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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## It's payback time for Kaitlin

Kaitlin Gallagher is back on her feet and doing what she can to "give back" to the Pleasanton community and Bay Area organizations that came to her aid during her year-long successful leukemia treatments. Chosen as the Student of the Month by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, the 17-year-old senior at Amador Valley High School earned loud applause as she recalled her medical battle that kept her out of school for much of 2011 and in the UC San Francisco Medical Center for weeks at a time while undergoing chemotherapy, blood transfusions and visitor-free rest.



**Kaitlin Gallagher**

It worked and Kaitlin is now back at Amador, where her teachers provided home schooling during her absence, and looking forward to graduating in June and enrolling in college, although she hasn't picked one yet.

Her travails started in March 2011 when she began having back and neck pains so severe that she was unable to attend school. A pitcher just warming up for her team's new season in the Pleasanton Girls Softball League, where her dad Kevin is a coach, she thought it was a strain or pulled muscle.

But an MRI ordered by her doctor told a different story. Two tumors were found to have fractured a vertebra and were growing, with further tests confirming that she had Stage 4 leukemia. Her specialists at UCSF called, telling Kaitlin and her mother Luci to come back to the San Francisco hospital, and this time bring overnight bags. That stay lasted 22 days and she underwent an aggressive chemotherapy treatment program that successfully zapped the tumors, with Kaitlin's health restored by October.

During her treatments, Kaitlin earned the response of the Special Spaces organization, whose volunteers came to her First Street home for a makeover of her bedroom in the colors and style she wanted. The Make-A-Wish Foundation heard of her hope to visit Hawaii, and paid for an all-expense, seven-day trip to Maui for Kaitlin and her family, including her parents, sister Madison and brother Timmy.

Now it's payback time, she told Rotarians last week in accepting their student award. She now

volunteers with Special Spaces on makeover projects throughout the area where she feels she also brings a special kind of camaraderie to the children she's helping who have life-threatening illnesses. It's the same with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, where she volunteers and helps in its fundraising efforts. Last July, she joined with the Cancer Club at Amador in supporting Relay for Life's annual fundraiser at Pleasanton Middle School, speaking at its opening ceremony about her own battle against cancer and then walking with fellow students for the 24 hours to earn sponsorship contributions.

In the coming weeks, Kaitlin is also volunteering in preparations being made by the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation for its March gala, where it raises funds to help cancer victims. Last fall, she started making blankets, making sure that on Christmas Day every child at the UCSF hospital received one of Kaitlin's blankets as a gift.

After checking out of UCSF's medical center with a clean bill of health, Kaitlin accepted an invitation by the Rev. Padrig Greene to talk about her "Attitude for Gratitude" at a service at St. Augustine Catholic Church, which she and her family attend. Gratitude, she said, unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

In taking note of her experience, she thanks the scientists who tirelessly search for a cure, but in the meantime have developed with precision the ever evolving treatment plans; the doctors with mind and hearts that want to heal; the nurses, who caringly watched over her; and her family and best friends for their many long trips to San Francisco to visit.

Kaitlin also believes that she was one of the fortunate. She tolerated chemotherapy, surgeries and scans. She was able to enjoy life during a time when others might have hibernated and had difficulty seeing the constant bounty of blessings around. Now, she told parishioners, she prays that God will continue to give her the strength and fortitude to repay all the kindness and blessings by helping others in need.

To read more about Kaitlin's experiences and plans, sign on to her blog at [www.kaitlinsluckymia.blogspot.com/](http://www.kaitlinsluckymia.blogspot.com/). ■

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# Streetwise

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## How will you observe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 21?



### Amy Shannon

We will have the day off and will be reading my daughters' book about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### Joe Lindstrom

Probably working, but if not, I'll be hanging out with my little girls.



### Chris Koopmans & Zoe

I might have to work, but will probably watch something on television and will talk about him with our girls, as they usually talk about him at school. We'll have some books from the library and we'll talk about civil rights and what it means and that people didn't have the same rights as they do today.

### Adam Riedel

Probably going to work.



### Lori Skotlund

I'll be at home remembering all that this great man did for our country. As a teacher I make sure my students have a good understanding why they have the day off; it's not just for sleeping in.

—Compiled by Jay Flachsbarth

Have a Streetwise question? E-mail [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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## DIGEST

### Special election

The nomination period to fill a Pleasanton City Council vacancy at a special election began Monday and closes at 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8.

The vacancy was created when Councilman Jerry Thorne was elected to the office of mayor in November. The person elected to the fill the vacancy will hold the office for the unexpired term, which ends November 2014.

Pleasanton residents will vote to fill the vacancy at a special vote by mail election to be held Tuesday, May 7. Prospective candidates are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the City Clerk by calling 931-5027.

### Got heartburn?

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### Correction

Last week's story on bullying should have said there were 19 documented cases of bullying for the fall semester of the 2011-12 school year, not the total year. The number of reported cases this year will likely be lower.

## City Council approves new street lights, telephone system for \$3.5 million

### Low interest loan to finance energy-saving lights

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night authorized the city staff to seek low-interest loans that will finance the installation of energy-saving street lights throughout the city.

The project, estimated to cost \$3.2 million, is part of the city's Climate Action Plan the council adopted last year that includes a range of energy-reducing goals, including those related to LED retrofit projects. Once installed, the cost savings can amount to a 60% reduction over current maintenance and electricity costs, according to a

study by the Bay Area Climate Collaborative.

The council also approved spending \$310,799 for a new telephone system for city-owned and operated facilities.

Daniel Smith, director of Pleasanton's Operations Services, said the conversion to LEDs would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 1,556 metric tons per year.

The installation of a new telephone system at the Civic Center and Senior Center campuses and outlying facilities would improve communications significantly, according to a city staff report.

It would also provide a convergence of various communication mediums, including voice, email, video and instant messaging for users whether in their offices or away, using a new ShorTel system that would replace the city's current Mitel system.

The cost of the new system is estimated at \$310,799 plus another \$12,260 in sales taxes and an additional 10% project contingency to address enhanced features or system modifications that might become apparent during the implementation process. ■



GLENN WOHLTMANN

Work continues Tuesday at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center as the 25-meter pool has an L-shaped extension added for diving to replace the old-fashioned diving pool, which is being filled in. Temporary walls protect the landscaping while work is in progress.

## Aquatic center renovations are on schedule

### \$3 million project is upgrading popular amenity

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The year-long project that began after Labor Day to update Pleasanton's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center on Black Avenue is on schedule, and the concrete in the newly reconfigured pool was to be poured yesterday.

"It's going very well considering we're working through the winter," said Jim Gotcher, the city's construction manager overseeing the renovation. "It's starting to dry out and we're doing quite a bit right now."

For the construction, three of the four pools were closed — the diving pool, the 25-meter pool, and the training pool, which has a slide. Programs are continuing in the 50-meter pool, which is accommodating lap swims, water aerobics, swim lessons, swim teams and competitions.

The diving pool has been closed for good, and the 25-meter pool is being reconstructed into an L-shape to accommodate the deep diving feature.

"We're filling it in," Gotcher said. "Because of the way it was set up, if a person jumps off the diving board, no one else could be in the pool."

The slide was temporarily removed from the training pool while work is being done.

"The slide is staying," Gotcher said. "We are redoing the top surface (of the pool), the gutter surface, to bring it up to current standards for safety so you have a better way of gripping the railing. We're making minor modifications; it will be replastered."

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## PUSD talks school safety

### Student physical and mental health stressed at board meeting

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Pleasanton officials are continuing to stress that schools here are safe.

At the school board meeting Tuesday night, school safety in several different areas was stressed.

"This is our No. 1 priority, to keep our students and our teachers safe, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi told the board. "We do think about these things carefully. We have drills every month."

She added that students' mental well-being is as important as their physical safety.

Peggy Carpenter, president of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers, told the board she appreciated that safety is important, but added that the district needs to find a balance.

"We don't want to turn our schools into prisons," Carpenter said. "We need to keep it in perspective."

Ahmadi, Police Chief Dave Spiller and Deputy Chief Joseph Rodondi of the Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department were scheduled to hold a public forum on school safety Wednesday night in the wake of recent shootings in Newtown, Conn., and Taft. That meeting was held after press time but will be covered at [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com) and in next week's Pleasanton Weekly.

Regarding larger issues of school safety, administrators at the board meeting discussed new and updated programs aimed at keeping kids safe.

Those include an expanded partnership with the Alameda County department of mental health and the Portia Bell Hume Center to help students coping with suicidal thoughts, attention deficit hyperactive disorder and other mental health needs. The partnership has brought counselors from all the schools into collaborative meetings to talk about larger issues and has begun a train-the-trainers program to expand skill levels of the counselors.

The district is also involved in character building and bullying prevention, including an expansion of the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program to include education on bullying and cyberbullying.

At elementary schools, kids are being taught to be "upstanders" instead of bystanders. Donlon Elementary principal Stephanie Ceminsky explained that means students are learning to ask themselves why they might need to speak to a teacher about bullying.

Amador High Principal Jim Hansen said administrators go into classrooms every year to talk about sexual harassment and bullying.

The push is apparently working. In the 2011-12 fall semester, there were 19 reports of bullying, compared to 17 in the same time period this year.

The use of police dogs to sniff cars and lockers for drugs seems to have cut down on the possession of

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## AQUATIC

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The winning bid for the project was \$2.9 million, Gotcher said, and change orders may increase that figure 10%. The aquatic center was built in the 1960s and many of the pumps and heating equipment were beginning to fail.

"We did some renovations here and there over the years, but all the structures are original," Gotcher explained. "That's what created this project — it's basically a maintenance feature."

The project includes replacing the pumps and heating, some con-

crete, pool decking, lighting and adding new stairs. Renovations will bring the facility up to current ADA standards, which have changed since the center was built.

The building on the west side of the facility, which houses the equipment, is also being extended.

"We started looking at the usability of what is here: How can we make this better? And more cost effective?" Gotcher said.

Combining the diving pool and the 25-meter pool will save major maintenance, he noted, as the aquatic center will have a total of three pools with heating units and pumps rather than four. ■

## SAFETY

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drugs at schools. Parking lots and lockers at all three high schools were searched by the dogs twice since the program was started last year, with one arrest — a student at Amador with drugs and a knife in his car — and the discovery of paraphernalia at Foothill High.

"We brought a dog to the district offices as well, just to keep it fair," said police Officer Craig Hobizal.

Student Board Member Alexandra Sborov, a senior at Foothill, said the knowledge that the dogs could come by at any time has led to fewer kids bringing drugs to school.

The district is also taking proactive steps to keep kids healthy at schools. That means new aware-

ness about increases in Type One diabetes and food allergies, among other things. Schools have initiated new rules for dealing with concussions, lice and screenings for tuberculosis, vision and hearing.

"Thirteen years ago, most teachers didn't know what an EpiPen (injectable Epinephrine) was," said school Nurse Amy Sluss, whose son suffers from severe food allergies. "We aim to make our schools a healthy, safe place for kids."

Pleasanton schools are also increasing their attention to attendance. Although the district averages a daily attendance rate of 97.5% — the envy of many other districts, according to Kevin Johnson, senior director of pupil services — it's taking aim at habitual truants and parents who

frequently keep their kids out of school.

Johnson said in some cases, reducing truancy can be as simple as getting a student a bus pass or bike.

The district hired an outside firm to generate truancy letters with the aim of cutting student absences, which keep kids from being present to learn and cost the district money in attendance fees from the state.

Beyond those safety measures discussed at length at Tuesday night's meeting, the district is continuing to present programs in partnership with the Police Department and Mothers With a Purpose, an anti-drug group.

Johnson noted that it was a positive sign that the community is getting involved. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Safari time:** Carolyn and Dave Pitcher remember their hometown reading while on safari in South Africa, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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## Budget offers good news, questions for PUSD

Includes some new money, changes in funding, more flexibility

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Gov. Jerry Brown's proposed budget contains some positive news for the district, along with a number of questions that will be answered in the coming months.

Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares said the district would receive an extra \$19 daily per student based on attendance in the coming year under the governor's plan. That would come to about \$276,000 in extra money for the 2013-14 school year.

Brown also wants to allocate \$1.8 billion statewide to eliminate cross-year borrowing, when the state holds on to funds owed to schools. That costs districts money because they have to take short-term loans to cover costs.

The proposed budget also includes an increase in cost of living payments, and would free schools to use money originally allocated for some programs anywhere they want.

Adult education would become the purview of the community college system, although Cazares said the district could keep money it has budgeted for it.

Among the questions is what's now termed the local control funding formula, formerly the weighted school funding formula. That would send more money to districts based on the number of reduced price lunches they serve, the number of English language learners and the number of foster children in the community.

It's unknown now what of that money the district would be eligible for.

"This is the first step of a very long process," Cazares told the board. That process includes discussions by the state Legislature, Brown's May revision of the budget and approval by the Legislature.

"We have to make decisions on the May revise but also adopt a

budget with some uncertainty," Board President Jeff Bowser said.

Cazares said Brown hopes that his changes to how education is funded will be his legacy.

"It's going to change the landscape of what school districts look like in California," she said.

Board members worried that people had the wrong idea about the district's financial situation with the passage of Proposition 30, which doesn't add money but merely means fewer cuts.

The board also heard about a scaled back summer school program that would focus specifically on struggling students, particularly those at Valley View Elementary and Pleasanton Middle School, which have been targeted for extra attention because of poor performance on some tests.

It approved a job description for a summer school program coordinator, at a stipend of \$8,000. ■

## Scholar: International education comparisons misleading

U.S. students rank higher if social inequality properly considered, Stanford professor says

Rankings that show U.S. students lagging their international peers in academic achievement are misleading because they inadequately account for social inequality, a Stanford University scholar has asserted.

American students would rise to fourth from 14th in reading and to 10th from 25th in math on the most recent international comparison if the U.S. had a social class composition similar to that of top-ranking nations, said Stanford Graduate School of Education Professor Martin Carnoy and his research partner, Richard Rothstein of the Economic Policy Institute.

Carnoy and Rothstein delved into databases from the Program for International Student Assessments (PISA) and the Third Inter-

national Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), disaggregating test scores by students' social and economic characteristics, school composition and other criteria.

"U.S. average performance appears to be relatively low partly because we have so many more test takers from the bottom of the social class distribution," the scholars said.

"Because social class inequality is greater in the United States than in any of the countries with which we can reasonably be compared, the relative performance of U.S. adolescents is better than it

appears when countries' national average performance is conventionally compared," they said.

If corrected for social-class distribution, average U.S. reading scores would be higher than averages in France, Germany and the United Kingdom and average math scores would be about the same as such places.

Even so, U.S. students still would lag top-scoring Canada, Finland and Korea, they said.

"At all points in the social class distribution, U.S. students perform worse, and in many cases substantially worse," than students in those countries, Carnoy and Rothstein said.

"Although controlling for social class distribution would narrow the difference in average scores See **EDUCATION** on Page 7



**Martin Carnoy**

## Thorne, other Tri-Valley mayors off to Washington

Trip will coincide with Obama's inauguration

Mayors from the Tri-Valley have headed to Washington, D.C., with the hope of gaining more federal funding for area-wide communications systems and improvements to I-680, I-580 and Highway 84.

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, who left for Washington on Wednesday morning, told the City Council on Tuesday night that his agenda is packed with meetings with legislators representing the Tri-Valley, as well as meetings with various federal agency representatives.

This will be Thorne's first trip as mayor with the other four local city leaders, an annual trip that has often resulted in additional federal funding for Tri-Valley roadways and programs.

It will also be the mayors' first meeting with newly elected Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), who now represents the 15th Congressional District.

Thorne said that while in Washington he will attend the winter meeting of the U.S. Mayors Conference and the inauguration next week of President Barack Obama to his second term in office.

—Jeb Bing



Jerry Thorne

## EDUCATION

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between these countries and the United States, it would not eliminate it."

The two said that policy conclusions drawn from the international studies are often "oversimplified, frequently exaggerated and misleading.

"They ignore the complexity of test results and may lead policymakers to pursue inappropriate and even harmful reforms.

"A careful analysis of the PISA database shows that the achievement gap between disadvantaged and advantaged children is actually smaller in the United States than it is in similar countries," they said.

"The achievement gap in the United States is larger than it is in the very highest-scoring countries but, even then, many of the differences are small," they said.

Their report is posted on the Economic Policy Institute website, [www.epi.org](http://www.epi.org).

—Weekly staff

## ValleyCare joins in 'Operation Walk'

Surgeon provides free hip, knee replacements

By JEB BING

Dr. Aaron Salypongse, an orthopaedic surgeon at ValleyCare Medical Center in Pleasanton, performed free hip and knee replacement surgeries last month for two patients as part of Operation Walk USA 2012.

ValleyCare was one of only four hospitals in California participating.

"Joint pain can severely affect the daily lives of many individuals, even making walking very difficult" said Salypongse. "Operation Walk USA 2012 gives us the opportunity to get these folks moving and productive again, and I'm sure will be a rewarding experience for all of us involved."

While more than 1 million hip and knee replacements are performed in the U.S. each year, countless men and women continue to live with severe arthritic pain and immobility because they

cannot afford joint replacement surgery.

Operation Walk USA 2012 provided all aspects of treatment — surgery, hospitalization, and pre- and post-operative care — at no cost to participating patients.

Through Operation Walk USA 2012, 109 orthopaedic surgeons across the U.S. provided free hip or knee replacements to more than 200 individuals in 29 states in early December.

"We are pleased to be participating in this humanitarian endeavor," says Marcy Feit, CEO of ValleyCare Health System. "With so many people struggling just to make ends meet, being able to provide this surgery is an opportunity for us to help the uninsured, who are in real pain, get the treatment they need."

Arthritic disease is the most common cause of disability in the U.S., affecting approximately 48

million Americans, or more than 21 percent of the adult population. The debilitating pain of end-stage hip or knee degenerative disease often makes working, or completing even the simplest of daily tasks, excruciatingly painful or impossible.

Hip and knee replacement surgeries are the most cost-effective and successful of all orthopedic procedures, eliminating pain and allowing patients to resume active, productive lives.

Operation Walk USA began in 2011 following the tremendous success of Operation Walk, an international volunteer medical service organization that provides treatment for patients with arthritis and joint conditions throughout the world. To date, more than 6,000 patients have received new knees and hips through the International Operation Walk.

The mission of Operation Walk

USA, a nonprofit organization, is to encourage and enable joint replacement surgeons to provide mobility and quality of life of uninsured patients in the U.S. suffering from disability of the hip or knee. They target U.S. citizens and permanent residents who do not qualify for government assistance programs.

Operation Walk USA 2012 is a collaborative effort between three orthopaedic organizations and 49 participating hospitals.

Device manufacturers Biomet, DePuy, MAKO Surgical, Smith & Nephew, Stryker, Total Joint Orthopedics (TJO), Inc. and Zimmer donated the hip and knee implants. Ortech Data Inc. is providing a complimentary data system for OpWalkUSA patients. Ortech will provide this data to the national arthroplasty registry, the American Joint Replacement Registry. ■

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# Business News

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## Top technology officer named VP of Sandia's California lab

Steve Rottler to succeed Rick Stulen, who is retiring

Chief Technology Officer Steve Rottler has been named vice president of Sandia's Livermore laboratory, moving into the top post at Sandia's California facility on Feb. 1. He replaces Rick Stulen, who is retiring after 36 years at Sandia National Laboratories.

In his new role, Rottler will lead Sandia's Energy, Climate and Infrastructure Security Strategic Management Unit. He also will continue as vice president of Sandia's Science and Technology Research Foundations division.

"This management change will maintain continuity and operational stability during the pending contract competition and help ensure a leadership team that supports the workforce as we continue to deliver on our commitments," said Paul

Hommert, Sandia president and labs director at its headquarters laboratory in Albuquerque, N.M.

Rottler has held a number of increasingly important leadership roles since he joined Sandia as a member of the technical staff in 1985, including vice president of Weapons Engineering and Product Realization and chief engineer for Nuclear Weapons.

He also led nuclear warhead system engineering, the integration and development of high performance electronic systems and organizations and programs responsible for the research, development and application of advanced computational and experimental techniques in the engineering sciences.

Rottler received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees, all

in nuclear engineering, from Texas A&M University.

"Everyone at Sandia owes a tremendous debt of gratitude and appreciation to Rick Stulen for his significant contributions to the laboratories and the nation," Hommert said. "I wish him the very best in his retirement."

Sandia National Laboratories is a multi-program laboratory operated by Sandia Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Co., for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. With main facilities in Albuquerque and Livermore, Sandia has major R&D responsibilities in national security, energy and environmental technologies and economic competitiveness. ■

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### WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P12-1786, City of Pleasanton**  
Application to amend various chapters of Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to comply with California Government Code Sections 65583 and 65589.5 and with the 2012 Pleasanton Housing Element pertaining to emergency homeless shelters and supportive and transitional housing.
- **P12-1785, City of Pleasanton**  
Application to amend various chapters of Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to comply with California Health and Safety Code Sections 17021.5 and 17021.6 with respect to housing for agricultural employees.
- **P13-0005, City of Pleasanton**  
Application to amend Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 18.86, Reasonable Accommodation, to comply with fair housing laws regarding requests for reasonable accommodation.
- **P12-1796, City of Pleasanton**  
Application to amend Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 18.70, Ridgeline and Hillside Protection and Preservation, with development standards and review procedures for commercial and residential developments in the hillside areas of the City.
- **P12-1818, Bruce Luther, Santa Rita Auto Sales and Service**  
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an auto repair shop and a used car sales business at 3878 Old Santa Rita.
- **P12-1788, Bruce Luther, Santa Rita Tow**  
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a towing company with indoor and outdoor vehicle storage at 3862 Old Santa Rita.

#### Energy & Environment Committee

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.  
Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Climate Action Plan implementation Update
- Determine committee objectives for 2013 Council priorities
- Draft Climate Action Plan Status Report

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME**

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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[www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar)

## Safeway employees gave more than 1 million hours as volunteers in 2012

Charities, other organizations throughout U.S., western Canada benefit from volunteer efforts

Pleasanton-based Safeway Inc. announced this week that its employees gave more than 1 million hours of volunteer service to their neighborhoods and communities throughout the country in 2012, surpassing the company's goal for the second consecutive year and reinforcing a long-standing culture of volunteerism.

"We are proud of and thankful for our employees who chose to make a difference in their community in 2012," said Larree Renda, Safeway executive vice president and chairman of The Safeway Foundation.

"The response and gratitude we have received from charities and other organizations that benefit from our employees' volunteer efforts show we are making a visible and tangible impact in communities we serve," he said.

Last year — 2012 — marked the second year Safeway's 175,000 employees contributed more than 1 million hours of volunteer service. While volunteerism had long been part of Safeway's culture, Renda said the company undertook a formal initiative in 2010 to build on efforts already under way and assist employees who wanted to find activities and organizations that best suit their interests and talents.

Through its volunteer initiative, Safeway set out to encourage additional volunteer efforts and recognize employees who give a significant amount of time to various causes. Through a partnership with Volunteer Match, an organization that provides businesses with Web-based solutions to facilitate and track volunteer engagement at local and national levels, Safeway

employees could find volunteer opportunities in their communities that met their specific interests, talents and availability.

Examples of volunteer activities performed by Safeway employees include participating in charity half-marathons/walkathons, coaching Little League sports teams, leading park and marine cleanup days, preparing hot meals at food pantries, helping the needy obtain social services and remodeling homes for people with disabilities.

Safeway Inc., which has its corporate offices on Stoneridge Mall Road, is a Fortune 100 company and one of the largest food and drug retailers in North America, based on sales.

The company operates 1,644 stores in the U.S. and western Canada and had annual sales of \$43.6 billion in 2011. ■

## Massage therapy training firm opens tomorrow

Students can gain state certification, help in starting businesses

The Spira Institute of Healing Arts will open its Pleasanton facility in Suite 115 at 1020 Serpentine Drive tomorrow with a ribbon cutting scheduled for 2 p.m. sponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Spira is a nonprofit organization that provides continuing education to massage therapists, wellness education and classes in the healing arts to the community. Founded by four massage therapists, it offers expertise in massage therapy, yoga, nutrition and energy healing.

"By expertise we mean that the people becoming a part of the team are all very well rounded in whatever their focus is, not where they know a little of this and a little of that," says massage therapist Gina Correia, co-founder and academic dean. "They are all solid in their fields."

She said the Spira facility has a green design to make it eco-friendly. Interior walls are painted with low-VOC paints for minimal emission. The walls and furniture and even the coffee pot are reclaimed or donated, Correia said.

Classes are under way with Spira offering low- to no-cost community service classes to the general public, although some classes will require prerequisites. In June, Spira will begin offering regular massage programs. Spira students will be able to apply for certification with the state upon completion of the program and will be helped in establishing their businesses.

For more information, contact Correia at 400-7019 or sign on to the Spira website at [SpiraInstitute.org](http://SpiraInstitute.org). ■

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Pleasanton's East Side 'Vision' plan has merit

Among the priorities the newly constituted Pleasanton City Council will consider this year is the planning now under way for 1,000 acres of lakes and largely undeveloped land east of Valley Avenue and along Stanley Boulevard. Considered by some as Pleasanton's "last frontier," this acreage is under study by the council-appointed East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force, an 18-member group under the guidance of Brian Dolan, director of community development, and Janice Stern, the city's planning manager. The task force, which has been meeting since last fall, is off to a rocky start with Mayor Jerry Thorne on Tuesday criticizing its "Draft Vision Statement" as reading more like an instruction manual than a broader, less specific look at what this frontier might look like in future years. Thorne and the council also agreed that elected members of the City Council should not sit on task forces or other committees and commissions whose recommendations ultimately will be decided by the council.

Still, the detailed Vision Statement for this East Side "frontier" has relevance in that it may offer housing sites far removed from built-up neighborhoods to provide the hundreds more affordable, high density housing units expected to be required by state authorities and low income housing advocates. The council recently rezoned 75 acres of land to meet its current obligations for more affordable housing. A new order by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and state housing administrators is due next year, and even more affordable housing requirements are likely to be made later in the decade and well into the 2020s. This East Side tract, which has less than 500 acres of buildable acreage, should be among the council's priorities as this new specific plan is developed.

The task force's Vision Statement, notwithstanding Thorne's abrupt critique, offers good suggestions for pondering. It recommends continuing with the long-planned extension of El Charro Road from I-580 to Stanley Boulevard, with at least one connecting artery, Busch Road, to move traffic from Valley Avenue to this new eastern border. That would invite more development, including retail centers and light industrial uses as well as apartments. There's even the thought of adding another ACE train station at El Charro and Busch, plus plans for more sports fields and parks, some along the banks of several large lakes that Zone 7 plans to use for water retention. Development should orient toward and take advantage of the lake environment.

The task force seems determined to plan this new frontier to benefit the entire community, integrating the Ironwood residential community at Busch and Valley, and possibly moving the city's Operations Center and the Pleasanton Garbage Service's recycling center to more remote locations. So far, the work of the task force is on target with the focus in its Vision Statement on providing the right balance of housing, recreation and commercial uses to allow for the continued population growth of Pleasanton and our changing community needs. ■



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## Holiday Fund hits \$75,000 mark

Contributions will help 10 nonprofits meet 2013 needs



By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Weekly's 2012 Holiday Fund campaign wrapped up this week with donations just short of the \$75,000 mark. By week's end, with contributions continuing to come in, it's likely the final tally will show even more. That's good because the needs of these organizations continue to increase and the Holiday Fund helps meet some of their ever-rising financial obligations.

Disbursements of the 2012 Holiday Fund contributions will take place once a full accounting has been completed by Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The Holiday



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

It's been our most ambitious campaign ever. Despite a modest economic recovery in the Tri-Valley, these are still-troubling times with unemployment in Alameda County, alone, at more than 8%. Further, 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



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As before, the Pleasanton Weekly has handled all costs of the campaign. That means that every dollar will go directly to the 10 nonprofits we've chosen as this year's beneficiaries, with all administrative expenses being handled by the SVCF and the Pleasanton Weekly.

A total of 75% of all dollars raised in the 2012 Holiday Fund campaign will go in equal amounts to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System.



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Sarah Anne Lees	100
Sharon Carroll, from The Staff at Valley Humane Society	100
Sharon Dirx	100
Sheldon Allen from Lyle and Carolyn Allen	100
Sheldon Thorson	50
Steven Charles Irby	**
Sylvia Miller	100
The children and teachers of Sandy Hook Elementary School	**
Thomas McCague, donated by Annie Sjodahl	150
Tom and Karen Elsnab	100
Tricia Martin - Love You Always & Forever, Love, Mom	**
WM and Alice Marsh	**
Zelinsky	250

## In Honor of

A charity that is Pleasanton/Livermore based	100
Conni, Landon, John, Katelyn, Kamryn, and Kristyn	600
Daggett Children and Grand Children	**
Ernie Goble from Bob and Marilyn Grimes	**
Erwin and Sonya Grant	**
Jana Grant	100
Jim and Holly Oswald	**
Kristin Herman / Sgt. Patrick Herman, USMC	**
My Grandchildren	25
Our "3 R's"	**
The Board, Staff and Volunteers of Hope Hospice	100
The Father of W. Ron Sutton	**

## As a Gift for

Clark Mitchell and Ron Roudebush	**
Dan and Lou Lincoln	**
Those In Need	**

\*\*The asterisk designates that the donor did not want to publish the amount of the gift.



# CLOROX

## Stunning new ca

**T**he Clorox Company, best known for its bleach and cleaning products but the manufacturer of much more, is gradually moving its 1,000-strong workforce into its architecturally stunning new corporate campus in Pleasanton.

The company, headed by its chairman and chief executive officer Don Knauss, has long been considered an icon in Oakland, where it will continue to maintain its headquarters. However, the move to the 343,300-square-foot campus on Johnson Drive near the Stoneridge Drive-I-680 interchange means it is vacating nearly half of that 500,000-square-foot building it owns in downtown Oakland at 1111 Broadway.

In a walk through the six-building Pleasanton campus, which includes a new R&D center that will eventually replace the Clorox Technical Center on Johnson Drive near ClubSport, it's clear that employees are finding their workplace lifestyle here a whole new experience.

Lawn chairs, picnic tables, barbecues and sunscreen umbrellas dot the campus in every direction. A mammoth, colorful marble-floor lobby with a three-story-high ceiling greets visitors who can also look up to see the railings of upper floors. A puzzle with pieces fastened to the lobby wall gives everyone a chance to try to identify the multiple products Clorox makes, including personal care products such as Burt's Bees and water filter Brita.

Work at Clorox also is highly mobile with more than half its employees opting out of a fixed desk in a work center for the freedom of sitting almost anywhere in the complex where they can plug in their laptop, log in on their smart phone and begin working. There are no closed offices in the complex, with low-walled and very open cubicles positioned in the center of the floors and windows providing a sweeping, unimpeded view of the landscaped campus.

Closed-door conference rooms, all with floor to ceiling windows, come in different shapes and sizes and can be arranged in U-shaped to theater style settings. Some have prescriptive telescreens arranged in a semi-circle for



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Employees meet in one of several large conference rooms on the Clorox campus with floor-to-ceiling windows and in different shapes and sizes, including "prescriptive" telescreens

Mammoth, colorful marble-floor lobby with three-story high ceiling greets visitors who can also look up to see the railings and glassed-walled meeting rooms of upper floors.

# COMES TO PLEASANTON

## Campus home to 1,000-strong workforce BY JEB BING



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WaMu was taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. in 2008. Clorox is a leading manufacturer and marketer of consumer products with revenues topping \$5 billion. With approximately 8,300 employees worldwide, the company manufactures products in more than two dozen countries and markets them in more than 100 countries. Founded in 1980, The Clorox Company Foundation has awarded cash grants totaling more than \$80 million to nonprofit organizations, schools and colleges. In fiscal 2010 alone, the foundation awarded \$3.5 million in cash grants, and Clorox made product donations valued at \$8.8 million. ■



JEB BING

This puzzle-like display fastened to the lobby wall gives everyone a chance to try to identify the multiple products Clorox makes, including personal care products such as Burt's Bees and water filter Brita. Can you name them all?



JEB BING

...ampus, all with floor to ceiling ...ens for teleconferences.



JEB BING

Spacious cafeteria with drop-down wide-screen television panels serves as popular work site for wireless laptops, meetings, snacks and full meals.



JEB BING

Maura Nicolini, a program manager at Clorox, works her way along the cafeteria's serving station, another new and popular perk that the company's Oakland offices don't have.

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

## Whatever happened to Afghanistan?

### Memoir details the story of a country's 'Lost Decency'

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

From an independent, bucolic country respected by its neighbors to a chaotic and corrupt war zone — the last 50 years have seen tragedy unfold in Afghanistan.

"What happened?" people are always asking Atta Arghandiwal, who immigrated to the Bay Area in the early '80s. That question inspired his recently published memoir, "Lost Decency: The Untold Afghan Story," which tells of his happy, secure childhood, then his loss of innocence with the invasion of the Soviet Union. He'll be speaking and signing books at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Pleasanton library.

"Afghans' history was remarkable, peaceful, a people who believed in values and traditions," Arghandiwal said in a recent interview. "We lived in society together, a communal society. My neighbors were my uncles."

The 1950s and '60s were its glory days, he said, and Afghanistan was beginning to enjoy industrial growth. Even into the late 1970s Afghan women pursued higher education and built careers alongside men.

After studying English at the U.S. Information Services in Kabul and taking typing and shorthand classes from Peace Corps workers, Arghandiwal was hired in the marketing department at the Hotel Inter-Continental.

A gripping chapter in the book tells of Atta's stealthy trip from the hotel to his family home across the city, evading soldiers and tanks, the day the Russians invaded Kabul. When suspicion fell on him, Atta was forced to flee to the West.

He went first as a refugee to Germany and then the United States, where he persuaded managers at a bank to hire him and ended up having an illustrious career in that industry.

"I looked for a bicycle but was able to drive a car," he mar-



Atta Arghandiwal's 16-year-old daughter, Hailai, participates in the South Asian Games as a member of the Afghan soccer team.

veled, recalling his arrival in the Bay Area.

When the Russians pulled out of Afghanistan in 1989, the American support ended, leaving a vacuum that led to a civil war.

"Ordinary Afghans did not have the resources to put the country back on its feet again, making it extremely vulnerable to interference from neighboring countries, especially Pakistan and Iran, and ultimately resulting in the rise of the Taliban," Arghandiwal wrote.

When the U.S. and its allies went to war in Afghanistan in 2001, the Taliban was overthrown but efforts soon went to the war in Iraq.

"After 9/11 there was so much hope," Arghandiwal noted. "I'm bringing people not only to understand the history of Afghanistan but that if this third-world, impoverished nation were going to be helped, it could not only survive but thrive."

Arghandiwal returned to Afghanistan in 2011 to find Kabul greatly deteriorated.

"The streets were bumpy. There was no rule of law, no lights," he said, describing people and animals traversing the streets helter skelter.

He describes in his memoir how he and a friend were included in a secret gathering of warlords. They showed interest in his profession as a banker but there was a lot of tension.

"I thought I was going to go and start helping but when I saw the level of corruption I knew I didn't have a chance," Arghandiwal said. "Money went to the elite — they have their own armies, and have bought land and buildings in Dubai."

Corruption is not traditionally part of the Afghan culture, he said, although since 2001 millions of dollars have gone into the hands of warlords. The lucrative opium fields feed into this corruption.

"Now having written the book there's no way I can go back," he added.

People here ask why the Afghans don't rise up as in Egypt.

"They are so out of power," Arghandiwal said, it's impossible to overcome the disconnect. "Their rights were taken away by the elite, they're not as educated, so they are afraid."

"The people all curse Karzai, a puppet of the elite," he added. "A 70-year-old man told me, 'Do you know how many American bodyguards he has? More than 50.'"

Arghandiwal envisions a promising future for Afghanistan. He hopes that, first of all, the warlords join their money and mansions in Dubai. After that he would like to see the creation of a national assembly that includes all ethnic and tribal political parties.

"Our national independence is our biggest attribute," he said.

The educated Afghans who have spread throughout the world must return to help build their nation, he said, adding that his own children would do so. His son Edreece is 23; daughter Hailai is 16; both are fluent in the language and have played on the Afghan national soccer teams.

"They want to go and help. There is that kind of willingness," Arghandiwal said.

Meanwhile, his next writing project is a financial guide geared to American immigrants.

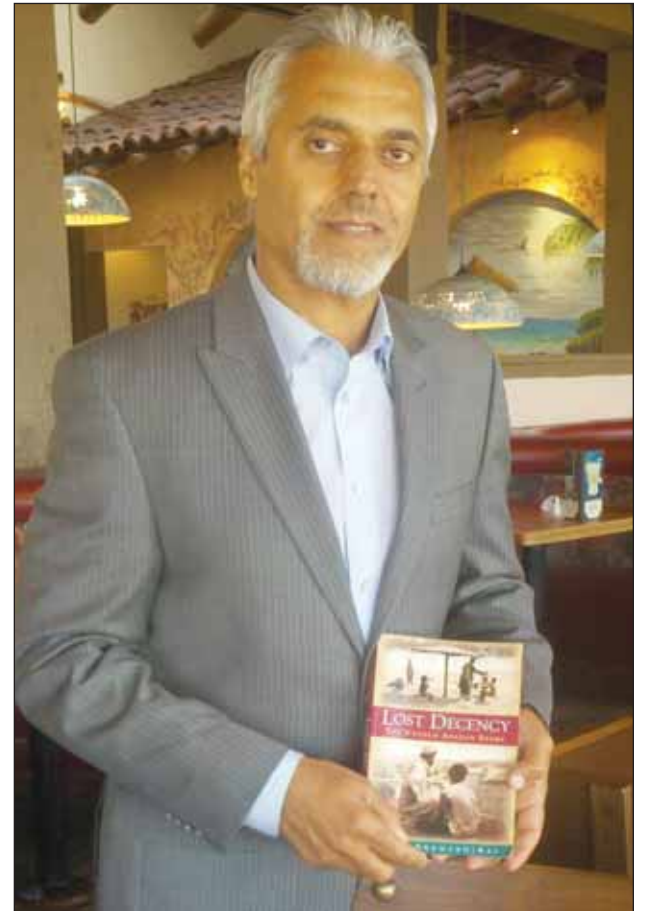
"It's motivational and practical," he said. "From my own immigrant experience I know what they need."

There are 10,000 Afghans in the Bay Area, and Arghandiwal has strong views on the importance of immigrants standing on their own two feet as soon as possible.

"It's a social responsibility to learn English," he said.

"Every single one of my brothers and sisters have gone for higher education," he added. "It was expected."

Arghandiwal says he's received good feedback from the book, which is also selling in New Zealand, Australia and Europe.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Atta Arghandiwal has written his memoir, "Lost Decency: The Untold Afghan Story," to explain the political upheaval in his homeland and the affect on its innocent people.

"Messages say, 'Now we understand what really happened,'" Arghandiwal said. "This is very rewarding to know I helped explain." ■

#### Author appearance

**What:** Atta Arghandiwal speaking on Afghanistan and signing his book, "Lost Decency: The Untold Afghan Story"

**When:** 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24

**Where:** Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

**Cost:** Free

#### Afghan dolls for sale

Handmade Nadera Dolls, made by Afghan widows, will be for sale at Atta Arghandiwal's talk at the library Thursday evening, sold since 2003 by Rising International, which helps the world's poorest people participate in the global economy.

Each doll sells for \$34: The widow that makes the doll receives \$11 (enough to buy six meals); the project manager in Afghanistan earns \$1; the shipping cost is \$2.66; a local Rising Representative earns \$6.80; and Rising raises \$12.54 to reinvest in purchasing more dolls.

More than 60 widows have participated in the



project, each earning about \$238; the average income in Afghanistan is \$250.

In 2007, one of the doll makers, Nadera, was killed by a suicide bomb placed in a vegetable cart, and the Afghan Widows Doll Project was re-named

## Four teens to perform at Youth Orchestra Festival

Event offers chance to play together, help less fortunate youths

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Four hundred young musicians, ages 12 to 21, will be performing at the Bay Area Youth Orchestra Festival's BAYOF Hope Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the new 1,400-seat Weill Hall at Sonoma State University.

The 100-member Young People's Symphony Orchestra of Berkeley, which is part of the performance, will feature three musicians from Amador Valley High School: senior Beverly Fu, 17, who plays the violin and is the orchestra's concertmaster for this season; freshman Daniel Gurevich, 14, who plays the English Horn and oboe; and senior Irene Kim, 17, a cellist.

Fu, Gurevich and Kim were also chosen for the select 118 musician, all-star Festival Orchestra that will play the encore for the concert, and Fu has been selected as its concertmaster.

Oakland Youth Orchestra con-

certmaster Young Sun (Angel) Kim, who is a senior at Amador Valley, also will play the BAYOF Hope Concert and has been selected as a member of the Festival Orchestra. She and Fu have played in all three of the previous Hope Concerts.

The event was begun in 2009 as a way to help kids in need while giving young musicians a chance to come together. It has raised \$65,000 for Bay Area homeless and underserved youths.

Sunday's music will include works by Jean Sibelius, Samuel Barber, Aaron Copland, Alexander Borodin, Christopher Theofinidis and Gustav Mahler. The event will be presented by KDFC radio's morning host, Hoyt Smith.

For tickets, call (707) 546-8742 or visit [www.santarosasympphony.com](http://www.santarosasympphony.com). Cost is \$20 general; \$60 reserved; and \$15 for students under 17. ■



Beverly Fu



Daniel Gurevich



Irene Kim



Young Sun (Angel) Kim

## Dynamic musicals onstage locally

Theater groups presenting 'Full Monty,' 'Rent'

The theater season kicks into high gear this month, with Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of "The Full Monty" opening tomorrow night at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, and Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre's "Rent" starting next week at Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton.

"The Full Monty" is the story of unemployed steelworkers in Buffalo who, after seeing how much their wives enjoy watching male strippers during their girls' night out, come up with a bold way to make some quick cash. In the process they find renewed self-esteem, the importance of friendship and the ability to have fun.

The musical, which is rated R for adult language and situations, plays Jan. 19-Feb. 3. For tickets, call 373-6800, visit the Bankhead box office at 2400 First St. in Livermore, or go to [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org).

"Rent," based loosely on Puccini's opera, "La Boheme," tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive and create in New York's Lower East Side, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS. The Broadway show was the ninth longest running show in Broadway history and was awarded the Pulitzer

Prize and the Tony Award for Best Musical.

"Rent" is about "community, support, love .... the telling of personal stories we can all relate to," said award-winning director Jasen Jeffrey.

He praised the intimate Firehouse theater, saying it makes the performances that much more powerful, plus with the profes-



JAMES MILLIE

In "The Full Monty," a bold plan is hatched to come up with cash by Buffalo steelworkers Dave: Marty Newton; Jerry: Todd Carver; Malcolm: Ryan Cowles; Ethan: Daniel Quezada; and Harold: Elmer Strasser.



WALLY ALLERT

Gritty New York is the backdrop to "Rent" and its personal stories of impoverished young artists and musicians, including Robert Lopez as Roger and Andrew Humann as Mark.

sonal set and lighting design, "you will get the idea that this is a raw, gritty, downtown New York, eclectic bohemian atmosphere."

The show runs Jan. 25-Feb. 10. For tickets, call 931-4848, visit the box office at 4444 Railroad Ave., or go to [www.pctrproductions.org](http://www.pctrproductions.org). After the 2 p.m. matinee Jan. 27 there will be a discussion with the director and actors, "Inside the Show." ■

## Four childhood friends share Eagle Scout honors

Four Eagle Scouts who have been friends and Scouts for many years were honored Dec. 15 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Vineyard Avenue. Tyler Reedy, 16; Matthew McMurdie, 17; Nick Snell, 17; and Tyler Nesci, 17, all members of Troop No. 949, are currently juniors at Amador Valley High.

The boys became great friends when still young and called themselves "TMNT." They earned the Arrow of Light award and advanced through Boy Scouts together, and over the years have attended annual summer camps, most recently Camp Cherry Valley on Catalina Island. Their Scouting highlights include beach and snow camping, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, spelunking and mountain biking. Collectively, they've earned more than 84 merit badges.

Each of their Eagle Scout projects needed more than 100 man-hours of labor and benefited Pleasanton as follows:

- Reedy supervised the sanding and painting of three large tram trailers at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. These trams are used to transport fair attendees around the property.
- McMurdie led volunteers to paint and refurbish a Fairgrounds building used for various purposes.
- Snell worked to inventory and replace 36 damaged or missing classroom emergency backpacks and supplies at Walnut Grove Elementary School.
- Nesci directed the installation of 20 15-gallon plants at the Fairgrounds to provide shade and beautify the area.

Reedy and Nesci are in the Amador Marching Band, which regularly competes with other bands. McMurdie is currently a lifeguard at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center in Pleasanton and is on the Amador swim team. Snell is an avid mountain biker and provides guidance to Scouts interested in the sport. ■



Clockwise from top left: Tyler Nesci, Nick Snell, Matthew McMurdie and Tyler Reedy.

## Eagle Scout

Dominic Held of Troop 934 in Pleasanton was awarded his Eagle Scout rank recently. His project was organizing and clearing old school supplies from two large teacher's rooms at Fairlands Elementary and transporting them to Books for the Barrios in Concord. Books for the Barrios sends school supplies to less fortunate students in the Philippines. Dominic also raised enough money to donate to Books for the Barrios to help with the shipping costs.



## Watercolors on display

Everyone is welcome at the free artists reception from 1-3 p.m. tomorrow to open "water+color 2013," the 43rd National Exhibition of the California Watercolor Association, at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center

in Pleasanton, 4444 Railroad Ave. The exhibit is on display Jan. 17-Feb. 16, featuring watermedia paintings by 80 nationally recognized, award-winning artists from as close as Danville to as far as Mumbai, India, including (above) Time Warp by Ona Kingdon. Also, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. each Saturday beginning Jan. 26, one of the artists will be on-site to discuss their work, answer questions, and demonstrate their painting techniques.



# Transitions

## OBITUARIES

### Michael Wesley Dean Aug. 5, 1946-Jan. 2, 2013

Michael Wesley Dean passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at the age of 66 with family members at his side. Michael is the 6th of 7 sons of Stanley and Irma Dean who preceded him in death. Michael is survived by his daughter Melissa and brothers Stan, Jim, Ron, Bobby, Jerry, Tom and wife Susie, and a long list of nieces and nephews and their children.



Michael's music career spanned over 50 years as an entertainer, song writer and recording artist. He will not be forgotten, as his music will play on forever.

Fortunately Michael was able to

attend the Dean "Dozen of Cousins" family reunion on Dec. 15th in Las Vegas which over 100 family members and friends attended. Michael did his final performance which everyone loved.

Michael was a member of the Valley Community Church where family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Jan. 19th, 1:00pm, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton, Ca, 94566.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the church under Michael's name. On-line guest book at [www.tributes.com/show/michael-wesley-dean-95048046](http://www.tributes.com/show/michael-wesley-dean-95048046)

### Richard Hovis May 31, 1930-Jan. 9, 2013

Richard M. Hovis died at home on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

Rick was born on May 31, 1930 in Boyers, PA. He was married and

started his family in Chicago, before moving to California in 1966.

Rick began his aviation career in the US Navy as a radarman and was an air traffic controller with the FAA for 32 years.



A Pleasanton resident since 1967, he was a member of the local Catholic community, was active in marriage encounter, and helped begin Hope Hospice in 1980.

He leaves behind Mary, his wife of 57 years; children Rick, Steve (Chris), Sherry; grandsons David, Luke (Jesse and Lane). We love you Pop and will miss you.

A memorial Mass was held last Saturday at Saint Elizabeth Seaton Catholic Church. Donations can be made to Hope Hospice, Dublin.

PAID OBITUARIES

## WEDDINGS

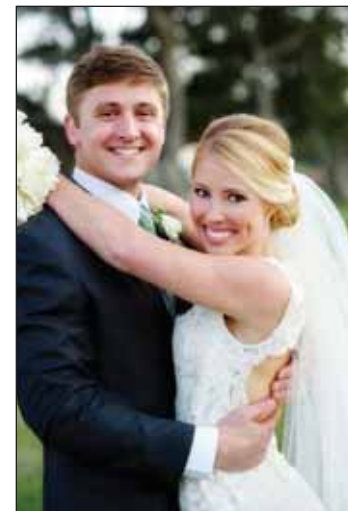
### Weaver-Britt

Jonathan (J.R.) Roy Weaver of Pleasanton and Bailey Gardner Britt of Houston, Texas, were married Nov. 17 at Riverhill Country Club in Kerrville, Texas.

Bailey is the daughter of Will and Anne Britt. She is a graduate of Kinkaid School in Houston and received her BS in corporate communications from the University of Texas, Austin.

J.R. is the son of Greg and Kris Weaver. He is a 2008 Amador Valley High graduate and completed his BS degree in professional sales at Baylor University.

The couple honeymooned in



their home in Austin, Texas, where J.R. works for VMware.

### Fannie L. Annis

#### May 11, 1920-Jan. 1, 2013

Fannie Lambert Annis passed away on January 1, 2013, after suffering a stroke on December 31, 2012. We knew she would make it to New Year's Day! At the time of her death, Fannie had been living in Livermore for 1 1/2 years after residing in the same house in Pleasanton since 1950.

Fannie was born Fannie Arnold Lambert in Superior, WI, on May 11, 1920. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Duluth, MN, where Fannie attended elementary schools, East Junior High School and Central High School. Fannie then graduated from Duluth State Teacher's



College (now the University of Minnesota at Duluth - UMD) in 1942 with a bachelor's degree in education. Fannie spent two years teaching in upper Michigan, one year teaching in San Francisco, CA (during World War II), one year teaching in Niles, CA and then 19 years teaching at Alisal Elementary School in the Pleasanton School District. Fannie always taught third grade, ostensibly because "the math was too difficult in fourth grade." She loved being a teacher and was always able to look at the humorous side of events in the classroom. Fannie retired in 1977 to be able to travel the world.

In March of 1939, Fannie Lambert met Warren Annis...the love of her life...as they were playing ping pong against each other at the recreation center at Duluth State Teacher's College. That same night they went to a dance and, as they say, the rest is history. Ultimately, Warren graduated from Duluth State Teacher's College and on March 6, 1944, left for the Naval Officer's Training School at Columbia University in New York.

Warren graduated from Officer Training School as a "90 Day Wonder" Ensign on June 29, 1944, took a train to Duluth, MN, and Fannie and Warren were married on July 3, 1944. Warren was then sent to the South Pacific battlefield. Fannie followed him by taking the train to California and working miscellaneous retail jobs and then teaching in San Francisco. Fannie was very proud of hopping on a train and traveling to California, by herself, to "follow her man."

After World War II, Fannie and Warren moved to Pleasanton, CA in 1948 and remained there for a total of 61 years. During that time Fannie was a teacher, loved gardening (her roses were adored by passersby on Vineyard Ave. for many years), enjoyed beating Warren at cribbage and her chocolate chip cookies were "world" renown.

Fannie is survived by her loving husband of 68+ years, Warren, her children, Larry (Carolyn) of Pleasanton, CA and Jim (Gini) of Reno, NV, her grandsons, Greg Annis of Oakland, CA, Keith Annis of Lima, Peru, Kevin (Megan) Annis of Reno, NV, Brian Annis of Burbank, CA, and her great grandchildren, Connor and Hailey Annis, and her older sister, Joan Mullin of Zion, Illinois.

Fannie was predeceased by her father, Vincent Sylvester Lambert, her mother, Ida Mae Burgess Lambert and her sister, Katherine Farnam.

There will be a genuine Celebration of Life for Fannie on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard, Pleasanton CA, at 2:00PM. One of Fannie's requests at her celebration was the playing of "The Beer Barrel Polka." That request will be honored and will be in addition to other heartfelt and humorous moments at her celebration. We are hopeful that many of the students that she taught in Pleasanton will be able to attend this celebration. Fannie asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: Children, Incorporated; c/o Appalachian Children's Fund; P.O. Box 5381; Richmond, VA 23200-0381

## BIRTHS

### Jeremy Ryan Chamberlain

Tom and Karie Chamberlain of Pleasanton welcomed a baby boy, Jeremy Ryan Chamberlain, on Dec. 11, at 9 pounds 14 ounces, 22 inches.



## Lasting Memories

Honor your loved one and let friends and family know with an obituary.

Visitors to PleasantonWeekly.com can submit a memorial (including photos and video), search recent obituaries and write a remembrance through Pleasanton Weekly's obituary directory.

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For information about an obituary in the Pleasanton Weekly, call 600-0840.

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Daytime break-in nets more than 70K in jewelry

Jewelry worth \$72,000 was stolen in a Jan. 11 daytime burglary at a home in the 3400 block of Arbor Drive, according to police reports. Among the valuable jewelry taken were two sets of jewelry worth \$15,000 apiece; white gold rings valued at \$8,000; white gold earrings worth \$8,000; and an antique white gold ring valued at \$7,000. Also taken in the theft, which occurred between 8:20 a.m. and 2:04 p.m., was computer equipment worth \$1,800, \$600 worth of dresses and several

sets of shoes. The front door was kicked in for access, the reports said.

#### In other police reports:

- Electronics were among the items stolen in a Jan. 9 burglary at a home in the first block of Twelve Oaks Drive. A \$1,000 hard drive and \$200 laptop were stolen, along with a \$900 camera, a \$100 computer monitor and \$400 in costume jewelry. The break-in occurred between 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; a rear door of the home had been left unlocked.
- Computer equipment worth a total of \$2,400 was stolen in a Jan. 15 auto burglary in the 1000

block of Stoneridge Mall Road. The break-in, which occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., also netted \$613 in cash, two \$100 wallets, a \$100 briefcase and a \$90 backpack. A window was smashed to gain access.

- A ladies watch worth \$1,000 and a \$700 laptop computer were taken in a residential burglary that occurred between 10:30 and 11:42 a.m. Jan. 11 at a home in the 500 block of Mission Drive. The front door of the home was broken open to provide entry.
- Shoplifters at Old Town Antiques in the 3400 block of Stanley Boulevard got away with \$705 in jewelry. The theft occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Jan. 11.
- A counterfeit bill was passed Jan. 11 at Icings in Stoneridge Shopping Center. A \$5 bill had been washed

to create a \$50; it was noticed by a clerk, who contacted police at about 8:24 p.m.

- The front door on a home in the 2400 block of Tapestry Way was damaged in a Jan. 10 burglary attempt. No entry was gained in the break-in attempt, which took place at 11:33 a.m.; the owner was home at the time and contacted police immediately.
- Two Pleasanton residents reported they were the objects of identity theft attempts on Jan 12 in separate incidents.

In one, a telephone scam attempting to get a wire transfer was stopped by an alert resident of the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue. The scam is a common one, in which a check is issued for a larger amount than a purchase, with the difference refunded to the

scammer. The fraud attempt was reported at 11:45 a.m.

In the other, unauthorized credit cards were issued in the name of a resident of the 6100 block of Corte Trancas, although it's unknown what, if anything, was taken. The victim began receiving notices in the mail regarding a change of address. She contacted police at about 2:19 p.m.

- Fredrick Maurice Jones, 39, a transient, was arrested at about 5:15 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Extended Stay in the 4500 block of Dublin Boulevard. Jones was taken into custody on a felony warrant, and arrested for parole violation, possession of methamphetamine and paraphernalia possession

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Jan. 9

#### Shoplifting

- 5:50 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

- 7:58 a.m. in the 300 block of Lone Oak Drive; residential burglary

#### Auto burglary

- 8:43 a.m. in the 4000 block of Cristobal Way

#### Vandalism

- 11:34 a.m. in the 4500 block of First Street

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:07 a.m. on Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 2:30 a.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road; paraphernalia possession

### Jan. 10

#### Bicycle theft

- 8:57 a.m. on Vineyard Road

#### Burglary

- 11:33 a.m. in the 2400 block of Tapestry Way; residential burglary

#### Auto burglary

- 3:10 p.m. in the 3800 block of Kamp Drive

#### Vandalism

- 9:06 a.m. in the 4700 block of Muirwood Drive
- 2:41 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard

#### Threats

- 3:24 p.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Marijuana possession

- 2:04 p.m. at the intersection of Sonoma Drive and Sunol Boulevard
- 2:16 p.m. near the intersection of interstates 580 and 680

### Jan. 11

#### Theft

- 12:28 p.m. in the 5200 block of Case Avenue
- 1:14 p.m. in the 3400 block of

Stanley Boulevard; shoplifting

- 8:24 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud

#### Burglary

- 11:39 a.m. in the 500 block of Mission Drive; residential burglary

#### Auto burglary

- 2:37 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive
- 3:32 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

#### Vandalism

- 7:04 a.m. at the intersection of Arbor Drive and Navalle Court
- 7:05 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Hopyard Road
- 3:23 p.m. in the 800 block of Palomino Drive

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:28 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; possession of a false prescription, paraphernalia possession
- 3 a.m. on Stanley Boulevard; DUI
- 3:12 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; possession of methamphetamine
- 5:15 p.m. in the 4500 block of Dublin Boulevard; possession of methamphetamine, paraphernalia possession
- 8:37 p.m. in the 5900 block of Owens Drive; paraphernalia possession

### Jan. 12

#### Theft

- 11:45 a.m. in the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue; fraud
- 2:19 p.m. in the 6100 block of Corte Trancas; fraud
- 4:13 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:19 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:26 a.m. near the intersection of Santa Rita Road and I-580; possession of a false prescription
- 12:39 a.m. at the intersection of Tassajara Road and Gleason Drive; DUI
- 1:08 a.m. at the intersection of

Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive; DUI

- 10:41 p.m. at the intersection of Navajo Court and Santa Rita Road; DUI

### Jan. 13

#### Theft

- 11:17 a.m. in the 4000 block of Stanley Boulevard; auto theft
- 7:13 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Auto burglary

- 9:16 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Vandalism

- 9:46 a.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive

#### Alcohol violations

- 12:23 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue; DUI
- 12:36 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue; DUI
- 1 a.m. in the 300 block of Ray Street; DUI
- 2:49 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; DUI
- 3:31 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; public drunkenness

### Jan. 14

#### Theft

- 12:12 p.m. in the 1600 block of Corte Trancas
- 12:59 p.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane
- 3:19 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from structure

#### Auto burglary

- 11:20 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

#### Vandalism

- 10:02 a.m. in the 3700 block of Cameron Avenue
- 1:39 p.m. in the 7300 block of Joshua Circle
- 9:50 p.m. in the 6200 block of Paseo Santa Cruz

### Jan. 15

#### Theft

- 7:36 a.m. in the 1500 block of Trimmingham Drive; theft from structure
- 12:18 p.m. in the 300 block of Adams Way; fraud

#### Auto burglary

- 12:29 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

- 8:17 a.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:26 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

#### DUI

- 4:59 p.m. in the 2700 block of Hopyard Road

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## Author Visits

**GREG BARDSLEY, AVHS GRAD** The author of "Cash Out," Greg Bardsley, will be at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., at 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25. Bardsley is an Amador Valley High graduate and has worked as a Silicon Valley speechwriter, newspaper reporter and weekly columnist. Come meet Greg and congratulate him on his first book. For details, call 846-8826.

## Concerts

**INTERNATIONAL GUITAR NIGHT** The Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center presents International

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## Events

**'THE BIG DRAW'** The city of Pleasanton is sponsoring an arts day, "The Big Draw," from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 11, which will take place downtown. The organizers are looking for people who are interested in showing off all different types of art forms to the public, including dance, literary, music and visual. The event will emphasize the talent of our youth, and money raised will go

toward supporting art programs in our schools. Contact the city of Pleasanton at [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/contact/](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/contact/).

**LIONS CRAB FEED** Pleasanton Lions will host its annual crab feed from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. No-host bar opens at 6 p.m., with crab feed following at 7:30 p.m. Also casino night and dancing. Tickets \$48, including parking. For details, contact Steve Grimes at 484-3524 or [grimes3@comcast.net](mailto:grimes3@comcast.net).

**PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE** Pleasantonians 4 Peace's fourth Wednesday War Protest will be held from 5-6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the corner of First and Neal streets. For details, call Cathie Norman at 462-7495.

**THE CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT** This nationally presented slideshow and conversation developed by Nobel Prize laureate Al Gore and presented by Erica Stephen, former Climate change policy advisor to the British Embassy in Wash DC, explains the phenomenon of "dirty weather" and possible solutions.

The event is from 6:30 -9:30 p.m. (potluck begins at 6:30), Saturday, Jan. 19 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Donation \$3. Call 462-3459 or email [flickknight@gmail.com](mailto:flickknight@gmail.com).

**TRI-VALLEY PRESCHOOL FAIR** Join Child Care Links and the city of Dublin for the 13th annual Preschool Fair. This is a great event for the whole family to visit and personally meet representatives from more than 25 preschools from all over the Tri-Valley in one location. The event is from 2-5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, at Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Call 417-8733. Each family will receive pizza and a free children's book.

## Exhibits

**ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS AT MUSEUM ON MAIN** Animal lovers of the Tri-Valley are sharing their collections with the public in Museum on Main's exhibit, Animal Attractions, through Sunday, Jan. 20. The exhibit features selected treasures from nine local collectors. Museum on Main is at 603 Main St. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 1-4 p.m. No admission, but donations appreciated. Call 462-2766 or visit [curator@museumonmain.org](mailto:curator@museumonmain.org).

## Fundraisers

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CRAB FEED** Pleasanton Knights of Columbus will host its 44th annual Crab Feed from 5-11:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21, at St. Augustine Church Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave. The proceeds are used to benefit the church and community through the Knights of Columbus activities. Tickets are \$40. Steak tickets available for non-crab eaters. There will be a silent auction. Call 846-7181 or email [crabfeed@comcast.net](mailto:crabfeed@comcast.net).

## Kids &amp; Teens

**AERIAL HUNTERS AT THE LIBRARY** Share in a close-up encounter with live hawks and owls, as their handlers illuminate the personal lives of each bird and involve the audience through stories and conversation. The event is from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Free tickets distributed in children's area beginning at 1 p.m. For kindergarten age and older. Call 931-3400, ext. 8, or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/).

## Spiritual

**RESPITE TRAINING** How to Begin, Expand or Improve Respite Care at your Church. The lecture is from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Feb. 2 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Seminar Room. Call 580-4392. Respite training will be Presented by Mr. David Glover, Founder of PURE Ministries Respite is a win/win for all involved!

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## Ryan Gordon Alumni Games raise \$6,000 for soccer programs

67 players from 1970s through 2010 take part

The Ryan Gordon Alumni Games celebrated their 10th year Jan. 5 by raising \$6,000 for men's and women's soccer programs at Foothill and Amador Valley high schools.

Foothill took both the men's and women's games, although statistically on the men's side, Amador remains ahead in the 10-year continuation of the cross-town rivalry. This year featured 67 players, 43 men and 24 women, many of them returnees from prior years.

The men's side saw Foothill getting by Amador, 2-0. Amador still dominates the series, winning seven of the 10 games played so far. Dag Norton (2009) opened up the scoring with an unassisted, 35-yard bullet early in the game. Foothill later added a second goal by Boomer Cruz (2006) with an assist from Norton.

Niko Lecco (2009) was outstanding in goal, shutting out Amador for the first time by either team in the 10-year series. His 22 saves included a save on a penalty kick awarded Amador when George Mayer (2009) was pulled down in the box. Kevin Crow (1979), Steven Volking (1986), Robert Gilliam (1987), Ito Zapata (2001), Scott Berglin (1987) and Tim Grey (1992) kept pressure on Foothill throughout the game.

Foothill women continued their winning ways, with a final score of 4-1. Foothill has now won seven of the 10 games.



Foothill alumnus Nick Whittaker (class of 1997), No. 22 in blue and white, faces off against Steven Volking (1986), No. 22 for Amador.

Jillian Sweetnam (2006) scored two goals for the winners, with Alicia Robertson (2000) and Kirstie Rodrigues (2007) each adding a goal. Gabi Lemoine (2012) was solid in goal for Foothill allowing just one score.

Amador scored early in the second half when Sydney Ruegsegger (2012) found the net. Ann Peterson (1981), Mary Scavone (1989), Aimee Ose (1990) and Valarie Pane (2002) played well in the losing effort.

Players seen around town the next day with various limps

and bruises included Brian Cox (2000), John Mello (2002), Brian Ignacio (2004), Chris Brown (1996), Quinn Tomlin (2002), Sean Lemoine (1988), Nick Whittaker (1997), Stuart Googins (1987), Demar Williams (1994), Joel McKay (1992), Dion Hock (1978), Craig Caponigro (1988), Lisa Wilson (1998), Tina Peterson (1998), Jenn Sweeney (1986), Maggy Kelly (1990), Kate Whittaker (2003), Danielle Sweeney (2006), Patricia Bingham (1992)

Christina Peterson (1998) and Alicia Diaz (1988).

All money raised at the annual games is donated to the men's and women's soccer programs at the two Pleasanton high schools. This year's \$6,000 brings the total since 2003 to nearly \$60,000.

Ryan Gordon was a 2003 graduate of Foothill killed in a jet ski accident shortly after graduation. He had planned to attend Santa Barbara City College and play soccer there. ■

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Donate sports equipment

The Amador Valley baseball team is collecting equipment for all sports this weekend to be donated to the TLC for Kids Sports Program. The nonprofit program was started by O.C. Jones & Sons Inc. to help underserved communities and neighborhoods.

Equipment may be dropped off from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 19-20 and Feb. 9-10, at the Amador Valley High School parking lot near the varsity baseball field.

### Basketball on TV

Tri-Valley TV30 will air three basketball games this season, beginning with Granada at Livermore on Tuesday. Dublin vs. Las Lomas will air Friday, Feb. 1, and Amador Valley vs. Foothill will be shown Thursday, Feb. 14.

The games, which are not broadcast live, feature play by play and color announcing by TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew and George "Dr. B" Baljevich. Interviews during the game will include coaches, principals, players, students and others.

For complete air dates and times or to view the games via Video on Demand, visit [www.trivalleytv.org](http://www.trivalleytv.org). DVDs of the games may also be purchased at the website.

### Tires and soccer balls

The Michelin Soccer Program and Seever & Sons Tire Inc. donated more than \$1,150 in both funds and equipment to Ballistic United Soccer Club recently, as part of its local tire dealers partnering with local youth soccer organizations. The soccer leagues are sent certificates that can be redeemed at the dealer's store for a free soccer ball during a 30-day promotional period, while supplies last. After a 60-day tire rebate promotion included on the certificate, Michelin donates \$2 to the soccer organization for each tire sold during the program.

## Foothill cheer teams headed to nationals in March

Five first-place awards at regionals in Southern California

Foothill's competition cheer teams had a strong showing at two back-to-back Southern California USA Regional competitions they attended this past weekend. All teams qualified again for USA Nationals on Saturday and Sunday at the USA Regional competitions held at JSerra Catholic High School in San Juan Capistrano and Lakeside High School in Lake Elsinore.

"These girls demonstrated tremendous resilience this weekend. Both show cheer teams had substitutions due to teammate injuries this past week, and each team only got one or two practices as a new team," Coach Kim DeJoy said.

Foothill's varsity squad was awarded first place in the varsity show cheer intermediate division both days, competing in a mixed category of five small and medium varsity show cheer intermediate teams Saturday and one other team Sunday. Varsity competes as a small team at nationals.

The junior varsity squad was awarded first place in the JV show cheer novice-large division both

days, competing against four other JV novice teams Saturday and four more on Sunday. The group stunt advanced team was awarded fourth place Saturday and first place Sunday, competing against three other teams on Saturday and two on Sunday. The group stunt intermediate team did not compete this round due to an injury.

These competitions were the third and fourth in a series of six competitions in which the teams compete from November to February on their quest for back-to-back national titles when they return to USA Nationals in March. The teams will return to Southern California

once more in January to compete in one last USA Regional. You can follow them at [www.facebook.com/FHSFalconCheer](http://www.facebook.com/FHSFalconCheer).

"I'm so proud to coach these amazing girls," Coach DeJoy said.

Varsity show cheer team includes Amanda Arnold, Zoe Cristobal, Sarina DeJoy, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Camille Hamlin, Keri Kodama (captain), Amber Marquez, Emily Palange, Jordan Robinson, Gabriella Scalise and Natalie Wright.

JV show cheer team includes Cassidee Banks, Kailyn Coleman, Mackenzie Curran, Mitsu Dill, Shauna Dunlap, Jenna Edsen, Karina Galvez, Emma Loll, Maddy

Maas, Sara Moore, Brie Morrissey, Erin Page, Jordan Robinson (co-captain), Taylor Sanchez (co-captain), Anika Simons, Stephanie Tasto and Noelle Viscaina.

Group stunt advanced team includes Zoe Cristobal, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Gabriella Scalise and Natalie Wright.

On injured reserve are 'Alakoka Kailahi, Morgan Greenup and Sabrina Stermer. ■



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The following person(s) doing business as:  
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COURTESY BOB HENRY

Bay East winners are (l-r) Rick Benitez, Affiliate of the Year award recipient; Doreen Roberts, 2012 Bay East President; Don Faught, Outstanding Leader and Realtor of the Year awards; Sara Mestas, Rookie of the Year; Georgia Butterfield, Good Neighbor of the Year; and Craig Ragg, 2013 Bay East President.

## Bay East Association of Realtors installs officers and directors, presents awards

"Forward Thinking" was the theme of the 2013 Bay East Inaugural Gala held Jan. 12. During the event, the gavel was officially passed from Doreen Roberts to 2013 President Craig Ragg, and the 2013 officers and directors were installed.

Awards were presented to Rick Benitez, Landmark Mortgage Group, Affiliate of the Year; Sara Mestas, Milestone Mortgage, Rookie of the Year; Steven Ornellas of Steven Anthony Realty, John Deadrich Distinguished Service award; and Georgia Butterfield, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Good Neighbor of the Year.

Butterfield was honored with the award for her role as chairman of Adopt an Angel, which collects holiday gifts for needy children of Alameda County.

Don Faught of Alain Pinel Realtors was presented two awards: Outstanding Leader and Realtor of the Year. In addition to being vice president and managing broker for Alain Pinel Realtors Pleasanton and Livermore Valley offices, Faught is the 2013 President of the California Association of Realtors. He served as president of Bay East Association of Realtors in 2000.

The 2013 Board of Directors are as follows: President Craig Ragg, Craig Ragg Real Estate Broker, Castro Valley; President-Elect Jennifer Branchini, Better Homes and Gardens Tri Valley Realty, Pleasanton; Treasurer Mike Fracisco, Fracisco Realty & Investments, Livermore; Past President Doreen Roberts, Master Key Real Estate Mission, Fremont; and Chief Executive Officer Tricia Thomas.

The 2013 Board of Directors, by district, are:

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Bay East 2012 President Doreen Roberts presents 2013 President Craig Ragg with his pin.

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# HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

3834 ORION CT., PLEASANTON, **\$958,000**



Quiet court location near downtown, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2800 plus square feet. Lot size is 9074 sq. ft. Highly upgraded custom home, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, expansive master suite with retreat, fireplace and upgraded bathroom. Large family room with fireplace, plantation shutters and crown molding. Newer landscaped private rear yard with built-in BBQ, refrigerator, sitting area, fire pit and beautiful stone patios and landscaping!

Sold by Blaise Lofland at Alain Pinel Realtors (925) 846-6500.

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 2012

### Dublin

- 6909 Amador Valley Boulevard** Duncan Trust to We Love Dag Trust for \$425,000
- 4516 Central Parkway** D. Brennan to B. Qu for \$358,000
- 7317 Cronin Circle** C. Hill to D. Ostlund for \$250,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #344** J. Lackey to J. & D. Ogden for \$315,500
- 3385 Dublin Boulevard #446** Kabei Trust to K. Heo for \$415,000
- 8650 Edenberry Place** A. Ward to Premier Choice Properties for \$370,000
- 8296 Elgin Lane** Murphy Trust to E. Tompkins for \$460,000
- 7831 Gardella Drive** F. Campbell to C. Teuben for \$450,000
- 5646 Idlewood Street** R. & C. Walsh to R. & B. Jain for \$675,000
- 11805 Kilcullin Court** G. Kehl to C. Morrison for \$285,000
- 4570 Lee Thompson Street** Standard Pacific Corporation to G. Woo for \$706,000

- 3240 Maguire Way #218** C. & C. Naughton to S. & H. Lu for \$365,000
- 3317 Monaghan Street** Harborview Mortgage to S. & I. Tam for \$415,000
- 6963 Portage Road** J. & S. McGue to K. Khine for \$430,000
- 7864 Starward Drive** P. & M. Corona to J. Xu for \$335,000

### Pleasanton

- 4923 Blackbird Way** Kratky Trust to W. Jin for \$830,000
- 3689 Glacier Court #N** Demars Trust to L. Phillips for \$612,500
- 7498 Hillview Court** D. & T. Buenz to M. & M. Bonitz for \$910,000
- 5117 Liveoak Ct** J. Bowen to F. Soriano for \$774,000
- 236 Rachael Pl** T. Starck to R. Jones for \$399,000
- 8113 Regency Drive** A. James to S. & G. Emran for \$1,150,000
- 6334 Shorewood Court** D. & S. Schuchardt to R. & S. Rai for \$520,000
- 3897 Vine Street** Bank of New York to V. Chaphekar for \$362,000

Source: California REsource

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Alamo

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 2402 Royal Oaks Dr** **\$1,090,000**
- Sat 1-4/Sun 1-5 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

### Danville

- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 476 El Pintado Rd** **\$1,200,000**
- Sun 1-4 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 855-4000

### 5 BEDROOMS

- 1250 Country Lane** **\$1,448,000**
- Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

- 202 Viewpoint Dr** **\$959,000**
- Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors Inc 855-4000

### Dublin

- 2 BEDROOMS**
- 3727 Dublin Blvd.** **\$439,000**
- Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Realty 855-8333

### Livermore

- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 656 Alden Lane** **\$689,000**
- Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950

### Pleasanton

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 7349 Stonedale Drive** **\$475,000**
- Sun 1-4 Jan Pegler 519-1455
- 7543 Maywood Dr** **\$515,000**
- Sat/Sun 1-4 Andrea Rozran 858-4198

### 4 BEDROOMS

- 7755 Country Lane** **\$1,950,000**
- Sun 1:30-4:30 Moxley Team 600-0990
- 2009 Raven Road** **\$759,000**
- Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 895-9950

### 5 BEDROOMS

- 3273 Novara Way** **\$2,925,000**
- Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273
- 1153 Via di Salerno** **\$2,495,000**
- Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario 260-2220

### San Ramon

- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 9 Circle E Ranch Pl** **\$1,350,000**
- Sun 1-4:30 J. Rockcliff Realtors 251-2500
- 3540 Ashbourne Cir** **\$1,799,900**
- Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111



**DANVILLE**  
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 **1250 COUNTRY LANE**  
**HIDDEN TASSARA GEM!** **\$1,448,000**  
5 BR 3.5 BA Upgraded home w/In-law Apt.Kit/Ba w/Granite.Formal Liv/Din Rrm.5 Stall Barn &raised garden 925.847.2200



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

### FREMONT

- 36345 FREMONT BLVD**
- PENDING!** **\$225,000**
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### LIVERMORE

- 0 MINES**
- CABINS,POOL,2 BARNs** **\$1,250,000**
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- PENDING!** **\$485,000**
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**SOLD FOR \$1,075,000**



SOLD FOR OVER ASKING

**5204 Iris Way, Livermore**  
Wonderful single level home, with major up-  
grades. Sellers spent 40k, solar, new roof, new  
windows etc. Home is just under 1300 sq. ft.,  
with a wonderful backyard.  
**SOLD FOR \$380,000**



REPRESENTED BUYERS

**6221 Detjen Court, Pleasanton**  
Beautiful Home on 1/2 acre in Preserve,  
5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms.  
**SOLD FOR 1,510,000**



SOLD 21K OVER ASKING

**3147 Catawba Court, Pleasanton**  
Charming Vintage Hills single story home  
with 1527 sq. ft. 4 bed/ 2 bath on a nice quiet  
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**SOLD FOR \$690,000**

## BUYER NEEDS

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### CUSTOM HOME

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**3834 ORION COURT, PLEASANTON**  
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### 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 AND SOLD FOR \$539,500**

### 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**

### 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**

### 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**

### 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**

### 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**

### 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! **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$1,399,000**

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Open Sun 1-4

**3273 Novara Way, Pleasanton (Ruby Hill)**  
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