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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Teaching the business leaders of tomorrow

No one really knows just how many corporate and other professional leaders had their interest in business piqued in one of the hundreds of DECA student organizations in the country, but no doubt quite a few get their start at these business-training groups at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools.

Laurie Andrews, the Tri-Valley ROP teacher at Amador and advisor to its DECA group, was busy this week helping 144 of her DECA students out of 292 in this year's program prepare for regional competitions in marketing, business management, hospitality and entrepreneurship, the specialties of DECA's focus. The top winners then have a chance to compete against other DECA groups internationally, and every senior who completes the program will be honored with a special ribbon with the DECA emblem when they graduate in June.

DECA graduates keep in touch. Many report back to Andrews when they get settled on their college campuses, usually in business schools where they determined in high school which of the numerous specialties to study. Quite a few came back to Andrews' classroom the week before the winter break to work with her students in preparing their business plans, product promotion campaigns and entrepreneurial strategies.

Every Monday, the Amador DECA group assembles 100-strong or more in Andrews' classroom to get their assignments, discuss their projects and learn about opportunities in business. It's not a club, Andrews points out, but part of the high school curriculum approved by both the U.S. and state departments of education. Each year, one of the students is selected to work with the state on programs.

Their best help, however, comes from Andrews, a member of the California DECA board of directors who has been an ROP teacher and DECA advisor for 25 years. She says that joining DECA is one of the most worthwhile activities students can be involved with during high school and the camaraderie lasts a lifetime. It's the organization for students interested in building a business career and association with the "Best of the Best," she insists.

Two of her students — Sanjana Seth, this year's co-president of the Amador DECA organization, and Akshay Bommireddi, the group's chief financial officer — gave her glowing tributes in presentations they made last month to the Rotary Club



JEB BING

Akshay Bommireddi (left), chief financial officer of this year's DECA student organization at Amador Valley High School, and Sanjana Seth, the group's co-president, visit with members of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton at a luncheon where they talked about the role of DECA in their education.

of Pleasanton, which sponsors the Amador Valley High organization.

DECA was founded in 1946 and was originally named the Distributive Education Clubs of America, or DECA. That's the name it uses now internationally and on its headquarters sign in Reston, Va., appropriately located on Association Drive and next door to the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Future Farmers of America (FFA). Both the Foothill and Amador DECA groups are members of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, whose members volunteer their time to work with these enterprising students who someday may be sales, marketing, finance or human resource executives in their own companies, or well-heeled competitors.

Besides preparing themselves for business careers, or using their high school experience as they move on to professions as doctors, lawyers and teachers, where a business education also is needed, Andrews' students also participate in community projects to help local nonprofits. This year, the group agreed to help Valley Humane Society, developing fundraising literature and promotional materials, and, on Jan. 26, doing whatever is needed at the Nevada Street facility, including cleaning cages. Natalie Neumann, a senior, is developing profiles of each of the pets now at VHS to post on a blog in hopes that a good foster "parent" will offer to care for the animal until it's adopted.

Working with the many DECA students at Amador, one of the largest chapters in the state, Andrews provides the educational and leadership development and teaching skills that a successful career in business requires. Working hand-in-hand with the educational and business community, her goal for her students is "to develop a career success kit to carry into their professional and personal lives after graduating, including occupational skills needed for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and entrepreneurship." That's quite a mission statement in itself. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton schools are cracking down on bullying, while studies show the behavior hurts all involved: the victim, the bully and even those who witness it. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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How are you handling the new law banning plastic bags?



John Bricker
Retired

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Janice Giobacchini
Teacher

No problem, although the real problem is remembering to bring our bags into the store. We have been traveling and have found that many other states are already ahead of us in banning the bags.



Gary Primbau
Sales

I don't have a problem with it at all. We have been carrying reusable bags for years. We think there are too many plastic bags anyway.

Kathy Martin
Homemaker

I went to Farmers Market this morning and that was kind of a problem. One of the vendors said that it was really hard for them because people might need a small bag for their purchase. The vendor had brought some recyclable bags but was fined because they had handles, which seems a bit unfair.



Linda Krasnow
Retired

There's no problem at all. We've been doing it for a while in advance and we have been carrying bags in our car for probably a year or two now.

—Compiled by Jay Flachsbarth

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

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DIGEST

RV show opens today at Fairgrounds

The 25th annual Manufacturers RV Show is opening at 11 a.m. today at the Alameda County Fairgrounds for an 11-day run. The show will feature gas and diesel-powered RVs, travel trailers, 5th wheels, truck campers and teardrops and boats that fit all budgets.

Also at the show will be vendors with parts and accessories, local campground memberships, scooters, RV rentals, diesel motors and accessories. RV Restore and Repair services will be there to offer information about their work.

Show hours are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays. The show ends Monday, Jan. 21, with its final day hours 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free museum admission

Some of the Bay Area's most popular museums will be free to Bank of America customers on the first full weekends of every month in 2013.

As part of the bank's "Museums on Us" program, anyone with a Bank of America or Merrill Lynch credit or debit card and a photo ID will receive free admission to four museums: the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland, and the Contemporary Jewish Museum, de Young Museum and Legion of Honor in San Francisco.

Fundraising events, special exhibits and ticketed shows are not included.

Learn about law enforcement

The Pleasanton Police Department is taking enrollment for its 21st Citizens' Police Academy, which runs Feb. 7-May 16 with classes on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Topics will include Community Policing, patrol procedures, radio communications, SWAT, narcotics investigations, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, K-9s, evidence collection, use of force issues, animal services and the DARE program.

The academy is open to adults who live or work in Pleasanton. They must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of application, successfully complete a background investigation check, sign waiver forms and be approved by Police Chief Dave Spiller.

Applications are available at the front counter of the Pleasanton Police Department, 4833 Bernal Ave., or online at pleasantonpd.org.

Planning Commissioner Narum to seek Council seat

Campaign under way to fill position vacated when former Councilman Thorne was elected mayor

By JEB BING

Planning Commissioner Kathy Narum announced this week that she is a candidate in the May 7 special election to fill a vacant seat on the Pleasanton City Council.

The vacancy occurred when Councilman Jerry Thorne was elected mayor on Nov. 6. By municipal code, council vacancies must be filled in a special election, not appointed by others on the council as some other cities do and once was the practice here.

Recently, the council authorized that the election for the vacancy will be filled in a special election to be conducted by mail on May 7. Registered voters will be sent ballots, which must be mailed back to the Alameda County Registrar's office no later than May 7.

Narum, the first candidate to enter the May 7 council race, is in her fifth year on the Planning Commission. She has been active in civic events since moving to Pleasanton in 1996. Prior to

her appointment to the Planning Commission, Narum served on the city's Parks and Recreation Commission for five years.

Narum is also a member of the city's East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force and is chairwoman of the city's Heritage Tree board of appeals.



Kathy Narum

Callippe Preserve Golf Course and the Val Vista Park were completed while she was on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and, as a Planning Commissioner, she joined in the approval process for the Hacienda Business Park transit oriented development and the completion of Pleasanton's Housing element. BRE is currently developing a high density apartment complex in Hacienda Business Park as a result of those initiatives.

Prior to her municipal government service, Narum was president of the Pleasanton Seahawks and active in the leadership of that championship swimming organization for 12 years. In addition, she served on Bernal park and recreational task forces and has served on the Rage girls' soccer team board of directors.

Narum's husband Jeff is an R&D Engineer at Thoratec in Pleasanton. Their daughter Jennifer is a graduate of Foothill High School and the University of Virginia, where she swam on the women's varsity swim team. Their daughter Lisa also graduated from Foothill and the Ohio State University at Columbus, where she too swam on the women's varsity swim team.

Narum said she is dedicated to maintaining a high quality of life in Pleasanton, in promoting fiscal sustainability for the city, and in drawing upon her years of grassroots community involvement to make a positive difference for Pleasanton as a City Council member. ■



JEB BING

Former State Sen. Don Richard Perata (second from left), family and friends join Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley at his swearing-in ceremony Monday to his 4th term in office. Bishop Bob Jackson of the Acts Full Gospel Church in Oakland (left) officiated at the ceremony. Miley's District 4 includes Pleasanton.

Miley sworn in to 4th term as county supervisor

Pleasanton now a part of his District 4

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley was sworn in for his fourth term as supervisor for District 4 on Monday in a crowded meeting room in the Castro Valley public library.

For Miley, who was first elected to the county board in November 2000 and now also represents Pleasanton, it was also his last day to serve as president of the board, a board-elected position that changes each year.

Bishop Bob Jackson of Acts Full Gospel Church in Oakland officiated at Monday's ceremony.

Miley was re-elected in 2004 and 2008, and won 70% of the votes cast in the 2012 election. Prior to representing District 4, he was a member of the Oakland City Council, serving its District 6, a position he won in a 1990 mu-

nicipal election.

After finishing law school at the University of Maryland in 1976, Miley moved to Oakland to work as a Jesuit volunteer. He began his community involvement by working with numerous community-based groups as well as training community organizers through the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs.

The father of two children, he has lived in Oakland for more than 30 years.

District 4, which he represents, continues to include a part of Oakland and the unincorporated communities of Fairview, Ashland, Castro Valley and Cherryland in addition to the city of Pleasanton.

—Jeb Bing

Vendor submits proposals for waterslides

Park District has questions before making presentation

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

East Bay Regional Park District needs a lot more information after receiving two proposals from one vendor to revitalize the waterslides at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area.

"At this stage we have lots of questions that we're going to be asking the vendor," said Jim O'Connor, assistant general manager of the East Bay Regional Park District, on Tuesday.

He will report to the district operations committee next week that there were two proposals, but said he will need more information before submitting a complete report. Then the committee will vote to accept or modify the proposal.

"At that point it will go to the full board," O'Connor said. "We just have too many unanswered questions to have a presentation at this month's meeting."

The four-chute waterslides, which opened in 1981, were closed for the 2012 season after winter inspections showed the need for repairs. Public meetings brought out residents that supported the Pleasanton waterslides as a recreational facility and as a place for teen employment.

The Park District commissioned a study of the facility last summer by Water Ventures, which concluded the "site is an excellent venue for such a water park," and a request for proposals went out with a deadline of Dec. 20.

The concession area is about 3.5 acres and includes the four waterslides, a maintenance building, office, storage, separate men's and women's restrooms with dressing areas and lockers, and a picnic area with a shade structure, picnic tables and barbeques. Structures also must be made ADA compliant.

Water Ventures reported that in order to be successful, the waterslides facility should offer more opportunities for water play, such as wave pools, leisure pools and lazy rivers. But it said improvements needed before reopening the current facility would total \$885,100.

"The cost estimate for the renovation work would be \$1.4 million when you add up all

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TAKE US ALONG



Tropical paradise: Jim and Nancy Wright visit Kauai with their Weekly.

Taking a trip? Let Pleasanton police know

Volunteers make regular checks of homes, businesses vacated for short periods

The Pleasanton Police Department is offering vacation patrol checks for all city residents who may be out of town for a short period.

The department has a group of patrol volunteers who will check on vacated homes or businesses.

These checks, however, are not a substitute for security measures. Residents will still need to arrange to have mail and newspapers picked up by a neighbor

or trusted friend so they do not accumulate and alert burglars to their absence.

Volunteers will not go into back yards, checking only the front yards and making perimeter checks, and there is no guarantee that these checks will be done daily.

To request the patrol checks, call Pleasanton police at 931-5100. Requests must be received three days prior to a trip.

—Jeb Bing

Activities guide is in the mail

Spring offerings featured in new layout

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Check your mailbox next week for Pleasanton's new Spring Activities Guide, put out by its Community Services Department. The guide has a new format, including a four color print layout for easier reading, a Facebook photo contest, and additional programs.

New events in the listings include the Teen Job Fair and the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Senior Center, both on Saturday, March 2; Creatures of Impulse Improv Face-off showing March 13-15; and new Filmmaking and Game Design classes.

Residents will find the Spring Activities Guide in their mailboxes in mid January. Additional copies will be found in city offices

including the library, plus online at www.pleasantonrecreation.com.

The Community Services Department publishes the Activities Guide three times a year, listing events and classes for the spring, summer and fall/winter.

The department has also developed a new E-Newsletter to keep residents informed about its happenings and other community events. This E-Newsletter is emailed quarterly to subscribers and features promotions

and program discounts, special events, local park amenities, and new programs and classes. To be added to the distribution list, email CSNewsletter@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call 931-5340. ■



WATERSLIDES

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the engineering costs, permitting, inspection," O'Connor said in September.

O'Connor was doubtful that the waterslides could reopen for

the 2013 season since the developer would need to have funding in place to get permits, including a building permit from Pleasanton, health and safety permits as well as others from the county that would require inspections. ■

Rotarians hosting community dinner Sunday

Fundraiser to benefit 4-H, Foothill's Interact Club

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton North Rotary Club will host its first PNR Spaghetti Dinner & Family Carnival from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Pleasanton.

The event will help in the club's support of community youth programs, including the Interact Club at Foothill High School and the Abbie 4-H Club, said Tina Case, president of Pleasanton North Rotary.

"The event will give various local

youth groups a chance to raise money by selling desserts and operating carnival games," she said.

The fundraiser is also geared to be an inexpensive family outing, Case noted. Admission is \$10 per person. Children under 10 will be admitted for free.

Dinner includes a mixed salad with Italian dressing, rigatoni with marinara sauce, toasted garlic bread and fruit punch. Refreshments, including water and wine, will be available for an additional charge.

In addition to carnival games, face painting will be available for kids, and a bonus drawing will qualify every family to win a dinner for eight at Girasole Grill in Pleasanton.

Tickets may be purchased with cash or credit card at the event. For more information, see the Pleasanton North Rotary website (www.pnr-rotary.org) or Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pleasanton-North-Rotary>).

The Veterans Memorial Building is located at 301 Main St. ■

Safeway's chairman Burd to retire

Stepping down after annual stockholders' meeting May 14

Safeway Inc., which is headquartered in Pleasanton, announced last week that Steve Burd, its longtime Chairman and CEO, will retire as CEO and as a director at the company's annual stockholders meeting on May 14.

The company's board of directors will begin a search for a successor, and will consider both internal and external candidates for the job. Burd will help with the search and will continue to assist the company after he transitions out of his leadership posts.

Burd joined Safeway in October 1992 as president and was appointed CEO in May of the following year. He has been at the helm for the last 20 years.

In a press release, company spokesman Brian Dowling said that among some of Burd's key initiatives were "establishing a culture of thrift and capital discipline, creating an industry-leading customer service program, developing the "Lifestyle" store format, introducing a level of quality in perishable products that had never been seen in food retailing, and forming a leading prepaid payment network that has become one of the largest distributors of gift cards in the world."

He also accelerated the compa-

ny's efforts in charitable giving and sustainability. During his tenure, the company raised more than \$2 billion for charities, including over \$200 million for cancer research.

Burd's arrival at Safeway, a largely unionized company, coincided with an extraordinary growth in new food retail formats, virtually all of them non-union. These changes put downward pressure on both sales and margins, but through strategic initiatives and cost reduction efforts, Safeway still managed to outperform the S&P 500 over the last 20 years.

Safeway has also become one of the nation's most recognized leaders in health care. In the last eight years, Safeway has introduced innovative design and practice features into its health plans. As a result, while the average U.S. company experienced an 8% annual growth in employer health care costs from 2005 through 2011, Safeway averaged a 2% annual growth rate for both the employer and employee contributions.

More recently, Safeway has introduced a unique digital marketing/loyalty platform called "Just for U." This platform has allowed the company to personalize its prices to individual shoppers. Safeway has also partnered with a technol-

ogy company to bring innovative health care services to Safeway's customers.

"I feel this is the right time to move forward with a transition plan," Burd said.

"The company is gaining market share with each passing quarter," he added. "We have developed the most sophisticated digital marketing platform in retail, we are implementing the most comprehensive and personalized fuel loyalty program, and we will be rolling out a wellness initiative that has the potential to transform the company."

"While I still have the high level of energy and enthusiasm I brought to the company 20 years ago," Burd said, "I need more personal time and, given my extensive work in health care, I want to pursue that interest further."

Gary Rogers, the company's lead independent director, called Burd "an iconic leader" and "one of the industry's most innovative CEOs."

"He will be very difficult to replace," Rogers said. "As he moves to the next phase of his career, we hope to continue to leverage his input and assistance as the company moves ahead with its exciting new programs."

—Jeb Bing

Supreme Court to hear Prop 8 case in March

Voter-approved ballot measure against same-sex marriage at issue

The U.S. Supreme Court announced this week that it will hear arguments on March 26 on whether it was constitutional for California voters to ban same-sex marriage through a 2008 ballot measure.

Sponsors of Proposition 8 and their committee, Protect Marriage, are appealing a ruling in which the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year struck down the initiative.

The high court's decision is expected by the end of June.

In the meantime, a stay of the lower court decision will remain in place and Proposition 8 will

continue to be in effect.

The court announced Dec. 7 that it would consider the appeal, but did not specify the argument date until this week.

The court will also hear arguments on a related New York case concerning the federal Defense of Marriage Act on March 27.

The federal law, known as DOMA, bars the U.S. government from providing federal benefits and tax advantages to same-sex couples who were legally married in their state.

In the Proposition 8 case, the initiative's sponsors contend that California voters were entitled to

decide to preserve the definition of marriage as the union of a man and a woman. They say that each state, working through its legislature or voters, has the right to define marriage within its territory.

Two same-sex couples who challenged Proposition 8 in a civil rights lawsuit filed in federal court in San Francisco in 2009 say the ban violates their constitutional right to equal treatment.

The court's nine justices will hear at least one hour of arguments in their Washington, D.C., courthouse beginning at 7 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

—Bay City News

'Slipstream,' a fast-moving community news program, now airing on TV30

Tom Morrison is back at the news desk, providing information on government, education, community news, events

Want to know what's going on in the Tri-Valley? "Slipstream" is a new fast moving community news program airing on TV30 that will connect you to things happening in the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

Hosted by longtime TV30 news commentator Tom Morrison, the new program provides information on government, education and community news and events. Topics include ways that the public can become involved in their community, upcoming dates of city and school board meetings, food news, entertainment and much more.

"There are many free or low cost services that the cities, libraries and others provide," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director of TV30. "This fast paced news program will help connect viewers to the community so that they may take advantage of these services, be apprised of meetings and learn ways to get involved."

"Slipstream" can be viewed on Comcast TV30, Channel 99 on AT&T U-verse, streaming on a computer or on any mobile device at www.trivalleytv.org. Catch "Slipstream" Mondays and Wednesdays



TV30's Tom Morrison (right) interviews Pleasanton Weekly Editor Jeb Bing on "Slipstream" about the newspaper's 2012 Holiday Fund, now in its closing days.

at 9 p.m.; Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 10 p.m.; or anytime on Video on Demand at www.trivalleytv.org. ■

Nominations due Tuesday for 2013 Chamber awards

Program that honors individuals, organizations is marking its 50th year

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its 50th annual Community Service Awards program.

Nominations can be made for businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Pleasanton community in five award categories: Business Philanthropy, Excellence in Business, Excellence in Service, Distinguished Individual and Green Service.

The awards will be presented at the Community Service Awards event in March at Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center.

The Community Service Awards began in 1963 to recognize good people doing great things in the community and since then hundreds of recipients have been honored.

Anyone may submit nominations for these awards with the focus on businesses, organizations and individuals that have "made a

difference" in the quality of life for everyone in Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton Chamber presented five Community Service Awards in 2012. The Business Philanthropy award went to Sensiba San Filippo LLP; Excellence in Business award, to Goodguys Rod & Custom Association; Excellence in Service award to Pleasanton Community Concert Band; Distinguished Individual Service award to Bob Athenour; and the Green Business award went to The Dahlin Group.

Nominations for the 2013 awards are due Tuesday, Jan. 15, and may be submitted via email susie@pleasanton.org, faxed to 846-9697 or mailed to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave., Pleasanton, 94566.

Nomination forms and information regarding the criteria for each award category are available on the Pleasanton Chamber website, www.pleasanton.org. ■

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LETTERS

U.S. vs. Hirst

Dear Editor,

In the interest of accuracy and fairness it should be noted that the plea agreement from which your newspaper took virtually all of its Jan. 4 article ("Pleasanton attorney admits forgery, lying to IRS") contemplates punishment of six months home detention, a fine of approximately \$30,000 and that I retire from the practice of law. This is a far cry from the maximum punishment which you reference on two occasions in your article.

It is also relevant that there was no tax loss to the government nor did I profit by so much as a nickel. Further, nowhere in the plea agreement is the word "forged" or "forgery" used. The sentence will be imposed on April 19 after the probation process is completed.

William A. Hirst

Our many amazing administrators

Dear Editor,

As a Pleasanton resident for 45 years with six children who graduated from Pleasanton schools and grandchildren currently attending, I have been happy with the district, especially the teachers who are innovative and dedicated while enduring the pressures of parents and a central office that expects high performance. However, lately

I am less than enamored of the school board and superintendent's cabinet. While teachers, classified and custodial staff haven't had a raise in five years, they granted Luz Cazares, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, an enormous raise, a retirement boost, and virtually a lifetime dental, health and vision package.

Jeff Bowser, Chris Grant, Joan Laursen and the cabinet must live on a different planet than the rest of us. The rumor was that San Ramon Unified, a district of equal excellence, might snatch Luz up if we weren't careful. Seriously? If Luz resigned, Pleasanton would have hundreds of applicants. There is no shortage of amazing administrators seeking work in districts like ours. Thankfully two members of the school board have sense and integrity — thank you, Jamie Hintzke and Valerie Arkin, for holding your ground. When are the others up for re-election?

P.S. PUSD should have defended Amador Valley Principal Jim Hansen's wise decision to not allow students to have their gratuitously idiotic pictures in the yearbook. Why fear the ACLU? They were wrong. Being in the yearbook is a privilege for students who actually attend Amador, not a venue for former students to be cute and/or look like imbeciles. They can post that stuff on Twitter or Facebook.

Ben McEntee

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



MIKE SEDLAK

The Pleasanton City Council is now comprised of members (l-r) Jerry Pentin, Karla Brown, Mayor Jerry Thorne and Cheryl Cook-Kallio.

Housing dominates 2013 agenda for Pleasanton Council

The newly constituted Pleasanton City Council, which returns from winter break next Tuesday, may find a brighter, better year ahead for the city it governs than the council that "retired" after the election last November. Two new members are on board: Councilwoman Karla Brown and Councilman Jerry Pentin, and we have a new mayor, former Councilman Jerry Thorne, who succeeded Jennifer Hosterman. Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio continues on with two years remaining in her current term. With Thorne's move into the mayor's seat, there's an opening which will be filled in a special election May 7, a vote that the council decided to make as a mail-in ballot only election.

This new council will meet next month to set municipal priorities it plans to address in the coming year. Certainly high density housing will head the list along with ongoing pay downs of the city's burgeoning employee pension liabilities. In terms of housing, the previous council rezoned 75 acres of vacant land for the apartments and a few single family homes that must be built to meet requirements imposed by Urban Habitat, an affordable housing coalition, and state housing authorities as part of a settlement agreement in the Alameda County Superior Court. That agreement also ended a 29,000-unit housing cap voters approved in 1996 and provided the results that the state needed to certify the city's housing plan, an essential part of its General Plan, which the state did in November.

One project, approved as part of this settlement, should get under way this summer when BRE breaks ground on an 800-unit high density, multi-story group of apartment buildings in Hacienda Business Park. Four other developments are in various stages of consideration by city planners before going to the Planning Commission and City Council for final approval. They also include high density, three- and four-story apartment buildings on vacant land on West Las Positas Boulevard, property at the southeast corner of Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, California Center (formerly CarrAmerica) on Owens Drive, and the empty acreage south of Safeway's new Gateway Center along Valley Avenue.

With the controversial rezoning issues and development plans behind them, the new council members can focus on what these new buildings will look like, adjoining open space, playgrounds for the children who will live there and, working with the Pleasanton school district, on just where these kids will go to school. Just so these two agencies don't get too complacent in their considerations, the Association of Bay Area Governments and state housing authorities will be back in 2014 with more affordable and mid-level housing requirements, a number yet to be determined.

Of course, there's more for the City Council to consider in the coming year, much more. We'll be back next week with some more priorities to be addressed. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Man stabbed in bar fight at Redcoats

A Pleasanton man was stabbed in a fight outside Redcoats British Pub and Restaurant at 336 St. Mary St. on Jan. 4, although according to a police report he didn't initially realize he'd been injured badly enough to require medical care.

At about 8:11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 5, the victim, who'd been stabbed in the back, walked into the Emergency Room at ValleyCare Medical Center on Las Positas Boulevard. He told workers there he'd had been involved in a fight the night before and was stabbed.

The victim, 27, had sustained a single non-life-threatening stab wound to his back, described in a police report as minor; he was treated and released from the hospital.

The man told police he went to pick up his girlfriend who'd told him a male at the bar was harassing her. The victim arrived at the rear

and an altercation ensued between him and the other male, according to reports. During the fight, the suspect pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim once in the back.

The suspect fled the area on foot and the victim left with his girlfriend, believing the wound was not serious. It was not until the next morning that he realized he needed medical attention.

Police had been called to the scene on a report of a fight in Redcoats parking lot at about 12:37 a.m., but police at the scene didn't see a fight and couldn't locate any witnesses.

It appears to be an isolated incident, according to police reports, but the investigation is continuing and anyone with additional information about the fight can contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

In other police reports:

- New technology led to the arrest of a Pleasanton woman for auto theft. The Pleasanton Police De-

partment recently began using an automated license scanning system, with monitors mounted on cars.

Ashley Whiteside, 25, was arrested at about 11:39 a.m. Jan. 5 in the 4700 block of Harrison Street for auto theft and probation violation when the digital reader checked the license plate, which turned up a Subaru reported stolen from Livermore.

- Samuel Hugh Chandler, 42, of Castro Valley was arrested at 1:17 p.m. Jan. 3 at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and California Avenue for sale of methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine for sale. A traffic stop yielded a digital sale, leading to the sales arrest, and a search turned up 6.2 grams of methamphetamine, which led to the possession arrest.

- Godofredo Ravello, 54, of San Francisco was arrested at about 5:15 p.m. Jan. 5 in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road for felony shoplifting and possession of burglary tools. Ravello was arrested for using a booster bag to steal clothing valued at \$2,052 from Abercrombie and Fitch in the Stoneridge Shopping Center. He was initially spotted by store security, but

got away and was taken into custody by mall security.

- Daniel Robert Bobba, 27, a transient, was arrested at about 10:30 p.m. Jan. 7 for burglary at Safeway in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road for stealing food. Bobba, who had no money, was arrested for felony burglary because he entered the store with the intent to commit a theft.

- Two residents and several stores at the mall were victims of identity theft in recent days.

In one, reported at about 5:19 p.m. Jan. 8, several charge accounts were opened in the name of a victim, a resident of the 4100 block of Peregrine Way. Five charges were made in the amounts of \$1,005, \$917, \$542, \$2,361 and \$964. In another, reported at about 5:26 p.m. Jan. 2 by a resident of the 6000 block of Corte Montanas, a credit card taken in a burglary was used to obtain fast food and gas.

And in a Jan. 7 incident reported

at about 8:41 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, a bogus credit card was used to charge \$503 at one store and \$114 at another before being declined at a third.

- A number of people were arrested recently on outstanding arrest warrants.

Anthony Quinones, 21 of Pleasanton, was arrested at 1:02 p.m. Jan. 2 in the 4900 block of Owens Drive on a felony warrant.

Matthew Joseph Aguirre, 18, of Newark was arrested at about 2:51 p.m. Jan. 5 in the 5300 block of Owens Drive on a felony warrant.

Jessica Lack, 43, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 5:59 a.m. Jan. 5 in the 2300 block of Corte de la Jara on a felony warrant.

- Two passports were stolen in a Jan. 6 residential burglary in the 4300 block of Denker Drive; entry was through a side garage door.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 2

Theft

- 11:09 a.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:56 p.m. in the 4400 block of Sutter Gate Avenue; fraud

Burglary

- 1:40 p.m. in the 200 block of Rachael Place

Auto burglary

- 8:22 a.m. in the 300 block of Lone Oak Court
- 7:52 p.m. in the 7500 block of Trotter Way

Jan. 3

Theft

- 6:30 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:47 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive; fraud

Burglary

- 1:26 p.m. in the 900 block of Pamela Place; residential burglary

Auto burglary

- 8:14 a.m. in the 3700 block of Thistle Way
- 8:42 a.m. in the 3800 block of Brockton Drive
- 3:06 p.m. in the 3400 block of Stacey Way
- 3:56 p.m. in the 3400 block of Stacey Way

Vandalism

- 8:21 a.m. in the 600 block of Palomino Drive
- 11:32 a.m. in the first block of California Avenue
- 3:29 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 3:47 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; under the influence of a controlled substance
- 9:50 p.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; public drunkenness

Jan. 4

Auto burglary

- 1:57 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Marijuana possession

- 7:59 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Kolln Street

Jan. 5

Shoplifting

- 4:47 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Battery

- 1:57 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:21 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 1:02 a.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue; public drunkenness
- 3:05 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 5:12 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession, public drunkenness

Jan. 6

Auto burglary

- 8:42 a.m. in the 7800 block of Knollbrook Drive
- 12:10 p.m. at the intersection of Apache Drive and W. Las Positas Boulevard
- 4:14 p.m. in the 4000 block of Cristobal Way

Vandalism

- 11:38 p.m. at the intersection of Smallwood Court and Hearst Drive

Alcohol violations

- 1:31 a.m. at the intersection of Old Santa Rita Road and Santa Rita Road; DUI
- 11:09 p.m. in the 500 block of Anderson Street; public drunkenness

Jan. 7

Burglary

- 10:42 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; commercial burglary

Auto burglary

- 11:29 a.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Vandalism

- 1:03 p.m. in the 300 block of Happy Valley Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:08 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; under the influence of a controlled substance
- 6:54 a.m. in the 4200 block of Valley Avenue; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 12:06 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 1:29 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of a controlled substance, under the influence of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 5:28 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 9:08 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; possession of a hypodermic needle

Jan. 8

Theft

- 7:44 a.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; bicycle theft
- 3:13 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:19 p.m. in the 4100 block of Peregrine Way; fraud
- 8:30 p.m. in the 7600 block of Highland Oaks Drive
- 9:27 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 10:19 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

Auto burglary

- 3:41 p.m. in the 2200 block of Segundo Court

Vandalism

- 5:22 p.m. in the 1200 block of Creek Trail Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:02 a.m. at the intersection of Oak Vista Way and Valley Avenue; cocaine possession
- 3:35 p.m. in the 2900 block of Hopyard Road; possession of alcohol at a park
- 4:37 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue; public drunkenness



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and discuss the working draft Vision Statement to guide the preparation of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan
- Consider the East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force At-Large Membership
- Public Hearing: PUD-93, Bruce Myers, Danville School Street Investment – Consider an application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) to construct a four-lot detached single-family home development on an approximately 2.23-acre site located at 362 Sycamore Road and a vacant lot (APN 948-17-7-4), within the North Sycamore Specific Plan area
- Consider approval of the Loan and Governance Agreement with Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center and authorization of additional financial assistance expenditures of up to \$51,567
- Approve appointments to various Commissions and Committees
- Public Hearing: P12 1753, City of Pleasanton – Consider amendments to Title 18 (Zoning) of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to modify Chapter 18.08 (Definitions) and add a new Chapter 18.105 (Cottage Food Operations) establishing a permit process and performance standards for home-based food production and sales in residences
- Public Hearing: PUD-88, Sherman and Cheryl Balch - Consider an application for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) to subdivide an approximately 10-acre lot at 6010 Alisal Road into two single-family residential lots

Housing Commission

Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review and Comment Regarding Proposed Lower Income Housing Fee Nexus Study
- Appointment of New Officers (Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) for 2013

Historic Preservation Task Force

Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

City Hall, 157 Main Street

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov for information regarding this meeting.

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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



Still time to contribute to the 2012 Holiday Fund

10 Tri-Valley nonprofits need financial help to fund current operations

By JEB BING

Contributions to the Pleasanton Weekly's 2012 Holiday Fund can be made through Tuesday, the Jan. 15 deadline for helping the 10 nonprofits targeted by this season's campaign.

With donations now totaling more than \$73,000, these organizations stand to receive the financial aid they need to help fund their operations in 2013.

Contributions will be divided equitably, with 75% of all dollars raised going to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health

System. Another 25% of the contributions will go to Hope Hospice, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, REACH, Sandra J Wing Therapies and Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley.

This year we are partnering with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), which will handle all finances related to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. That will allow donors who contribute after Jan. 1 to take advantage of a tax deduction for the dollars they donate on their 2013 returns through the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status. The SVCF and the Pleasanton Weekly will handle all costs of the campaign. That means

that every dollar will go directly to the 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

"The agencies we have targeted for assistance have found that they now have many more to serve and often fewer dollars from their regular donors who have found themselves at times facing financial, employment and health care challenges and uncertainties," said Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly. "Despite a modest economic recovery in the Tri-Valley, these are still-troubling times with unemployment in Alameda County, alone, still hovering at more than 8%."

Melanie C. LaGrande, corporate philan-

thropy manager of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, said giving to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund this year is more important than ever.

"Although Pleasanton is ranked as one of the wealthiest cities of its size in the nation, there are thousands who rely on many of these 10 organizations we are helping this year for individual and family assistance, emergency aid when they're suddenly without jobs and health care," she said. "Not everyone is wealthy here, not everyone has a job, not everyone has health insurance. These are the people who need our help." ■

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BULLYING

AFFECTS MORE THAN JUST THE VICTIM

Bullies and bystanders also see long-term problems



If bullying were a disease, it would be an epidemic in schools.

National statistics from 2010 — the latest available — show more than a quarter of all kids have experienced bullying, and that more than 30% experience bullying once a month.

Nationwide, 13 million kids will be bullied this year, according to the Bully Project, which was formed in the wake of a 2009 suicide of an 11-year-old in Georgia.

Three million children — 160,000 every day — miss school because they're afraid of being bullied, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Bullying seems a precursor for criminal behavior, especially for the bullies. National statistics show that boys identified as bullies in grades six through nine had one criminal conviction by age 24, and 40% had three or more arrests by age 30.

Anecdotally, a story close to home may show that a bullying victim acted out in a violent manner. On April 5, 1984, the same day that Steve Carlson is alleged to have killed Tina Faelz, a former friend

testified that Carlson was bullied himself, tossed into a dumpster at Foothill High School after a confrontation with members of the football team.

Both bullies and their victims show an increased risk of suicide, according to national and international studies.

Bullied teens are at an increased risk of suicide, now being called "peer-abuse driven bullycide." Victims of bullying are between 2 to 9 times more likely to consider suicide than non-victims, according to Yale University studies; a study in Britain found that at least half of suicides among young people are related to bullying. At least one international study indicated that bullying victims can carry those scars into adulthood, where they can show up as symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Even being a witness to bullying can be harmful, making the witness feel helpless, or that she or he could be the next target.

Six out of 10 kids witness some form of bullying at least once a day, according to the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children

(ASPCA) and at least one study shows that students who watch their peers get bullied could become as upset, if not more so, than the victims themselves. That's according to a report in the December 2009 issue of *School Psychology Quarterly*, which is published by the American Psychological Association.

Students who watched bullying — name-calling, kicking, hitting, spreading rumors and threats of violence — were more likely to report "greater psychological distress" than bullies or their victims, according to the study, which surveyed 2,002 students ages 12 to 16 at 14 public schools in England. That study also shows that bullies and bystanders may also be more likely to take drugs and drink alcohol.

Beyond that, bullying is illegal. California is one of 46 states with anti-bullying laws.

It's also among the 41 states that have created anti-bullying policies for schools. In 2011, AB 9 — known as "Seth's Law" — was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown. That law requires every school

in California to have anti-harassment and discrimination policies and procedures.

The law, which went into effect in 2011, is named after 13-year-old Seth W. W., a victim of bullying, committed suicide.

Under AB 9, schools must take bullying more seriously, and schools are required to include in their contracts and methods for receiving and responding to discrimination and harassment complaints.

Schools are now required to have a process for receiving and resolving complaints, and resolution may be required. Faculty and staff at schools are required to intervene when they witness acts of bullying.

California law has also cracked down on bullying, using social media as a method to harass, taunt or threaten. School officials can suspend or expel students who engage in bullying using electronic devices, whether on or off school grounds. ■

STORIES BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

A PRIORITY FOR PUSD

17 reported cases so far this year

For years, bullying was seen as no big deal, and for many, a rite of passage. Freshmen were hazed by seniors, and when they became seniors those same freshmen hazed the incoming class.

"Kids will be kids," was the common response for years. But as the after-effects of bullying became better known, schools across the country began taking steps to solve the bully problem.

Pleasanton is no exception. As of the 2011-12 school year, there were 19 documented cases of bullying, according to Kevin Johnson, the district's senior director of pupil services. So far in 2012-13, he said there have been 17, so the number of reported cases will likely be higher than a year ago.

Those are just the ones that were reported; a 2010 study showed that the majority of bullying is only reported when it escalates to physical violence, and only about 40% of the time, even then.

Late last year, a student from Amador was taken out of school by her mother after the girl received text messages and comments from her classmates saying things like, "Why don't you just kill yourself?"

Cassandra Bankson knows first-hand how devastating bullying can be. She was bullied so severely for cystic acne during middle and high school that she dropped out of San Ramon Valley High. Bankson did private study and graduated two years early.

"It wasn't until middle school and high school that it started to bother me. I wasn't thrown in trash cans or anything. It was very emotional and verbal," she said. "It was almost to the point that I didn't feel like a member of society."

Bankson said she floated through friendships but did have a particular friend, also with acne, in middle school. A trip to the doctor worked for the friend, although a similar treatment did little for Bankson.

"Toward the end of our friendship, she started picking on me as well," Bankson said. "It was probably because she wanted to fit in, too. She wanted to connect with them."

Bankson urges anyone who is the victim of bullying to talk to someone, although she said her counselor said the usual — "kids are going to be kids, they'll get over it."

She wished she'd gone to another counselor or been able to talk to her parents about it earlier.

Now, Bankson said, she realizes that everyone has the potential to be both a victim and a bully.

"Words hurt, and regardless of your age or your situation, bullying happens," she said. "It's about recognizing it in yourself and in other people."

Her story has a happy ending. The 6-foot-tall woman, now 20, is an Internet sensation, sharing her battle with severe cystic acne and makeup tips.



COURTESY CASSANDRA BANKSON

Cassandra Bankson was bullied throughout her middle school and high school years before becoming an Internet hit for her talks about dealing with cystic acne, getting bullied and offering beauty tips.

Bankson shoots makeup tutorials, her YouTube channel has more than 300,000 subscribers, and her videos have received over 44 million hits.

The Pleasanton school district in general and some schools in particular are addressing bullying. Johnson said counselors and administrators are giving presentations every semester, and the district has a tip line as well.

"I'm also working with middle school administrators. We have a proposal for a company that

would like to talk to us, specializing on something for the middle schools," Johnson said. "A lot of bullying starts in the middle school years."

In addition, he said, the DARE program has been modified to include both bullying and cyberbullying, and the Pleasanton Police Department is offering four one-hour workshops for parents, which include bullying, along with education on drug and alcohol abuse and Internet safety.

Cyberbullying has become a growing concern, thanks to the rise in social media and Internet access for young people who can use sites like Facebook, instant messaging, texts or tweets to carry verbal abuse or threats.

Johnson described cyberbullying as "a tough one."

"It's a major concern. Unlike when we were in school, when one person would say something and four others would see it," he said, adding that now, "hundreds of people see it."

Foothill High School has been at the forefront of the fight against bullying in Pleasanton. Last year, the school brought speaker Calvin Terrell in to speak about the issue.

While his talks did include one anecdotal story of a fourth-grader who committed suicide after her phone was stolen by a girl who used it to send out pornographic pictures, Terrell focused mainly on the larger problems of racism and classism, saying that if those are solved, bullying would fade away.

"Bullying is the poisonous plant that grows in the toxic soil of prejudice," he told a group at the Four Points Sheraton, his third talk of the day, after speaking at two assemblies at Foothill High.

Foothill has a Facebook page, Foothill compliments, which is solely for people to spread positive messages; Amador Valley High has a similar Facebook page called "Hey, you're awesome. Love, Amador."

Foothill has also received a \$16,000 two-year grant to begin a "restorative justice" program. The meat of the program includes students being confronted by the people they've hurt. They may be asked to give an apology, identifying exactly what they did wrong.

School Board Member Jamie Hintzke has been an advocate of restorative justice, but she said it will take more than that to end bullying.

"The bullying conversation is not just doing stuff when it happens, it's how you create an environment where it doesn't happen," Hintzke said. "It's not just kids. It's staff. It's parents. It's on the soccer field." ■

DEFINITION

Bullying: A desire to hurt + a hurtful action + a power imbalance + repetition (typically) + an unjust use of power + evident enjoyment by the aggressor + a sense of being oppressed on the part of the target.

—Ken Rigby, researcher, quoted in a California Department of Education document on addressing bullying in schools

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Adrienne Claire Riley

July 22, 1954 - Dec. 17, 2012

Adrienne was born in Willows, California, to Howard and Wilma (Wells) Detling. She passed away on December 17, 2012, at Eden Medical Center, Castro Valley, with her husband, Mike, and their children Kevin, Megan, and Amy at her side.



After graduating from Enterprise High School in Redding, California, in 1972, Adrienne attended the University of California at Berkeley, where she met and married Michael Lloyd Riley on September 7, 1974. Adrienne earned a BS degree in Nursing and a

BA degree in Human Development from California State University, Hayward.

Adrienne began her career as a Registered Nurse in 1981 with Kaiser Hospital Oakland; and since 1995 has been associated with the Maternal Child Department at Valley Care Medical Center in Pleasanton.

Adrienne enjoyed reading, sewing, traveling, shopping, San Jose Sharks hockey, Cal football, and playing Bunko. Adrienne's passion in life was her family; especially her love for her three children, and her granddaughter, Madison.

Adrienne is survived by her loving husband, Mike; devoted children- son Kevin, his wife Stacey Powell Riley, and their daughter Madison of Brentwood; daughter Megan and husband Patrick Bowen of Concord; and daughter Amy of San Ramon. She is also survived by her brother Doug Detling of Medford, Oregon; her brother, Martin Detling of Eureka, California; her brother, Wade Detling of Deer Park, Washington; and her sister, Valerie Liggatt of Redding, California. Her caring and loving spirit

will be missed by all who knew her.

A Celebration of Adrienne's Life will be held January 13 at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton.

In honor of Adrienne, contributions can be made to the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation at www.valleycare.com.

Jim Blades

Dec. 23, 1919-Dec. 25, 2012

Jim Blades, 93, died Dec. 25, 2012, at his Pleasanton home with his wife of 68 years, Margaret, and his family at his side. He will be fondly remembered by his children, John, Annis, Liz and Rick; grandchildren Lisa, Brian, Tony, Olivia, Skye, and great-granddaughter, Daisy Elizabeth.

Jim was born in Chicago on Dec. 23, 1919. His parents moved to Brooklyn



in 1931 where Jim attended Brooklyn Tech in preparation for MIT. It was in Brooklyn that Jim joined the Police Athletic League, and was the oldest known living member of PAL.

Jim joined the Navy during WWII, and after his discharge married Margaret Annette Moore in Montreal on Dec. 19, 1944. Both Jim and Margaret's families were from the Caribbean. Jim met Margaret on the island of Barbados where her family lived when he was 8 and she was 5.

Jim and Margaret initially settled in Brooklyn where son John was born in 1946. They moved to Orinda in 1947, where Jim found employment at the UC Berkeley Radiation Laboratory. By 1954, the family had grown to include Annis, Liz and Rick, so the family moved to a larger home in Danville. The family moved again in 1971 to Pleasanton, this time to find a special home that could also accommodate Jim's parents, and also so that Jim could be closer to the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory where he worked until he retired in 1980 as Chief Draftsman.

Jim will be remembered as a great teller of stories, who never passed up the opportunity to capture the ear of any who would listen. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Jim was a 33rd degree Mason. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 2 p.m., at the Pleasanton Masonic Center, 3370 Hopyard Rd. Please RSVP by leaving a recorded message at (925) 519-0034 (Annis). A memorial service at St. Claire's Episcopal Church, Pleasanton, will be planned for a later date.

was the "best move he ever made for his family." There was no more "snow to shovel" and he could golf year round! He devoted his life to his wife, children and family with an ultimate love. Nick was a member of the "dawn patrol" at Castlewood CC for nearly 35 years.

Nick is survived by his loving wife Diane of 57 years, his devoted children Teresa (Mark) McCloskey of Farmington, NM, Nick (Cindy) Gigliotti of Pleasanton, Ernie (Karen) Gigliotti of Houston, TX, Paul (Kim) Gigliotti of Pleasanton. Ten grandchildren Nicole Tyson of Grand Prairie, TX, Lorra Williams (Jordan) of Flagstaff, AZ, Nicholas Gigliotti (Stefanie) of Livermore, Richard and Stephen Gigliotti of Concord, Elizabeth Samples (Kacy) of Tulsa, OK, Jonathan Gigliotti serving in the Navy overseas, Gabrielle, Jacob and Sophia Gigliotti of Pleasanton. In addition there are also eight great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made to: www.wish.org or www.hopehospice.com.

Anne Donnellan

Oct. 10, 1920-Jan. 1, 2013

Anne Donnellan passed away peacefully on New Year's Day. Anne was

born on a farm outside of Cleveland, Ohio. During World War II, she worked at Alcoa. After the War, she, her husband Bob, and their three children moved to Southern California, where she lived for 30 years. Upon Bob's retirement from Lockheed, Anne and Bob moved to Paradise, Calif. Bob predeceased her in 1993. In 2006 Anne moved to Pleasanton to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Jim Zarrillo.



Anne had a wonderful circle of friends and was very active. She most enjoyed playing poker at the Pleasanton Senior Center every week. Anne is predeceased by her husband, Bob and son, Danny. She is survived by her son Dennis, who lives overseas; her daughter Donna Zarrillo of Pleasanton; her grandchildren Matt Tibbetts of Apopka, Fla., Julia Edge of Portland, Ore., Dana Donnellan of Paradise, Calif., and Angela Donnellan. In addition, she is survived by her three great-grandchildren, Angela, Hannah and Sydney. Anne will be very missed by all who knew her. Services and burial will be in Paradise. A memorial service will be planned at a later date in Pleasanton.

Nicholas Raymond Gigliotti

Dec. 9, 1928-Dec. 30, 2012

Nicholas Raymond Gigliotti, 84 resident of Pleasanton for 40 years died December 30, 2012.

Born December 9, 1928 in Pittsburgh, PA to Giuseppe and Catherina Gigliotti, he was the youngest of six children and was preceded in death by all his siblings and parents. Nick graduated from Connelly Vocational HS in Pittsburgh, PA. He furthered his education at the Triangle School of Drafting. His career began at LK Comstock, both in Pittsburgh and the Bay Area before retiring in 1991 after 31 years. Nick served in Army National Guard during the Korean War. Nick was transferred to CA in 1973 which



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

Holocaust survivor speaking in Pleasanton

Eva Schloss is 'step-sister' of Anne Frank

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Eva Schloss, an 83-year-old Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp survivor, is continuing her quest for world peace with a California speaking tour this month, recounting her years of fleeing and hiding, her arrest, and the nightmare that followed.

Her Pleasanton presentation will take place at the Amador Theater at 7:30 p.m. Monday, and all 600 tickets have been sold.

"The response has been overwhelming," said Rabbi Raleigh Resnick of the Chabad of the Tri Valley, which is sponsoring the evening. "It will really be an historic evening."

Eva Geiringer was 8 years old in 1938 when Hitler invaded Austria, causing her assimilated Jewish family to flee to avoid persecution. Eva, her mother, brother and father moved first to Belgium and then to Holland, where one of her neighbors was a German Jewish girl of the same age, Anne Frank.

The two girls became friends and playmates, though Eva recounted years later that Anne was "much more grown-up and mature than me." They passed the time by skipping, playing hopscotch and marbles, and drinking lemonade prepared by Mrs. Frank.



Both families went into hiding, with Eva moving seven times. On her 15th birthday, May 11, 1944, she and her mother were moved to yet another hiding place in Holland but the alleged helper was a Nazi double agent who opened Gestapo headquarters in Amsterdam with her own keys as they were taken in for interrogation and torture.

"I was in shock when the Nazis arrested us," Eva recalled in a 2008 interview. "I didn't cry at first. My mother yelled that I was not Jewish saying she'd had an affair with a German. I did have blonde hair. But it didn't help."

"Then I was beaten. I was asked repeatedly for the names of Dutch resistance people who had hidden us. Luckily I never knew their real names. But the Nazis threatened that if I did not tell them they would kill my brother Heinz, who was not with us in the latest hiding place but whose cries I had heard in the police station."

Her family was briefly reunited en route to Westerbork, a Dutch holding camp, which began a year-long nightmare that Eva did not talk about until almost 40 years later. She was soon transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau where she survived the "selection" process and its humiliations, typhus and heavy work in a freezing room.

When the Russians arrived in January 1945, Eva and her mother Fritzi were evacuated in cattle trucks toward Odessa, another traumatic journey. By July they had returned to their old neighborhood in Amsterdam where



THINKSTOCK

"Then I was beaten. I was asked repeatedly for the names of Dutch resistance people who had hidden us. Luckily I never knew their real names."

Eva Schloss,
an 83-year-old Auschwitz-Birkenau survivor

they met up with Otto Frank, Anne's father, who had just learned of his family's deaths.

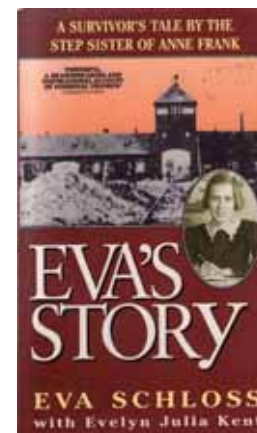
Otto and Fritzi married in 1953, making Eva and Anne posthumous step-sisters, and he spent the rest of his life getting Anne's diary published and spreading her message: "I still believe that deep down human beings are good at heart."

Eva settled in England, where she worked as a studio photographer and ran an antique shop. She married Zvi Schloss and raised three daughters.

Since 1985, Eva Schloss has devoted herself to Holocaust education and global peace, recounting her wartime experiences in more than a thousand speaking engagements. She has written two books and has had a play written about her life, "And Then They Came for Me."



COURTESY CHABAD OF THE TRI VALLEY



Eva Schloss, 83, is speaking in Pleasanton on Monday night about her family's persecution during the Holocaust beginning when Hitler invaded her homeland of Austria in 1938. She was friends and neighbors with Anne Frank when both families were living in Amsterdam; when her mother married Otto Frank after the war, Eva and Anne posthumously became step-sisters. The Frank family's place of hiding in Amsterdam, at left, now draws tourists from around the world who have read Anne's diary.

"As a rabbi we have to teach a generation that you cannot rely on the innate goodness of men," Resnick said. "Unless we are educated to be dedicated to a higher purpose and calling, we can do all sorts of atrocious acts."

He said Eva Schloss has noted that Anne Frank wrote her famous quote about humans being good in her diary before she was captured and sent to Bergen-Belsen. Eva's message is that life is precious and fragile, that the creative spirit is stronger than fear, that the power of good is immeasurable, and that love makes a difference.

"Our spark of goodness has to be cultivated and educated," Resnick explained. "We can't just tell people to be good. Rights don't come from being good but from belief in God and a higher moral system. Then we ensure that that spark of goodness is harnessed."

The evening will include paintings created by Eva's brother Heinz when he was in hiding, which were discovered after the war.

"As rabbi I feel this is a closing window of opportunity," Resnick said of the chance to hear a Holocaust survivor in person. "When I was young boy, men would roll up their sleeves (to pray) and I would regularly see numbers on their arms."

Now, he sees fewer and fewer survivors of the concentration camps of World War II.

"These next five to 10 years are a window of opportunity to hear firsthand accounts," he said. ■

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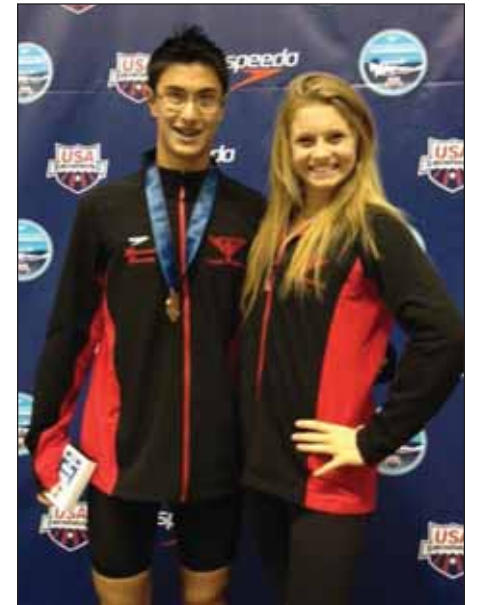
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Seahawks make waves at Nationals

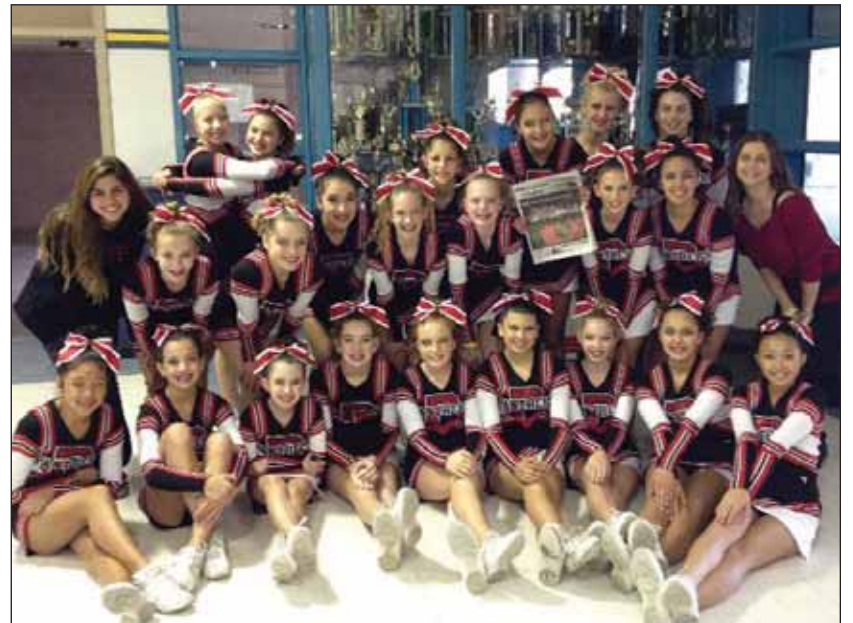
The Seahawks Winter Nationals 2012 Team (l-r) Jason Chen, Iris Brand, Celina Li and Nick Silverthorn competed at University of Texas, Austin, from Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Li was national champion in the 200 IM and Silverthorn set a new 15-16 Pacific swimming record in the 100 breast (54.58).

At right, Maxime Rooney and Moriah Simonds of the Pleasanton Seahawks 2012 Swim Team competed last month at the Junior Nationals held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Rooney set a national age group record in the 200 free (1:38.4) and two Pacific swimming records in the 200 fly and 200 back. He was the seventh 13-14 boy in history to break 1:40 in the 200 Free. Simonds placed 11th overall in the 1650 free, earning her first "national time" in that event and improving her times in all four events.



Championship win makes four in a row

The RAGE U13 Premier team defeated the MVLA Monsoon over the weekend of Dec. 15-16 to once again claim the NorCal Premier League title. The girls have now won four consecutive NorCal Spring and Fall League Championships. Next up is the State Cup tournament. Team members are (back row, l-r) Coach Stephanie Wieger, Samantha Dukes, G'Ana Losson, Claire Wong, Sydney DeVor, Makenzie Farro, Kathryn Lee, Lilly Ryan, Lauren Russell, (middle) Mary Clifford, Tami Kwong, Taylor Noval, Molly Murphy, Nikki Lee, Saylor Bagnall, Natasa Copic, (front) Sophia Pearson and Terra McHone.



PATTY RECUPERO

Hooray for Cheerleaders

The Pleasanton Middle School Cheerleading squad took second place in the Junior High Show Cheer Novice-Large Squad Division at the USA Regional Competition in Tracy on Dec. 8. The PMS Cheerleading squad also qualified for USA Junior Nationals to be held at Disneyland on March 3. Members of the squad are (front row, l-r) Patricia Galvez, Julia Tolari, Lizzie Beer, Mary Hinek, Taylor Sowers, Maci Manos, Katie Heckart, Rachel Sowers, Kimberly Wang, (middle) assistant coach Sabrina Manning, Paige Quinton, Megan Olson, Amaris Campos, Amy Cavallo, Ashley Boxberger, Lauren Johnson, Olivia Morgenroth, coach Courtney Chipman, (back) Melissa Simonds, Amy Schoendienst, Morgan Leone, Caroline Recupero, Noelle McNamara and Allie Powers. Not pictured: Valeria Blanco, Kya Millerstrom, Bailey Musto and Julia Wood.

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Real Estate Matters

Tax disincentives to selling

By MICHAEL REPKA

Owning real estate is part of the American Dream, a dream that is fully supported by federal and state tax policy.

Both the federal government and Sacramento offer numerous tax incentives that encourage people to buy real estate, especially the home in which they live. Conversely, due to the strong appreciation of the Silicon Valley housing market, there are some significant tax rules that may serve as a disincentive to selling.

Homeowners should be cognizant of all tax consequences when deciding whether or not to sell.

Capital gains tax erodes equity

Capital gains taxes are the most obvious cost to selling real estate that has appreciated over time.

In 2012, the combined federal and California tax bite on the gain on real estate was almost 25% for taxpayers in the highest California tax bracket. Bear in mind that, unlike the federal government, California does not offer preferential tax rates for capital gains.

Worse yet, these rates should be significantly higher going forward due to the passage of Prop. 30, which established higher income-tax brackets for individuals earning more than \$250,000 (\$500,000 for married couples filing jointly), and a new 3.8% tax passed as part of "Obamacare."

Further, there have been numerous calls to raise capital-gains rates above the 15% applicable in 2012. Although married couples filing jointly may be able to exclude up to \$500,000 in gain on their primary residence, many in the Tri-Valley are sitting upon gain well in excess of this limit.

Proposition 13

After much debate, Prop. 13 was passed in the late '70s. Under Prop. 13, property values for tax-assessment purposes were pegged to the then-current property value and each property was taxed at the rate of 1% of that value.

Further, the maximum annual increase to the property's assessed value was set at 2% unless there was a change in ownership. Because prices here have generally gone up far faster than 2% per year, many long-term homeowners are paying substantially less property tax than they would if they sold and bought the identical house next door. Therefore, unless the taxpayer qualifies to transfer their property-tax value to their new house, they will lose their preferential

property-tax rate if they sell their home.

Loss of basis step-up

One of the biggest tax costs to selling, which is often overlooked, is the loss of a basis step-up upon death. Although simplified, taxpayers are generally taxed on the difference between the selling price of their home and what they originally paid (including the cost of capital improvements to the home).

However, under current IRS rules, the basis of the home (original cost plus improvements) is adjusted to the fair-market value of the home as of the date of death of the owner. If properly structured and held, this generally beneficial adjustment is made even if only one of the spouses passes away.

However, if the property is sold prior to death, the entire gain may be subject to tax. Thus, elderly homeowners may be better served holding on to a highly appreciated property until their passing.

Incentives to sell

While there are a number of disincentives to selling, there are currently a few tax incentives as well. First, the federal capital-gains rate is generally considered low when compared to the historical average. Even if the rate increases from 15% to 23.8% it is still lower than the 28% rate that was in place in the '90s. Many commentators feel that the capital-gains rates are more likely to go up than down in coming years.

Additionally, Internal Revenue Code Section 121 provides an exemption for the first \$250,000 in gain for most taxpayers (\$500,000 if married filing jointly) when they sell the personal residence in which they have lived for at least two of the past five years. However, any gain in excess of these limits is subject to tax.

Therefore, taxpayers that are approaching \$500,000 in gain would benefit from selling and purchasing a new home, thus starting the climb towards the \$500,000 limit all over again.

Before deciding to sell a home, it is generally a good idea to speak with a tax professional or experienced real-estate agent about any possible opportunities to limit the tax bite. The right timing and approach could result in significant savings.

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4444 Foothill Road, Pleasanton

Short sale. 4 BR and 2.5 BA. 3507 +/- sq. ft. Absolutely stunning! Completely rebuilt in 2005, this custom, single story home offers a view from every window, including Mt. Diablo and the surrounding hills. Beautifully updated throughout with fantastic gourmet kitchen. Huge 2.26 +/- acre lot includes an entertainer's backyard with pool and spa. Offered at \$1,500,000



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3127 Cassia Court, Pleasanton

Highly desirable 3 BR, 2.5 BA, 1536 sq ft single family home. Walking distance to Mohr Elementary School. Sunny kitchen and breakfast combo. Large bedrooms and baths upstairs. 2 car tandem garage. This is a must see home!! Call for a private showing. Offered at \$612,000



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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during December 2012

Dublin

- 7260 Amanda Street** Timberman Trust to J. & T. Arroyo for \$520,000
- 3895 Branding Iron Court** Metlife Home Loans to J. Thomas-Chovanec for \$605,000
- 3757 Branding Iron Place** P. & T. Hladun to M. Xu for \$315,500
- 4022 Chadwick Place** Pachira Fund to N. Reddy for \$665,000
- 5522 Crestridge Terrace** S. & M. Bullock to R. Nathawat for \$820,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #459** C. Bungcayao to G. Krishnaswami for \$315,000
- 7630 Donohue Drive** R. & M. Larabee to G. Rhodes for \$475,000
- 2848 East Cog Hill Terrace** S. & W. Hur to M. & R. Lucas for \$1,150,000
- 4720 Hazelwood Street** R. Tanha to R. & Q. Brickley for \$545,500
- 7090 North Mariposa Court** KB Home to C. Kondorambathi for \$581,000
- 3656 Oakhurst Way** Mainline Group to D. Peachey for \$830,000
- 6574 South Mariposa Court** KB Home to J. & M. Ohkawa for \$472,500
- 6576 South Mariposa Court** KB Home to Y. & F. Yeung for \$480,500
- 6659 South Mariposa Lane** KB Home to M. Suarez for \$520,000
- 6982 Stagecoach Road #G** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to Provident Funding Associates for \$255,500
- 7319 Starward Drive #40** J. Riker to T. Connolly for \$144,000
- 7917 Tamarack Drive** E. & F. Ajlouny to R. Hu for \$420,000

Livermore

- 6430 Aspenwood Way** D. Kuwaye to I. Charamisinau for \$502,000

- 1647 Blackoak Court** Bank of New York to A. Gowardhan for \$482,000
- 2275 Bluffs Court** J. Meeks to D. Nystrom for \$709,000
- 781 Central Avenue** C. Gerlovich to R. Ling for \$518,000
- 337 Chris Common #103** JP Morgan Chase Bank to M. Trujillo for \$132,000
- 1853 Corte Cava** Bear Stearns to W. & C. Knuth for \$440,000
- 2745 Elston Street** M. & A. Manley to F. & J. Mallon for \$820,000
- 6202 Forget Me Not #54** A. Mendoza to P. Wang for \$242,000
- 819 Geraldine Street** Pentagon Credit Union to S. & K. Nichols for \$455,000
- 3036 Hansen Road** Cainey Trust to G. Herscu for \$1,100,000
- 4947 Hercules Court** K. Wolf to M. Bechtel for \$430,000
- 1637 Hollyhock Street** Hollyhock Street Trust to J. Goodman for \$389,000
- 1453 Justine Court** J. & A. Cook to G. Stickney for \$725,000
- 4514 Kimberley Common** T. Dieckmann to K. & K. Rabello for \$420,000
- 4521 Maureen Circle** HSBC Bank to C. Luu for \$530,000
- 975 Murrieta Boulevard #25** L. Fisher to S. Song for \$108,000
- 757 Newbury Street** C. Rindone to M. Batavia for \$645,000
- 420 North I Street** US Bank to S. Williams for \$226,000
- 1197 Pesaro Way** Hansen Trust to S. & M. Loach for \$895,000
- 2080 Rapallo Common** Plohetsky Trust to S. Garcia for \$460,000
- 1978 Regulus Court** Clement Trust to J. & J. Snodgrass for \$990,000
- 2484 Robinson Circle** Polymathic Properties to C. Mafuka for \$675,000
- 175 Selby Lane #3** D. Cardwell to K.

- Yim for \$407,000
 - 1133 Tokay Common** C. & L. Londry to S. Hojnacki for \$520,500
 - 140 Tourmaline Avenue** L. & B. Firl to M. & S. Harrington for \$712,000
 - 351 Turnstone Drive** Black Trust to T. Metz for \$490,000
 - 2422 Wellingham Drive** Abreu Trust to M. & K. Cranney for \$415,000
- Pleasanton
- 3883 Belmont Way** Patrick Lyman & Associates to K. Tran for \$325,000
 - 1368 Bordeaux Street** M. Weckwerth to F. & L. Reiner for \$1,315,000
 - 4655 Carson Court** Roach Trust to W. Chan for \$615,000
 - 505 Cento Court** D. & R. Fritz to M. & S. Punamia for \$925,000
 - 918 Clinton Place** Sullivan Trust to S. Vaiyapuri for \$661,000
 - 2305 Foothill Road #3** Sillivan Trust to K. Chan for \$225,000
 - 7866 Marigold Court** K. Menges to B. Knabenshue for \$670,000
 - 3884 Mesa Verde Court** O. Ponce to C. Hunsinger-Rueda for \$448,000
 - 4571 Mohr Avenue** R. Stramler to K. Kuo for \$715,000
 - 8137 Moller Ranch Drive** Meekma Trust to P. Cho for \$817,000
 - 833 Piemonte Drive** Citimortgage to R. & S. Jain for \$1,860,000
 - 4269 Pleasanton Avenue #A** M. & D. Mendes to R. Elvidge for \$300,000
 - 2252 Segundo Court** F. Khandan to R. Chaichy for \$240,000
 - 7465 Stonedale Drive** Jacoli Investments to C. Hoo for \$485,000
 - 174 Trenton Circle** Fasman Trust to T. Sabhlok for \$610,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin

Total sales reported: 17
 Lowest sale reported: \$144,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,150,000
 Average sales reported: \$536,147

Livermore

Total sales reported: 27
 Lowest sale reported: \$108,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,100,000
 Average sales reported: \$534,722

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 15
 Lowest sale reported: \$225,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,860,000
 Average sales reported: \$680,733

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 14
 Lowest sale reported: \$168,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,457,500
 Average sales reported: \$645,536

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LIVERMORE
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **5218 IRIS WAY**
CHARMING HOME! **\$405,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Hrdwd Flrs.Great Rm w/Wood Burning Fireplace.Lrge Slider w/views to bckryd & Golf Course. 925.847.2200



LIVERMORE
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **5823 RUNNING HILLS AVE.**
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED! **\$355,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Laminate flring,lrge remodeled kitchen,remodeled baths,fireplace insert & sideyard access. 925.847.2200



SANTA CLARA COUNTY
179 N. 25TH ST.
MOVE IN READY! **\$370,000**
 3 BR 2 BA Open Fir Plan.Crown Molding.SS Appliances,granite counters,remodeled.Roosevelt park Area. 925.847.2200

DANVILLE

2112 SHOSHONE CIR
PENDING!! **\$519,000**
 3 BR 3 BA Open Fir Plan.Spacious Kit.Formal Din. & Liv Rm.Mstr w/jetted tub & huge walk-in closet. 925.847.2200

pane windows.Landscaped backyard w/swimming pool. 925.847.2200

4864 IRIS TERRACE
PENDING!! **\$180,000**
 1 BR 1 BA Ardenwood Condo! Condo w/garage. Elementary School/ Shopping Nearby. 925.847.2200

286 MICHELL ST
PENDING!! **\$350,000**
 4 BR 2 BA Single Story.Open Kit area.Located in Le-land Heights Neighborhood.Home has great potential 925.847.2200

SAN RAMON

6 BOARDWALK
COMMERCIAL LOT **\$525,000**
 Commercial zoned. Bldg plans available. 4400 sq ft bldg. 925-963-0887

DUBLIN

4008 ORDAZ CT
PENDING!! **\$595,000**
 4 BR 2.5 BA Great Home in Tassajara Meadows. Open Fir Plan.Built-In Entertainment ctr.Bonus Rm. 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

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CABINS,POOL,2 BARNs **\$1,250,000**
 423 Acres-New well and 1,000 trees.Has 100 acres level w/no trees.Got Airplanes. 925.575.1735

17000 DEL PUERTO CANYON
GREAT FOR JEEPS/ATV'S & DIRT BIKES **\$214,950**
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PLEASANTON

1993 GREENWOOD RD
PENDING!! **\$559,950**
 4 BR 2 BA Great opportunity to put in a little work & have a beautiful home.Centrally Located! 925.847.2200

FREMONT

25 JAPALA CT
GREAT COURT LOCATION! **\$699,950**
 4 BR 2 BA Living Rm w/high ceilings.Fireplace.Dual

341 N STREET
LOTS OF POTENTIAL! **\$180,000**
 Level lot for building. Check with City Planning for specifics. Lots of potential here! 925.847.2200

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

46200 SAN ANTONIO VALLEY ROAD
GREAT RANCH HOME! **\$1,249,950**
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3834 ORION COURT, PLEASANTON

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SOLD FOR \$958,000

AVILA

SOLD!



5284 ARREZZO STREET, PLEASANTON

Newer upgraded three bedroom, two and a half bathrooms, approximately 1482 square feet "Signature Home." Updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Brazilian Cherry hardwood flooring and new carpet. Recessed lighting, dual pane windows, central air conditioning, & new paint interior/exterior. Private rear yard. Community amenities include pool/spa, clubhouse & playground. Close to BART and 580/680 access and more!

OFFERED AT \$579,500

PRIMA

SOLD!



176 PRATO WAY, LIVERMORE

Upgraded 5 bedroom, 3 bathrooms, approximately 3325 square foot Centex home. Spacious gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, island, and breakfast bar! Expansive master suite with spa tub and walk-in closet. Plantation shutters, crown molding, custom tile and Brazilian cherry hardwood floors throughout downstairs. Dual heating & air conditioning. Beautifully landscaped front and rear yards, in-ground pool/raised spa and private courtyard area, three car garage with electric gated private driveway. Close to golfing, Ruby Hill Country Club, renewed downtown and adjacent to the Livermore Wine Country!

SOLD FOR \$850,000

OAK LANE

SOLD!



369 OAK LANE, PLEASANTON

Former Friden Estate Hunting Lodge - "Moonlight Oaks." Private Driveway included in this 1.2 acre estate lot in premium wooded, secluded location. This is an entertainers dream home. Extensive use of quality Redwood timber. Recently upgraded, desirable single level with tastefully maintained historic charm. Panoramic views of nature and historic majestic Oaks. Approximately 3800 Square Feet with three bedrooms, three remodeled bathrooms, large gourmet kitchen, and incredible Great room with large Yosemite style fireplace and open beam ceiling. Large basement for storage and detached two-room wine cottage.

SOLD FOR \$1,358,500

DANBURY PARK

SOLD!



1431 GROTH CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Premium location, two bedroom, two bathroom, approximately 1345 square feet, extensively upgraded single level home with open floor plan, adjacent to park. Kitchen has new granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Bathrooms are upgraded with granite countertops, new plumbing fixtures and hardware. Vaulted ceilings, new window blinds, new tile flooring, private atrium area, & upgraded landscaping. Conveniently located near Downtown, Mission Plaza Shopping Center, Amador Shopping Center, The Aquatic Center, and Amador Valley Community Park.

OFFERED AT & SOLD FOR \$539,500

MURIETTA MEADOWS

SOLD - REPRESENTED BUYER



27 ROCKROSE STREET, LIVERMORE

SWEET!!! Stoneybrook Estate Home-shows nicely! Great curb appeal-sparkling clean. Hardwood and tile flooring downstairs. Vaulted ceilings in Living room & Dining room. Dramatic circular staircase. Large Master bath with separate shower and tub. Park like backyard with large patio and beautifully manicured lawns. 1 Bedroom/1 Bathroom downstairs. **SOLD FOR \$520,000**

HIDDEN OAK

SOLD!



1010 LAMB COURT, PLEASANTON

Former model home, upgraded throughout, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2029 sq. ft. Built in 1999. Premium 3654 sq. ft. Corner lot. Upgraded contemporary kitchen, adjacent family room, formal dining & living rooms, wood burning fireplace, two car garage, walk to downtown (1 minute walk to main street). Crown molding throughout, dual pane windows downstairs, triple pane windows upstairs (most), upgraded carpeting, dual zone heating & air conditioning, ceiling fans/lights in all bedrooms, two inch wood blinds in kitchen & family room. **SOLD FOR \$640,000**

CUSTOM HOME

SOLD!



6513 ARLINGTON DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Enter this secluded .56 acre estate through the long, private driveway! This mostly single level custom home includes an upstairs spacious second master suite. Five bedrooms, three full bathrooms, and two half bathrooms. Approximately 4003 total square feet, large remodeled kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Expansive rear grounds with views of open space and Pleasanton Ridge, includes ten person spa, built-in fireplace, expansive lawn area and stamped concrete & brick patios. Great home for entertaining! Three car garage with adjacent bonus room. **SOLD FOR \$1,130,000**

BRIDLE CREEK

SOLD!



5206 SELENA COURT, PLEASANTON

Check out this double sized lot (.56 acre). Premium private court location for this quality built Greenbriar home (2000), includes 4 bedroom (1 down), 3 baths, and bonus room. Beautiful professional landscaping with in-ground pool/spa in this expansive private backyard including multiple sitting areas, adjacent beautiful Heritage Oak tree, elevated ridge viewing deck. Upgraded gourmet kitchen, with granite counters, marble heated flooring and stainless appliances. Comprehensive audio/video system included. Three car garage. Great home for entertaining! Attendance area for great schools. Walk to Mission Park & Downtown Pleasanton! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000**

PLEASANTON VALLEY - "BIRDLAND"

SOLD!



2449 MINIVET COURT, PLEASANTON

"The heart of Birdland" Location, Location, Location! Quiet court is walking distance to Woodthrush Park, all levels of schools, two shopping centers, Aquatic Center & Sports Park! Premium .28 Acre Lot (12,125 sq. ft.) Single Level-4 bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms with 2112 Sq. Ft. "Gatewood" model in excellent condition. Granite countertops in kitchen. Remodeled master bathroom. Expansive front yard with private gated courtyard. Beautifully landscaped! Large backyard, great for entertaining, with in-ground pool/spa & refinished deck! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$819,000**

LIVERMORE

SOLD!



5598 BERWIND AVENUE, LIVERMORE

Highly upgraded single level home on premium cul-de-sac, 9927 square foot lot! Three bedroom, two bathrooms, with approximately 1500 square feet. Upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, wood flooring and new carpet. Large park-like private rear yard with extensive custom stamped concrete work and custom patio overhead structure with fan. Spacious grass areas, Side-yard access and separated storage area with spacious shed. **SOLD FOR \$425,000**

VALENCIA

SOLD!



5019 RIGATTI CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Newer upgraded Valencia home. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2321 Sq. Ft. Downstairs bedroom/office (5th). Spacious master suite. Large family room with built-in entertainment center. Formal dining room. Modern gourmet kitchen has granite counter tops, maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances. Community amenities include Club House, Greenbelt, Playground, Pool/Spa, and Tennis Court(s). Close to Owens Plaza Park, BART, & 580/680 access. **SOLD FOR \$825,000**





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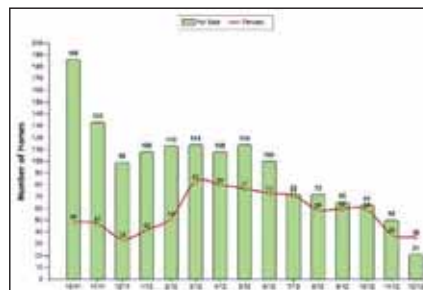
Surprise! Almost No Inventory in Pleasanton!

Last month, I commented that it was hard to believe there were only 50 homes for sale in Pleasanton. But that number was cut by nearly 60% to 21 at the end of December! There were 36 pended sales during the month, which is more than December of last year, when inventory was nearly five times higher. Nearly half the homes for sale here were priced over \$2 million, which means there is virtually nothing below that price point. Homes priced under \$1 million accounted for about 81% of pended sales during December.

Overall, 21 single family detached homes were available at the end of December, down 58% from November. Pended sales remained strong, falling by only two units to 36 during December. There was about a half a month (.58 months) of inventory relative to pended sales at the end of December, down from 1.3 months at the end of November. The market has not been that tight at any time in the past ten years and possibly ever.

Only seven homes were for sale priced under \$1 million, down

from 23 at the end of November. That is a 70% drop from what was already an extremely low number. One year ago there were 63 homes for sale in this segment. At the end of October 2011, there were 126. Pended sales actually increased during December by three homes, to 29. Less than one quarter of a month of inventory is available in this price range relative to pended sales. There was .9 months of >> [Go to www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest



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DANIEL GAMACHE

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$1,499,950
Immaculate and rare property! 3332+/-sf single story home, excellent condition, 1800+/-sf basement, 1800+/-sf shop/garage/apt., endless views! 5800 EAGLES RUN RD

STASIA POISEZ

BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,495,000
If you like privacy, this home is for you! Tucked away on a quiet court in Greg Eagle Estates, 4200+ sf of living space, huge yard and more. Must See! 5 RED FEATHER CT

MARTA RIEDY

BY APPT



DISCOVERY BAY \$1,049,000
Gorgeous Discovery Bay home at end of cul-de-sac, mini marina, 2 docks ~ could accommodate 50' yacht, gourmet kitchen, water views from many rooms, large covered waterproof deck and so much more! 5771 SALMON COURT

GINA HUGGINS

BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$949,000
Entertainers paradise located in desirable S. Livermore. 3,126 sq. feet, gourmet kitchen, 4 bdr/3bath. Beautiful backyard, sparkling pool & spa. 1485 CHIANTI CT

MAUREEN NOKES

BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$739,950
Prime Del Prado 3/2.5, 1900+/-sf home. Walk to downtown. Swimming pool. Sunny kitchen has stainless appliances, hardwood flrs. Dual pane windows. 5418 CORTE PALOMA

ANNI HAGFELDT

OPEN SUN 1:30-4



DUBLIN \$629,900
Beautiful townhome in Sienna neighborhood, great floor plan, large bonus room on third level, 2551+/-sf, 4bd/3.5 ba. 3639 CENTRAL PKWY

LESLIE FAUGHT

BY APPT



DUBLIN \$549,000
Dublin Ranch, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, 2100+/-sf, 2 car gar., 3 stories, built in 2003. Please DO NOT disturb tenants, please contact Agent for appointments only. 4404 CHANCERY

MIRANDA MATTOS

OPEN SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$399,000
Charming 3 bedroom 1 bathroom, newer 1 story. 6128 POINSETTIA COMMON

MIRANDA MATTOS

OPEN SAT 1-4



LIVERMORE \$379,000
3 bedroom, 1 and one half bathroom home with side yard access. 5329 LILAC AVE

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