pleasanton Weekly welcomes submissions on milestone anniversaries for local residents. To send in information and photos, email Sierra Rhodes at srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com.



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antonsports@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Register at pleasantonfun.com course 61285.

Support Groups

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit www.valleycare.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Gentiva Hospice offers one-on-one grief counseling as well as small group support. Join a grief support group from 6-7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at Gentiva Hospice, 6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 175. Groups are open to all and free of charge. Call 737-0203.

GRIEF WORKSHOP The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Explore your grief journey in this workshop at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 17-Nov. 5 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. One-time donation of \$15. Space is limited, registration required. Call Nancy Silva at 846-9543.

MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit www.motherswithapurpose.org.

Volunteering

2015 TEEN LEADERSHIP-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM The City of Pleasanton's Community Services Department will launch its Leadership-in-Training (LIT) program for teens this fall. This program provides teens with the opportunity to develop job skills and prepare for future employment through training, hands-on experience, and evaluation. For students entering grades 9-12. A volunteer placement interview will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 10. Contact David Weisgerber at 931-3474 or dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Register at pleasantonfun.com, course 60858.

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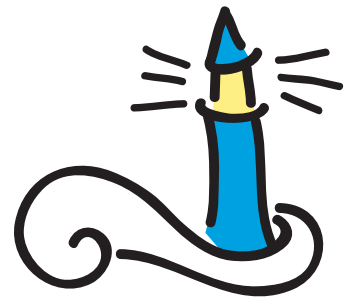
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Americans embracing 'smart' homes

We've entered 'transformative' era, real estate executive says

By JEB BING

The smart home is here to stay.

A survey of U.S. adults by Coldwell Banker Real Estate and CNET, an online source of consumer technology news, found that Americans are already embracing the smart home with 28% owning at least one smart home product and almost half of millennials (ages 18 to 34) adopting the technology.

"Smart home technology is catching on because it is literally changing the way we live in our homes," said Sean Blankenship, Coldwell Banker's chief marketing officer. "Not only is it shifting the financial perception of the home, but it's also transforming our emotional connection to our homes."

"We have entered a transformative era," Blankenship added. "We believe that in three to five years, home buyers will expect smart home technology. It will become the new norm."

Blankenship pointed to the fact that of those surveyed currently using smart home technology, 81% said they would be more likely to buy a home if smart technology — such as connected lighting, thermostats, remote-access security and smart locks — was already installed.

For Americans who currently don't own smart home products, this provides an opportunity to make the move and adopt the technology. The trend will only grow as millennials start to represent a larger share of

homeowners.

The Coldwell Banker/CNET survey of approximately 4,000 Americans analyzed trends and insights related to smart home technology. They said smart homes save money, time and provide peace of mind.

The survey also found that Americans are adopting and strongly valuing smart home technology. In fact, 91% of those who currently own smart home products would recommend the technology.

Other findings included:

- 87% say the technology makes their lives easier.
- More than half (57%) of Americans who own smart home products say the technology saves them time and at an average of almost 30 minutes per day.
- The technology is saving owners of smart home products money, with 45% of Americans saying that, on average, their smart home technology saves them over \$1,100 a year.
- 72% say smart home products provide them with peace of mind when it comes to home security.

The survey also found that parents are twice as likely to adopt smart technology. Parents with children under age 18 are almost twice as likely to have smart home products (42% of those with children vs. 23% of those with no children).

Other parental findings:

- Parents were also more likely to have made their home "smart" when they moved in (68% of those with children vs. 50% of those with no children).
- Security is top of mind for those with kids. 78% of parents say that smart home products provide peace of mind, while only 68% of those without children agreed with the statement.
- Among all respondents, 59% of parents said they'd be willing to pay more for a home with smart home technology installed. This is significantly higher than the 47% of those without children.

Other findings:

- The smartphone is the remote control for smart homes. 76% of those with smart home products control them with a mobile device.
- The living room is the "smartest." When asked which rooms benefit from smart home technology, over half (51%) cited the living room, followed by the bedroom (45%), family/rec room (35%), kitchen (30%) and dining room (21%).
- Cost and savings are key to smart home purchasing decisions. Of those who do not have smart home products, 44% said they would consider purchasing the technology if it cost less, while 42% said they would consider purchasing if it would save them at least \$500 yearly on utility bills and house-

hold expenses.

"From the living room to the yard, consumers are embracing smart home technology," said Lindsey Turrentine, editor-in-chief of CNET.com. "This market will continue to develop as the technology becomes even more mainstream."

"Our survey highlights the fact that this innovation has made its way into homes faster than many expected, and that once a homeowner tries a connected device, that person is ready to experiment with more smart products."

Danny Hertzberg, a sales associate affiliated with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, agreed.

"Today's buyers are expecting smart home technology," Hertzberg said. "It's no longer just an add-in."

"I'm seeing first-hand how home buyers are requesting and favoring homes with smart features, such as automated lighting and temperature control. Smart home technology is also influencing the home selling process. In addition to de-cluttering a home, sellers are upgrading to smart home technology to attract modern buyers."

"Consumers are truly seeing the convenience and benefits of these products, understanding how smart home technology makes the home more comfortable, convenient and energy-efficient." ■



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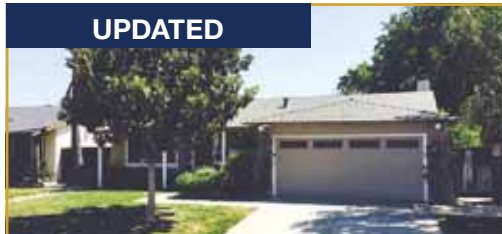
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Pleasanton

1128 Autumn Court Donahue Trust to J. Sherratt for \$875,000
142 Birch Creek Terrace H. Chou to M. & B. Chen for \$725,000
5374 Black Avenue S. Murphy to S. Mehta for \$761,000
5870 Bruce Drive D. & G. Dhoot to M. Eeo for \$3,362,500
6234 Camino Del Lago Torng Trust to L. Wang for \$936,000
7815 Canyon Meadow Circle #G A. McIntyre to C. Coy for \$475,000
6889 Corte Sonada Brandes Trust to K. Hariharan for \$1,185,000
843 Division Street #D N. Kathain to R. Barril for \$404,000
589 East Angela Street Facingbay Enterprises to M. Diaz for \$1,200,000
2847 Elsnab Court Trott Trust to N. Nguyen for \$1,120,000
1850 Halcyon Court Moca Trust to D. & L. Claridge for \$1,352,000
2196 Inverness Court Moriarty Trust to R. Bradley for \$1,021,000
541 Junipero Street Rogers Trust to J. Clabaugh for \$965,000
4309 Krause Street B. Carrozzi to T. & S. Zurcher for \$595,000
5138 Liveoak Court L. Song to Y. Choi for \$930,000
2020 Martin Avenue R. & E. Cummings to D. & P. Hayes for \$1,784,000
3813 Mohr Avenue Tallone Trust to H. & J. Wilner for \$1,251,000
7436 Muirwood Court Dezzani Trust to R. & C. Seto for \$933,000
4972 Muirwood Drive H. & J. Wilner to L. Zhou for \$950,000
5167 Oakdale Court R. Fagan to J. Chen for \$690,000
964 Piemonte Drive J. Gustafson to Stultz Trust for \$2,175,000
541 Rose Avenue C. Grace to Aufdermaur Trust for \$451,000
4006 Schween Court Hamilton Trust to A. Purwar for \$1,048,000
4022 Silver Street P. & D. Boehmer to L. Jin for \$880,000
5357 Sonoma Drive R. & P. Patel to B. Zhu for \$822,000
7426 Stonedale Drive C. & S. Maness to A. & M. Selover for \$750,000
1517 Trimmingham Drive W. Vanheusens to A. Narasimhan for \$707,000
7394 Ashwood Court B. Oldenkamp to V. & S. Kenny for \$885,000
4232 Brindisi Place R. & K. Cushing to G. & L. England for \$1,920,000
2620 Camino Segura D. & A. Caccamo to S. & Y. Mukherjee for \$1,315,000
7815 Canyon Meadow Circle #A A. Tracy to G. Hung for \$470,000
4436 Desertwood Place Vangompel Trust to V. & S. Pesochinskiy for \$975,000
735 Donata Court M. & E. Gomez to R. & S. Goyal for \$3,085,000
4219 Dundalk Court Rodriguez Trust to J. Mangat for \$750,000
3755 Fairlands Drive B. & S. Barovick to H. Huang for \$945,000
4059 Fernwood Court Murphy Trust to G. & L. Braga for \$1,585,000
1440 Freeman Lane Civic Gateway to A. Ternian

for \$1,017,500
868 Genevieve Place L. Hall to K. Abbassian for \$1,400,000
17 Greens Lane Lemm Trust to J. & A. Vangompel for \$1,500,000
7494 Hillsdale Drive D. & P. Jones to A. & A. Sotelo for \$974,000
3549 Norton Way P. & K. McDermott to T. Clarke for \$545,000
3205 Omega Circle Lascurain Trust to Benschoter Trust for \$1,336,000
1036 Rhine Way T. Rankine to J. & D. Veazey for \$1,398,000
4038 Schween Court W. Miller to S. Chitupolu for \$800,000

Dublin

8892 Bellina Commons M. Hartig to G. Urbina for \$572,500
3667 Branding Iron Place Rancho Silvera Ventures to P. Jande for \$773,500
7254 Brighton Drive US Bank to A. & T. Bindal for \$589,000
7571 Carlow Way G. & J. Scillitani to M. Eager for \$795,000
4288 Central Parkway R. & E. Ruiz to R. & S. Alapati for \$1,060,000
7329 Dover Lane Lee Trust to V. & M. Cahee for \$640,000
6900 Duke Court L. Li to J. Shah for \$744,500
2698 Eagles Landing Court B. Herrera to L. Bai for \$1,110,000
3785 Hobstone Place D. & E. Crandella to T. Chuang for \$1,288,000
11718 Los Ranchitos Court W. Monti to P. Esquivel for \$800,000
4768 Mangrove Drive Matanane Trust to C. Patti for \$925,000
3607 McCormick Court Standard Pacific to A. Lam for \$1,125,000
3615 McCormick Court Standard Pacific to R. & V. Gupta for \$1,200,000
6976 North Mariposa Lane M. Bombon to H. Ma for \$685,000
7006 North Mariposa Lane D. Vivekanandan to V. Achanta for \$790,000
5469 Signal Hill Drive H. & A. Au to S. & G. Kumar for \$1,360,000
3726 Silvera Ranch Drive M. & L. MacAraeg to V. Subramanian for \$1,030,000
11444 Bloomington Way B. Ramin to J. Ricci for \$1,000,000
4254 Clarinbridge Circle K. Mak to C. Demera for \$420,000
8610 Davona Drive P. Blandino to R. Bathla for \$738,000
3245 Dublin Boulevard #104 M. Gupta to S. & A. Mittan for \$540,000
5582 Dublin Boulevard Western Pacific Housing to X. Ma for \$678,500
5586 Dublin Boulevard Western Pacific Housing to V. Maddali for \$790,000
5590 Dublin Boulevard Western Pacific Housing to R. Rajagopalan for \$740,000
11889 Dublin Green Drive Rivera Trust to K. Solanki for \$753,000
7054 Dublin Meadows Street #G R. & L. Vincent to H. Hing for \$465,000
8797 Edenberry Street A. & A. Lizama to A. & D. Joshi for \$780,000
4273 Fitzwilliam Street F. Leung to M. & L. Jena for \$560,000
7844 Gardella Drive Veith Trust to S. Lin for \$615,000
3360 Maguire Way #135 Wietecha Trust to M. Wang for \$455,000
4841 Mangrove Drive #86 K. & R. Dorch to G.

& G. Iftime for \$728,000
10885 McPeak Lane #31 R. Patterson to J. Andersen for \$650,000
7533 Mindy Mae Lane Toll California XII to H. Shi for \$1,124,500
5231 Palazzo Drive T. Leong to C. & R. Lichti for \$1,265,000
4957 Piper Glen Terrace Y. & M. Prashar to Sunil & Renu Trust for \$1,040,000
11478 Rolling Hills Drive R. & D. Hardy to J. & J. McCort for \$852,500
11768 Solana Drive Redick Trust to J. & R. Lucash for \$850,000
6792 South Mariposa Lane R. Puri to K. & S. Salaria for \$664,000
2307 West Cantara Drive X. He to K. Chang for \$1,025,000

Livermore

1556 5th Street M. & K. Alexander to R. Gibbany for \$660,000
1135 Aberdeen Avenue M. & J. Zumwalt to A. Sharma for \$606,000
256 Anna Maria Street Loyola Trust to K. Norris for \$550,000
749 Avalon Way D. & K. Spiller to Socher Trust for \$830,000
1820 Baywood Common Responsible Asset Management to N. Cook for \$650,000
2543 Bess Avenue Hopkins Trust to J. & D. Jorgensen for \$1,230,000
2982 Bresso Drive R. Cook to S. & K. Horton for \$1,169,000
5453 Carnegie Loop J. & J. Piper to K. Ferguson for \$1,020,000
778 Catalina Drive B. & A. Kelsoe to M. MacUr for \$682,000
833 Catalina Drive R. Gibbany to M. Sommers for \$780,000
534 Cedar Drive Mccort Trust to P. Surjadjaja for \$639,000
1832 Corte Cava M. Agbor to P. & C. Harrison for \$675,000
451 El Caminito Beato Trust to J. & M. Avery for \$690,000
6469 El Capitan Way J. & T. Malone to P. Sawyer for \$741,000
5329 Flagg Lane L. Donohue to R. Kuckenbaker for \$1,255,000
6867 Garaventa Ranch Road T. Dhanoa to M. & K. Hepner for \$780,000
266 Garden Common M. & M. Hamann to S. Kar for \$525,000
5834 Gloria Way C. Hadden to S. Mosier for \$880,000
879 Havasu Court A. & E. Bychawski to Chattha Trust for \$635,000
452 Jillana Avenue J. & J. Souza to C. Bueno for \$675,000
7 Meritage Common #203 D. Avolicino to C. Reimers for \$455,000
750 Moraga Drive King Trust to H. & D. Dogar for \$680,000
661 Newbury Street J. & J. Woffinden to Desilva Trust for \$950,000
1745 Niagara Drive Amin Homes to Trujillo Trust for \$800,000
2512 Orvieto Court Yocham Trust to A. Meadows for \$1,285,000
2492 Pyramid Street B. Leece to K. & T. Riddiough for \$960,000
2180 Rapallo Common T. Boyle to S. & H. Bridgeman for \$700,000
1208 Rincon Avenue D. & C. Schaefer to D. & S. Duke for \$530,000
614 Salem Court R. Christophersen to J. Jeffries for \$685,000
118 Selby Lane #6 K. & A. Sjudahl to D. & A. Western for \$635,000
2260 Shetland Road T. & R. Weber to C. & C. Clark for \$570,000
4039 Sonia Street J. McWhorter to Bennett Trust for \$1,000,000
634 Starling Avenue C. & C. Barbir to M. Munoz for \$690,000
5461 Treeflower Drive Bais Trust to US Investments for \$449,000
1943 Walnut Street R. & C. Caulk to L. Jefferis-Hernandez for \$545,000
2393 Westminster Way D. & A. Chance to D. Faissol for \$670,000
635 Zermatt Street S. & M. Martinez to M. & K. Westphal for \$900,000
6953 Bear Creek Drive J. & D. Sullivan to J. & V. Nguyen for \$715,000
310 Bernal Avenue C. & P. Tsang to K. & E. Murphy for \$549,000
1328 Boxwood Court G. Gogula to V. Somisetty for \$720,000
1367 Calle De Las Granvas C. Winger to S. & M. Martinez for \$645,000
1585 Citrine Place L. & K. Brist to D. & L. Tobias

for \$1,005,000
4277 East Avenue E. Hanson to H. Kolla for \$535,000
2710 Elston Street V. Martinez to T. Nguyen for \$990,000
4110 Emerson Drive V. Pope to S. & M. Gottero for \$900,000
411 Falcon Way L. Phirippidis to V. & M. Barbera for \$587,500
5147 Felicia Avenue Puzder Trust to M. & T. Khaddour for \$635,000
5885 Flora Common N. Chau to L. Nair for \$715,000
6671 Forget Me Not S. Maharrey to S. & A. Cane for \$396,000
651 Geraldine Street Y. Xu to R. & J. Faria for \$732,000
821 Hanover Street C. & K. Siegler to Z. Lee for \$642,000
582 Heligan Lane #2 P. Pallevenkata to F. & R. Harris for \$668,000
644 Heligan Lane #206 M. Lundgren to R. Jimenez for \$595,000
2841 Hoya Common F. Reyes to K. Lam for \$650,000
1348 Lillian Street T. Grenville to L. & A. Edwards for \$625,500
2259 Linden Street E. Gril to S. Gril-Martyn for \$250,000
895 Lucerne Street M. & T. Crawford to R. & K. Gilmore for \$900,000
1019 Marigold Road Griffin Trust to S. Lee for \$491,000
352 Miramonte Lane Performance Mortgage Investors to Arndt Trust for \$875,000
888 Mohawk Drive Cchghc Trust to A. & P. McIntyre for \$687,500
2861 Patcham Common Taylor Morrison of California to J. & T. Langshaw for \$719,000
1767 Placer Circle Kumar Trust to J. Kandayah for \$750,000
1980 Ponderosa Drive T. & L. Cormier to J. Lauber for \$620,000
1926 Railroad Avenue #100 M. Balun to E. & S. Brandler for \$475,000
2633 Regent Road S. & P. Bisset to G. Coffield for \$880,000
2857 Salvia Common D. Xia to Gendron Trust for \$770,000
1723 Sunset Drive Gendron Trust to T. & R. Boyle for \$590,000
750 Trinity Hills Lane M. & G. Benz to Nicholson Trust for \$1,320,000
528 Tyler Avenue V. & D. Kehn to L. & J. Heagle for \$590,000
S Vasco Road Summerhill Brisa to Brisa Station-Livermore for \$22,500,000
881 Waverly Common Amerine Trust to R. & H. Fourie for \$640,000
482 Yosemite Drive Grass Trust to J. & L. Chahine for \$613,000
1501 Yukon Place M. & C. Skally to M. & J. Zumwalt for \$1,099,000

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6766 Aberdale Circle Y. Liu to Z. Li for \$800,000
9085 Alcosta Boulevard #319 J. & K. Dononoe to M. Reynolds for \$380,000
201 Alderwood Lane C. & L. Bralts to J. Stegall for \$1,027,000
1476 Asterbell Drive S. Dagostino to Hjkcm Trust for \$1,046,000
215 Azalea Lane T. & L. Nash to S. & J. McKiernan for \$950,000
19 Baltusrol Court T. Wolf to A. Dolan for \$800,000
2768 Bollinger Canyon Road K. Bird to N. Salama for \$480,000
1746 Campanula Drive S. Patel to A. & B. Sofuoglu for \$1,025,000
1347 Canyon Side Avenue Haussmann Trust to R. Louie for \$750,000
209 Compton Circle #C N. Zhang to M. & M. Heller for \$370,000
5220 Fioli Loop R. Yang to G. Janakiraman for \$732,000
115 Lava Falls Place Iwashina Trust to R. & M. Acosta for \$1,150,000
204 Norris Canyon Place #B D. Lai to J. Lucas for \$475,000
120 Reflections Drive #13 F. Cheng to B. Kathri for \$274,000
2554 Rockhampton Road Hogan Trust to R. Nudurupati for \$800,000
1 San Pedro Place K. Herrington to J. & D. Howard for \$806,500
7455 Sedgfield Avenue L. Henry to H. & L. Lam for \$810,000
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during July 21-Aug. 6

Pleasanton (July 21 - Aug.4)

Total sales reported: 44
Lowest sale reported: \$404,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,362,500
Average sales reported: \$1,139,674

Dublin (July 21-Aug.4)

Total sales reported: 39
Lowest sale reported: \$420,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,360,000
Average sales reported: \$835,822

Livermore (July 21-Aug.4)

Total sales reported: 73

Lowest sale reported: \$250,000
Highest sale reported: \$22,500,000
Average sales reported: \$1,307,625

San Ramon (July 21-Aug.4)

Total sales reported: 55
Lowest sale reported: \$274,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,755,000
Average sales reported: \$754,786

Sunol (July 21-Aug.4)

Total sales reported: 1
Lowest sale reported: \$908,000
Highest sale reported: >\$908,000
Average sales reported: \$908,000

Source: California REsource

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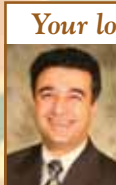
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