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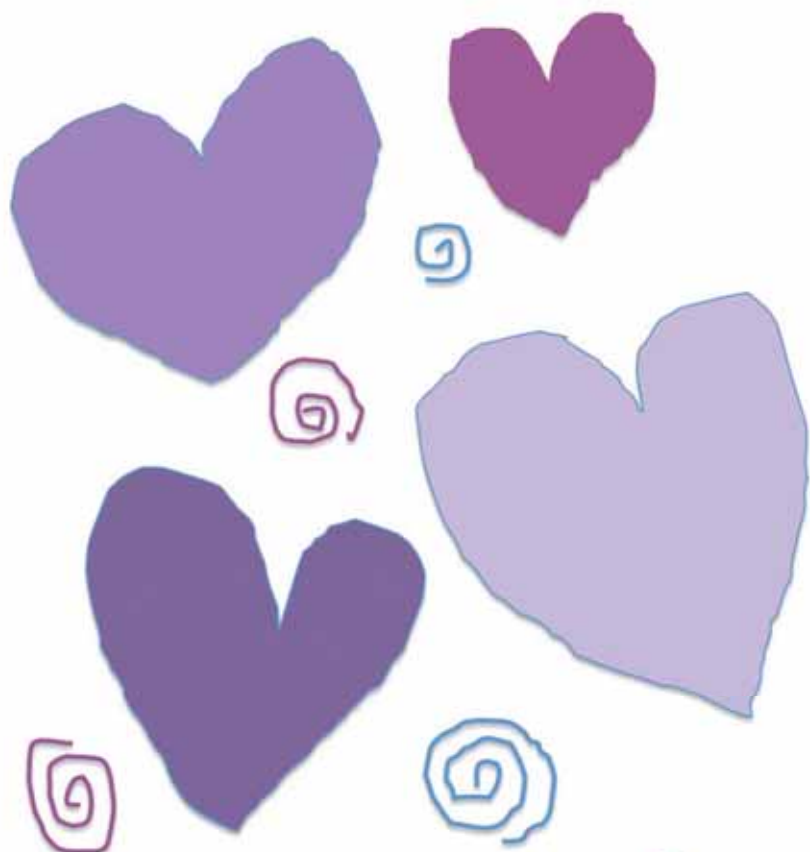
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Pleasanton now destination for hot rods, classic cars

Pleasanton-based classic and exotic car dealer Specialty Sales Classics has signed on as the presenting sponsor of all three 2013 Goodguys Get-Together events scheduled to take place this year at the Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The move adds to our city's prestige as a destination for hot rod and classic car enthusiasts all year long and especially during the Goodguys shows when the inventory will be the best ever. The next show, by the way, will be over the weekend of March 23-24 at the 31st annual All American Get-Together.

Specialty and Goodguys have been neighbors for decades in Pleasanton, so it's only natural that the two have formed this alliance. The Goodguys organization, headquartered on Serpentine Drive, is a logical partner for Specialty Sales on First Street, with its large inventory here and at its other Bay Area locations.

Specialty Sales Classics has been the leading classic and "exotic" car dealer on the West Coast for over 30 years. Since originating in Pleasanton in 1978, it has expanded to three more indoor locations in Benicia, Fairfield and most recently Redwood City. Tony Deluca, co-owner, says that by tapping into an incredible market at the Goodguys shows, Deluca's dealership will have wider appeal and exposure to the hundreds of thousands who pay to see the cars and accessories at the Fairgrounds.

Goodguys is now the world's largest hot rodding association with over 70,000 active members worldwide. Its events feature thousands of hot rods and customs, tricked out trucks, mighty muscle cars and classics sprawled throughout venues such as lush fairgrounds, super speedways and large outdoor stadiums. The cars, vendor exhibits, the Goodguys AutoCross, live entertainment and colorful people create a festive atmosphere charged with electricity.

Although based in Pleasanton, the Goodguys Rod & Custom Association promotes and produces some of the world's most dynamic automotive events, staging more than 20 events similar to ours at the Fairgrounds annually across the country from coast to coast and border to border. These



GOODGUYS

Gary Meadors, founder of Pleasanton-based Goodguys, with his son Marc, who is now president of the hot rod and classic car association.

events range from two-day affairs attended by 30,000 to 40,000 people to three-day extravaganzas attracting over 100,000 auto enthusiasts.

Founded in 1983 by Gary and Marilyn Meadors of Alamo, Goodguys spun out of the Meadors' unwavering passion for hot rods and classic cars. A builder of hot rods since his teenage years in California's Central Valley, Gary began promoting hot rod shows as early as 1973 when he staged the first "Mini Nationals" in Lodi. In 1983 and with a resurgent "street rod scene," he and Marilyn held a "Goodguys Get-Together" one-day event at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. That first Get-Together attracted 400 cars of all years, makes and models setting the table for a 30-year run and a life nobody could have dreamed up.

Thirty years later, Goodguys produces 20 national events in 12 states. Its events draw over 1 million visitors annually as well as over 50,000 classic cars. More than just a promoter, Goodguys publishes a 200-page, all-color monthly magazine and has an entire line of specialty merchandise. Numerous "Hall of Fame" awards sit on the mantle at its corporate headquarters here in Pleasanton.

Now retired from running the day to day operation, the Meadors have passed the presidency of the association they founded to their youngest son Marc, who with Tony Deluca of Specialty Sales Classics will make Pleasanton a center for the classics and hot rods all of us still appreciate. ■

*Correction: In my column Jan. 11 ("Teaching the business leaders of tomorrow"), I identified Akshay Bomireddi as chief financial officer of this year's DECA student organization at Amador Valley High School. He actually holds this position with the DECA group at Foothill High School.*

## About the Cover

Crew 941 of Pleasanton took us along when they backpacked 56 miles of trails at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico over 12 days in late July and August 2012. The pinnacle of the trip was summiting Mount Baldy with their California flag — and their Weekly — at 12,441 feet above sea level. Backpackers are (back row, l-r) advisor Karen Potter; youth: Jimmy Goritz, Sam Akcasos, J.J. Melone, Galen Gold, (front) advisor Calvin Mesuda; youth: Colin Roeder, Jacob Rochon and Charles Layer. See more travel photos inside as we begin our 14th year of publication. Design by Kristin Herman.

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# Streetwise

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## What does Pleasanton's downtown need most?



**Charles Scannell**  
*Retired*

You know I don't think that it needs anything much more than what's here now. My wife and I just love coming to the downtown area. We've been coming down here for years.

**Lisa Sullivan**  
*Retired*

Wow, I really can't think of anything that's needed. I think it has some really great restaurants but what I really think is that there are too many hair and nail salons.



**Lori Bowlby**  
*Nurse*

It needs an area where it's a piazza or meeting place where people can meet, sit and have coffee like in Italy where there is a plaza with store fronts around it and people can gather.

**Rick Bentley**  
*Retired*

A good restaurant. Well, a restaurant like they have in Oakland, Berkeley or San Francisco, some place that would be more innovative, a better wine list that would include wines from Italy, Spain, France, that would be reasonably priced and have less Chardonnay.



**Kurt Lindquest**  
*Manager, transportation company*

More variety of restaurants. Now it seems like they're all Mediterranean. It would be good to have a good burger joint, and some more bars.

—Compiled by Jay Flachsbarth

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

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## DIGEST

### Interested in the east side?

The city is accepting applications for two at-large members for the East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force, which will guide the planning effort for a 1,000-acre area that was formerly the site of sand and gravel mining. The task force will propose new uses and a circulation system for the site, and will recommend a plan to finance the infrastructure.

Applicants must live in Pleasanton and be able to attend one or two meetings per month for a year or more, also doing background reading and research. Applications are available at the City Clerk's office, 123 Main St., or can be downloaded at [www.ci.Pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/epscomm.pdf](http://www.ci.Pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/epscomm.pdf). They are due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8. For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 931-5027.

### College Night at LPC

Las Positas College invites high school seniors and their parents to attend College Night on Wednesday evening at its Physical Education Complex. Information tables will be open from 5:30-8 p.m. with faculty and staff, and the main program will be from 7-9 p.m. with presentations on subject majors and transfer academic programs.

Snacks and dinner will be available from the "Food Truck Mafia," a gourmet food truck kitchen, from 4:30-7 p.m.

Students are asked to RSVP at [www.laspositascollege.edu/collegenight](http://www.laspositascollege.edu/collegenight) with the name of their high school and the number attending. Las Positas College is located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

### Science on Saturday tomorrow

This year's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory four-week lecture series, Science on Saturday, for middle and high school students continues tomorrow with a lecture on "The Extreme X-ray Universe." The free one-hour presentations start at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., with seating first come, first served, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore.

Lab scientists Michael J. Pivaroff and Bill Craig and Granada High School teacher Tom Shefler will discuss the technology and results of NASA's NuSTAR spacecraft, which was launched in June 2012 to take pictures of the sky in the most energetic X-rays ever focused. Its groundbreaking observations include black holes and the remnants of stellar explosions.

A complete list of lectures is available at <http://education.llnl.gov/sos/>.

## When it comes to numbers, Pleasanton City Council, school board 'Excel'

2-hour joint meeting gives both agencies chance to review housing, enrollment, growth issues

By JEB BING

If you like numbers, you should have been at last Monday's joint meeting of the Pleasanton City Council and the Pleasanton school board.

Charts, slides and print-outs from both agencies read at times like an Excel spreadsheet gone wild. Consider these:

■ \$500,000,000 — Estimated cost of upgrading, expanding or building new facilities to meet the needs of Pleasanton school students over the next 20 years or so.

■ 3,253 — Total number of high density, multi-family housing units to be built on now-rezoned properties in Pleasanton in the next few years.

■ 80,000 — Estimated population of Pleasanton when these new units are completed, compared to 70,000 today.

■ 15,000 — Number of students now enrolled

in Pleasanton schools, including 53.28% whites, 34.36% Asians, 9.29% Latinos, 2.43% blacks, and 0.65% Native Americans.

■ 97.5% — graduation rate and school attendance rate for Pleasanton high schools last year.

■ 915 — Academic Performance Index (API) for Pleasanton schools in 2012, compared to 779 for California as a whole.

■ 1,100 acres — Total area of land and lakes being considered for development by 19-member East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force in coming year, including approximately 700 acres consisting of lakes under control of Zone 7 regional water agency.

■ \$6 billion — Estimated amount for kindergarten through senior year of high school to be provided by Proposition 30, which was approved by California voters in November.

■ 0 — Amount of new revenue to become available to Pleasanton school district from new taxes imposed by Prop. 30.

■ 26 — Number of meetings held to consider school district's Facilities Master Plan, including joint meeting with City Council Jan. 28 and regular school board meeting Jan. 29 when plan was approved.

■ 36% — Response rate of Pleasanton teachers to survey about Facilities Master Plan.

■ 170-368 — Demographer's estimate of added students over current enrollment at Pleasanton middle schools and high schools over next 10 years, respectively.

■ 600-700 — Preferred student enrollment in Pleasanton elementary schools.

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DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

U-shaped bike racks throughout downtown are not being well utilized, according to a city survey.

## Survey says: Bike racks not used

Committee discusses downtown bicycle parking

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A survey of bike racks in the downtown area Friday, Dec. 28, found two of the 68 stands in use, it was reported Monday night at the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee meeting.

"We're thinking of doing it again when the weather is warm and on a Saturday," said Pleasanton Traffic Engineer Janis Stephen. "Also maybe some of these racks are not where they are needed. If the public can let us know where they would like one, we can investigate if there is a public right of way."

Committee member Mike Sedlak said he doesn't feel that downtown Pleasanton is friendly to bicyclists, with outdoor restaurant seating infringing on the sidewalks.

"We can't even get off our bikes and walk them, let alone ride them downtown," committee member Bill Rose agreed.

"There's not space for bike lanes. If we did that we'd have to eliminate parking but that

would be contentious," Stephen said, adding that there are attractive alternative routes to cycling through town, such as Second Street.

She said she would contact the city of Berkeley to see how it accommodates its many cyclists on the crowded streets and sidewalks.

Rose also noted that cyclists with expensive bikes, in the \$2,000 range, are protective of them. "They are not going to lock them to anything and walk away," he said.

The 68 downtown U-shaped bike racks, which cost approximately \$500 each, are mostly placed individually along Main Street, with three on Peters Avenue near Veterans Plaza Park and some throughout the Civic Center.

"Maybe it would be better to put the bike racks together," suggested committee member Deborah Wahl. "People might feel safety in numbers."

The bike racks have been installed down-

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## PUSD passes \$506 million facilities plan

Board president: 'I look at it as an aspirational document'

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Members of the Pleasanton School Board want to make it clear that they have no intention of seeking funding for all the projects detailed in the Facilities Master Plan they approved Tuesday night on a unanimous vote.

The plan was more than a year in the making and calls for a long list of potential projects, some, like a \$20 million performing arts center and a multi-tier parking structure at Foothill High School, unlikely ever to be built.

"I look at it as an aspirational document," said Board President Jeff Bowser. "I am certainly not comfortable saying that we're going to spend \$500 million."

That was the consensus of the entire board, which agreed to include a preface to the master plan making it clear that it is a planning document and subject to change.

That idea was brought up by Board Member Valerie Arkin, who wanted the preface to include that it is a guide, that the plan would be updated periodically, and that "implementation is dependent on funding."

While many of the proposals in the facilities plan may never come to fruition — only about 25% to 30% generally do, according to Board Member Jamie Hintzke — the plan does include a list of priorities.

First on the list are must-do items, what Bowser previously described as "squeaky, leaky" problems. That list comes to nearly \$14 million, and includes replacing roofs, windows and skylights at some schools, along with heating and air conditioning work, replacement of some floors and painting.

Second-tier items, those of the lowest cost and highest impact, include district-wide technology upgrades, improvements at some elementary schools where they're easily done, and time sensitive projects — \$13.4 million worth — for which the district would have to reimburse the state if they are not done

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## FACILITIES

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quickly enough.

Altogether, those second-tier projects would cost \$85.6 million.

Third on the list are projects listed as medium cost, short range. The price tag on those projects comes to more than \$205 million, and includes \$37 million for a new elementary school.

While a 10-year demographic projection shows the elementary school population decreasing, many new students entering the district are expected to come from transit-oriented housing projects, where two elementary schools are overcrowded. Also on that list are new classrooms for the district's four oldest elementary schools, Lydiksen, Alisal, Valley View and Vintage Hills.

The last category, those that are high cost and long range, comes to nearly \$188 million. Many of those, like the performing arts center at Foothill, may be wish list items.

"There's so much that needs discussion.... For me, it's all about the process, a road map," Hintzke said, adding, "How are we going to pay for this?"

During recent board meetings the possibility of a bond issue was mentioned for the first time. The board could also liquidate the Sycamore Fund, which was cre-

ated by the sale of property and can be used to buy other land or build a school. The district could also swap land in the area where it wants to build a new elementary for its 13-acre site on Vineyard Avenue known as the Neal property, or sell the land the current administration building is on.

The district will consider hiring a Realtor to help make decisions based on property values.

Two people spoke at the public hearing about the plan.

Peter MacDonald, an attorney representing a local builder, BRE, brought a demographer's document that shows no growth in younger students in the district.

"Your demographer's data is telling you (that) you don't need another elementary school," he told the board.

The other speaker, Julie Testa, disagreed.

"That elementary school should have already been built," Testa said, adding that most schools in the district are already overcrowded.

Testa, however, did not support the facilities plan.

"I don't think it was honest. I don't think it was realistic," she said.

In other actions at the school board meeting Tuesday night, the board heard an update about the state budget and its impact on the district.

Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares noted that the flat funding

## Road rage incident leads to arrest

Cane sword seized from 61-year-old Pleasanton man

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

What began as a typical highway incident, with two cars jockeying back and forth between lanes and through traffic, escalated to the felony arrest of a Pleasanton man last week.

Samuel James Cangiamilla, 61, was arrested for felony assault with a deadly weapon — a cane sword — at about 4:50 p.m. Jan. 25 at his home in the 400 block of Del Sol Avenue.

The male victim was eastbound on Interstate 580 driving a Volkswagen Jetta in the center lane, when Cangiamilla, driving a Jeep, began to pass victim from the fast lane, according to a police report.

The victim spotted traffic ahead and moved into the passing lane ahead of Cangiamilla's Jeep, which dodged the traf-

fic by moving right. After that, the report said, the Jeep moved back in front of the victim's car, swerving back and forth between lanes to prevent the victim from passing.

When the Jeep exited onto Santa Rita Road, the victim followed with the intent of talking to the Jeep's driver, the report said.

When the two vehicles were stopped at the light at the intersection of Main Street and Stanley Boulevard, the victim got out of his car to approach Cangiamilla, who got out of his Jeep and drew a sword from a cane scabbard.

The victim retreated to his car, and Cangiamilla approached, holding the sword above his waist, yelling and aggravated, according to the report, which

said he slammed the tip of the sword "as hard as he could" into the victim's door.

Cangiamilla then went back to his Jeep and turned into the parking lot on Main and Stanley, followed by the victim, who was attempting to read Cangiamilla's license plate. Cangiamilla approached the car again and tried to open the driver's door, then kicked it, as the victim, who'd called 911, drove by reading the license plate to a Pleasanton dispatcher.

The victim followed Cangiamilla back onto Stanley, but stopped following after the Jeep made a u-turn.

An officer was sent to Cangiamilla's home, where he was arrested without incident and the cane sword was seized at the home. ■

to the district that will come as a result of Proposition 30 is only temporary. Cazares said, though, that the district will likely end the year "with a healthy fund balance," and added that midyear cuts that could have triggered furlough days have been avoided.

Many of the items restored by the board — such as counselors — were brought back for only one year. Cazares said her priorities for the coming year are technology services, instructional coaches, counseling services, specialized school support, library services,

maintenance and operations services and school leadership.

The district also began the process needed to begin negotiations with the teachers union. Among the items up for discussion are salaries, health benefits and class sizes. ■



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**Existing bike racks**



Downtown Pleasanton has 68 bike racks, indicated with stars. Figures show the number of racks available and how many were in use when the city survey was done Dec. 28.

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town over time, some based on requests of residents, others as part of city projects, such as the circular cluster of racks in front of the Firehouse Arts Center. The racks on West Angela Street between Main and First streets were put there for bicyclists attending events at Delucchi and Lions Wayside parks.

Rose suggested putting bike racks near Cole Market, where people leave their bikes and ride the bus to their jobs.

He also said perhaps a space was needed downtown where bikes would be protected, with a valet system.

"Maybe by a bike shop," Pleasanton police Sgt. Robert Leong said. "Have a couple of guys do the valet-ticket thing."

"Maybe get a Scout troop or someone who

wants to raise money," Wahl added.

"But then it's just one location and Main Street is long," Sedlak noted.

"We have to let people know there are bike racks downtown," committee Chairman Kurt Kummer said. "I don't think of downtown being a place I would ride my bike."

"Are we trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist?" asked member Rick Romine.

"I wonder if this is a problem that might solve itself," Kummer said, adding that when the trail system is completed, more riders might come downtown. "At some point it's going to be some merchants who will say, 'Why don't I put a bike rack in the back so they can stop and have lunch?'"

The Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. ■

**City asks judge to dismiss lawsuit**

By Glenn Wohltmann

The city of Pleasanton is, for the second time, trying to get a federal case tossed out of court.

The initial case was filed by Brian Lancaster in October based on incidents occurring a year ago. It names the Police Department, K-9 Officer Tim Martens, an Alameda County sheriff's deputy and a San Ramon attorney and asks for \$3 million.

Lancaster claims, among other things, false arrest and false imprisonment, malicious prosecution, conspiracy to interfere with civil rights, defamation of character and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The Oakland law firm Jarvis, Fay Doport and Gibson is handling the city's case. In the

motion to dismiss, the firm claims the city cannot be sued "for an injury inflicted solely by its employees or agents."

The firm also says in its motion that Lancaster was not deprived of his rights, he has improperly sued Pleasanton, that Lancaster's suit leaves out key facts and that it doesn't tie the case together properly.

The motion to dismiss also claims that both the city and Martens are immune to prosecution on a number of the claims made by Lancaster.

In January, Pleasanton's first motion to dismiss was thrown out after Lancaster's attorney filed an amended lawsuit. The new motion to dismiss is set to be heard Feb. 14. ■

**Education foundation to hold first-ever run**

Organizers hope to draw 1,500 runners

A year after the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education was the beneficiary of a fundraising run, the organization will hold a run of its own, Run for Education, on April 14, to raise money for local schools.

Kelly French is PPIE's event coordinator.

"I did have this idea and decided to run with it, no pun intended, but I have a team of 20 people on my run committee," French said. "And in addition to that, I have a liaison committee at every school site."

The day will feature a half marathon, a 5K and a kids' challenge, all starting and ending at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The website for the run went up Dec. 31, and more than 80 registrants have signed up.

"Not bad for a new event," French said. "And we haven't done our full court press on our promotions yet."

She said PPIE is hoping for 1,500 runners. It's teaming up with ClubSport as its title sponsor.

"This is something that's been in talks for a long time," French said. "They just want to support the schools."

Other sponsors are Workday, the Tri-Valley Triathlon Club, the Safeway Foundation, and Dr. Adolfo Barrera, a pediatric dentist. On

Your Mark Events, which does the timing for Rotary runs, will time runners using disposable chips.

All the money raised will go directly to PPIE, which has so far raised \$273,971 for the 2013-14 school year.

French is working to bring in school participation at the event. She's planning to station students at intervals along the way to cheer on the runners, and any staff members who want to run will be able to do so at a 50% discount.

There's an additional incentive for schools to sign up runners — they'll get 10% of the proceeds from each registrant they sign.

While most runs offer big discounts for people who sign up early, the Run for Education is offering a different kind of bonus.

"There will be free parking at the Fairgrounds for registrants who register before March 1st," French said.

The half marathon is \$65 for those who sign up before April 10, and \$75 from April 11 until the race.

The 5K is \$34 until April 10 and \$40 after that; and the Kids' Challenge is \$10 before April 10 and \$15 afterward.

—Glenn Wohltmann

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## Museum honors Black History Month

Lecture series to present 'An Evening from a Grandmother's Perspective'

Museum on Main celebrates February as Black History Month in a special performance of "An Evening from A Grandmother's Perspective" by Ann Collins at the Firehouse Arts Center at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Collins, whose brother was one of the groundbreaking Tuskegee Airmen, became interested in history and the Tuskegee Airmen story at a young age.

"My brother was a fighter pilot who flew over 50 missions before his plane caught on fire and he was burned," Collins said. "Naturally I became interested in them at an early age."

Collins will take the stage as three separate characters in vignettes to examine life and experiences of women during the Civil War through World War II, including the Tuskegee Airmen. With a degree in speech and theater, Collins enjoys giving presentations to Bay Area audiences year-round.

The event is part of the museum's Ed Kinney Lecture Series, which is all general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center,



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Ann Collins portrays a Civil War grandmother.

4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$5 Museum on Main members and seniors; and \$3 students and teachers. Buy tickets at the museum, 603 Main St., or by calling 462-2766, or go to the theater box office.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## MEETING

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■ 900 — Planned enrollment in newly approved Dublin elementary school to serve that city's east side population.

■ \$13,486,595 — Cost of technology upgrades, new classrooms, building system upgrades, new construction considered immediate needs by Pleasanton school district according to Facilities Master Plan.

■ 2,058 — Additional housing units required by state and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for Pleasanton in regional housing needs assessment for 2014-2022 time period.

At the Monday night meeting, City Manager Nelson Fialho, Mayor Jerry Thorne and City Council members Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin reviewed with the school board major residential building projects under way or nearing approval that could mean more students for the district.

Most of these new developments are being approved in accordance with state planning and zoning law, which requires each city and county in the Bay Area to address its share of regional housing needs. For Pleasanton, the rush to rezone 73 acres for new high density housing is also consistent with a settlement agreement reached with Urban Habitat, an Oakland-based affordable housing coalition, which successfully sought a court order ending the city's 1996 voter-approved 29,000 housing unit cap. It's that cap that school district demographers used earlier to project

student growth in the coming years.

Fialho said the 73 rezoned acres consist of nine sites where multi-family apartments could be built. Although the city rezoned the sites, it will be up to developers to seek permits to develop them. He said current projections are for at least 1,600 of the 2,300 additional housing units to be built within the next five years.

Already approved and likely to be built starting this year are two-, three- and four-story buildings by BRE, a national affordable housing developer, in Hacienda Business Park. Apartment buildings in the first two sites will have 500 units in one- and two-bedroom floor plans. Geared to accommodate low-to-moderate income tenants, it's unclear how many school-age children will be among those moving in, but it's also likely those that do will be youngsters in the preschool and elementary school age groups.

School Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi noted that there is no elementary school in Hacienda, although Steve Newsom of LPA, the consulting firm on the facilities plan, said consideration could be given to expanding Hart Middle School, which is located in the business park, into a kindergarten-through-eighth grade school.

Other developments nearing approval also lack nearby schools, including more than 1,000 multi-family units that are planned near the West BART station, Kaiser's IT center, on West Las Positas Boulevard, and at Bernal Avenue and Stanley Boulevard, across from McDonald's.

"Things are starting to happen on these sites," said Brian Dolan, Com-

munity Development Director. "To no one's surprise, there's been a fair amount of interest in building in Pleasanton."

Another affordable housing project that could get under way later this year is on land owned by South Bay Gateway Center next to the new Safeway Gateway Center at Bernal and Valley Avenue, across from the Fairgrounds. That site has been approved for 210 apartments and 88 single family homes with children in those sites in the Hearst Elementary School and Pleasanton Middle School attendance areas.

LPA's Newsom said the new Facilities Master Plan will replace one that was approved more than 10 years ago when population and school enrollment projects were much different than today's numbers.

In developing the new plan, Newsom said his firm considered the latest demographic projections, which included the 73 rezoned acres for affordable housing, and also existing school sites, financial requirements and the district's desired education standards.

"We walked through every school site and we met with various groups, including teachers and students, more than 500 individuals in all."

As the meeting closed, school board members praised city leaders for their support of Pleasanton schools and the school district.

"We're blessed with great leadership and teachers in Pleasanton and I thank our city partners in offering their help we need to keep our schools the best," said school board member Chris Grant. ■



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# Business News

Edited by Jeb Bing, jbing@pleasantonweekly.com

## Chamber names Brock Roby as its 2013 chairman

130 business leaders, elected officials attend luncheon in Pleasanton Marriott

Brock Roby, a civil engineer and for many years a church ministry leader, was installed Tuesday as chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce for 2013.

He succeeds April Mitchell, formerly the Alameda County Fair marketing director, who will continue to serve on the chamber's board for one year as past chairwoman.

Scott Raty, president and chief executive of the chamber, praised Roby for his many civic contributions to the community since moving here with his wife Anne and their family 10 years ago.

Roby serves on the city's Human Services Commission and has been a member of the Chamber's board of directors for the last three years. He also is the volunteer director of E-Soccer, a special needs sports program that emphasizes full inclusion in small group settings and one-on-one coaching.

He served as ministry leader and administrator of the International Church of Christ for 19 years before returning to his engineering profession, joining BKF Engineers in San Francisco in 2005. In his church work, he and his wife led ministries in Boston, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hawaii.

Besides Roby, Dave Stark, public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors, was installed as the organization's chairman-elect, which means he will move into the top post next January. Matt De Pretis of the accounting firm of Thompson & De Pretis was installed as treasurer, a position that will lead to heading the chamber in 2015.



JEB BING

Brock Roby, shown with wife Anne, was installed as chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Chosen as directors for the Pleasanton Chamber this year are Jody Amos, Amos Productions; Curt Anderson, Compass Product Design; Joe Barone, Barone's Restaurant; Jon Burchett, Hyatt House Pleasanton; Brian Gentry, Fremont Bank; and Scott Gergerson, ValleyCare Health System.

Also chosen as directors are Howard Goldstein, IntegenX; Pam Hardy, Ponderosa Homes; Janice Sangster-Phalen, Diablo Meridian Realty; James Paxson, Hacienda Owners Association; Heather Stanek, Pleasanton ClubSport; and Keith Turner of Safeway Inc. in Pleasanton.

Three special awards were presented at Tuesday's luncheon:

Carol Marshall of The Write Business was named the Chamber's Ambassador of the Year for the second year in a row. She is also the chairwoman of the Ambassador committee this year.

Leon Gundersen of Select Imaging won the Carol Bush award for his work as chairman of the Ambassador committee in 2011 and 2012.

Realtor Tom Fox won the prestigious Jenny Doehle Leadership Pleasanton award (see story below) for his volunteer work both in Pleasanton and on global medical missions. ■

## Chamber honors Tom Fox for global philanthropy

Realtor has served on 18 medical missions

Pleasanton Realtor Tom Fox was recognized by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday for philanthropic and community contributions and presented with the organization's coveted Jenny Doehle Leadership Pleasanton award.

Fox recently returned from a medical mission to rural India where he was one of several on a non-medical support staff, helping doctors repair cleft palates and cleft lips on more than 100 undernourished and impoverished children.

Fox has been on 18 of these trips, serving on teams that have performed surgeries on 75-80 patients each time. The missions are sponsored by Rotaplast with financial support from Rotary International, although everyone making the trip pays their own transportation costs.

The Chamber's award is named for Jenny Doehle, a long-time member of the Pleasanton Chamber's staff who died of leukemia in 2006.



JEB BING

Roy Cook, right, chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation, presents the Jenny Doehle Leadership Pleasanton award to Tom Fox and his wife Sue.

Roy Cook, chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation, presented the award to Fox and his wife Sue at the Chamber's 2013 installation luncheon Tuesday at the Pleasanton Marriott Hotel. ■

## THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

### WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

#### City Council

Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: P12-1778; City of Pleasanton General Plan Amendment related to Alameda County Updated Livermore Municipal Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
- Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and other related audits for the year ending June 30, 2012
- Review and approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the designation of a permanent Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) TrainStation

#### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of Services Agreement with The Bay Area Children's Theatre for Children's Theatrical Production Services
- Presentation on Commissioner's Application Review using Zoom Grants: An Online Grant Application Software Program
- Approve Commission Priorities for Fiscal Years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015
- Selection of Committee Assignments for 2013
- Review of the Commission Meeting Schedule for 2013

#### Human Services Commission

Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of FY 2012/13 Service Agreement Midterm Report
- Review of FY 2012/13 Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Semi-Annual Reports
- Discuss Evaluation Process and Meeting Format for FY 2013/14 Housing and Human Services Grant Program Review
- Approve and Recommend to City Council Commission Priorities for FY 2013/14 and 2014/15

#### Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Proposed Fee Changes For Callippe Preserve Golf Course
- Park Maintenance Division Maintenance Report for June 2012 – December 2012
- Approve Commission Priorities for Fiscal Years 2013/2014 and 2014/2015

#### East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force

Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.  
Harvest Park Middle School MP Room,

- The City Council's comments on the Draft Vision Statement
- Preliminary Land Use Alternatives: Site Planning Framework

#### East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force

Applications are currently being accepted for two at-large representatives for the East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force.

The Task Force guides the planning effort for an approximately 1,000 acre area in east Pleasanton which was formerly the site of sand and gravel mining and will propose new uses and a circulation system for the site, and will recommend a plan for providing and financing needed infrastructure.

Applications are due to the City Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m., **Friday, February 8, 2013**. Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk, 123 Main Street, or on the City's website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/epscomm.pdf>. For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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## LETTERS

### Lunch period promotes bullying

Dear Editor,

In the Jan. 11 article "Bullying ... A Priority for PUSD," school board member Jamie Hintzke is quoted as saying it "is not just doing stuff when it happens, it's how you create an environment where it doesn't happen."

I agree, Ms. Hintzke. Expensive speakers and student handbooks will do nothing in an environment that provides bullying opportunities, like Foothill High School's lunch period.

At Foothill there's one 30-minute lunch period for 2,400 students and seating for 1,000. Students who want a hot lunch realize there is no chance of everyone getting through the line so they, not administration, remedy this by skipping lunch, eating in class, or bringing a cold lunch. However, with less than half the population able to sit down, finding a seat is distressing.

This crowded environment invokes bullying and a student culture conducive to hierarchy, status, class, caste — feel free to choose the word. Children regularly get bullied at lunch. When I asked an administrator about this he told me that

kids don't mind the lack of seating — many enjoy sitting in the grass. I wonder if he would enjoy eating on the cold ground every day because someone older, bigger or cooler told him he couldn't have a table?

How can we stop bullying with a lunch environment ripe for it? I challenge parents to ask the district why we don't have enough lunch tables or the wherewithal to have two lunch periods. Maybe we're waiting for something serious to happen before we consider this a priority.

**Ann Angst**

### Clean up dog poop

Dear Editor,

What is going on with people and their dogs' poop in our parks? Val Vista Park is littered with dog poop. It makes it very difficult to walk or play in the grass without constantly looking down. My young son had the unfortunate mishap of stepping in a dog poop while playing in the grass.

Dog owners, please pick up your dog's excrement, it is disgusting!

Can we not designate an area for a dog park, and leave the rest of the grass to kids and adults who want to enjoy outdoor fun?

**Nathalie Yingling**

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Police chiefs can have dreams, too

Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller, the keynote speaker at last Monday's YMCA tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., talked about the dreams he shares with the late civil rights leader. Dr. King's pursuit of equality was his dream. He pursued his dream, inspiring thousands who stood beside him with a shared dream, including Spiller. He pursued this dream and sought to create a new reality, "From Dreams to Action," the theme of this year's fellowship breakfast, the 13th annual tribute sponsored by the Tri-Valley Y.

"His actions were centered on the greatest examples of non-violence," Spiller said. "Dr. King acted on his dreams and inspired others, creating a spark that lit the fire of real change in our society. To dream is to have a vision, to imagine something you want, where you want to go, and who you want to be. To act is the work, the willful execution to make your dreams a reality. If you are going to dream, dream big. But, don't waste those dreams by failing to act on them."

Spiller continued:

"Dr. King acted on his dreams and inspired others, creating a spark that lit the fire of real change in our society. He rallied with tens of thousands and spoke to share his dream. But that gathering in 1963, so well known today, was not an end, but a beginning. He spoke of hope and his vision for a 'bright day of justice' to emerge. Like Dr. King, we should all look forward with excited eyes with a vision for all of our tomorrows.

"I think and wonder about the dreams, the dreams of many: the dreams of the leadership of the YMCA and the work they do to make a positive difference in our community. I think about the dreams of the amazing young men and women of the YMCA's Youth and Government program and their dreams to make a change, to make a difference, to make an impact on the world and the work they do in those pursuits. At the Police Department, we have a vision, too, and it's to serve our community with pride and professionalism as we focus on our responsibility of service.

"Youths are some of the best dreamers. The purity and wholeness that lies in children creates an ability for the greatest creativity and limitless imagination. Encouraging the spirit to dream and the pursuit of that creativity is what we should all want.

"There is a saying that I use: We are who we are because of everything we have been through. It makes me think of so many of us busy, over programmed adults. Before we became cynical from the influences of our world, before we developed the filters that hamper our own free spirit and creativity, we dreamed like children. We should celebrate and seek to embrace the dreams of young people. When they share these dreams with us we should encourage the pursuit of these dreams and help, when we can, and encourage young people to work to make their dreams come true.

"Do we dream of being smart? It doesn't come without the work, the study, the quest to explore what surrounds us. Do we dream of being fit? It doesn't come without the work, the exercise, the discipline, to take care of our bodies. Do we dream of being compassionate? It doesn't come without the work, the care and concern for others, the ability to empathize with others, to understand others.

"What are your dreams? What do you want for your world? What do you want for your community? What do you want for your organizations? What do you want for your family, your friends? What do you want for yourself? With all of these questions, you must ask: What am I willing to do? What action am I willing to take to make my dreams come true? As Dr. King did, what we want, what we think of is the dream. What we do about it, that is the action that we are talking about today. When I think about dreams and actions, I think of Dr. King and others like Mahatma Gandhi, Henry Ford, Walt Disney, men, who like Dr. King, took their dreams and turned them into reality through action." ■



**Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller**

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# Burglar nabs spa computers in minutes

Owner asks for help from possible witnesses

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

A business owner whose day spa was burglarized over the weekend is warning other businesses to take extra precautions.

Two Mac computers worth a total of about \$2,400 were stolen in just minutes from Lavandu Face & Body at the Mission Plaza Shopping Center in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road, the spa's owner, Pat Workman, said.

"They used a glass cutter and they cut a little circle on the glass door we have," Workman said. "When they did that, it shattered the glass."

A video from the store's surveillance system shows a white male in a dark hoodie and clothing entering the shop and making off with the computers. The break-in occurred at about 5:34 a.m. Saturday morning.

"For the most part, it would appear that he was only interested in our Mac computers, wireless keyboards and wireless mice. He knew ahead of time what he was after, came in quickly, got it, and left in less than 60 seconds,"



Workman said.

She's asked anyone who might have spotted the car, which was parked in front of the spa, to contact police. The shop's surveillance cameras did not capture that car.

Workman said another Mission Plaza business was also hit recently. She said about a month ago, the office of Fiesta Tacos was burglarized and a cash box was stolen from the restaurant's office.

Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuber said Fiesta Tacos

was hit late Dec. 29 or early the next morning. Schlehuber said it doesn't appear the two are related.

He said unlike the Lavandu break-in, the door of the restaurant was pried open.

"It looks like more of a coincidence than anything," Schlehuber said.

Workman, however, said the burglar at her place did try to use a crowbar first, resorting to the glass cutter when he couldn't pry the door open. She said the two recent burglaries should warn other businesses to take extra precautions, locking valuables up or making it more difficult for people to get in and out.

Despite the theft, Workman said all her customers' data is safe.

"None of our clients' personal information or transactions were stored on those computers so there was no security breach," she said.

Anyone with information on either burglary is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100. ■

for medical care. She was arrested at about 5:07 a.m. Jan. 24 at ValleyCare Medical Center in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard.

• Jeffrey Ronald Taylor, 47, of Oakland was arrested for burglary and a parole violation in a 3:10 p.m. Jan. 29 incident at Nordstrom in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road.

Taylor was spotted in men's department on closed circuit TV, where loss prevention saw him put two pair of sunglasses in his bag and watched as he took three jackets and put them in a bag. He put his bags down near the entrance and left the store, but came back a few minutes later, grabbed the bags and ran. Taylor was caught by Nordstrom security in the parking lot with seven jackets worth \$505, three pair of sunglasses worth \$440, and three sweaters worth \$330.

• Timothy J. Davis, 34, of Emeryville was arrested for burglary at Hollister in the Stoneridge Shopping Center on Jan. 26. Davis took four bottles of cologne worth \$200, two bottles of lotion worth \$56, and two bottles of perfume worth \$60. Davis was taken into custody at about 1:39 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; he was arrested on a charge of commercial burglary and admitted he came to the mall to shoplift.

• Brian James Goncalves, 29, a transient, was arrested for felony shoplifting and petty theft at about 10:29 a.m. Jan. 24 in the theft of a \$1.59 disposable lighter at Vista Bottle Shop in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard. Goncalves had at least three prior arrests, which bumped the arrest to a felony.

• A gold and diamond ring valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a home in the 300 block of Rose Avenue between midnight Jan. 23 and 8 p.m. Jan. 26.

• An unlocked garage door in the 7400 block of Alder Court led to the theft of a \$2,000 laptop, a \$250 purse and prescription drugs valued at \$30. The theft occurred between 9 p.m. Jan. 24 and 7 a.m. Jan. 25.

• A \$2,000 laptop and a \$500 laptop were stolen from Colliers Parrish International office in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road in a burglary that was reported at about 8:13 a.m. Jan. 28. Entry was made by breaking a window, which was valued at \$500.

• A \$500 laptop, a \$400 Coach handbag, \$1,000 in miscellaneous women's clothing, \$100 cash, a \$50 woman's watch, a \$20 pocket watch and \$10 sunglasses were stolen in a Jan. 24 burglary at a home in the 1900 block of Rheem Drive. The burglary took place between 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.; a rear sliding glass door had been left unlocked.

• Tools worth \$259 and a \$10 radio were stolen from a home in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue between 5:20 p.m. Jan. 22 and 8:30 a.m. Jan. 23; a sliding glass door provided access to the home.

• A bike worth \$185 and a scooter worth \$39 were taken in a residential burglary in the 3400 block of Andrews Avenue. The renter found the garage that he shares with a neighbor had been opened.

• Catalytic converters worth about \$4,200 were stolen from an SUV parked outside a home in the 4500 block of Eull Court between 3 p.m. Jan. 25 and 7:30 a.m. Jan. 29.

In a second similar theft, a catalytic converter worth \$1,000 was stolen from an SUV parked in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Way between 11 p.m. Jan. 25 and 3 a.m. Jan. 26. Catalytic converters contain precious metals and are accepted by junkyards for quick cash.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 23

### Residential burglary

■ 3:15 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

### Auto burglary

■ 7:51 a.m. in the 4900 block of Johnson Avenue

■ 9:48 p.m. in the 5400 block of Cameo Court

### Under the influence of a controlled substance

■ 11:04 p.m. at the intersection of Koll Center Drive and Bernal Avenue

Jan. 24

### Theft

■ 8:39 a.m. in the 4400 block of Neal Court; fraud

■ 3:09 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

### Residential burglary

■ 2:38 p.m. in the 4600 block of Ross Gate Way

### Vandalism

■ 7:07 a.m. in the 5500 block of Pleasant Hill Road

■ 7:09 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

### DUI

■ 11:36 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Valley Avenue

Jan. 25

### Theft

■ 9:53 a.m. in the 4400 block of Seminole Way; fraud

■ 7:49 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

### Auto burglary

■ 9:07 p.m. in the 9100 block of Olson Ct

### Battery

■ 5:03 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Stanley Boulevard

### Vandalism

■ 9:29 a.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

■ 10:38 a.m. on Main Street

■ 11:06 a.m. at the intersection of Case Avenue and Stonecliff Vista Lane

### Drug/alcohol violations

■ 1:26 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; DUI

■ 2:28 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness

■ 3:25 p.m. at the intersection of W. Angela St and Pleasanton Ave; DUI

■ 6:55 p.m. in the 4300 block of Railroad Avenue; public drunkenness

■ 10:21 p.m. at the intersection of Owens Drive and Rosewood Drive; marijuana possession

■ 11:37 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Ave and Blackbird Dr; DUI

■ 11:43 p.m. at the intersection of Johnson Dr and Stoneridge Dr; DUI

Jan. 26

### Theft

■ 1:26 p.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

■ 3:14 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

■ 8:09 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 8:22 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall road; shoplifting

### Commercial burglary

■ 9:19 a.m. in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 1:39 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Battery

■ 10:01 p.m. in the 3300 block of Muscat Court

Jan. 27

### Theft

■ 10:38 a.m. in the 4200 block of Vervais Avenue

■ 3:01 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:30 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

### Vandalism

■ 9 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Dr

Jan. 28

### Fraud

■ 2:21 p.m. in the 1800 block of Brooktree Way

### Burglary

■ 8:13 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road; commercial burglary

■ 11:47 a.m. in the 6000 block of Inglewood Drive; residential burglary

### Auto burglary

■ 11:08 a.m. in the 2200 block of Tanager Drive

### Drug violations

■ 3:12 a.m. at the intersection of Sunol Blvd and Junipero St; under the influence of drugs, paraphernalia possession

Jan. 29

### Fraud

■ 1:37 p.m. in the 4300 block of Railroad Avenue

### Vandalism

■ 7:57 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pittsburg man busted for ID theft

Jerry Michael Beaman, 47, of Pittsburg was arrested for identity theft and receiving stolen property in an incident that began with a report of a suspicious vehicle.

Beaman was stopped for a broken license plate light in the parking lot of the Best Western Plus Pleasanton Inn in the 5300 block of Owens Court.

During the stop, Beaman has found to have a woman's license in his pocket; the woman, from Pacifica, had been the victim of an auto burglary a week prior, according to police reports.

More driver's licenses and other documents with Beaman's name and photo were found in the car and a search of his room turned up drug paraphernalia and more credit cards, a total of 11, with two driver's licenses and other miscellaneous documents also seized in the search.

Beaman was also arrested for methamphetamine possession and paraphernalia possession. He was arrested at about 12:26 a.m. Jan. 28.

### In other police reports:

• Dexter Lelkelbin Jones, 47, of San Jose was arrested at about 2:30 a.m. Jan. 21 for possession of methamphetamine for sale and paraphernalia possession. A traffic stop led to a search of Jones, which turned up 2.1 grams of methamphetamine, a scale, two unused plastic bags and a scoop, along with two pipes.

• Helen Chan, 25, of Sacramento was arrested for obtaining labor by false pretenses and presenting false identification to police after she gave false information to avoid paying

## OBITUARIES

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### Don L. Chalmers

Jan. 27, 1937-Dec. 31, 2012

Donald Leroy Chalmers was born Jan. 27, 1937 at Children's Hospital in Richmond, CA. Don was a lifelong resident and native of Oakland, CA. He attended Manzanita, Brett Harte, and graduated from Oakland High in 1955. Upon graduating from high school, Don enlisted in the United States Air Force where he was eventually assigned to "The Strategic Air Command Headquarters Band." Don always said these were the best 4 years of his life.

After leaving the Air Force Don worked for H.C. Capwells for a number of years until he retired in 2001. It was then that Don, through his best friend Jack Smith, rediscovered his love of music. After 30 years he picked up his beloved clarinet and joined the "Pleasanton Community Band." Later he became a member of the "Walnut Creek Concert Band," the "San Ramon Symphonic Band", as well as several other smaller groups. Don was a member of "The United States Air Force Musicians Alumni Assoc." and "The Worldwide International Military Music Society." His signature piece of music was "Memories of You" by Benny Goodman.

Don is survived by his adopted family: Pat Smith; Vern and Jackie Brooks; Debbie, Mike, Brett, Cole, Carrie, Carter, and Cooper Bennett; and Diane, Greg, and Erin Young.

He has been laid to rest at the Sacramento Valley Veterans Cemetery in Dixon, CA.



# WEEKLY CELEBRATES 13

*So many countries  
and all seven  
continents*

It's been nearly 13 years since former Police Chief Tim Neal dropped off a photo of himself reading an early edition of the Pleasanton Weekly in front of the Statue of Liberty. We liked the photo and ran it with a catchy "Take Us Along" caption.

We know that our readers liked it, too, because we've received — and published — more than 1,100 similar photos since launching the Pleasanton Weekly on Jan. 28, 2000.

Since then, the Weekly has been taken to all seven continents and too many countries to name. From Hawaii to Mexico to China to Europe to Tahoe to Disneyland — we love all of our adventures! And we appreciate people taking the time to set up the photo and send it to us. Thanks to professional photographer Jerry Pentin, who was recently elected to the City Council, we've even been underwater where reading a newspaper, let alone photographing it, is difficult.

Sometimes readers have to be patient to see their photos run, so we use our anniversary to run a group and help us get caught up. Now it's on to more travel in 2013. Remember to take us along and email your photos to [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com). Include names, location and interesting background about the photo or your trip.

—Pleasanton Weekly staff



**Olympic visit:** Mollie McKay, 11, enjoys her weekly in front of the world famous Tyne Bridge while visiting friends in Newcastle upon Tyne, England.



**Royal visit:** Nischay, a seventh-grader from Harvest Park Middle School, and Nikith, a fourth-grader from Alisal Elementary, enjoy a sunny morning with Weekly during their 2012 summer vacation to Mysore, India — also known as the City of Palaces. They are seen in front of the famous Mysore Palace built in the late 1800s, the official residence of the Wodeyars — the then erstwhile royal family of Mysore.



**Irish eyes are smiling:** While visiting the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland, Mary Crawbuck catches up on events in Pleasanton.



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# 3 YEARS OF TRAVEL



and, during the Olympics.



**Adventure in Russia:** Ann Ferry, Clarice Malta and Shelley Gaglia take their Weekly to Resurrection Gate at Red Square in Moscow.



**Wading in:** The Maass family, Carol, Olaf, Andreas and Adam, enjoys its vacation to Costa Rica in August — with the Weekly.



**Perfect coastline:** Fran and Dick Migliore — and their Weekly — spent a week on the Amalfi Coast as part of a one-month trip to Italy in November.



**Waterfall fun:** Giorgio and Nicholas Navarini enjoy amazing waterfalls, Salto Monday, in the jungle of Paraguay outside of Ciudad de Este, accompanied by children from the orphanage of Mita Pyatu Roga where they and their Weekly were volunteering as Catholic missionaries.

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

## Let *Gorgeous Granny* take you for a spin

*Laughter and fun come naturally to this young senior*

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI  
The sculpture on Barbara Proctor's mantel in her Pleasanton home sums up her greatest joy: to make someone smile or a laugh. She has launched a new business to bring companionship — and laughs — to seniors. At right, Proctor with her mother in Sarasota, Fla., on her 99th birthday. She also gave a big party for her in September, when she turned 100.

growing old isn't for sissies. Just ask Barbara Proctor, 77, a Pleasanton resident who flies to Florida every few months to visit her 100-year-old mother.

Proctor retired Dec. 28 after almost 13 years of working at Life Elder Care in Fremont, where she headed up the volunteers for Meals on Wheels for 10-plus years, then ran the volunteer ride program. Sometimes she herself would take an assignment.

"My specialty are the misfits," she said with a laugh. "The first person I make fun of is me. I've reached that stage in life where I can let it roll off my head."

She grew up in Boston and until she married and had her own three children, she was a second- and third-grade teacher.

"I taught them the alphabet," she said. "Now they come ready for their SATs."

In the 1990s, Proctor came to visit her daughter Susie in San Francisco. She ended up swapping homes for 10 months with a doctor friend of Susie's while he took medical courses at Harvard. After the 10 months were up, Proctor decided to say,

"Susie was in real estate and making money so I got my real estate license," Proctor recalled.

She sold homes in a new subdivision until they were gone.

"I loved the people and despised the paperwork," she said.

Meanwhile she went to see her parents in Florida after her dad had a stroke and became hard of hearing.

"Mom had no patience," Proctor said, but she was able to communicate well with her father. "My mom said I should do something with old people because I was so good with them."

She combined this talent with her real estate experience to work for seven-and-a-half years at Carlton Plaza, an assisted living community in Fremont, helping people choose the best accommodations.

"There was a lady named Evelyn, and I would bring people there and she'd say, 'What do you want to move here for? It's a dreadful place,'" Proctor said, remembering how she enjoyed the job and making people laugh even as they made the momentous decision to move out of their homes.

Then 13 years ago she went to work at Life Elder Care, a nonprofit organization that serves Fremont, Union City and Newark.

"I had to find volunteers for Meals on Wheels and train them for 24 routes, with from eight to 24 stops per route," Proctor said. "I spoke at Lions, Rotary, AARP, to young mothers' groups, I put it into church bulletins."

There is turnover among volunteers, she explained, who leave to take a paying job or have other demands on their time such as a spouse who is ill.

"One hundred and fifty of the drivers I trained are still there," Proctor said with pride.

In her training, she emphasized the importance of the contact with Meals

on Wheels clients.

"You may be the only reason they get up and get dressed," she would tell the volunteers. "Put yourself in their shoes and see what the volunteer means to them."

The interaction was also important for many of the volunteers, she noted.

"I had a driver named Ling who said, 'You have no idea how you changed my life,'" Proctor said. "She was depressed, her kids were off to college."

As her retirement from Life Elder Care in December approached, Proctor did some soul-searching for her next step and realized that she would like to continue working with older folks.

"I like seniors. I know what my mother likes," she said. "My greatest joy is to bring a smile or laugh to someone's face."

"I decided to take my strength with seniors and be the 'good daughter,'" she added.

To that end, she launched GG's Caring Companion Service, named for what her eight grandchildren call her — GG, short for Gorgeous Granny. When grown children want to spend a few hours taking mom or dad shopping or to lunch but need instead to be at the office, they can call Proctor and she'll be happy to do it. She charges \$20 per hour, with a minimum of three hours and a \$5 travel fee.

"I have GPS, thank God," she said. She is happy to drive as far as the peninsula although she must charge a slightly higher travel fee.

On the assignments she's had so far, her experience has helped, she said, especially with the client who was debating whether to move into assisted living.

"Assisted living is a whole different way of living. I can tell them about it," she said, based on her years working at Carlton Plaza.

She is busy spreading the word about her new venture, going everywhere she can find likely candidates to hand out her business cards.

She starts each weekday with a 3.2-mile walk downtown from her home off Vineyard Avenue, which she bought 14 years ago when she moved permanently to the Bay Area.

"I love the shops downtown," she said, pulling out two distinctively styled purses she'd bought recently.

She also travels to Sarasota every few months to see her mother, who still lives alone in an apartment.

Proctor's granddaughter and grandson designed her GG's Caring Companion Service website. They included her philosophy of life: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass — it's about learning how to dance in the rain."

Call Proctor at 461-2495 or email Bproctor8@sbcglobal.net. ■



# Rock musical 'Rent' opens at Firehouse Arts Center

Based on 'La boheme,' production wrings emotions from actors, audience

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Firehouse Arts Center is on fire these days with rockin' music, energized and evocative dancing, and high emotion. Last weekend the Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre opened its production of "Rent," Jonathan Larson's 1997 rock musical based on Verdi's classic opera, "La boheme."

This version tells the story of impoverished artists and musicians struggling to survive not in Paris but in New York's Lower East Side. While there is no tuberculosis, four of the main characters have AIDS or are HIV positive.

"I was lucky to see it in 1997. It literally changed my life," Director Jasen Jeffrey said in a Q&A with the cast after Sunday's matinee. "Everyone on that stage was myself or one of my friends. I thought, 'How did Jonathan Larson know my life?'"

The play is still relevant, he added, and will be until a cure is found for HIV-AIDS.

Half the audience remained for the discussion with the actors and director, and comments were highly laudatory for the production — the singing, the dancing and the emotions they evoked. At the final bow,

Robert Lopez, who plays Roger, the HIV-positive songwriter who wants to write the perfect love song before he dies, had tears streaming down his face.

"When my cast was done, I warned them we're going to go to some of those places, raw, hard to go to. I had to get the trust and respect of the actors to go that far," Jeffrey said.

"This is my third time directing 'Rent' in the Bay Area," he added, noting that the three auditions drew close to one thousand people from all over the country. "It was very difficult and very easy casting. You know in your heart when you have the right people at the right place at the right time."

Musical director Sean Kana praised the cast members for their work with the demanding songs.

"The show is so harsh on vocal chords," Kana said, and the cast worked hard to keep the "vocal integrity of show."

Alan Mingo Jr., a member of Actor's Equity Association, played the lead part of Tom Collins, a teacher and computer-age philosopher. He also played the role on Broadway.

"When the show came out, ev-

## 'La boheme' — set in 1997

**What:** "Rent," music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson

**Who:** Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre

**Where:** Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton

**When:** 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, and Sunday, Feb. 10

**Cost:** \$19-\$35

**Tickets:** 931-4848 or [www.pcr-productions.org](http://www.pcr-productions.org)

everyone lost their voice," Mingo recalled about the Broadway production. "There were two people for every major role in the wings. It's so vocally hard, we had to hold the hand of the musical director. He told us, 'It's not about the notes, it's about the beast.' That made it so much easier."

This production has more dancing than did Broadway's, Jeffrey pointed out, with a clever tango and lots of rock. Choreographer Nicole Helfer talked about a dreamlike dance sequence where the street

people were trying to escape their misery.

"I told them to try to get out of a door that kept getting further and further away," Helfer said.

The flamboyant drag queen Angel, played by Equity actor Adam Theodore Barry, has especially dazzling songs and dances, including a back flip and a jump onto a table — in very high heels.

"At the audition I really wanted the part so I did the back flip," explained Barry, who is performing the role for the second time, but including the flip for the first time.

"They are the same shoes — and the same table jump," he added.

Taylor Jones, who plays Mimi, has done the role before but said this time she is older and a lot has happened in her life.

"I could bring more to the character doing it now," she said. "It's scary to go to these places — but it's cleansing."

"Rent" is the ninth longest running show in Broadway history and was awarded the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best Musical. Jeffrey brings a fresh vision with the Pleasanton production.

"It's about true relationships, and how they ultimately end up changing our lives," he said.

"I'm so happy you brought this to our community," a woman in the audience told them. "I saw it in San Francisco, and your production is far, far better."

The cast agreed the musical played better on the smaller stage close to the audience.

"What's beautiful about the Firehouse is that it is so close, intimate," Jeffrey had said before the show opened. "It makes all the emotion the actors will be doing that much more powerful."

"Thank you for bringing the show



WALLY ALLERT

Andrew Humann portrays Mark, a struggling documentary filmmaker and the narrator of the show.

here to Pleasanton," another woman remarked. "Eight years ago my brother became my sister. We are all in the human race together."

"It's about purity of people's hearts — to find people in the community to help them get through it," Jeffrey said.

"We had a very short time to bring this emotional package to the stage," he noted, "two weeks, then two days for lights and sets. We had to work as a full team, it was really collaborative. Some didn't even know the music."

Other leads are Andrew Humann as Mark, Roger's roommate and a filmmaker whose heart has been broken by Maureen; Allison Meneley as Maureen, an actress who left Mark for Joanne; Estelle Fernandez as Joanne, a lawyer; and Phillip Davis as Benny, the landlord who wants last year's rent.

"Those emotions — you guys were incredible," an audience member told them.

Experience it for yourself, through Feb. 10 at the Firehouse Arts Center. ■



## Golden girls

Seven teens from Troop 30986 under leader Karen Rodriguez were honored in a Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony on Jan. 5 at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street: (l-r) Derusha Baskaran, Sara Borchers, Morgan Ingram, Sunyoung Kye, Meghana Vijayraghavan, Claire Williams and Sarah Williams. Their projects, planned and implemented with input from a project advisor and requiring a minimum of 80 hours of the Scout's time, were as follows:

■ Derusha Baskaran, a senior at Amador Valley High School, created "Wii-hab" for physical therapy patients using the Wii gaming system for new exercise techniques. She held a teaching session where she taught physical therapists how to use it and demonstrated routines for specific patients.

■ Sara Borchers organized "A Note to Follow," with Pleasanton high school musicians giving free lessons to 30 fifth-graders who had never had private lessons. Afterward she conducted them in a concert and used the \$430 raised to ship music supplies to a sister school in Joplin, Mo.

■ Morgan Ingram's Gold Award was a holiday party Dec. 8 at the Veterans Memorial Building for underprivileged children with a magic show, Santa and fun activities; each child left with a gift, at least three books they chose, a new blanket and a present. Families received baskets of food and school supplies.

■ Sunyoung Kye hosted a holiday party in Richmond for 150 underprivileged children with Santa and fun activities. Everyone left with gifts donated by Scouts, socks filled with stocking stuffers, backpacks with school supplies, blankets and food baskets.

■ Meghana Vijayraghavan's project was to help foster relationships between older and younger people by meeting with older people, taking their photos and sending them to the young people in their lives, who did the same and wrote about it. These moments were organized in booklets and presented to the seniors.

■ Claire Williams, a senior at Amador Valley High, organized a holiday celebration for 131 Alameda County foster care families in 2011, complete with Santa, elves, cookie decorating and crafts. Each child received a new coat, backpack of school supplies, a blanket, book and a stocking filled with goodies and gifts.

■ Sarah Williams, a sophomore at Scripps College, earned her Gold Award in 2010 with her "Creative Kindness," soliciting help from schools, senior centers, Girl Scouts and others to make fleece blankets for foster care children. More than 20,000 blankets have been distributed through her "Pay it Forward" legacy kits.

  
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## Auditions

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## Author Visits

**COMIC BOOK ARTIST SIGNING** Tim Vigil, a comic book artist mostly working in the horror genre, will be at Heroes and Villains Comics, 264 Main St., from 3-7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2. His main graphic novel, "Faust," was adapted as the 2001 movie, "Faust: Love of the Damned." The follow up "Faust: Book of M," was nominated for the 1999 Bram Stoker Award for Best Illustrated Narrative. Call 399-5352 or visit [www.heroesvillainscomics.com](http://www.heroesvillainscomics.com).

## Classes

**FREE CHAIR YOGA** Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga. The chair replaces the yoga mat and the student is able to warm up the body safely and perform seated and standing poses with more support and stability. The class is from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 28 through Feb. 25 at CareMore Care Center, 4270 Rosewood Dr. No cost. Call 360-9228 or email [debra-dowman@yahoo.com](mailto:debra-dowman@yahoo.com).

**MICROSOFT EXCEL CLASSES** The Pleasanton Library is presenting intermediate and expert level Excel classes. Classes will be taught by a finance professional with 10 years of experience. Beginners Excel class is Wednesday, Feb. 6, Intermediate Excel class is Wednesday, Feb. 20., and Expert Excel class (includes VBT Programming) will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28. Classes will be held from 6-7 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Registration is required, as space is limited. Ask at the Reference Desk or call 931-3400, ext. 7. Library programs are free and open to everyone.

## Clubs

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** The Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, will hold its Feb. student awards and the chapter meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, at Pleasant View Church of Christ, 11300 Dublin Canyon Rd., Pleasanton. The annual Awards Ceremony will include a live staging by Pleasanton's Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps (YAPS), presentation of awards, and refreshments. Call 510-866-3042 or email [dggroome@comcast.net](mailto:dggroome@comcast.net).

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, at Alisal Elementary, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Natalie Elola, owner of the Lucky Garden in Dublin, will speak on

unique advantages, techniques and equipment for hydroponic growing. For details, call Bev at 485-7812.

**SELF-PUBLISHING: SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS** Jennifer Basye Sander will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch, speaking about avenues for becoming published. The talk is from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Rd. Cost is \$15 for non-members and \$10 for members. Call 216-5238 or email [reservations@trivalleywriters.org](mailto:reservations@trivalleywriters.org).

## Events

**CHINESE NEW YEAR AT THE LIBRARY** In celebration of Chinese New Year, Xiaopei Chinese Dance will perform traditional Chinese music and dance from 2-3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. The program will showcase a variety of solo, duet and group performances. It will also feature music performed on traditional Chinese instruments. Call 931-3400

or visit [www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library).

**GNON (GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING)** Join GNON for the people, the food, and the networking opportunity and Linda Wyner of Pans on Fire for fun, prize drawings and a chance to make new friends. The event is from 5-8p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Pans on Fire, 3059 Hopyard Rd. Cost \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. RSVP by Feb. 4 at [gnoners@gmail.com](mailto:gnoners@gmail.com).

**LAUGHING AT LIFE COMEDY SHOW BENEFIT FOR VETERANS** Mrs. Northern California-America 2013 Charlene Jones and Operation Warriors Foundation will bring PJ Walsh to perform at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., to perform one night of comedy to raise money to help local veterans co-pay for prescription medications. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for military and veterans. Call Mark Jones at 510-984-1125.

**PLEASANTONIANS 4 PEACE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** Pleasantonians 4 Peace is sponsoring a Candlelight

Vigil at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13, in front of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. They will reflect on the human and monetary costs of the war, honor our veterans who have sacrificed, and visualize ways of moving beyond this conflict to a more peaceful world. For more information call Cathe Norman at 462-7495 or email Matt Sullivan at [mjs7882@gmail.com](mailto:mjs7882@gmail.com) or visit [www.pleasantonians4peace.org](http://www.pleasantonians4peace.org).

**RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN THE JEWISH STATE** Noted scholar Nitzhia Shaked will explore the issue of religious pluralism in Israel, examining its roots and the "status quo" agreement made by David Ben-Gurion prior to the nation's creation. The event is from 7:30-9:15 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6 at Cong. Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Ct. Cost \$10. Call 510-318-6453 or visit [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

**TRI-VALLEY PRESCHOOL FAIR** Join Child Care Links and the city of Dublin for the 13th annual Preschool Fair. Visit and personally meet representatives from more than 25 preschools from all over the Tri-Valley in one location. The event is

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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.

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED** Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will present author and guest speaker Marcus Ruiz Evans at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 7, at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Evans, who has worked liaison between the State of California and the Federal government for over 10 years, will discuss why California is a possible solution to the current national political problems. Dinner is \$26 for members and \$30 for guests. Contact Devy Torrance at 234-2209.

## Exhibits

**WATER+COLOR: CWA'S 43RD NATIONAL EXHIBITION** The California Watercolor Association's new exhibit, Water+Color, will run from through Feb. 16 at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. This prestigious exhibit of water media paintings features works by 80 nationally recognized, award-winning artists. Donations are appreciated. Call 931-4848 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Fundraisers

**BINGO BASH** The Italian Catholic Federation, Branch No. 285, is holding its annual "Bingo Bash" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16 at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 372 Maple St., Livermore. Fundraiser will aid the Cooleys' Anemia research at Children's Hospital Oakland and the college scholarship fund. There will be 10 games of bingo, dancing to the music of DJ Joe Buonsante and a prize drawing and line dancing led by Melanie Calabrese. Cost \$10. Beverages, pizza and snacks available for purchase. Reservation required; call Helen at 462-3798. If unable to attend, donations accepted. Mail to ICF, C/O E. Meier, 6597 Lansing Ct., Pleasanton 94566.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### Believe/Achieve art exhibit

"Sentinel Sycamore," a plein air watercolor and collage by Pleasanton artist Charlotte Severin that was inspired by a tree near the Alviso Adobe, is part of the Diablo/Alameda Branch of the National League of American Pen Women's Believe/Achieve art exhibit on display at the John O'Lague Galleria at Hayward City Hall from today through March 30. A free artists' reception will be open to the public from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8; Pen Women writers will read original works at the reception, and artists will make brief comments about the works on exhibit. Other artists participating are Natica Angily, Kazumi Cranney, Evelyn Glaubman, Elizabeth Hack, Leona Nichandros, Dori Pendergrass, Pallavi Sharma and Tomye.

The National League of American Pen Women began in 1897 in Washington, D.C., when three well known professionals in the fields of writing and art were denied access to the Press Club because they were women. They formed their own organization, beginning with 17 women of achievement in letters, art and music composition for networking support. Today it has about 4,000 members.

coffee/tea. No-host bar. The fundraiser is from 6-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9 at Shannon Center, 11600 Shannon Ave., Dublin. Prize drawings & silent auction. Benefits Just Like New fund which provides financial aid for local animal medical needs. Cost \$50. Call 323-8517 or visit [ValleyHumane.org](http://ValleyHumane.org).

**SIXTH ANNUAL WINES AND VALENTINES** The Museum on Main and Castlewood Country Club will pair up for the museum's Wines and Valentines fundraiser at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8. The evening features a Garre Vineyard guest speaker sharing information about the winery's pairings for the four-course dinner; a vegetarian meal is available. Live and silent auctions are also planned. Tickets (\$85) are available at the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., 462-2766.

## Kids & Teens

**CHILDREN'S OPERA AUDITIONS** The Cantabella Children's Chorus will hold auditions from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore, for Benjamin Britten's children's opera, "Noye's Fludde" (Noah's Flood). Opera camp for principal roles will be June 24-July 12; production dates will be July 13-14. Audition fee is

\$20. For kids in grades 6-12. For audition packets and financial aid information, visit [www.Cantabella.org/opera-camp](http://www.Cantabella.org/opera-camp) or call 292-2663.

**FIFE & DRUM CORPS** Pleasanton-area youths (ages 8-17) are invited to join the 1776-era Young American Patriots Fife & Drum Corps of Pleasanton. This 3-year-old band has performed at more than 30 events. Visit [www.youngamericanpatriots.com](http://www.youngamericanpatriots.com).

**M.O.M.'S READING TIME** The Museum on Main, 603 Main St., has announced its themes for its 2013 preschool pre-literacy program, M.o.M.'s Reading Time, that introduces preschoolers to a variety of holidays, events and cultures through books and activities. Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for this free monthly reading program from 10-11 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month. On Feb. 13 "Snowy Day" by Jack Ezra recognizes Black History Month. Call 462-2776 or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

**PTOWNLIFE'S YOUTH LITERATURE CONTEST** [Ptownlife.org](http://Ptownlife.org), Pleasanton's Youth & Family website, is sponsoring its first Youth Literature Contest. Tell your story about growing up, your childhood, or what it means to be a kid.

Pleasanton youths, 3rd through 12th grades, are eligible to submit an original story, and prizes will be awarded to the top stories in each age group (3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12 grade.) The top five overall stories will be featured on Ptownlife. Visit [Ptownlife.org/play/contests](http://Ptownlife.org/play/contests) for Official Contest rules and how to submit your entry. For more information, call 931-3430 or email [info@ptownlife.org](mailto:info@ptownlife.org).

## Live Music

**AVHS WINTERGUARD BAND COMPETITION** Amador Valley High School will host the AVHS Winterguard Competition from 5-10 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at 1155 Santa Rita Rd. The Pleasanton Unified Middle School Winterguard will also be participating. Food Truck Mafia will have a variety of gourmet food trucks serving from 5-9 p.m. with a percentage of the proceeds benefiting the Amador Band. Event cost is \$10 for adults; kids under 5 free. Contact Ellen Pensky McGraw at 699-7921 or visit [www.amadormusic.org](http://www.amadormusic.org).

**DAN ZEMELMAN QUARTET** In commemoration of Black History Month the Dan Zelman Quartet will perform the music of legendary African American jazz composers such as Duke Ellington, Billy Strayhorn, Horace Silver, Woody Shaw, John Coltrane, Miles Davis and more. The music is at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Drop by and enjoy this free hour-long concert of superb jazz on Super Bowl Sunday: You'll still be home by kick-off time! Dan Zelman is a formidable "key" pianist of jazz music in the Bay Area. Call 931-3405.

## On Stage

**'PRINCESS IDA'** Enjoy Gilbert & Sullivan's fun tale of a feminist princess, "Princess Ida," and the cross-dressing prince who vies to win her love, at 8 p.m. Feb. 9, and 2 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$22-\$46. Call 373-6800 or visit [www.lamplighters.org](http://www.lamplighters.org).

**'THE FULL MONTY'** Tickets are on sale now for Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of "The Full Monty," showing at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, from Saturday, Jan. 19, through Sunday, Feb. 3. For more information, visit [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org). For tickets, visit the Bankhead box office, call 373-6800, or go to the website.

**AN EVENING FROM A GRANDMOTHER'S PERSPECTIVE** The Museum on Main's 2013 Ed Kinney Series, in recognition of Black History Month, will present "An Evening from a Grandmother's Perspective" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12. Ann Collins will take the stage to examine the perspectives of African American women during the trying years of the Civil War through World War II. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 members and seniors, \$3 students and teachers. For tickets call the museum at 462-2766 or visit [www.museumonmain.com](http://www.museumonmain.com). The lecture series takes place at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

**VALENTINE'S EVE SHOW** The Valentine's Eve Show at the Firehouse Arts Center will star internationally acclaimed comedienne Karen Rontowski, who is not only known for her optimistic and inoffensive humor but also for her quick wit and genius improv skills with audiences. Opening for Karen is self-described comic dork Phil Johnson. The show is at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$15. Call 931-4848 or visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Seniors

**BUNCO** Play this popular dice game with your friends at the Senior Center, a great place to socialize and make new friends. The group meets from 10 a.m.-noon, every Tuesday, Jan. 29 through March 19, at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Cost is \$1.75 for residents and \$2.25 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 or visit [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

**WALKING SOLE MATES** Join the Pleasanton Senior Center as we kick off our new walking group. Get out and meet new people while walking the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail with them. Meet at the staging area or register to ride over on Paratransit. For more information please contact the Senior Center front desk at 931-5365. 8:45-11 a.m. Wednesdays Free. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton. 931-535. [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org)

## Spiritual

**BIBLE & BREW** St. Clare's Episcopal Church would like to invite anyone in the community who is interested to join them for heartfelt fellowship, Bible Study, and a good cup of coffee from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Wednesday at 3350 Hopyard Rd. You don't need to be a member of St. Clare's to attend. Their hope is you will find this time of day convenient. Call the church office at 462-4802 or visit [www.stclare-spleasanton.org](http://www.stclare-spleasanton.org).

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# Sports

## Pleasanton hockey wins Tri-Valley championship

Upset victory over San Ramon ends 2-1 at Dublin Iceland

By Tom Powers

In its first year of existence, the Pleasanton High School Hockey team pulled off an upset 2 to 1 victory over a very strong and talented San Ramon Grizzlies team in the Tri-Valley High School Hockey championship game on Sunday, Jan. 27, at Dublin Iceland.

After playing a 10-game season these two teams earned the right to battle for the second annual Tri-Valley High School Hockey Championship Trophy. The Pleasanton team, made up of students from Foothill High and Amador Valley High, had been beaten handily by San Ramon in both of their two previous meetings, 7-2 and 6-2.

While San Ramon controlled play through most of this very exciting game, some outstanding goaltending by Pleasanton's Jimmy Mayo right from the start kept Pleasanton in the game.

Pleasanton scored first, midway through the first period on an extremely rare play. With a delayed penalty coming against Pleasanton,

San Ramon pulled goaltender Willie Chan to allow an extra skater while San Ramon had the puck. An attempted pass to a San Ramon defenseman missed its target and slid down the length of the ice into the open San Ramon net, giving Pleasanton a 1-0 lead.

San Ramon scored late in the first period with a power play goal, making the score 1-1 at the break. Midway through the second period, Pleasanton centerman John Scheeler got behind the defenders and made a tremendous individual effort to beat Chan while being hooked to the ice by a San Ramon defender, giving Pleasanton a 2-1 lead.

From that point forward, Mayo took over the game, making save after save while he and his Pleasanton teammates did everything they could to hold off the onslaught of shots on goal and preserve the upset victory for Pleasanton.

The Pleasanton team was coached by Les Magoon who was assisted by Dane Garis, Eric Lahrs and Tom



SCOTT SCHEELER

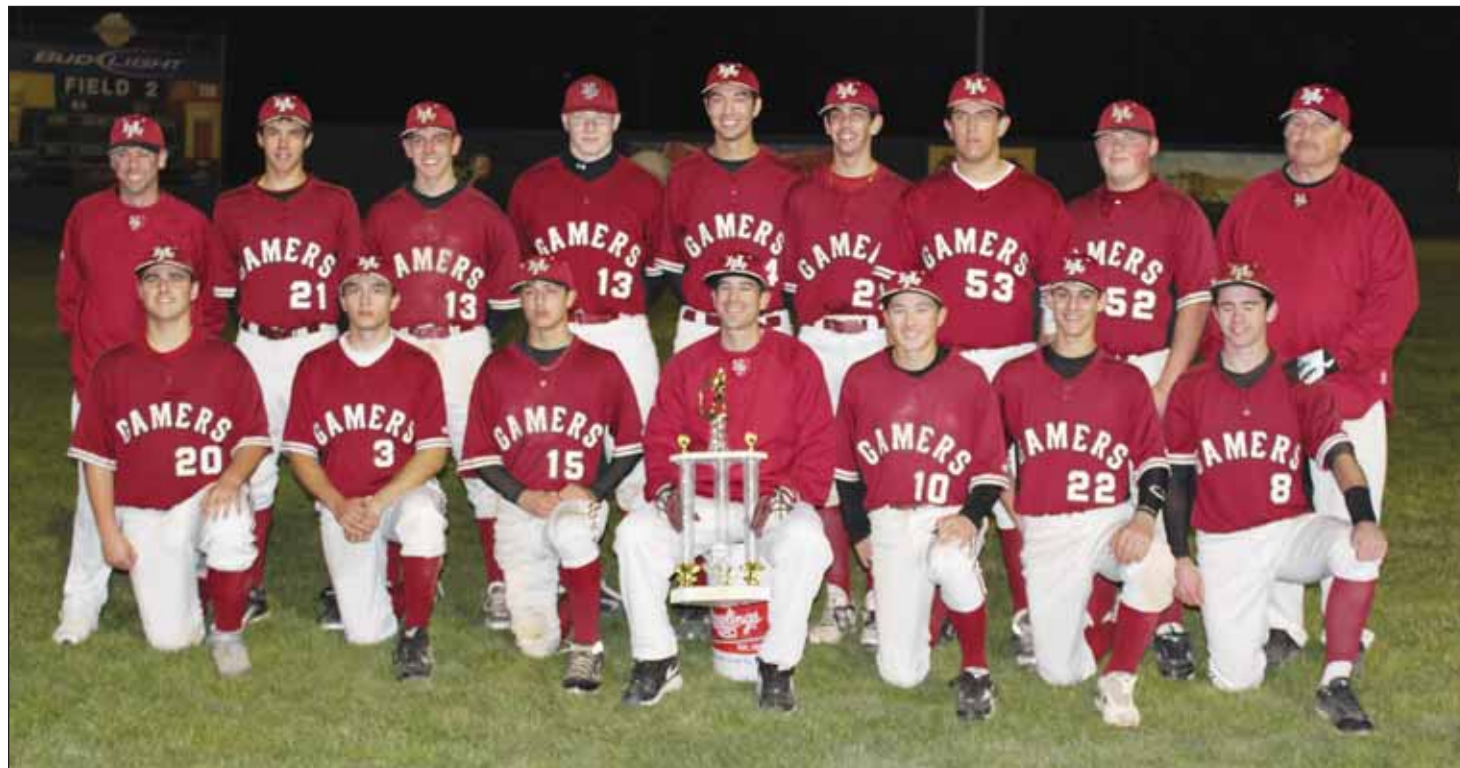
The Pleasanton High School Hockey team after its victory in the Tri-Valley High School Hockey championship games. The team combined athletes from both Amador Valley and Foothill high schools this year but next year there will be two teams, one for each school.

Powers. Players were Adrien Wisch, Samantha Magoon, Zach Smith, Michael Lamos, Andy Buck, Ben Ross, John Scheeler, Christina Williams, Kevin Garis, Nick Powers, Eva Kristof, Connor McClintock, Chris Mattox, Pravin Chandra, Max Miller and Jimmy Mayo. Also on

the team but unable to make the title game were Bailey Held, Max Kelly and Raymond Abels.

With this inaugural season of high school hockey behind them, the players and coaches are looking forward to next season, when this team will be divided into

two teams, one of Amador students and the other of Foothill students. As high school hockey continues to grow throughout the Bay Area, right here in Pleasanton we hope to have the beginnings of another great Amador/Foothill rivalry. ■



The Gamers 24 team members are (front, l-r) Carl Cantwell, Eddie Weber, Isaac Cruz, Manager George Athan, Adam Hollar, Kevin Burt, JD McDonnell, (back) Coach Tim Cabral, Jordan Ott, Austin Chauvin, Jeffery Huettenehain, Jonathan Freshman, Sam Cabral, Matty Proetel and Coach Jeff Hollar. Not pictured are Cameron Santos, Javier Iglesias and Brandon Jefferis.

## Gamers win Frost Bowl

The Gamers 24, made up of high school juniors from Pleasanton, San Ramon, Danville, Livermore and Castro Valley, won the 18U Senior AAA Frost Bowl baseball tournament at the Twin Creeks sports complex on Jan. 26-27. Gamers 24 won all four games in the tournament, outscoring opponents 42-5.

It was a total team effort of great pitching, hitting and defense. Jonathan Freshman, Jordan Ott, Brandon Jefferis, Sam Cabral, Javier Iglesias, Kevin Burt and JD McDonnell pitched superbly for the Gamers. The combined pitching staff did not allow an earned run in the tournament.

Eddie Weber, Carl Cantwell, Tyler Tate and Sam Cabral all hit big fly home runs for the Gamers.

JD McDonnell was excellent behind the dish, throwing out a runner trying to steal second base to end the championship game.

The Gamers 24 will now take a break from the travel ball circuit while they play for their respective high school teams. ■

## SPORTS DIGEST

### Judges Cup for gymnasts

Emily Balicanta, 12, from Pleasanton and Naomi Chin, 11, from Dublin, who train at California Gymnastics Academy in Livermore, earned spots on the NorCal State



Team from a field of more than 70 competitors at a qualifying competition in Stockton on Dec. 8 to go to national competition, held Jan.

5 in Daytona Beach, Fla.. Their scores were instrumental in the NorCal State Team taking home the NAWGJ National Judges Cup First Place Team Trophies.

The All-Star Team comprised of female gymnasts from Northern California beat out teams representing 18 states to win the National Judges Cup State Level 7 Team Challenge for a fourth consecutive year. The competition

took place at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center and is run by the National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges.

### Gold Medal award for Seahawks

The Pleasanton Seahawks were awarded the Gold Medal Club Award in December for the accomplishments of their senior level

swimmers holding Junior National and US Open times. The Seahawks now represent the top 20 senior clubs in the nation.

The Club Excellence Program identifies and recognizes USA Swimming clubs for their commitment to performance excellence. The program provides grant funding and recognizes the club development system as integral to achieving excellence in the sport.



## 'Recovering' housing markets picking up steam

More metro areas seeing gains in residential construction

By JEB BING

In the latest sign of a burgeoning recovery in U.S. housing markets, the number of metropolitan areas on the National Association of Home Builders/First American Improving Markets Index (IMI) rose for a fifth consecutive month to 242 in January.

That was up from 201 markets listed as improving in December, and includes entrants from 48 states and the District of Columbia.

The IMI identifies metro areas that have shown improvement from their respective troughs in housing permits, employment and house prices for at least six consecutive months. A total of 47 new metros were added to the list and six were dropped from it this month.

Newly added metros include such geographically diverse locations as Los Angeles, Cleveland, Des Moines, Nashville, Richmond, Va., and Auburn, Ala.

"We created the improving markets list in September of 2011 to spotlight individual metros where — contrary to the national headlines — housing markets were on the mend," noted NAHB Chairman Barry Rutenberg, a home builder from Gainesville, Fla.

"Today, 242 out of 361 metros nationwide appear on that list, including representatives from almost every state in the country," he added. "The story is no longer about exceptions to the rule, but about the growing breadth of the housing recovery even as overly strict mortgage requirements hold back the pace of improvement."

"The IMI has almost doubled in the past two months as stronger demand during prime home buying season boosted prices across a broader number of metropolitan areas," noted NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "Similar home price gains, and hence the IMI, may be tempered in the future as we see data from typically slower months for home sales."

Kurt Pfothhauer, vice chairman of First American Title Insurance Co., agreed.

"Potential home buyers should be encouraged by the positive momentum in home prices, permitting and employment that is increasingly evident in not just isolated housing markets, but a broadening swath of the country," he said.

The IMI is designed to track housing markets throughout the country that are showing signs of improving economic health. The index measures three sets of independent monthly data to get a mark on the top improving Metropolitan Statistical Areas. The three indicators that are analyzed are employment growth from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, housing price appreciation from Freddie Mac, and single-family housing permit growth from the U.S. Census Bureau.

NAHB uses the latest available data from these sources to generate a list of improving markets. A metropolitan area must see improvement in all three measures for at least six consecutive months following those measures' respective troughs before being included on the improving markets list. ■

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- 7431 Brigadoon Way** J. Leavens to J. Fraser for \$350,000
- 7106 Cross Creek Circle #B** J. & N. Dyer to D. Valentine for \$212,000
- 8301 Davona Drive** Bamboo Consulting to M. Lee for \$485,000
- 7959 Diana Lane** Murray Trust to H. Zuniga for \$505,500
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #112** Toll Dublin Limited to M. Rachapalli for \$400,000
- 3275 Dublin Boulevard #317** T. & N. Lewis to Bradley Trust for \$365,000
- 3245 Dublin Boulevard #433** K. Montazeri to M. Mirhashemi for \$299,000
- 3420 Finnian Way #416** Toll Dublin Limited to E. Lim for \$306,500
- 7342 Hansen Drive** D. Futak to R. Lao for \$582,000
- 10936 Inspiration Circle** G. & K. Winblad to S. Nawwar for \$925,000
- 5772 Kingsmill Terrace** G. & F. Oliver to R. Khaware for \$1,265,000
- 11693 Regio Drive** V. Arias to E. McCaskey for \$465,000
- 4639 Sandyford Court** T. Madappa to E. Wilner for \$370,000
- 6582 South Mariposa Court** KB Home to S. Laplante for \$481,000
- 2874 Southwind Lane** Kiley Trust to S. & D. Garg for \$920,000
- 2955 West Sugar Hill Terrace** US Bank to G. Sawant for \$950,000
- 2638 Whitehorse Way** Brookfield Windwood to J. Xiong for \$739,000
- 2650 Whitehorse Way** Brookfield Windwood to G. Lin for \$713,000
- 7738 Woodren Court** US Bank to W. Kang for \$521,000

Livermore

- 557 Alameda Drive** J. & C. King to S. Williams for \$400,000
- 490 Andrews Street** J. & S. Francis to N. Turner for \$285,000

- 4157 Bristlecone Way** S. Thalhuber to D. Bankhead-Meiers for \$384,000
- 1916 Broadmoor Street** J. Nissen to W. Lennan for \$366,000
- 1053 Canton Avenue** B. & C. Schaeffer to M. & S. Gross for \$437,500
- 791 Crane Avenue** Hello Housing to Ashland NSP Limited for \$327,000
- 3041 Danielle Lane** S. & A. Ahuja to T. & K. Tran for \$951,000
- 351 El Caminito** Newport Murrieta Land Company to A. & G. Klein for \$530,000
- 241 Elvira Street** Pacific Coast Capital Investors to C. & K. MacDonald for \$499,000
- 3123 Four Hill Common #1** Four Hill Properties to J. & C. Flebut for \$338,500
- 492 Hagemann Drive** G. Garami to M. Chen for \$462,500
- 3803 Inverness Common** Nationstar Mortgage to P. Eckert for \$340,000
- 5204 Iris Way** S. & P. Stafford to T. Saracino for \$380,000
- 388 James Street** Federal National Mortgage to USA California Realty Fund for \$333,500
- 5143 Kathy Way** D. McCallister to R. & K. Johnson for \$415,000
- 5946 Kim Court** S. & R. Edwards to M. White for \$650,000
- 1385 Lambaren Avenue** Chandra Tariq to D. & C. Schaefer for \$144,500
- 5940 Linwood Common** B. & H. Rosenblatt to P. Hansen for \$466,000
- 170 North N Street #106** Signature at Station Square to I. & S. Pelz for \$365,000
- 170 North N Street #110** Signature at Station Square to B. Smith for \$336,500
- 2774 Rivers Bend Circle** D. & M. Paz to S. & K. Horton for \$775,000
- 977 Sunset Drive** A. & J. Martinez to A. Jimenez for \$400,000
- 3710 Valley View Way** Hutchins Trust to Little Trust for \$669,000
- 1629 Vancouver Way** Claremont Homes to A. & C. Anderer for \$620,000
- 162 Zephyr Place #100** Signature at Station Square to K. McArthur for \$362,000
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- 4290 Croce Court** R. Chakoff to C. & M. Allen for \$801,000
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- 2775 Huff Drive** S. & B. Khunti to S. Sidhu for \$793,000
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- 2297 Vineyard Heights Lane** Wyatt Trust to A. Mi for \$1,579,500
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- T. Wyatt for \$3,900,000
  - 1736 Zenato Place** Malmed Trust to A. & L. Leeds for \$1,545,000
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  - 9885 Broadmoor Drive** C. Mathrusse to E. Karupiah for \$590,000
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Dublin

Total sales reported: 20  
 Lowest sale reported: \$212,000  
 Highest sale reported: \$1,265,000  
 Average sales reported: \$574,950

Livermore

Total sales reported: 26  
 Lowest sale reported: \$144,500  
 Highest sale reported: \$951,000  
 Average sales reported: \$448,846

Pleasanton

Total sales reported: 17  
 Lowest sale reported: \$289,000  
 Highest sale reported: \$3,900,000  
 Average sales reported: \$1,046,324

San Ramon

Total sales reported: 14  
 Lowest sale reported: \$200,000  
 Highest sale reported: \$1,180,000  
 Average sales reported: \$629,536

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SOLD FOR \$1,015,000

1766 ORCHARD WAY, PLEASANTON  
LOCATED PLEASANTON VALLEY



SOLD

4 BD, 2 BA 1,882sf. on a 7,650sf. lot. Single level home in central Pleasanton. Open floor plan, wood floors throughout. Spacious kitchen with breakfast nook. New roof, updated kitchens and baths. Covered patio in rear yard for all weather entertaining. SOLD FOR \$720,000

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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, **OFFERED AT AND SOLD FOR \$539,500**

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4355 CAMPINIA PLACE, PLEASANTON

Gorgeous custom single level on .60 acre premium lot in desirable Ruby Hill private gated community. Beautiful views of surrounding hills and vineyards. Five bedrooms, three bathrooms, custom gourmet kitchen with granite slab countertops. Extensive crown molding, Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring, expansive master suite. Completely finished three car garage. Beautiful grounds include mature professional landscaping, built-in BBQ, viewing/sitting area, large covered patio and extensive lawn area. Ruby Hill community amenities include country club. **OFFERED AT \$1,439,000**

HIDDEN OAK

SOLD



1010 LAMB COURT, PLEASANTON

Former model home, upgraded throughout, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2029 sq. ft. Built in 1999. Premium 3654 sq. ft. Corner lot. Upgraded contemporary kitchen, adjacent family room, formal dining & living rooms, wood burning fireplace, two car garage, walk to downtown (1 minute walk to main street). Crown molding throughout, dual pane windows downstairs, triple pane windows upstairs (most), upgraded carpeting, dual zone heating & air conditioning, ceiling fans/lights in all bedrooms. **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. **SOLD FOR \$850,000**

CUSTOM HOME

SOLD



6513 ARLINGTON DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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

PLEASANTON VALLEY - "BIRDLAND"

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