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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Going for the Gold in scouting

Rebecca Rodriguez, who turns 17 next week, has been in Scouting since she was a toddler in a stroller, remembering those trips her older brother and sisters took her on to meetings and events. Last week, hosting a "Safety Smarts" rally at Lydiksen Elementary School, she took her last leap toward achieving the coveted Gold Award, the top award in the Girl Scouts and the equivalent of the Boy Scout Eagle Award.



Rebecca Rodriguez

Several hundred turned out for the event including representatives from Pleasanton police, the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, ValleyCare, the Esteller Martial Arts studio on Main Street and more. Her mother Karen, a specialist with the Herzog Agency, brought the firm's fingerprinting equipment to offer "Safety Smarts" ID registration to young children for parents to have on hand if they're ever needed.

Rebecca is a junior at Foothill High School who credits Scouting for giving her interests and friendships she might not have had otherwise. Just staging Friday's event required the management and promotional skills she says she gained from the Girl Scouts, where she has earned the Bronze and Silver awards leading up to a chance to qualify for the Gold. Of course, as a Daisy and younger Scout, Rebecca was one of the hundreds we see this week selling cookies throughout the city, part of an overall effort by the organization to instill public fortitude and sales experience.

Even today, as she files the final paperwork to show she logged in at least 80 hours on the "Safety Smarts" projects, she's one of the Scouts walking the neighborhood and standing in front of grocery stores to sell the 1,200 boxes of Girl Scout cookies she signed for. Cookie sales provide an added benefit: She can keep a portion of the sales money to pay for summer camps, where Rebecca spends much of her summers. This summer, she qualified for a spot on a Scout trip to Costa Rica and then will be back for Camp Butano Creek in the Santa Cruz Mountains, which her mother manages. Karen Rodriguez also is the leader of Girl Scout Troop 30986, which includes Rebecca and 24 other girls.

Tuesday night, the Pleasanton City Council honored Karen and her troop with a special proclamation marking the 100th anni-

versary of the Girl Scouts and as "the largest, longest running and most effective leadership program for girls in the world."

In its proclamation, the council notes that the first Girl Scout meeting was held in Savannah, Ga., and that since then more than 50 million girls have participated in the Girl Scout movement during their childhood.

There are currently 47,000 girl and 32,000 adult members in the Northern California Girl Scout Council and 3.2 million members in the U.S.

In praising Karen and Rebecca Rodriguez for their efforts on behalf of the Girl Scouts, Mayor Jennifer Hosterman noted that 69% of the women Senators and 65% of the women in the House of Representatives were Girl Scouts as children.

Rebecca's dad, David, was a Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts as her brother Michael worked his way to the Eagle Scout award. Her sisters Deborah and Michelle also earned Gold Awards in Girl Scouts, and they drove here from Chicago State University to help their younger sister earn hers.

The Rodriguez family is well-known at Lydiksen, which all four children attended. The parents ran the school's science fair there, endearing them to school Principal Colleen Henry. At Friday's event, Henry made the multipurpose room available and also allowed vendors to use computers in the school library to demonstrate online safety courses.

All three of Rebecca's siblings will graduate from college this June as she starts her last year of knuckling down to more AP courses in preparation for college and a teaching career.

"Scouting has brought my family together in a very special way that's continuing," Rebecca told me at her "Safety Smarts" event. "I can't imagine my life without it." ■



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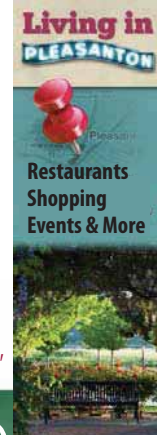


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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

With the Goodguys custom car show holding its 30th year celebration March 24-25, do you remember what you were driving in 1983 when the show started?



Angel Lomeli
Driver

I wasn't born yet, but my mother was driving a burgundy Chevy El Camino. I think she brought me home from the hospital in that car. She called it the Bullet, because even though it wasn't in the best shape, it was fast and reliable. I remember it well.

Gary Winter
Artist

I drove a '59 root beer-brown Jaguar. I only had it for a few years, but it was a crazy car. I really lucked out because I got a super deal on it; it was beautiful.



Joel Davis
Owner, Cycle Pros

I was a teenager driving a 1964 Sunbeam Imp. My parents wouldn't buy me a car, so I found four Imps all across the country and bought them all for between \$50 and \$300. I used parts from all four to build two running cars. They ran great, and I sold them after five years to the next victim.

Dorothy Maestas
Retired

We were driving a green Ford Windstar van and a Toyota Supra. They were both great cars and we had them into the 1990s.



Bob McCalmont
Retired

We had a Lincoln Continental Mark VII that we named White Lightning. It was all white, and there wasn't anything that had the name of the car on the outside. We loved that car; it was one of our favorites.

—Compiled by Kerry Nally

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Transit fair Friday

Pleasanton will host the seventh annual Transit Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, March 16, at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. This free event will feature agencies including WHEELS, AARP, the Alameda County Transportation Commission, Pleasanton Paratransit Service, Senior Support of the Tri-Valley Transportation Services, and ACE Train.

Free Car Fit assessments can be made by trained professionals evaluating folks 50 and older with a 15-minute, 12-point checklist with their vehicle to recommend ways for a better "fit." Call 931-5365 for an appointment.

The Pleasanton Senior Center's Snappy Café will offer a St. Patrick's Day meal for \$5 for adults (under 60) and \$3.50 for seniors. Make reservations by 1 p.m. March 12 at 931-5365.

Brew Crawl

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl is being held next Friday evening with tastes of beer and appetizers at 26 locations downtown. Free tickets to the Halloween Brew Crawl will be given for best costume.

Tickets are for sale at Redcoats, Main Street Brewery and Studio Seven Arts for \$30; any left the night of the March 16 event will cost \$35 at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Designated drivers may sample the food for \$10.

For more information, go to www.pleasantondowntown.net.

Jobs for teens

Pleasanton, San Ramon, Dublin and the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club are presenting a Teen Job and Career Fair from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd.

The job fair will give teens 14-18 the chance to meet with employers and attend a series of workshops on Finance Management; Social Networking and Use of Media; Job Search; Interview Techniques; and Resume Development. The event will also feature panel discussions on Professional Careers and Skills/Trades, and a mock interview session.

For more information, call 931-3432.

Corrections

The story in last week's paper on the School District's new Management Assistant/Technology Coordinator should have said that this position has been in existence since 2009. The primary duties of the job are analyzing test data; other responsibilities, about 20%, include sending out news releases and the district's e-connection.

School district cuts 70 jobs

Preliminary layoff notices for employees to go out March 15

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A week after the Pleasanton school board voted to slash more than \$5.3 million in spending in anticipation of state cuts, the board made it real by eliminating 70 jobs.

The board voted Tuesday night to cut the equivalent of more than 70.8 fulltime employees. Teachers will take the biggest hit; the elimination of class size reductions will do away with 29 positions in grades kindergarten through third grade, and the equivalent of 14.9 fulltime physical education, English, math, science, social studies and special education teachers.

The cuts will also do away with the equivalent of 8.5 reading specialists and the fulltime Barton position, a fulltime psychologist, and the equivalent of 7.6 fulltime counselors, along with a fulltime program specialist and more than a half dozen smaller cuts.

"It's really unfortunate that we have to go through this," said Board Member Jeff Bowser. "This is not a scare tactic ... it's merely a process that we have to go through to maintain fiscal solvency."

Other board members echoed Bowser's sentiment.

"It's a shame that we have to do this, that we have to cut programs that are so close to our hearts," said Board Member Valerie Arkin. "I apologize to the community."

Board Member Chris Grant told teachers to "hang in there."

Bill Faraghan, assistant superintendent of human resources, said the district might not have to make all the cuts, thanks to retirements and resignations. He added that a fulltime equivalent of 1.2 music teachers will likely be brought back with funding promised by the Pleasanton

Schools Educational Enrichment (PSEE) Foundation. Other programs and positions could be restored in the middle of the school year if a tax increase proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown is approved in a November referendum.

The cuts were approved unanimously by the board on a roll call vote so the district can issue preliminary layoff notices, which are due by March 15 with final notices due May 15. The district is in negotiations with its two unions, which could spare some jobs, although a list of CSEA (California Service Employee Association) cuts, which have a later due date, has yet to be announced.

The cut list did not include the elimination of the director of adult education and summer programs, currently held by Glen Sparks. That position was cut on a separate vote by the board, although a much-reduced summer school will continue.

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HELIA FLETCHER

Braxton Fletcher, 11, talks with San Francisco Giants Manager Bruce Bochy in the dugout at spring training in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Saturday. Braxton arranged the meeting as part of a school assignment to interview a professional.

A Giants thrill

School project leads to spring training

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Braxton Fletcher, 11, combined his love of baseball with a school project to visit the Giants in spring training in Scottsdale, Ariz., last weekend and interview Manager Bruce Bochy.

For his sixth-grade language arts class at Pleasanton Middle School, Braxton was assigned to interview and perform an activity with a professional.

"He came home and said he wanted to interview Bruce," said his father, Pete Fletcher. "Both of us (Pete and mom Helia) didn't think it had a chance of happening but he was very determined. He made a few phone calls and they said, 'Yes.'"

Braxton prepared 25 questions but narrowed it down to 15 after he was told he would have 15 minutes for the interview. When he arrived at the stadium in Scottsdale on Saturday, he was given media credentials and a tour of the clubhouse before being led onto the field and into the dugout for the interview.

"You're not afraid of being interviewed by an 11-year-old, are you?" was his first question. This drew a laugh from Bochy, who replied that he was looking forward to it.

Other questions ranged from "What's your most memorable moment winning the World Series?" to "Tell me how you see the National League West playing out this year."

Bochy said his most memorable moment in the 2010 World Series was seeing Brian Wilson throw a strike for the last out that gave the Giants the win, adding, "It's every coach's dream to see it end that way."

And he'd like to see the National League West end this year with a victory for the Giants, "of course."

Now Braxton must turn the interview into a five-paragraph essay and create a six-minute Power Point presentation.

"We are very proud of him," said Pete Fletcher. "Braxton took the initiative to make this dream a reality."

After the interview Braxton was able to stay in the dugout to watch batting practice and meet players Nate Schierholtz, Pablo Sandoval, Brandon Crawford, Pat Burrell and Brian Sabean.

He returned home with pictures, autographs and once-in-a-lifetime memories — plus a mighty good school project. ■

Suspect in 1984 killing pleads not guilty

Next hearing set for April 30

A former classmate of Tina Faelz pleaded not guilty this week to a charge that he murdered the 14-year-old in Pleasanton nearly 28 years ago.

Carlson is now 44. He was 16 at the time of the killing and attended Foothill High School with the girl.

Her body was discovered the afternoon of April 5, 1984, not far from Interstate 680. She had been stabbed numerous times.

Carlson, who is being held at the county jail without bail, is scheduled to return to court April 30 for a pretrial hearing.

Wearing a red jail uniform, he smiled and laughed as he chatted with his attorney, Cameron Bowman, before his brief hearing Monday. Bowman was hired by Carlson's family to take the case over from Richard Foxall, the public defender originally assigned the case.

Carlson has served time, including on a felony count of lewd or lascivious act with a child under 14 years of age, and he is on the state's Megan's Law list of sex offenders. Police have said Faelz did not appear to have been sexually molested.

He could have been prosecuted as a juvenile because he was under 18 when Faelz was murdered, but Alameda County Superior Court Judge Rhonda Burgess ruled in January that Carlson should be prosecuted as an adult.

She cited the degree of criminal sophistication exhibited in the killing, the severity of the crime, and previous failed attempts at rehabilitating Carlson, among other considerations.

When Carlson was arrested and charged last August, Pleasanton police said that after Faelz's body was discovered, they conducted exhaustive crime-scene processing and interviewed classmates, friends, school faculty and nearby residents.

Faelz was last seen alive about an hour before her body was found. The freshman girl often took the bus home from school but had recently started walking home to avoid being teased by other students riding the bus, her mother, Shirley Orosco, said in a 2008 interview with the Pleasanton Weekly.

Like many of her classmates, Faelz took a back route from the high school, walking on a path that connected through Aster Court to

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Goodguys 30th anniversary show

Heading to Fairgrounds March 24

By JEB BING

Do you remember what your family car was in 1983, if you were even born by then?

You just might be able to see a car that looks like that on the weekend of March 24-25 when the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association will hold its 30th annual All American Get-Together at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

One of the largest custom car shows in the west, it wasn't always so big.

The event got started in 1983 as a one-day event for Bay Area car guys organized by Goodguys founder Gary Meadors. It has been held at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton ever since, making it one of the longest running family-oriented events in the region.

Looking back, Meadors said, it was really just a simple car guy get-together that morphed into something much more. At the time, Meadors, nicknamed the "Goodguy" as a sales manager for sundry giant Carter-Wallace, who mostly promoted car shows on the side.

With the growth and success of the All American Get-Together, Meadors launched the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association in 1987 with the goal of holding a national series of classic car and hot rod events around the country. With his wife Marilyn's marketing skills, Goodguys events and the association grew almost as fast as their hot rod '32 Ford sedan.

Today, the association has 70,000 members, holds 20 annual events across the country, including four at the Fairgrounds, publishes a monthly color magazine, and employs more than 30 full-time staffers at the Serpentine Lane corporate headquarters in Pleasanton.

Their son Marc, 43, who grew up working for the family business, is the company's president, with Gary and Marilyn now splitting their time between the Bay Area and a home in Arizona.

At the upcoming 30th annual Get-Together, more than 3,000 American powered cars of all years, makes and models will dot every square inch of the Fairgrounds. Out on the paved blacktop, 1,200 swap-meet booths will offer hard to find vintage auto parts.



Goodguys Rod & Custom show attracts thousands at recent show at Alameda County Fairgrounds, where 30th anniversary "Get-together" will be held March 24-25.

Over 300 vendor booths will offer high performance components and, new to this show, will be the Goodguys AutoCross, an electronically timed vehicle agility course. Also included will be a model car show, arts and crafts, vintage music and competition for the events most coveted trophy, the Goodguys West Coast Custom of the Year award.

To commemorate the event's 30 years, Goodguys will hold a "Flashback Sunday" promotion on March 25, featuring a special parking area for cars made in 1983 in honor of the event's first year. A special music playlist featuring 1983's top hits will play over the PA system and Goodguys will reprint a limited amount of the original event tee shirts.

Event gates will be open Saturday, March 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, March 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Goodguys AutoCross will be running throughout the weekend during event hours. The awards ceremony is slated for 3 p.m. March 25. General admission is \$17 for adults and \$6 for those 7-12. For additional information visit www.goodguys.com or call 838-9876. ■

PUSD

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That position, which pays \$120,000, was eliminated at the same time the district is advertising for a replacement for Cindy Galbo, assistant superintendent of educational services, who is retiring at the end of the school year. That job, with a 217-day work year, will range in pay from \$158,310 to \$181,664. A master's degree is required, with an emphasis in educational leadership or organizational leadership.

Among the other cuts that were approved last week were reductions in car allowances to management. For Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi and the district's three assistant superintendents, car allowances will drop from \$600 a month to \$400 per month in the upcoming school year.

No principals or other management will get any car allowances for the 2012-13 school year. Until the cut last week, directors and senior directors received \$150 a month, principals received \$125 per month, coordinators got \$75 a month, vice principals received \$75 a month, and administrative assistants received \$25 a month.

Meanwhile, the district stands to make a profit from its summer school program, which will be limited to high schoolers who have failed classes or need credits to graduate, and special day class students who attend school all year.

Estimated costs for teachers and principals for the high school programs will run \$180,294, with \$480,655 in funding coming from the state and \$20,000 anticipated from donations, netting the district \$320,361. That money will go to the district's general fund.

The board also heard a preliminary report on transitional kindergarten. That program, for incoming children who will turn 5 in November — and possibly for some who turn 5 in October and September — would be run in kindergarten classrooms at two or three elementary schools. Jane Golden, director of curriculum and special projects, told the board that the district had put together a program tailored to those students that would be revenue neutral — meaning no extra cost to the district — based on state funding for the 30 to 40 students who will turn 5 in November alone. If space allows, transitional kindergarten could be extended to those students who will turn 5 in October and September.

The board took no action on that report and is still waiting for news from the state, since funding for it is in flux. Members worried that implementing the program could mean cuts elsewhere.

A quick estimate by Board Member Chris Grant put the cost to the state at about \$330,000 for just November 5-year-olds and about \$1 million if all three months are included, and he pointed out that the same policy and costs would apply to all districts in the state.

Luz Cazares, assistant superintendent of business services, agreed that the state could cut other programs to fund transitional kindergarten.

"They're just moving finite buckets of money around," Cazares told the board.

The board also took no action despite questions from a number of residents concerned about the district's outstanding debt. A special session on the debt was held before the regular meeting and drew 11 people, although some longtime critics like Julie Testa, — who was among those who were part of a citizens committee reviewing district debt — said they hadn't been notified.

The review showed an outstanding balance of more than \$87.9 million, not

Service	Full Time Equivalent
Art	0.8
Barton	1.0
Counseling	7.6
English	3.6
Health	0.8
Home Ec	0.17
Home Schooling	1.5
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Psychologists	1.0
Reading Specialists	8.5
Science, Earth	0.2
Science, Life	1.0
Science, Physical	0.4
Science Specialist	1.0
Social Studies	2.5
Special Education	1.0
French	0.2
Spanish	0.2
Class Size Reduction K-3	27.0
CSR Dual Immersion K-3	2.0
Total	70.9

counting more than \$21.5 million in interest, for outstanding general obligation bonds.

The district will pay \$11.1 million on those bonds this year, but make no payment toward its outstanding balance of more than \$17.5 million on certificates of deposit (COPs), which is borrowing done for capital projects like school improvements. Payments for COPs were expected to come from developer funds, although that money is much less than originally anticipated. That money is secured by the district's general fund, meaning if it cannot be paid from other sources, it would have to dip into reserves.

Cazares, however, said the district was very conservative when making its estimates on what it would get from developer funds and said money had been set aside from other areas of the budget to cover certificates of deposit payments when due.

However, critics, including Testa, Kay Ayala and David Miller, claimed the district used "skewed" figures to justify COP borrowing.

Miller asked the district to investigate the numbers it used.

"It's got to stop," he said. "I don't want to be here year after year pointing out the indiscretions of previous boards."

The district will also spend more than \$176,000 this year on lease payments for copy machines and improvements to heating, ventilation and air conditioning and lighting at schools, with a total debt of \$507,954. That money, like the certificates of deposit, is secured by the district's general fund, meaning if it cannot be paid from other sources, the district will have to dip into reserves. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Homework in Maui? Rohin Sequeira had a ton of homework to do when visiting Maui while school was in session to attend a wedding. Photo was taken in the lobby of the Westin Ka' Anapali Ocean Resorts Villa.

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Lemonwood Way and under I-680 to her home in the Valley Trails neighborhood. That day, she only made it part way when police believe she was approached and subsequently stabbed to death.

Fellow high school students who walked the same path found Faelz's body at about 3:25 p.m., only 10 to 15 minutes after investigators believe she was killed, Lt. Darrin Davis said in a 2008 interview. Police also received a call from a trucker who reported seeing her body from the freeway just minutes before the students discovered her.

The crime remained unsolved for 27 years until Pleasanton police announced Aug. 7 that DNA evidence had linked Carlson to Faelz's death.

Police said that in the many years since the murder, they kept the case open and investigated any tips or new information that emerged.

In late 2007, police again re-examined the evidence that was collected at the time of the killing, using scientific analyses that weren't available in 1984. Evidence was submitted to two different laboratories for examination.

In October 2010, the FBI crime lab in Quantico, Va., provided information to Pleasanton police that led them to Carlson as a suspect.

—Glenn Wohltmann
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Chianti's on Main Street celebrates 1st anniversary

Italian restaurant praised for tasty recipes

Chianti's, a popular Italian restaurant in downtown Pleasanton, will celebrate its first anniversary Tuesday with a special daylong menu that includes complimentary glasses of champagne.

The restaurant, located at 436 Main St. and officially named Chianti's Ristorante Italian, is packed with customers on most evenings and at lunchtime during much of the week.

Owned and operated by Al Mancini and Masood Kabriri, it offers genuine Italian recipes ranging from Carpaccio Salmone, which consists of finely sliced smoked salmon topped with mozzarella cheese, capers, red onions and fresh tomatoes. The menu includes baby Manila clams, sautéed prawns, sautéed chicken, veal and port ranging in price from \$10 for lunch to \$16-\$20 for dinner.

"We dug in our heels and opened for business a year ago in a very tough economy, and our food and service had such wide appeal that we quickly ran out of space," said Mancini. "Not a bad problem to have."



JEB BING

The restaurant can seat 445 patrons inside and another 20 or so outside.

"I know there are a number of very good Italian restaurants in the Tri-Valley," Mancini said. "We just happen to think ours is one of the best, which is why our business continued to grow in a down economy and now is moving forward at

an even faster pace as the economy picks up."

One San Francisco reviewer wrote online: "They're a new restaurant, but I think their menu is really promising. I can't wait to go back and try more."

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Enjoy the primary battles elsewhere, they won't matter here

While the media has spent the last few days focused on Super Tuesday results in the Republican presidential primaries around the country, there's been no news from California with our state primary less than three months away. That's because it really won't have much of an impact on June 5 when we go to the polls to choose a presidential nominee in either the Democratic or Republican party. By then, there will likely be a single major candidate, most certainly President Obama on the Democratic ticket.

But even in the Congressional and state races, there's likely to be no good old-fashioned street fighting. That's because the June ballot in those races will look much different. State Proposition 14, which voters approved, does away with party-specific ballots at polling places in California. Longtime Congressman Pete Stark is seeking reelection in the newly created 15th Congressional District that covers all of Pleasanton with Dublin Councilman Eric Swalwell in close pursuit. Swalwell is pounding the political beat like it's old times, but he probably shouldn't worry. Nobody is close behind — Democrat or Republican — and the new voting format puts the top two vote-getters in the June 5 primary spots together again in the General Election on Nov. 6.

With Democrats controlling state elective offices in the East Bay and in registrations, political analysts don't see a third candidate gaining on Stark and Swalwell. It'll be a one-party choice pitting one Democrat against another. Americans tend to decry one-party rule in other countries; now we have it here and we voted for it. At least a political party will make a difference when we vote in the presidential primary, even if there's only one top contender on each ticket.

Fortunately for those of us who still appreciate a choice of different political views at the ballot box, Pleasanton will have what looks like a feisty race for mayor and possibly for open seats on the City Council. Mayor Jennifer Hosterman and council members Cindy McGovern and Matt Sullivan are termed out, although both McGovern and Sullivan could run for mayor if they choose. So far, council members Cheryl Cook-Kallio and Jerry Thorne have announced their intentions to seek the mayor's post and have filed paperwork with the City Clerk, enabling them to start accepting campaign donations. They also redesignated the funds remaining from their campaigns two years ago for council for this year's mayoral campaigns. Planning Commissioner Jennifer Pearce also has completed the initial paperwork to run for City Council although actual filing for any of the municipal races doesn't start until July 16.

Three school board seats are also up for election Nov. 6, with the four-year terms of Chris Grant, Valerie Arkin and Jamie Hintzke expiring. Unlike the positions for mayor and City Council, there are no term limits for serving on the school board. Those on the board can run again, and again. ■

LETTERS

Heartfelt thanks

Dear Editor,

Bob and I have been doing the Coat and Blanket Drive since 1999. Even after 13 years, we continue to be humbled beyond description at the generosity of our wonderful community. Whenever we've placed a call for donations, we've been deluged with coats, blankets, warm clothing, socks, blankets, sleeping bags, etc. Many have come fresh from the cleaners, some

have never been worn, and some people have donated brand new items. All of these were donated in the wonderful, generous and anonymous spirit of sharing. How blessed we are to be part of such a dynamic and thoughtful community — recession or not, our neighbors still give what they can, and then some.

We'd like to thank you for your continued support in our collection efforts to benefit our "neighbors in need." Sometimes it does "take a village" to help each other weather the storms — and, boy, does our community rise to the call.

Deb and Bob Cilk

GUEST OPINION

By Robert Allen

Revisiting regional rail transit

It's been five-and-a-half decades since the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit Commission (RTC) issued its monumental 1957 report to the state Legislature calling for a phased construction and operation of unified mass rapid transit under one management, on its own right of way, and without grade crossings around the Bay.



The first three-county phase — BART as we know today — stems from a 1962 \$792 million bond (paid off over a decade ago) at a time when San Francisco had only two buildings over a dozen stories high. This November, partial funding for BART to Livermore should be on the ballot as part of the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Measure B3.

Five counties with 6 million people ring San Francisco Bay: the original three BART counties plus

San Mateo and Santa Clara, which bought into BART extensions to SFO/Millbrae and to Berryessa in San Jose. The time has come to annex those two counties into the BART district and plan to grade, separate and convert Caltrain to BART south from Millbrae, loop BART around the Bay, extend BART to the Golden Gate and Carquinez bridges, take the system over the Altamont and to Brentwood, and grade separate the Capitol Corridor in the East Bay on the shorter, more direct Mulford line.

Adjusted for inflation and the five-county population, a bond issue equal to that for BART in 1962 would raise about \$16 billion today. Our transportation planners should revisit the massive RTC report and update it. A well-planned, balanced bond measure could and should pass.

Robert S. Allen was on the BART board of directors from 1974-88. Retired from the Southern Pacific, he is a life member of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association, active in rail transit, high speed rail, and the economics of railway location and operation committees and commissions. He lives in Livermore.

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

Family activities are fun for all

Time together
builds
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forever

BY KATIE LYNES

Kids are so busy with their own activities nowadays that it is sometimes hard to find exciting and interesting things for families to enjoy doing together. Many parents find themselves simply driving their children from place to place, dropping them off, and picking them up later — more like a shuttle driver than an active part of their child's life.

However, there are many local activities they can enjoy together, so that parents feel involved in their children's lives as opposed to merely facilitating their numerous interests.

Kristie Carlson, a mother of two children in Pleasanton, regularly volunteers with her daughters, Vintage Hills fifth-graders Brooke and Sammi, at the Valley Humane Society. They decided to volunteer because they love animals and wanted to help those that do not have homes. Not only are they spending time together, but they enjoy providing a benefit to the community while doing so.

The Carlson family also goes on road trips together for several days at a time. "You really get to know your kids and they learn a lot about you, too," Kristie Carlson said, when they talk in the car for hours with no outside distractions.

They make sure to find interesting places outdoors along the way to explore, she added.

The Carlsons also take horseback riding lessons together and play lots of board games. Kristie Carlson hopes these activities will help to reinforce the family's strong bond and that Sammi and Brooke will want to continue them as they get older. She also thinks doing things together will help her girls understand that she and their dad are always there to love, support and listen to them.

Sammi and Brooke said they enjoy these activities with their mom — they are entertaining, plus laughing together a lot creates memories and brings them closer. This strong relationship with their parents reminds them that they are incredibly fortunate to have a family that cares. Lastly, Brooke and Sammi have learned, "You always need your family no matter how old you are."

Houses of worship offer ways for parents to connect with their children, participating in their family's cultural



Family activities benefit both parents and children. It establishes a trusting and loving foundation that can last a lifetime.

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Above: Sammi, Kristie and Brooke Carlson volunteer together at the Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton. Right: Andrea Bloom (left) geocaching with her children — Jessica (in front), 11, Maxwell, 11, and Zachary, 13, (behind her) and family friends.



and religious traditions together and helping to create a sense of belonging. The Jewish Chabad in Pleasanton sponsors Loaves of Love, where mothers and daughters learn to bake Jewish challah bread, while being taught its religious significance. Many churches sponsor family hikes through local scenic areas, such as the Pleasanton Ridge, Lake Del Valle and the Sunol Wilderness.

Augustin Bernal Park, on the west side of town, offers 237 acres of open space where families can hike, bike and go horseback riding together, as well as engage in geocaching, a high-tech treasure hunt played by adventure seekers with GPS devices.

The basic idea is to locate hidden containers called geocaches, which contain tiny, inexpensive treasures such as keychains and marbles. There are many hidden along the trails of the Augustin Bernal Park.

"Geocaching is a great way to explore areas as a family activity," said Andrea Bloom, who enjoys the activity with her children and friends. "You can do it wherever you are, and it adds an element of excitement for the whole family to discover the cache together."

Another mother of three said it's not about the treasures, it's about spending the time together. "That is the treasure," she said.

Downtown Pleasanton also offers activities for the whole family. Sharaku Paintertainment on the second floor at 205 Main St. has special Family Fun Days where parents and children can paint on canvases together. Studio 7 Arts at 400 Main St. welcomes children for art activities at its Meet the Artist mornings.

Downtown Yoga is another venue on Main Street for families to participate in a joint activity as children are welcome into adult classes, to relax together in a health-promoting environment and have fun while doing so.

"I really like having parents and children in class together," said instructor Praveena Chinthluri. "It fills the studio with a wonderful, positive energy."

Family activities benefit both parents and children. Everyone gets to spend time together as the children grow up, and at the same time, it establishes a trusting and loving foundation for the young that can last a lifetime. It also creates traditions that children will some day repeat with their own offspring while sharing memories of their parents.

As children grow older their lives often revolve around doing things with friends, but family activities are a great way to show children that their close relatives are a constant in the world around them that changes so quickly.

—Katie Lyness is a youth correspondent for the Pleasanton Weekly. She is a freshman at Amador Valley High School.

Spend 'An Evening with Isadora Duncan'

Famous dancer to swoop into Pleasanton

Isadora Duncan, the early 1900s dancer famous for both her modern poetic dance style as well as her unusual and untimely death, will take to the stage in Pleasanton on Tuesday evening as part of the Museum on Main's Ed Kinney Lecture Series that offers "An Evening With..." famous people in history.

Lois Ann Flood will portray the flamboyant dancer at 7 p.m. March 13 at the Firehouse Arts Center. The event is being held in March in honor of Women's History Month.

A hundred years ago, Duncan brought free-flowing costumes, bare feet and loose hair to stages throughout America, Europe and into Russia, and is still credited with being the creator of modern dance, even 85 years after her death. She died as dramatically as she had lived, strangled and nearly decapitated when her long trailing scarf was entangled in the spokes of a wheel of a sports car.

"The presentation by Flood is both culturally enriching and entertaining," said museum organizers. "Flood delivers a rare opportunity to witness the vitality and force that made Duncan a world famous dancer."

"Duncan's choreography, reflecting on her stunning choice of classical music, expresses a range of styles from lyrical to dramatic to revolutionary dances."

The speaker series, "An Evening With..." lets audiences come face to face with people making history



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Lois Ann Flood portrays Isadora Duncan.

today as well as actors who look and sound as if they have stepped out from the pages of history books. It takes place once a month January through October at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. in Pleasanton.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved in advance by calling the Museum on Main at 462-2766. Ticket prices are \$10 for general admission; \$5, members and seniors; \$3, students/teachers. All tickets are paid at the door.

The evening with Isadora Duncan is being sponsored by an anonymous donor. ■



JERRY PENTIN

Shreya Gupta, president of the 2012 Amador Valley High School Mock Trial team, displays a check for a \$1,500 grant from Pleasanton North Rotary and Cycling for a Cause supporting the team's competitive efforts, flanked by coaches Jerry Prettyman (left) and Steve Sherman.

Mock trial team headed for state finals

By JIM BRICE

The Amador Valley High School Mock Trial team is gearing up for California state finals after beating Oakland's Bishop O'Dowd High School on Feb. 23 to win the Alameda County championship.

The AVHS squad outperformed 11 high school teams in Alameda County to qualify for state competition in Sacramento, being held March 23-25. Its season record includes a victory over American High School, Fremont, in the county semifinals.

The team has advanced to the California state finals in four of the past six years.

Attorneys Steve Sherman and Jerry Prettyman are coaching the 20-member Amador Valley squad. Sherman is a partner at Toby & Sherman, a boutique law firm in Pleasanton specializing in business and real estate. Prettyman is

a patent and intellectual property attorney, also in Pleasanton.

A matching grant of \$1,500 from Cycling for a Cause, a Pleasanton-based bicycle riders charity, and Pleasanton North Rotary Foundation supports the local program.

More than 8,000 students competed in the California's mock trial program this year, and high schools from 37 California counties will compete for the state title.

Each team consists of separate prosecution and defense squads. Other students assume the roles of bailiff, timekeeper, courtroom artist and courtroom journalist, according to rules established by the program's sponsor, the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

Trials begin with a pretrial attorney who presents a constitutional law argument about whether specific evidence or a charge should be excluded. The pretrial issue

this year is whether a supposed statute restricting the public's ability to carry concealed weapons violates the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The judges interrupt competitors frequently with questions regarding the facts or application of different cases. A competitive advantage goes to mock trial attorneys with a superior knowledge of the rules of evidence to make or respond to objections and cross examine the other side's witnesses.

Team members are Shreya Gupta, president of the 2012 team, Nima Aminian, Sara Borchers, Kevin Chen, Gabriella Chikhani, Chloe Connolly, Sheniqua Diaz, Vignesh Kalidas, Sally Kim, Kathryn Kitayama, Ryuka Ko, Shilpa Krish, Hunter Laine, Janel Lee, Samuel Lyou, Nick Powell, Sumana Rallapalli, Jennifer Tao, Rushan Vipani, Edward Wang and Eve Yuan. ■



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Birthday yields dog goodies

Kate Bierdeman, a seventh-grader at Hart Middle School, relaxes after her 13th birthday party for 15 friends at Campo di Bocce with the presents — at her request the guests gave her donations to help homeless dogs rather than personal gifts for her. "I love dogs and would like to celebrate my birthday with gifts to our local shelter," Kate said. The presents included \$75 in cash and gift cards and an assortment of pet supplies, which Kate delivered to the Valley Humane Society on Nevada Street in Pleasanton.



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Seniors (l-r) Jessica Chen, Minny Chen, Julia Rosenberg and Cynthia Hsia are members of the human resources department in DECA Custom Designs, a student-run business at Amador Valley High.



Teacher Laurie Andrews talks shop with seniors Chris Amezcua, Eric Hildebrand to create custom items like T-shirts and sweatshirts to sell to sports teams.

story and photos by **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

RUNNING with the BIG DOGS

Amador Valley's DECA carves its own niche in the apparel business

Some seniors and juniors from Amador Valley High School are running their own business, learning and earning at the same time.

The 35 DECA students in Laurie Andrews' Economics of Business Ownership program have taken over a student-run business, DECA Custom Designs

"The program is about 4 years old. It started at Foothill and Amador. Now, I'm just doing it at Amador," Andrews said. "I thought it would be a good business experience for the students. These are kids who are making decisions about their future, and I like being involved in that process."

I pretty much let them decide

DECA Custom Designs works with a local company, Made to Order, and markets a variety of custom-printed items.

"The business has been around for a couple of years," said Emma Rigl, a member of the company's public relations department. "There's sweatshirts and T-shirts, there's all the various things you can sell ... we're just trying to reach out to all the kids on campus."

Since March 2010, the company has brought in about \$20,000 in gross revenue and about \$5,000 in profit, Rigl said.

"We get money from all of our orders and we get that to put back into our business. We use the money to put toward technology in our classroom," she said. "We continue to make money and it carries over into the next year's class and they'll be able to use it in their business."

Rigl said DCD markets mainly to clubs on campus, although the class is holding an open house March 14 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to draw in more potential customers.

"It's mainly apparel and specifically T-shirts. We have a lot of T-shirts that clubs and sports teams want," she said. "The biggest challenge was getting started. It took a while to get our departments organized and to actually get out and start marketing our business. Once we got started we got on a roll and have lots of sales coming in now."

Another member of the public relations team, Jarrod Groves, said DCD faces some stiff competi-

tion from the Internet, where students can buy apparel with the click of a mouse.

Chris Amezcua, a member of the sales team, said most of the orders went in-house to DECA members, but added, "I also made an order for a baseball team."

A big recent change was ordering from a specialty shop rather than one in Pennsylvania DCD had been using for years.

"It's definitely easier, because they're right on the street from us," Rigl said.

That allows DCD to send students over to pick up items, rather than await deliveries, which opens the door to internships there in the future.

"I pretty much let them decide and they know the risks and pitfalls," said Andrews, a teacher.

Those pitfalls include dealing with major brands like Nike. Students wanted to use Nike sweatshirts for their clothing, said student Karen Matsunaga.

"We talked to the people at Nike and they didn't want us to use it," she said.

The class has just added a new celebration department to market for birthdays and other events. Although the idea was proposed by Andrews, it still had to be approved by management staff and department heads.

CDC's CEO Jay Sephi said it was challenging to balance his job and his friendships with members of the class.

"It can be really awkward sometimes



Senior and junior Zack Roskoph who are on the design team and clubs.



Andrews discusses a purchase with Katie Antrim from Made to Order, a local custom design shop that makes items for DECA Custom Designs.

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my age and they're all my friends," Sephi said, adding that sometimes he was forced to put on an "unfriendly face."

But he said overall, he had a good experience with his first time in management, and he praised his directors and the rest of the class, his employees.

The Economics of Business Ownership class joined a Marketing class and Sports and Entertainment class to compete at the California state DECA competition earlier this month in Irvine.

Sephi said he learned a lot from the trip.

"It kind of gives you a sense of what business is going to look like. There's a lot of competition and you have to bring 110% all the time," he said.

All told, DECA at Amador did well, with 10 first-place awards, eight who took second place and five in third place. They'll be among the group of 40 qualifiers that heads to Salt Lake City next month for DECA's international competition.

Foothill high's DECA team did well, too, with 11 members qualifying to compete at Salt Lake City and one second place and two third-place winners.

Competitions for DECA, which initials once stood for Distributive Education Clubs of America, are a blend of exams, written assignments and live presentations based on scenarios presented by judges.

"We have students that prepare either written projects or role play. You are given a situation

and you have one to five minutes to prepare, and you tell them (the judges) about your ideas for the situation and how to implement them," Rigl said. "It's nerve-racking at first but once you sit down and look at the situation and analyze it — you have to be quick thinking and figure out how things will be seen by the judges — it's really fun."

It's easy to spot a DECA team member at any of these events. They're the ones wearing blue blazers with the patch on the front pocket. Jeans and sneakers are banned, and their code of conduct prohibits swearing and gambling, along with more routine restrictions, like those against smoking and drinking.

In addition to the opportunity to compete, students at the Economics of Business Ownership class also can get credit at Las Positas College. And, they get real-world experience, Rigl said.

"The best part was actually running a business. When I signed up for the class, I thought we'd be just learning about business," she said, adding that the hands-on experience was "great."

She said she'll bring what she learned to college and beyond.

"For me, it's definitely been about communication skills and learning how to work with people," she said. "I want to major in marketing in college so being part of the PR team at DCD will help, being able to speak and communicate with people." ■



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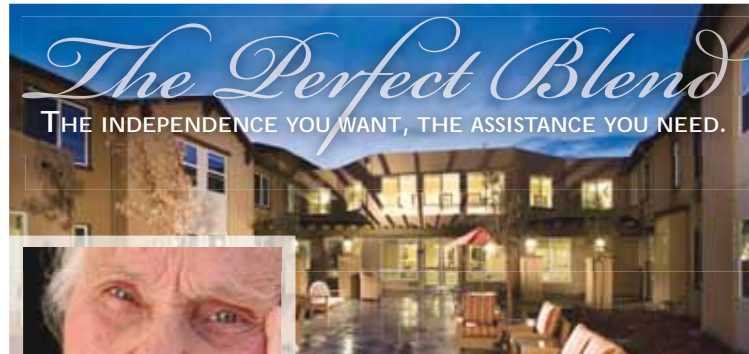
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Application to modify the approved Conditional Use Permit for Centerpointe Presbyterian Church located at 3410-3450 Cornerstone Court to allow a Kindergarten through 8th Grade private school to be located in a previously approved but unbuilt 13,968 square-foot building.

- **PUD-85-08-12D and PUD-81-30-86D, BRE Properties**

Applications for: (1) two PUD (Planned Unit Development) Development Plan approvals to construct: (a) a mixed-use high-density residential/commercial development containing 251 residential units, 4 live/work units, and approximately 5,700 square feet of retail space at the property located at the southeast corner of Owens Drive and Willow Road (PUD 85 08 12D); and (b) a high density residential development containing 247 residential units, 4 live/work units, and a .55 acre public park at the property located at the northern corner of Gibraltar Drive and Hacienda Drive (PUD 81 30 86D); and (2) an amendment to the Phase I and Phase II Development Agreements between the City of Pleasanton and Prudential Insurance Company of America to: (a) extend the term of the Development Agreement to five years from the date of approval of the two Development Plans referenced above; and (b) incorporate approval of the development standards and design guidelines of the Hacienda Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Standards and Guidelines (P11 0856).

- **ITEM CONTINUED TO MARCH 19, 2012 - P12 0113, Angela Joe-Willmes and Linda Martin, Appellants (Kathy Wooley/Harris French & Associates, for WalMart Neighborhood Market, Applicant)**

Appeal of the Zoning Administrator's (in this case the Community Development Director's) approval of a Zoning Certificate to operate a supermarket as a permitted use at 3112 Santa Rita Road within the hours of operation and delivery limits as set forth in the existing Conditions of Approval for PUD 84 4 (Ordinances Nos. 1035, 1165 and 1214 and Planning Commission Resolution No. 2691).

- **PUD-25, Mike Meyer and Carol Meyer, Greenbriar Homes Communities, Inc.**

Work Session to review and receive comments on an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning and development plan to construct 50 single family, two story homes and related improvements on the approximately 194.7 acre Lund Ranch II property located at 1500 Lund Ranch Rd, generally located east of the present end of Lund Ranch Rd.

Housing Commission

Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of Federal HOME Funds and City Lower Income Housing Funds Related to the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Program for Fiscal Year 2012-13
- Discussion Regarding Housing Element Project Implementation Work Plan

Youth Commission

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Gingerbread Preschool, 4333 Black Avenue

- Recommendation to Allocate Community Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2012/13
- Selection of Youth Commission Representative to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee (BPTC)

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 7:30 am
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Review of Draft Financial Institutions Ordinance for Downtown
- EVC Priorities Subcommittee Reports and Discussion

The City of Pleasanton invites you to apply for vacancies on the following commissions and committees:

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails – 1 Youth Member
Civic Arts Commission – 1 Alternate Member
Economic Vitality Committee – 1 representative from each of the following categories:

- Business at Large - Business Park - Commercial Services Firm - Commercial Real Estate Broker
- Commercial Real Estate Developer - Environmental Industry - Infrastructure - Medical Technology - Residential Real Estate Broker
- Energy & Environment Committee – 1 Member
- Housing Commission – 1 Alternate Member
- Human Services Commission – 1 Alternate Member
- Library Commission – 1 Member, 1 Alternate Member
- Youth Commission – Representatives from each of the following categories:
 - Village High School Freshman/Sophomore – 1 Member
 - Harvest Park Middle School 6th or 7th Grade – 1 Member
 - Pleasanton Middle School 6th or 7th Grade – 1 Member
 - Thomas Hart Middle School 6th or 7th Grade – 1 Member
 - At Large Student 6th to 10th Grade – 3 Members
 - Adult Commissioner 18 years old or older – 2 Members
 - Alternate Members 6th Grade to 10th Grade – 2 Members

Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority (ACTIA) Citizens Advisory Committee – 3 Pleasanton representatives

Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office, 123 Main Street, or on the City's web site at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/newcommapp.pdf>. For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 23, 2012.

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

POLICE BULLETIN

Resident, business stung in forgeries

A Pleasanton man was the victim of a thief in Lincoln, Neb., who managed to withdraw \$1,300 from an account without the victim learning about it for two days. The incident occurred Feb. 27 but wasn't discovered until Feb. 29, when the man reported it to police. The victim, who lives in the 800 block of Crellin Road, told police he had no idea how the account was accessed, although a police report notes it was done by a withdrawal at the Nebraska bank. The case was forwarded to police in Lincoln.

A local business was scammed for \$821.56 when it sent a blower, COD, to a San Bernadino address and received a bogus check in return. The order was placed to TECO Pneumatic Inc. on Jan. 26 but the forgery wasn't discovered until Feb. 28, when it was reported to police.

In other police reports:

- A San Jose man was arrested March 1 on two felony charges alleging sexual activity with a minor. Jose Christian Abarca, 34, was arrested 2:48 p.m. on charges of unlawful sexual intercourse and lewd acts with a child 14 to 15 years old. The address of the victim has

been withheld to avoid identification.

- A Pleasanton K9 team was brought in to help Livermore police at a school campus on Feb. 29 after a report that a man with a rifle had been spotted. The dog and his handler were called in around 4:35 p.m. but no one was found.

- A traffic stop led to the arrest of a Dublin man on a charge of possession of marijuana for sale. Pedro Fernando Carrillo, 23, was taken into custody around 12:49 a.m. March 3 when Pleasanton police Officer Anthony Pittl smelled marijuana during a stop at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Hansen Drive. Police seized 39.2 grams of marijuana from Carrillo's car.

- An unlocked front door led to the theft of a TV/DVD combo from a bedroom of a home in the 800 block of Division Street on March 3. The burglary was reported at about 10:40 a.m.

- Cash and gift cards were among the items stolen from an unlocked car parked in the 6700 block of Melody Court in a report filed March 2. The theft netted \$500 cash, four gift cards worth a total of \$330, jewelry worth an estimated \$104, an iPod valued at \$100, and a \$40 wallet. The theft took place between 11 p.m. Feb. 23 and 7 a.m. Feb. 24.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb. 28**Theft**

- 11:27 a.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane; forgery
- 1:38 p.m. in the 3100 block of Snowdrop Circle; identity theft

Auto burglary

- 5:45 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Weapons charge

- 11:55 p.m. near the intersection of Hopyard Road and I-580; carrying a concealed weapon

Driving with marijuana

- 9:24 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Trails Drive

Feb. 29**Theft**

- 9:01 a.m. in the 7900 block of Applewood Court; auto theft
- 9:29 a.m. in the 7400 block of Stendale Drive; auto theft
- 11:22 a.m. in the 800 block of Crellin Road; forgery

March 1**Sexual assault of a minor**

- 7:41 a.m. in the 2900 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 7:12 a.m. in the 3600 block of N. Olympic Court; auto theft
- 4:38 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft

Auto burglary

- 9:28 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

March 2**Sexual assault of a minor**

- 7:03 p.m. in the 1000 block of Vintner Way; two felony charges

Theft

- 9:01 a.m. in the 7300 block of Jaybrook Court; auto theft
- 7:52 p.m. in the 6700 block of Melody Court; theft from auto

Auto burglary

- 6:29 a.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 3:39 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Cristobal Way

March 3**Grand theft**

- 6:08 p.m. in the 900 block of Gray Fox Circle

Burglary

- 10:41 a.m. in the 800 block of Division Street

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:49 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Hansen Drive; possession of marijuana for sale
- 12:55 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Rd and Rosewood Dr; DUI

March 4**Grand theft**

- 3:37 p.m. in the 900 block of Sherman Way

Auto burglary

- 6:36 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Rd

DUI

- 1:16 a.m. near the intersection of Hopyard Road and I-580

March 5**Theft**

- 9:28 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft
- 10:19 a.m. in the 7100 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft

Auto tampering

- 6:51 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

DUI

- 6:30 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Regalia Court

March 6**Identity theft**

- 1:33 p.m. in the 2200 block of Doccia Ct

OBITUARIES

Barbara Alice Burton

Barbara Alice Burton passed away peacefully in her sleep February 17, 2012 in Pleasanton.

She was born February 18, 1927 in Wilmington, Delaware to the late John Wilmer Parsons and Alice Davis Burton Parsons. She moved with her parents and brother, Burton Wilmer Parsons, to San Francisco in 1945.

As a young girl, during wartime, Barbara embarked on her tireless involvement with volunteer service that began at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. Caring for her fellow man was a quality that developed early and continued in life.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, and great-aunt who lived for her family who knew she thought of the world of them.

She amassed over thirty years of

government service throughout her career, working for four federal government agencies, and receiving numerous awards of merit and achievement. After retiring from the federal government she worked for the Director of the San Francisco International Airport, and as a senior citizen herself, began ten years of compassionate care to the elderly.

She loved to sing, write and pursued and professed learning her whole life. As a child she sang in church choir, and as a young woman sang in a western band, and later in life her family heard her perform with the Berkeley Community Chorus & Orchestra. She enjoyed live theatre, the opera, and ballet.

She was a prolific writer of letters, poems and stories. She was a member of the Beverly Writers group and published in an Anthology of Poems, Autumn Sun. Over the years she was a member of several chapters of the California Writers Club, Pleasantonians for Peace, Save the Bay, and San Bruno Mountain Watch, Save the Mission Blue Butterfly, Friends Outside, San Francisco Suicide Prevention Hotline, and other organizations.

In her pursuit of life-long learning she attended several community, and

state colleges including San Jose State, and Cal Berkeley. She was an ardent reader and once noted that "If a person read all the books in her collection it would be the equivalent of a college education." Reading and writing were her passions and "catching up on the 'culture' she didn't get for years" gave her much joy in later years. Before she moved back to Pleasanton to be closer to her family in 2011, she lived near U.C. Berkeley for nine years, where she made a new circle of friends, was an active member of Older Women's League (OWL), BCCO, Writer's Workshop, and attended U.C. Extension classes.

She was looking forward to her growing involvement in the writers groups, pursuing publishing her stories and seeing her new friends prior to departing this world.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Dane Lewis, her daughter and son-in-law, Carole and Jerry Kochan, and her granddaughters, Marissa and Bonnie Kochan. She is also survived by an aunt, cousins, nieces and nephews, and many wonderful friends.

A remembrance of Barbara will take place in the future. For more information: www.tributes.com/barbara-alice-burton.

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Time: 7PM

Location: ValleyCare Medical Plaza
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Auditions

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Author Visits

COMIC CREATOR SIGNING Meet Kyle Winters, Mike Andersen and Heather Brinesh from Triptych Books. They will be in store to sign their critically acclaimed series "The Trigger Men." Triptych Books will give away a free print to the first 50 people. Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Heroes & Villains Comics, 264 Main St., Pleasanton. 399-5352. www.heroesvillainscomics.com

Clubs

REPORTER TO DISCUSS OCCUPY TriValley Democratic Club Meeting will host Kevin Fagan of the SF Chronicle, discussing the Occupation, 99ers and how

the media covers these events. Refreshments; Q&A. Monday, March 19 from 7-9 p.m. Free. IBEW 595, 6250 Village Pkwy., Dublin. 451-4303. www.trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED Linda Paine is coming to Tri-Valley Republican Women Federate 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Mar. 10 at Rock House Grill, 1840 Portola Ave., Livermore. Linda Paine is co-founder of the Election Integrity Project. She will present fact about increasing voter fraud and how we as citizens can help stop this trend. Cost \$20. For reservations or information call Phyllis at 462-4931 or email coup-clan1962@pacbell.net.

Events

PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE This group is sponsoring a candlelight Vigil at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, at 603 Main St., to reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor our veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. Call Cathe Norman at 462-7495, email Matt.Sullivan@mjs7882@gmail.com or visit www.pleasantonians4peace.org.

Exhibits

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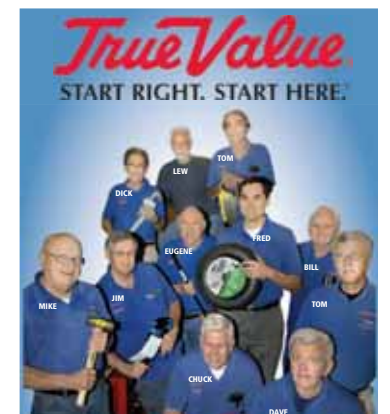
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Fundraisers

'GREASE' SING-A-LONG Family and friends are invited to sing-along to their favorite Grease tunes. Come dressed in costumes to win prizes. The pre-event is at 4:45 p.m., Sunday, March 25, with the theater doors opening at 5:30 p.m., at the Vine Cinema, 1722 1st St., Livermore. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Proceeds benefit Open Heart Kitchen and other Rotary programs. Call 510-851-0431.

Kids & Teens

MAD SCIENCE FOR KIDS Mad Science of Diablo brings its traveling science fair at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 17, to the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Program highlights the powerful principles of air and pressure, and includes spell-

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Miscellaneous

ST. PAWTRICK'S DAYS ADOPTION EVENT Join Valley Humane Society for St. Pawtrick's Days, a special adoption event. Wear a spot of green Friday, March 16; Saturday, March 17; or Sunday, March 18 and receive a discount on your dog or cat adoption fees. Adopt a pet or make a donation in any amount to try your luck finding treasure in our Pot of Gold. Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton. 426-8656. www.valleyhumane.org

On Stage

TENOR MARCO STEFANI Tenor Marco Stefani will make his hometown debut at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton, collaborating with pianist Sunny Yoon. Stefani will present a recital of songs and arias featuring Liszt's Tre Sonetti de Petrarca. Tickets are \$20-\$22 for adults, \$18-\$20 for seniors, and

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Volunteering

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SPORTS DIGEST

Amador wrestler goes to State

Tommy Yozzo went to the State CIF Tourney this past weekend in Bakersfield, the first Amador Valley wrestler in seven years to qualify.

Yozzo won against his first opponent by a technical fall, 18-3. He defeated a wrestler from St. Francis in his second match, 9-1. His third match against a wrestler from Chino Hills, who ended up placing seventh, ended in a close loss, 6-4, which sent Yozzo to the consolation rounds. There he won his first match, 6-3, then went down to defeat one match from a placing round. Overall he was 3-2 in his first appearance at State and finished 36-11.

Foothill track off to good start

The track and field season began last week with a Thursday Intra-Meet and the East Bay Invitational on Saturday. At the invitational, the Foothill varsity girls placed third out of 22 teams, behind only San Ramon Valley and California, which are both also in the East Bay Athletic League.

Leading the Falcons were Haley Lukas (1st in 400m), Makenzie Muller (2nd in 100m H/3rd in 300m H), Rachel Reichenbach (2nd in TJ), and Rose Doylemason (3rd in discus). The varsity boys tied for 14th and were led by freshman Isaiah Langley (4th in 100m, 2nd highest EBAL finisher) and Drake Kissinger (3rd in shotput).



Basketball finalists

The Pleasanton CCOP sixth-grade girls took home second-place trophies in the 2012 Tri-Valley CYO Basketball League. Coached by Chris Baxter and Steve Lombardi, the CCOP "A" team girls played a fierce game against St. Isidore at the Championships in Livermore. Team members are (l-r) Coach Lombardi, Quinn Lombardi, Nicole Riordan, Taylor Sowers, Julia Wood, Harper Cook, Madison Baxter, Jenilee Chen and Coach Baxter.

Relay team shatters record

The 10-year-old girls freestyle relay team shattered the meet record at the 2012 Pacific Swimming All-Star Meet held Sunday at Indian Valley College in Novato, with an official time of 1:55:00. The Zone 2 All-Stars relay team members are Claire Suen from Tri-Valley Aquatics; Asha Johnson from The Oakland Undercurrents; Caroline Eckel from the Livermore Aquacowboys; and Erica Francesconi from the Crow Canyon Sharks. Zone 2 was also the all-around meet winner.



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March 10

- Baseball: 11 a.m., Foothill vs. West Tracy, home

March 13

- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., AVHS vs.

California, home

- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away

- Boys Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. Deer Valley, home

- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., AVHS vs. Monte Vista, home

- Softball: 3:45 p.m., Foothill vs. San Leandro, home

March 14

- Baseball: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Freedom, away

March 15

- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., AVHS vs. San Ramon Valley, home

- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. California, away

- Boys Volleyball: 6 p.m., AVHS vs. James Logan, home

- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., AVHS vs. California, home

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REGINA GIELER

Local women's Realtors' group picks new president, makes awards

By JEB BING

Five women in the Southern Alameda County Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors have been installed in leadership roles for 2012.

In addition, three other members were honored by WCR for their outstanding commitment to the local chapter and their communities through their tireless efforts as dedicated and engaged leaders, entrepreneurs and volunteers.

Sue Williams of Coldwell Banker in Livermore was chosen president of the chapter with Cynthia Dake, a Realtor at Better Homes and Gardens in Livermore, chosen to be president-elect.



Sue Williams

Others named to key posts in the organization were Lien Celi, a broker/Realtor at Celi Group Realty of Pleasanton and Fremont as vice president of membership, serving her second term, and Marylou Edwards, a mortgage professional at Diversified Mortgage Group in Pleasanton, who was named this year's treasurer.

Victoria Reback, a local mortgage professional at Patelco Credit Union in Pleasanton, was named chapter secretary

and also awarded the chapter's "2011 Affiliate of the Year" recognition. She was also honored for her work over the last two years in garnering financial support from within the real estate community to help fund important activities and training programs sponsored by the Women's Council.

Awards also were given out to Karla Brown, a local Realtor at Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty, and to Charli Hyden, a Realtor with Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty.

Brown was awarded the 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year Award, an annual award that recognizes a Realtor member as an entrepreneur and community activist. Brown has been active in Pleasanton political circles and was a candidate for Pleasanton City Council in 2010.

Hyden received the 2011 Member of the Year Award, being recognized for her work in handling a multitude of tasks in past years in support of the Women's Council. She chaired the council chapter's boutique event, and is currently the chair of the Valley Humane Society's annual garden tour.

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<p>David Azimi 925.251.2580</p> <p>7793 Peppertree Rd Dublin</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,240 \$629,000</p> <p>Desirable Westside! Gorgeous hardwood floors, fresh paint, dual pane win & new blinds. Master suite downstairs w/private ba. Corner lot, RV access + 2 lots. Patio & backyard landscaped & exterior paint in 2010. Close to 580/680 & Bart!</p>	<p>The Engels 925.580.5107</p> <p>6950 Crow Canyon Rd Castro Valley</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 2,700 \$883,000</p> <p>Country Colonial Charming This Gated Entrance to this Country Charming property is great. The main home is 2,700+/- sq.ft., updated kitchen and most windows are new, flooring thru out the home is newer and so much more. Cottage which is over 850 sq.ft. all on 1 Acre.</p>	<p>Weiner/ McDowell 925.251.2550</p> <p>2899 Rutherford Ct Livermore</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3.5 sqft+/- 3,504 \$849,000</p> <p>Wonderfully location at the end of a cul-de-sac, near vineyards/ open fields. Very spacious entry way, gourmet kitchen & grand master bedroom suite. Large backyard with a private apartment/office above the garage. Live in style, and create your own country get-away.</p>	<p>Diane Sass 925.583.2168</p> <p>3056 Riversbend Cir Livermore</p> <p>bd 4 ba 3 sqft+/- 2,878 \$779,950</p> <p>Large executive home, possible 5th bedroom. Property has a gourmet kitchen with granite counters, stainless steel appliances, upgraded kitchen cabinets, formal dining room, master suite with marble bathroom, plantation shutters throughout. Full bed/ba downstairs.</p>	<p>Uwe Maercz 925.251.2568</p> <p>30156 Palomares Rd Castro Valley</p> <p>bd 3 ba 1.5 sqft+/- 1,410 \$999,000</p> <p>Great Ranch style on 24 acres, views of the rolling hills. Property Backs up to the park district, lots of room for horses, Home has 1930's charm and has been nicely maintained, Near 2 wineries and minutes from the freeway, schools and shopping!</p>				
<p>Cathy and Kari 925.251.2554</p> <p>Blackhawk East 4105 Blackhawk Plaza Cir. Danville, CA 94506 925.648.5300</p>	<p>Kristy and Company 925.251.2536</p> <p>Blackhawk West 3880 Blackhawk Rd. Danville, CA 94506 925.736.6000</p>	<p>Sara Arnold 925.253.7040</p> <p>Danville 15 Railroad Ave. Danville, CA 94526 925.855.4000</p>	<p>Max de Vries 925.251.2514</p> <p>Lafayette 3799 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette, CA 94549 925.385.2330</p>	<p>925.253.7040</p> <p>Livermore 1983 Second St. Livermore, CA 94550 925.667.2100</p>	<p>925.251.2514</p> <p>Montclair/Piedmont 6116 La Salle Ave., Ste. 200 Oakland, CA 94611 510.339.4800</p>	<p>925.251.2500</p> <p>Pleasanton 5075 Hopyard Rd Ste. 110 Pleasanton, CA 94588 925.251.2500</p>	<p>925.253.7000</p> <p>Orinda 89 Davis Rd., Orinda, CA 94563 925.253.7000</p>	<p>925.280.8500</p> <p>Walnut Creek 1700 N. Main St. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 925.280.8500</p>



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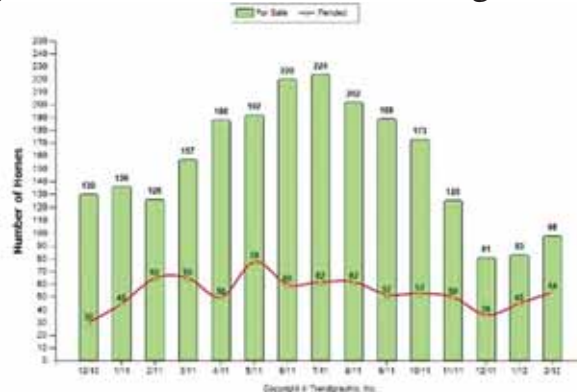
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Pleasanton Market Update. Inventory Remains Low, Demand Strong!

While pending sales and inventory of single family detached homes in Pleasanton increased for the second straight month in February, both also remained below the levels from February of last year. Homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million led the increase in inventory, while the market for homes priced under \$1 million saw the biggest increase in pending sales. While the number of homes for sale in Pleasanton was lower than February of last year (or for any of the past seven years for that matter), inventory relative to pending sales was about the same - 1.8 months for February 2012 and 1.9 months for February 2011.

Overall, 98 single family detached homes were for sale at the end of February, up 15 or 18%, from January's 83. 126 homes were available in February of last year. Pending sales increased 20%, from 45 in January to 54 in February. Inventory relative to pending sales was unchanged from January at 1.8 months.

Homes priced under \$1 million continue to be the main engine in Pleasanton, accounting for 81% of pending sales in February and 56% of inventory. Inventory increased 12% to 55 homes at the end of February, from 49



at the end of January. By comparison, there were 82 homes available>> Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



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PENDING SALE!

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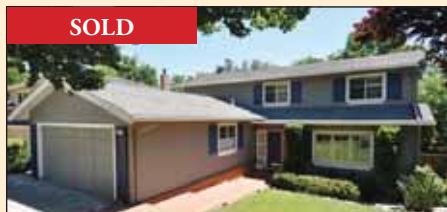
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3891 PICARD AVENUE, PLEASANTON
Wow! Better than new because it is done & ready! Extensively designer remodeled, single level, plus upstairs bonus room/au pair/guest quarters! Premium corner .34 acre lot! Four bedrooms plus bonus, four bathrooms, 3588 square feet. Completely remodeled gourmet kitchen with new granite slab countertops, designer backsplash & new stainless appliances. Remodeled bathrooms with granite slab countertops, custom marble flooring & surround. New interior & exterior paint, new carpet, new Travertine flooring! Vaulted ceilings, plantation shutters, crown molding, new door hardware & light fixtures! Security alarm system & intercom! Finished three car garage! Tile roof. Professionally recently upgraded landscaped grounds with spacious lawn area & patios. Award winning Pleasanton schools! Walk to neighborhood parks!
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CANYON OAKS



SOLD
5809 STONECLIFF VISTA LN, PLEASANTON
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DOWNTOWN



SOLD
335 DEL SOL AVENUE, PLEASANTON
Location, location, location. Desirable downtown quiet court location! Beautiful upgraded home, 5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms with 2350 square feet. Remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash and stainless appliances. Newer upgraded hardwood flooring, plantation shutters, dual pane windows, newer brushed nickel hardware and fixtures. Lots of upgrades including 30 year roof. Elevated lot with private secluded tranquil grounds includes TimberTech deck, mature trees. Walk around the corner at Neal and in one minute you are at the Farmers Market and can also enjoy all the other downtown amenities! Award winning schools!
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SOLD FOR \$1,400,000

FOOTHILL KNOLLS



SOLD
7863 FOOTHILL KNOLLS, PLEASANTON
Beautiful single story on private premium .35 acre lot. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, approximately 2,150 sf. Completely remodeled kitchen with granite slab countertops, custom backsplash, custom cabinetry and high end European appliances. Hardwood flooring, French doors, vaulted ceilings, newer windows, newer tile roof. Master suite includes custom built-in closet/dresser area, French doors to rear grounds, private bathroom with dual sinks. Very private professionally landscaped rear grounds, with no rear neighbors. Recently re-plastered and tiled pool/spa with new equipment. Built-in kitchen/BBQ island with refrigerator. Mature trees, patios and lawn areas.
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SOLD
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