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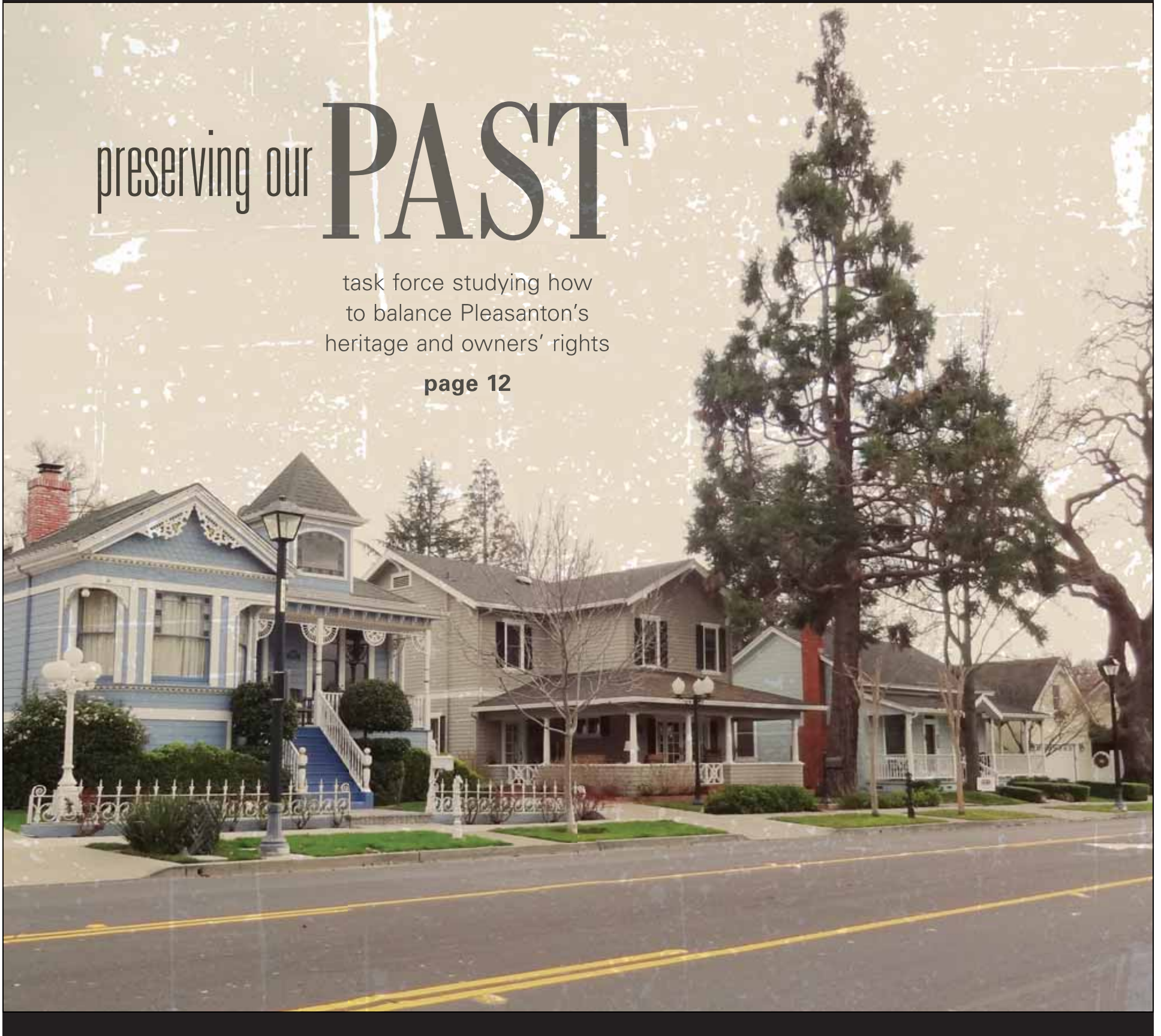
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

Arc manager Richard Fitzmaurice (left) works with his crew of developmentally disadvantaged clients who are paid to wash vehicles at the Pleasanton Operations Center. Standing (right) from front to back are Chris Studendor, 25; Tom Clifton, 39, and Andrew Chin, 22.

Remembering Scottie

Richard Fitzmaurice lost his 7-year-old son Scottie to cerebral palsy in the mid-90s, a tragedy that led him to turn his attention — and his career — to helping hundreds in need of special care. Fitzmaurice was a newsman at KCBS for years, married his colleague Linda in 1985, and they had Scottie two years later. It wasn't long before they realized Scottie was not developing as he should, with the diagnosis by Children's Hospital doctors coming in the child's early years. They were referred to First Step, a special care program for preschoolers operated by Arc, a nonprofit agency that works with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. When Scottie turned 5, he moved into a special program in the school system before his death in 1994.

As their careers moved on, with Richard joining AT&T and Pacific Bell in public relations and Linda following her interests in raising and showing pedigreed dogs, including recently at Westminster, they never forgot the loving care Scottie was offered and the people at Arc who provided it. Eventually, Richard joined Arc's board of directors and, when Pac Bell offered an early retirement package, he accepted an offer to become a development officer for Arc, where he's been for the last five years.

Each day, Arc welcomes 500 developmentally disabled people at its San Leandro headquarters, even more at First Step for younger children at its newer facility in Hayward, and those who are more capable of handling jobs at its Livermore offices. As a parent who remembers the special needs of developmentally disabled children and their parents, Fitzmaurice is the caregiver with unique expertise on serving these needs. These are the same folks you might see

at a Special Olympics program in Pleasanton, where he lives, or those with handicaps who are employed in programs at Safeway and by other companies to help the disabled lead better lives.

Wednesday, Fitzmaurice supervised three "clients" (as they are called) who were being paid by the city of Pleasanton to wash vehicles at the city's Operations Services center. That kind of work gives Arc clients a chance to provide services in line with their capabilities while also earning a part of their living costs. At Arc, others train to handle different skills, some learning how to ride public transit on their own for the first time. Most are 22 years old and older, beyond the point where public education provides for their training and special needs.

Recently, an Arc client completed 30 years of service at a Fremont hardware store, a part-time job she was trained to handle that involved sorting bolts, nuts and screws delivered to the store into small bags that consumers would buy. At its Livermore facility, Fitzmaurice pointed to two clients that had learned the skills of packaging medical test kits for a Tri-Valley laboratory and packages of dental supplies for a regional dental group. Each received modest pay for the work, but their smiles showed they were happy to have productive work.

Fitzmaurice remembers the smiles he and Linda always saw on Scottie's face even in the worst of his seizure disorders. It's those similar smiles from those he's able to serve at Arc that keeps his son's happier days in his mind as he works with those in similar circumstances.

The Arc, by the way, will hold a fundraiser and golf tournament May 6 with the theme, "Driving towards Independence." Call Fitzmaurice at (510) 366-1416 for more information. ■

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Streetwise

AROUND TOWN

How do you feel about public displays of affection on Main Street?



Scott Di Santo
Service administrator

PDA is OK with me, as long as I'm included.

Sandy Holliday
Pilot

Sweet, subtle hand-holding is usually appropriate on Main Street. A fleeting peck on the cheek or lips when "lost in the moment" and not in the presence of children is OK in my book, as well.



Lorraine Melendrez
Student

It really depends on who it is. If it's an elderly couple holding hands or hugging each other, that's sweet. But if it's young kids hanging all over each other, I think that's inappropriate. And no matter what, it had better not be MY kid.

Karam Abdou, D.D.S.
Dentist

Hand-holding is fine, but anything more intimate than that does not belong on Main Street. And I think that that is especially true if children are present.



Mahshid Vassiliadis
Mother

Well, I think public displays of affection, like holding hands or an innocent kiss, are both OK, but more than that doesn't belong on the street. Anything more than hand-holding or an innocent kiss should be reserved for the privacy of one's own home.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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

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Dr. Multani is a graduate of Jawaharlal Nehru College in Wardha, India and completed her residency in Family Medicine at SUNY, Buffalo, NY and San Joaquin General Hospital in Stockton, CA. She has participated in a number of Palliative Care courses at Harvard Medical School, UC San Francisco and the University of Wisconsin.

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Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Dublin is hosting its 30th annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration this weekend beginning with a \$5 pancake breakfast from 7-10 a.m. Saturday at Fire Station 16, with the Dublin Lions Club Parade kicking off at 9:30 a.m.

The St. Patrick's Day Festival will take place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza. Admission is free.

Saturday night is the Green and White Gala hosted by the Dublin Sister City Association at the Dublin Senior Center, and Sunday morning is the Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk starting on Dublin Boulevard near the Civic Center; race-day registration begins at 7:15 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m.

Water main replacement

Pleasanton is replacing the water main along Vineyard Avenue between Adams Way and Bernal Avenue beginning this month and ending in June. Two parallel water mains will be installed, and piping for the pump station at the southwest corner of Vineyard and Bernal will be upgraded.

Work will take place weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The street and sidewalks will remain open. On-street parking may be restricted; the contractor will install barricades 48 hours in advance to indicate prohibited areas. Residents will be able to access their driveways throughout the day but may encounter delays while equipment is in front of their homes.

Residences along Vineyard Avenue will have water shutdowns, expected to be less than two hours, when the water mains on the side streets are connected to the new water main and individual services are connected to the homes. The contractor will provide notice 48 hours prior to the shutdown of water service.

Firehouse training volunteers

The Firehouse Arts Center is holding its spring orientation for volunteers from 6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, March 28, at the Firehouse Theater, 4444 Railroad Ave. Positions include usher, greeter and gallery docent.

Volunteers, who must be 16 or older, need to attend an orientation before working. For more information and to pre-register, contact program coordinator Jen Koch at jkoch@cityofpleasantonca.gov or call 931-4846.

Centerpointe preschool closes for training after incident

Church regrouping in the aftermath of photo showing toddler bound with masking tape

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The Centerpointe Christian Preschool is closed until Wednesday for staff to get extra training and for management to review procedures after it was discovered that a teacher bound a 2-year-old with masking tape.

"We'll do training Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Saturday and Sunday will not be all-day sessions but there will be hours spent each day," church spokesman Tim Hunt said.

Investigators from the Pleasanton Police Department have interviewed the preschool's staff, and a statement from the church notes, "We are cooperating fully with the ongoing investigation

and the legal outcome is unknown."

As of press time, the investigation was continuing.

Until October, the preschool had a spotless record. Then, in the period of five months, the school, based at the church on Cornerstone Court, received eight citations from the state Department of Social Services, which oversees preschools and daycare centers.

This week, the preschool received its most serious violation to date, after a picture of a 2-year-old girl with her wrists and ankles bound with masking tape was shown by former teacher Angela Calcagno to the girl's mother.

The picture was taken by Calcagno, and apparently shown to the child's mother — another teacher — at a social gathering. It's unknown when the photo was taken.

"We haven't seen the picture. The cops presumably have seen the picture although I do not know that for a fact," Hunt said. "The only people I know who have seen the picture are two teachers — one, the mother of the child and another teacher."

The state DSS has apparently seen the photo, too, according to a report filed March 7.

"It was nap time and according to the

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Pleasanton Weekly candidates' forum set for April 9

Chance for public to hear from 4 candidates vying for City Council seat

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Weekly will host a free, public forum Tuesday, April 9, at the Civic Center for the four candidates seeking election on May 7 to fill a vacant seat on the Pleasanton City Council.

The four candidates are Mark Hamilton, David Miller, Kathy Narum and Olivia Sanwong.

The forum will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. Doors at the Civic Center, located at 200 Old Bernal Ave., will open at 6 p.m.

Those attending the forum will be given cards as they enter which they can use to write out their questions of individual or all candidates. The moderators of the forum, Gina Channell-Allen, publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, and editor Jeb Bing will then ask the candidates to answer these questions along with others. The candidates will have time for brief opening and closing remarks, but they will not see the questions in advance.

The forum will be videotaped for later broadcast on community television's Channel 29 and also on the Pleasanton Weekly's website at www.pleasantonweekly.com.

The candidates' forum will be held one day after the Alameda County Registrar's office starts distributing ballots for the special election. Voters can start voting once they've received the ballots, which must be received and in the Registrar's office no later than 5 p.m. May 7. Unlike in previous Pleasanton elections, this will be by mail-in balloting only; there will be no regular polling places for voters to cast their ballots.

The council vacancy occurred when Councilman Jerry Thorne was elected mayor in November, leaving two years of his unexpired term as councilman. The candidate chosen to succeed him on the council May 7 will serve until the 2014 municipal election, but also can seek reelection to that post for a four-year term.

Responding to a Pleasanton Weekly query, each of the four candidates provided information about themselves and their candidacy, which follows in alphabetical order:

Mark Hamilton

Mark Hamilton, 52, is a 25-year resident of the Bay Area and Pleasanton, where he raised his two sons, who attended Pleasanton schools. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Purdue University and an M.B.A. from Golden Gate University. He is the Financial Services Di-



ALAN GRETH



Play ball! Little League opens 2013 season

Pleasanton National Little League T-ball player Landon Kenney (at left) smacks the ball on opening day last Saturday at the Pleasanton Sports Park. Above, T-ball players from the Nationals and Mets recite the Little League Oath prior to their game.

Tossing out the symbolic first pitches before a full day of games were Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), Pleasanton Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio, school board president Jeff Bowser and retired pro-baseball player Greg Jeffries.

rector at ADP Inc. in Pleasanton, where he has worked for the past 15 years. He also served 24 years as a senior officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. He has been deeply involved in community affairs with a focus on youth groups and athletics.

"I love our community and want to protect it for future generations. I bring a fresh perspective and new ideas to local politics and ensure transparency of city government. I have no affiliations with organizations that could benefit from local legislation. My decisions will solely be in the interest of all residents. My priorities include: fiscal management, planned growth, protection

of schools, police and fire safety. I will prioritize expansion of our parks and recreational sites and bringing new jobs to Pleasanton. City government should be non-partisan. I bring an independent perspective, and proven management skills. With your vote, I will ensure Pleasanton remains the ideal community for all families.

More information on Hamilton is available at www.HamiltonforPleasanton.com.

David Miller

David Miller comes from humble beginnings
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NEWS

Night watch

When Tom Coleman set up an infrared camera to take still shots of the night life in his back yard, he expected to see raccoons and deer with an occasional skunk and opossum. Viewing his photos recently, he was startled to spot a mountain lion strolling right next to his home, which is in a wooded area near Arroyo de la Laguna at the base of the Ridge.

Coleman said he often sees the neighbor's cat, Frankie, in the photos so it was surprising to see the little cat go by and, in the next frame, the big cat.

"Someone from Fish and Wildlife confirmed it was a mountain lion," Coleman said Tuesday. "The local game warden estimated this lion to be at least 40 pounds. He described it as medium size."

The warden told Coleman mountain



TOM COLEMAN

lions primarily eat deer and turkeys. "He said they usually go after one deer a week and consume that. They don't see humans primarily as a food source — but he did say they are very

opportunistic," Coleman said.

The mountain lion left a big paw print as he jumped over a retaining wall on Coleman's property. Coleman took a photo of that, too.

Council candidates warned to wait until March 29 to post campaign signs

Timeframe limits complaints about 'sign blight,' city manager says

By JEB BING

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho has asked candidates in the special City Council election scheduled for May 7 to wait until March 29 to post campaign signs in the community.

The letter followed complaints that campaign signs had been posted more than a week ago by candidate David Miller.

"It has been reported that there are isolated sightings of campaign signs on some residential and

commercial properties throughout the city," Fialho said in a letter sent March 5 to the four council candidates.

In addition to Miller, others seeking the vacant council seat are Mark Hamilton, Kathy Narum and Olivia Sanwong.

"I would like to call your attention to the established commencement time for displaying campaign signs, Friday, March 29, which is 40 days prior to the election," Fialho wrote.

"While this requirement is voluntary, we have found that local candidates have historically complied with this standard for the benefit of the community. I'm hopeful that all of you will do the same," he added.

Fialho said that the city has found that the 40-day timeframe limits complaints from the community regarding "sign blight" and narrows the time in which city code enforcement is required to follow up on improper placement of signs on public rights of way. ■

FORUM

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and grew up in small town America. His wife, Laura, is a Chinese immigrant. They have three young daughters and live in Pleasanton.

A successful Silicon Valley businessman for 25 years, David has helped grow Nvidia from 500 employees to 7,500 with over \$4 billion in sales annually.

Miller said he was encouraged to run for City Council to give business owners, homeowners and taxpayers a greater voice in city government. His is a new voice and a fresh perspective that will work for positive growth and community development that won't harm Pleasanton's unique small town charm and exceptional quality of life.

As a well-known and respected community advocate, Miller said he has helped find ways to resolve Pleasanton's pension liabilities without raising taxes, fought special interests that wanted to create barriers to new business development and found new ways for Pleasanton schools to control their budgets without compromising classroom performance.

More information is available at www.votedavidmiller.com.

Kathy Narum

Kathy Narum is an experienced

civic leader. Currently in her fifth year as Planning Commissioner, she also served as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and numerous city task forces and volunteer groups. Her civic involvement coupled with her experience as a small-business owner and chemical engineer in the private sector has provided her the leadership skills necessary to accomplish goals set before her.

A long-time Pleasanton resident, Narum said she will listen to the concerns of all residents and work to maintain Pleasanton's quality of life and small town feel. To accomplish this, her priorities include fiscal responsibility by reducing the city's unfunded pension liability while increasing revenues, ensure responsible growth, maintain our excellent schools, and preserve and create more parks and open space. Narum is endorsed by Mayor Jerry Thorne and more than 40 current and former civic leaders. To learn more about Narum, visit www.kathynarum.com.

Olivia Sanwong

Olivia Sanwong represents "multiple segments of Pleasanton's population," which she states is the most important reason why she is inspired to run for City Council. "When I look at the current makeup of our City Council, I believe there is space for someone, like me,

who is:

- An Experienced High Tech Professional
- A Longtime Member of the Community, since 1981
- A Pleasanton Unified School District Alumna
- Generation X & Y
- Asian American
- A New First-Time Homeowner
- An Engaged Citizen

"My City Council agenda combines practical experience with fresh new ideas to ensure Pleasanton continues to advance our economy, schools and infrastructure while also holding on to the cultural values that make Pleasanton dear to our heart. I am already working toward this as a member on the city's Economic Vitality and Cultural Plan committees."

She was recently appointed by Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) to the Women's Advisory Committee for California's 15th Congressional District. More information is available at vote4olivia.com.

The Pleasanton Weekly will make its endorsement for one of the candidates after the April 9 forum, to be published in the April 12 print edition of the newspaper and online.

Questions for individual or all of the candidates may also be sent by email to editor@pleasantonweekly.com. ■

PRESCHOOL

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complainant, the child would not take her nap. A staff member who is no longer employed at the center told the child that if she did not take a nap, that the staff member was going to tie her up. The child continued to refuse a nap, and the staff member tied up the child's ankles with masking tape," that report said.

"This photograph was then shared with current and former staff members of the facility. It was confirmed that the photograph showed the girl with her ankles and wrists tied with masking tape while sitting on her cot at the facility."

In a separate letter, dated March 11, the preschool teacher who bound the child was declared a threat by DSS.

Calcagno, who quit Centerpointe Christian Preschool in February, was ordered by the state not to have any contact with clients or to be "physically present" at the school.

"The Department has determined that the continued or future presence of this person in your facility constitutes a threat to the health and safety of the clients in your care," a letter from DSS to the preschool says.

Failure to comply could lead to the suspension or revocation of Centerpointe's license.

"The department's top priority is the children in their care," said DSS spokesman Michael Weston.

The child's mother has also left her position, Hunt said.

Until this week, the school had largely minor violations, all of which began in October when the school was cited three times.

Two citations were for leaving 12 preschool children in a room unsupervised — apparently for less than a minute — and for leaving bleach where it could be reached in the same room.

Hunt said that occurred when a teacher, who was using bleach on art pieces the children were working on, stepped outside to hang the art.

The third citation that same day came when an inspector from DSS determined the preschool had not conducted a fire drill in the last six months.

An inspection in December showed no violations, but in January, the preschool was cited four times in a single visit by DSS.

The preschool allowed a 17-year-old volunteer to supervise children on a single day in January and it was fined \$150.

"On Jan. 24, that was just a flat error, no sugar-coating it — a 17-year-old was supervising children," Hunt said.

The school was also cited on that visit for leaving a bottle of bleach in a laundry area where it could be reached by children, and for leaving two metal stumps — once part of a bench — sticking out of the ground.

Those metal stumps have been removed, and staff discussed better handling of potential dangerous items.

"You coach, you council and you train your whole team," Hunt said.

The visit also confirmed a com-

plaint that the preschool's former director, Greg Robitaille, had been bringing his infant son to the center to be cared for by staff. He was ordered by the state not to bring his son in again.

In February, the school was cited by the DSS because at four classrooms, the number of children on the sign in/sign out sheet did not match those in attendance. According to the DSS report dated Feb. 13, parents hadn't signed their children in.

Hunt said that shows the facility was making progress.

"It was a darn strong program and something goes off track. We were making steps to get it back on track and then this happens," Hunt said, referring to the incident surrounding the 2-year-old.

With one class B violation in February, he said, "In our mind, that speaks to progress being made, and then this other thing pops."

Weston said the DSS is taking the case seriously.

"In this case here, you have a facility that has a recent history of non compliance issues, and

DSS has a variety of enforcement measures we can use," he said. "The focus of our enforcement and our licensing is to protect the children in their care. If a single incident rises to the level where the department feels there's a need to close a facility, we can close a facility in a day."

In general, he said, there is an escalation that begins with citing a facility.

"There's 10,523 daycare centers in the state. That's just daycare centers, not counting daycare (in private) homes. Citations are something the department writes every day. The standard is compliance."

Pastor Mike Barris said the congregation at Centerpointe was "appalled and shocked" at the incident.

There have been six resignations by teachers in the preschool and one in the school-age program during the time surrounding Robitaille's resignation, although the church will not provide details due to employee confidentiality. A search for a new director was set to start this week. ■

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Teachers ask for return of reading specialists, smaller class sizes

By Glenn Wohlmann

About 30 teachers showed up at the Pleasanton school board meeting Tuesday night to call for changes to district plans to shift away from specialists who deal directly with children to coaches who train teachers, and to ask for smaller class sizes for young students.

Elementary school teacher Iris Belenson said morale is "on a downward spiral," with expectations that teachers can do the same job with larger classes.

Belenson asked that reading specialists be returned to working directly with students.

"How are these specialists supposed to be more effective if they're not working with students?" she asked. "Where is the data that supports this?"

She said decisions are being made that aren't being explained and that don't seem to be done in a thoughtful manner.

"We need to be part of the decision process," Belenson said.

Teacher Mary Jo Carreon said "the top-down management style" is hurting teachers.

"Decisions are being made without teacher input," Carreon said. "Board members, we respectfully ask you to look into who is making these decisions."

Two kindergarten teachers, Erin Salcido and Cindy Vance, told the board that young students are being shortchanged because classes

are too large.

"Having 30 students in a class is just too many," Vance said. "Please support lower class sizes."

Susan Snyder-Johnson, a retiring teacher, said she and her colleagues aren't getting the respect they deserve.

"Why are teachers being told what to do and how to teach by people who have never been in the classroom?" Snyder-Johnson said.

The teachers spoke during the open comment portion of the meeting, so board members could not respond. However, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi referred to the comments in her report.

"I completely agree with our teachers about when we have new (policy) adoptions, we need to have teachers involved," she said. Ahmadi also said people need to focus on the positives.

"This district has magical students supported by magical staff," she said.

Students in kindergarten through third grade will be moving to a 20 to 1 ratio in the 2014-15 school year under current district plans that call for spending \$2.9 million for class size reductions. At least part of the shift from specialists to coaches is due to legal requirements for schools that fall into program improvement status for failing to keep up with the increasingly tough standards created under the No Child Left Behind act.

Also at the board meeting Tuesday night, members heard some positive news about state funding.

"There are no spending reductions for next year," said Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares, smiling as she repeated the sentence.

Cazares also said the state could send the district as much as \$5.4 million split over the next two years if it fully funds cost of living adjustments.

Meanwhile, the district is planning to pay down some outstanding debt, and is getting \$300,000 more from the state than it's spending on special education students.

The district is allocating more than \$161,000 for technology up-

grades as part of a plan to get newer computers. Those computers will be required as the district moves to electronic testing as part of the nationwide push for higher standards of learning called Common Core State Standards.

"It's starting to feel like there's a light at the end of the tunnel," Cazares told the board.

The district also received more than expected from the state for average daily attendance because there have been fewer absences.

Cazares said she isn't especially worried about direct cuts as a result of sequestration, since the district receives little in direct federal funding. She said, however, that

she is worried that sequestration cuts could slow down the country's economic recovery and slow down building in Pleasanton, which would cut developer fees.

Board Member Jamie Hintzke asked if the \$2.9 million geared toward reducing class sizes in the lower grades could be spread out to fourth and fifth grades so that some class sizes for all elementary students could be reduced.

The board also heard about opportunities for students to become apprentices in the building trades or as firefighters. An information session on apprenticeships was held Thursday. ■

Wells Fargo bank held up

Pleasanton police are looking for a man with a Jamaican accent who held up the Wells Fargo bank in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road late Tuesday morning.

The man entered the bank at about 11:10 a.m. and presented a note stating he was robbing the bank and demanding cash, police said. No weapon was displayed.

He fled the bank on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash, and no vehicle was seen.

The man is described as a black male, age 30 to 40, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, according to police.

He was wearing a light colored long-sleeve shirt, blue or gray pants and sunglasses and spoke with what police described as a Jamaican accent.

No one was injured.

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



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Business News

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Pleasanton Chamber to host 50th annual awards event next Thursday

Presentations to be made at Firehouse Arts Center

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce will honor individuals, organizations and businesses next week at its 50th annual Community Service Awards event at the Firehouse Arts Center on Thursday, March 21.

The 3-1/2-hour event will include gourmet food stations, entertainment vignettes, hosted beer and wine, and

silent and live auctions as the Chamber recognizes this year's honorees.

Those being honored are 1st United Services Credit Union for business philanthropy; Simpson Strong-Tie for excellence in business; volunteers serving the Pleasanton Police Department for excellence in service; the Clorox Co. and

Cafe Main for their green business achievements; and the Regional Food Storage Facility in the distinguished city initiative category.

Tickets for the event cost \$75 and can be purchased online at www.pleasanton.org. Tickets must be purchased by today, Friday, March 15. ■

1st United Services launches new website

ATM locator, Dashboard with money manager add more mobile services

1st United Services Credit Union, at 5901 Gibraltar Drive in Pleasanton, changed its website this week, adding new features such as an ATM locator, online calculator, credit union news, online call-back and a social media share console.

Steven Page, who represents the firm, said the new site has a very

clean and simple look for easy navigation. Those using its online banking feature also now have access to Dashboard with Money Manager, P2P by PayPal, Bill Pay, Quick Transfer, view another account, alert center, eStatements and more. Even 1st USCU's mobile app gets an upgrade with Mobile Deposit.

Founded in 1932, 1st United Services Credit Union is open to anyone who resides, works or attends school in Alameda or Contra Costa counties, with 10 branches, free mobile and online banking and free access to more than 28,000 CO-OP Network ATMs nationwide. For more information, visit <https://www.1stuscu.org>. ■

Chianti's celebrates 2nd anniversary

Main Street restaurant offers genuine Italian recipes

Chianti's, a popular Italian restaurant in downtown Pleasanton, will celebrate its second anniversary Monday with a special daylong menu.

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

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

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

The restaurant can seat 445 patrons inside and another 20 or so outside. Chianti's is open every day from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. ■

Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau names Portland travel executive as its new president

Pleasanton-based organization, formerly called Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, promotes tourism in Livermore, San Ramon valleys

The Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau, headquartered in Pleasanton and formerly known as the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, has announced the hiring of Barbara Steinfeld as its president.

Steinfeld comes to the Tri-Valley after 16 years with Travel Portland, where she most recently was vice president of Tourism-Sales. She succeeds Grey Raeside, who left the Tri-Valley organization last year.

Prior to joining the Portland tourism organization, Steinfeld worked as the International tourism manager at the Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau for eight years. She began her career at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, where she spent four

years as a Tourism and Economic Development consultant.

"We are very excited to welcome Barbara Steinfeld as our new president," said Faye Cater, chairwoman of the Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau board of directors. "She has a vast and extensive tourism background and is a great addition to our team."

A graduate of Northwestern University with a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology, Steinfeld also earned a Guide License from the Israel School of Tourism. Currently she is chairwoman of the U.S. Travel Association's Destination Council and is past chair of the Cultural & Heritage Tourism Alliance, of which she is a co-founder.

"I am very excited to lead the team at the Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau," Steinfeld said. "I look forward to getting to know each of the cities and promoting this beautiful region."

Steinfeld will join the Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau on April 8.

The Tri-Valley Tourism Bureau is the destination sales and marketing organization for the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville and the surrounding region. It promotes the Tri-Valley area as a preferred destination for visitors, meetings and events. It is located at 5075 Hopyard Rd, Suite 240, in Pleasanton. For more information, call 846-8910. ■

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Love triangles, political struggles, and lunch time quarrels set the stage of "In The Winner's Circle." Middle school's established power couple, President Rich and Lindsey, are thrown off balance when a charismatic new student transfers over under mysterious circumstances just a few weeks before the last day of school. With the balance of power destabilized, President Rich and his friends have to fight back to keep what's theirs.

Rusteen Honardoost is making his official writers debut with "In The Winner's Circle." A senior at University of California San Diego, Rusteen studies Visual Arts and Political Science. Writing has been his passion for the past 4 years, and he's proud to make his debut in his home town of Pleasanton.

Directed by Hans Probst, a graduate of Amador Valley High School. Currently studying theatre and economics. He has worked for TVYPA since 2010.

Hans and Rusteen met at Lydiksen Elementary School at age 8. The two have been best of friends since, and already have the groundwork for their next production, "Nostalgia," set to perform the weekend of June 2.

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LETTERS

Narum for council

Dear Editor,

When I look at the candidates seeking Pleasanton's vacant city council seat, one name stands out: Kathy Narum. We served on the Parks and Recreation Commission together with the intent of making Pleasanton topnotch not only for our citizens but also for the many sports teams that would utilize them over the years. Kathy was the one who not only helped highlight

the need to renovate the athletic fields at Amador Valley Community Park but she also worked to get the project funded and eventually completed. Her same efforts with the development and completion of Val Vista Park followed.

Her knowledge of every neighborhood in Pleasanton, her interest in Pleasanton's parks, trails and open space along with her knowledge of other Pleasanton issues — financial stability and responsible growth among them — say we should elect Kathy Narum to Pleasanton City Council.

Kurt Kummer

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Pleasanton sports: The players keep coming

Demographers report that Pleasanton is fast-becoming a "mature" city, but the thousands of youths turning out for sports this year aren't following the same script. Mark Spiller, Pleasanton's Community Services Manager who has charge of all sports programs in the city, said 1,700 boys turned out last weekend for opening day of their Little League teams. Another 900 girls are expected tomorrow when the Pleasanton Girls Softball League starts its season. While those numbers aren't much higher than a year ago, they're record-high and there's no indication registration for youth sports is slowing down. In fact, with 3,000 high density apartments approved for construction in Pleasanton, it's likely many of the new tenants moving here will have children in the T-ball to 18-year-old senior baseball team categories and in other sports.



JEB BING

Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) welcomes fans to opening day of the 2013 Pleasanton Foothill Little League season Saturday at Bernal Community Park fields.

Besides continually growing numbers of youth players in city and school sports that now go year-round, the number and types of sports is also growing. Lacrosse, historically an East Coast/Ivy League sport until gaining strength here and other parts of California 10 years ago, now requires the sports fields at Hart Middle School (for boys teams) and Harvest Park Middle School (girls) part of the year. Soccer teams play in the spring and fall and the season is just starting for Pleasanton Junior Football, a league that's also setting new registration records.

Players here have the advantage of playing on some of the best-groomed and equipped fields in the Bay Area with the two new lighted baseball fields at Bernal Community Park, home to the Foothill Little League, fast-becoming a picture-perfect place to play and watch games. Another lighted diamond is at the Upper Fields on Bernal Avenue, with the American and National Little League teams playing on 20 more fields at Sports Park. Lighted adult fields at the Hopyard Road end of the park provide play now seven days a week for 185 business, churches and other teams that compete in adult softball, including fast-pitch and other tournaments on Saturdays.

About the only sport that hasn't yet caught on in Pleasanton is rugby, which has its dedicated players and fans but not yet the numbers to fill a field here. That is changing as more ethnic groups move to Pleasanton from countries where rugby and European-style football are favorites, so Spiller is taking note. As it is, he meets with the Pleasanton Sports Council, with representatives of all the sports clubs and with the school district to line up fields as each specific sports season gets under way. By the end of summer, all of Pleasanton's sports fields are allocated for the following year. New fields planned for Bernal Community Park in 2014 won't come soon enough for a city that loves its sports. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Serial graffiti suspect arrested

A 16-year-old student at Village High has been arrested in a series of graffiti vandalism cases between December and February that caused more than \$10,000 in damages, police said.

Pleasanton police received numerous reports of graffiti in which the letters SCOS were tagged with spray paint or paint markers. Much of the vandalism occurred to Pleasanton city property, but some private citizens and businesses were also victims.

A collaborative effort between police and Pleasanton Unified School District staff identified a 16-year-old Village High School student as a possible suspect, and a search warrant was obtained for his belongings and residence. Evidence of the vandalism was found in the juvenile's possession and he was arrested on felony vandalism charges.

The suspect admitted to involvement in all of the cases under investigation as well as several unreported cases of vandalism. In total, the suspect was linked to 42 vandalisms and it is estimated he caused over \$10,000 in damage to city property alone. There was no estimate of damages

to private property.

Police said the case was not related to the investigation of a threat of shooting made at Foothill High School via graffiti on a girl's bathroom wall.

In other police reports:

• A Pleasanton doctor was arrested March 6 on two felony charges.

William H. Phillips Jr., 58, was arrested after police received a call to his home in the first block of Eaglet Court at about 1:39 p.m.

He was taken into custody and placed under arrest at about 2:53 p.m. on felony counts of domestic assault and threats. Phillips is a doctor at ValleyCare Medical Center, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. No additional information about the incident leading to the arrest was available.

• Two men were arrested March 9 in shoplifting incidents at Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Alejandro Alag Malicdem, 47, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 4:20 p.m. for burglary at both Macy's Womens and Macy's Mens. Assorted clothing worth nearly \$1,000 was stolen and Malicdem was arrested for burglary because he entered the stores with intent to steal. He was spotted by surveillance, who saw him leave a dressing room with fewer items than he entered with, and watched him place items in a bag while he was shopping.

Kevin Wilhite, 18, of Castro Valley, was arrested for felony shoplifting after an attempted getaway from Macy's Mens. Wilhite left a dressing room with a pair of white pants underneath his brown shorts, and with the collar of a shirt visible beneath his sweatshirt. Wilhite was arrested at the intersection of Foothill Road and Canyon Way at about 6:05 p.m. when he was spotted by police after a pursuit by a Macy's security guard.

• Luis Antonio Mendez, 36, a transient, was arrested at about 4:57 a.m. March 6 for several felony counts of burglary, threats and stalking, and a misdemeanor count of violating a protective order.

• Two Pleasanton men were arrested for auto theft about an hour apart on March 11 for taking vehicles from relatives without permission.

Ryan Jay Plummer, 35, was arrested at about 2:45 a.m.; Michael Anthony Maines, 23, was arrested at about 3:53 a.m.

• A 16-year-old male was arrested at Amador Valley High School at about 3:11 p.m. March 8 for possession of a pocket knife. The juvenile's name was withheld because of his age.

• An auto burglary at Chateau Electric in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle netted nearly \$3,500 in sodium lamps — 156 lamps in all — and nearly \$2,000 worth of ballasts, which are used in lighting.

The theft occurred between midnight Feb. 5 and midnight March 4 and was reported on March 7; a pry tool was used to open the vehicle.

• Thousands of dollars worth of electronics were stolen from a car parked at Stoneridge Shopping Center on March 7. The vehicle's window was smashed and two laptops worth \$1,000 apiece were stolen, along with two \$800 iPads, a briefcase valued at \$130, and a \$20 wallet. The break-in occurred at about 5:34 p.m.

• A \$1,000 welder, an electric saw valued at \$400, and a \$300 tank of compressed gas were stolen from a garage of a home in the 5100 block of Springdale Avenue in a burglary reported at 7:39 a.m. March 11. There was no sign of forced entry.

• Camping equipment worth a total of about \$1,000 was stolen from a home in the 4800 block of Harrison Street in a March 9 residential burglary. The equipment was stolen from a locked cabinet in the carport area of the home, which had been pried open.

• A March 10 burglary at the Sheraton Hotel in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road netted diamond earrings valued at \$400, a \$400 iPad, a \$300 cell phone and

a \$200 backpack. The break-in was reported at about 11:03 a.m., when the guest discovered the door to his room had been left ajar.

• A small donation box with about \$150 cash was stolen in a burglary reported at about 7:03 a.m. March 9 at Western Saddlery in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle.

• Two Pleasanton residents reported being victims of fraud in recent days.

In one, two transfers, one for \$8,000 and one for \$4,000, were made from investment accounts owned by a resident of the 8200 block of Fondray Court without his knowledge or permission. One transfer occurred Feb. 16, and the second was March 1. The fraud was discovered when the victim was contacted by someone from one of the investment firms and it was reported at about 10:13 a.m. March 11.

In the other, reported at about 8:31 p.m. March 6 in the 3000 block of Casadero Court, a victim reported accounts were opened in his name, but only one had any charges, an account at Walmart, which charged \$394.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 6

Theft

- 11:46 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; fraud
- 7:49 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft

Auto burglary

- 3:55 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Prowling

- 8:15 a.m. in the 4300 block of Payne Rd

Vandalism

- 7:20 a.m. in the 4000 block of Suffolk Way
- 7:52 a.m. in the 5600 block of Black Ave
- 3:26 p.m. in the 3500 block of Kirkaldy Avenue
- 9:36 p.m. at the intersection of Greenwood Road and Black Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:38 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness
- 1:48 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of marijuana

March 7

Theft

- 12:45 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Auto burglary

- 6:32 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:53 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 10:46 a.m. at the intersection of Holly Circle and Kamp Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 7:19 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia

possession

March 8

Theft

- 12:48 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; bicycle theft
- 7:27 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Auto burglary

- 7:13 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 3:12 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Threats

- 2:23 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 8 a.m. in the 4500 block of First Street
- 7:07 p.m. at Olivia Court

Drug/alcohol violations

- 8:23 p.m. at the intersection of Joshua Court and Muirwood Drive; driving with marijuana
- 10:18 p.m. at the intersection of Apache Drive and Crow Court; DUI

March 9

Theft

- 12:24 p.m. in the 4800 block of Harrison Street; bicycle theft
- 5:20 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; bicycle theft
- 5:58 p.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:22 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Kolln Street; DUI
- 9 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; public drunkenness

March 10

Theft

- 2:32 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; bicycle theft

- 5:59 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 6:36 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:32 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Sunol Boulevard; DUI
- 8:13 a.m. at the intersection of Owens Drive and Johnson Drive; driving with marijuana
- 5:46 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue; public drunkenness

March 11

Theft

- 9:14 a.m. in the 3300 block of Smoketree Commons; fraud

Auto burglary

- 4:22 a.m. in the 7500 block of Driftwood Way
- 12:50 p.m. in the 3400 block of Touriga Drive
- 9:10 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

March 12

Robbery

- 11:10 a.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 12:37 p.m. in the 3700 block of Vineyard Avenue; fraud

Burglary

- 9:18 a.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; residential burglary

Vandalism

- 9:52 a.m. in the 2600 block of Minton Court
- 11:54 a.m. at the intersection of Harvest Circle and Summer Court
- 11:56 a.m. at Norton Way
- 8:30 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Valley Trails

OBITUARIES

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Larry J. Sozzi

May 2, 1947-March 1, 2013
Pleasanton, California

Larry Sozzi, 65, passed away March 1, 2013. He now has joined his mother Violet. Larry is a retired SF Firefighter of 20 years. He had a love for baseball & golf. He is sur-

vived by his wife Debbie, children Rick & Roxanne, daughter-in-law Michelle, his father of 94 years Louis Sozzi, his brother Gary & wife Kathy, his sister Diane Pini & husband Dan, his brother-in-law Rob King & his wife Cindy & nieces & nephews. Larry will truly be missed. The family gives thanks to Hope Hospice, Dublin, CA. Private service.

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preserving our PAST

task force studying how
to balance Pleasanton's
heritage and owners' rights

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The Lewis/Koln Hardware building constructed in 1898 on Main Street and Division is a good example of a commercial building in Pleasanton with Queen Anne styling.

When Gerald Hodnefield wanted to renovate the 1865 home he purchased on Second Street, he knew he would have to go through the city's planning process. The home was first occupied by the first train station master when the railroad came to town, Hodnefield said.

"It took two years to get building permits, and it took another year to do the modifications," he recalled. "The house was 1,000 square feet originally, then between 1920 and 1930, two wings were added. Because this was done back in the '20s and '30s it fell within the 50-year rule."

Although Hodnefield tried to salvage the additions, which had used wood from an old barn, the building inspector would not approve the work.

Hodnefield went through the same process with his daughter when she wanted to tear down her home on Spring Street, which he said was probably built in the late 1930s.

"There was not really much to save but the city Planning Department said you can't tear it down until a historical study was done," Hodnefield said.

When Pleasanton began to form a Historic Preservation Task Force in 2011 at the urging of the Planning Commission, which felt it needed clearer guidelines to make decisions when owners wanted to make changes to old homes, Hodnefield was among the first to apply.

"Both of these projects were very frustrating to get through the Planning Department of the city offices," Hodnefield said. "Because I had such a hard experience, and talking to neighbors who experienced the same, I joined the task force with the intent to simplify things and make them more user-friendly. To change the restrictive aspects of the Planning Department."

Brian Dolan, director of Community Development, said there has been a mixed reaction to the city's level of success in saving old buildings and permitting changes.

"Some think the city's not doing enough if we've allowed old homes to be demolished to allow something new," he said, while others think owners should be free to do whatever they want to their properties.

"If it were easy we wouldn't need a task force," Dolan said.

In November 2011 the City Council confirmed seven task force members: Planning Commissioners Phil Blank and Jennifer Pearce, and residents Emilie Cruzan, Linda Garbarino, Hodnefield, Paul Martin and Bonnie Krichbaum.

Martin also said he joined because of his disappointments when going through the permitting process to renovate an old house. Garbarino and Krichbaum, too, live in historic homes and are on the board of the Pleasanton Heritage Association, which supports "the preservation of our heritage neighborhoods and buildings that define the character of Pleasanton." Cruzan, who lives near Old Stanley Boulevard, said she's noticed the old houses disappearing on Stanley, one by one.

Garbarino said the city was on a good pathway for historic preservation in 2000, then during the next 10-year period things started to deteriorate.

"We started to see the demolition of homes, and new homes that did not fit in historical neighborhoods," she said. "They might have been good in Vintage Hills or Ruby Hill but it was as though someone lost sight of preserving what we had."

Garbarino noted that the city developed Downtown Design Guidelines in 2001, with one section for commercial buildings and the other for residential.

"The city works closely with the Pleasanton Downtown Association and they have good working communications for following guidelines," Garbarino said. "They have good articulation but that's not happening between the city and the residents."

She noted that in studying how other cities



This residence on Second Street was built in 1865 and Hodnefield, who completely renovated the historic home. Street is one of Pleasanton's more highly developed commercial buildings at 450 Main St. was constructed in 1920.



have managed historic regulations, they found that sometimes areas opt out then return because they want the protections.

The Pleasanton task force began meeting in February 2012 and revisited the relevant portions of the Pleasanton Downtown Specific Plan, including its design and historic guidelines. The idea was for the group to come up with a set of standards for the buildings and neighborhoods that would keep downtown's historic character.

"Exactly what's to be implemented by the task force is not yet determined," said Dolan. "It could be as modest as an amendment to the Downtown Design Guidelines that are called for and referenced in the Downtown Specific Plan. Or possibly an ordinance could be created."

A Historic Preservation Workshop was held in the large meeting room at the library for residents of the old neighborhoods on Jan. 31 so they could learn about the efforts of the task force and fill out a survey on the direction they'd like to see it take.

At the workshop, Dolan shared information about a Historical Context Report done for the



nd was the home of the train station master. It was originally 1,000 square feet; wings were added to either side in the 1920s-30s. Its owner, Gerald [name obscured], joined the Pleasanton Historic Preservation Task Force to make the building permit process more user-friendly. Below, this residence on Second Street is a Craftsman-style home built from 1900 to the 1930s, characterized by a low-pitched roof, wide unenclosed eave overhangs and porches. The home was built in 1896 using bricks from the Remillard Brick Co. in Pleasanton.



ty in September by Katherine Petrin of Architectural Resources Group Inc. of San Francisco.

This 124-page document helps identify and evaluate historic resources, traces Pleasanton's history from the Native California settlements beginning in 10,000 B.C., through the Spanish and Mexican settlement from 1797-1848 to the development of the early town, the coming of the Western Pacific Railroad from 1860-70 and beyond. It covers transportation, agriculture, commercial and industrial development as well as residential, civic, religious and institutional development from the 1860s to the 1970s, and immigration. Find it online at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/Pleasanton_Context_Statement-DRAFT.pdf.

There have been four main components of the work of the task force, Dolan explained at the workshop:

Establishing a local historical district, reviewing the history of town, and looking at the approaches of other cities and the state Office of Historic Preservation;

The Historic Context Document, that addresses which structures are important to preserve;

3. The definition of demolition, which can be approached in many different ways; and
4. The city's design review authority to enforce policies.

Pleasanton does have policies for new structures being proposed for historic neighborhoods, Dolan said.

"We try to get you to match what's there so it's compatible, it doesn't stand out," he said. "There are a lot of different opinions to reconcile on that issue."

Dolan also noted that historic preservation has costs for the homeowner or the city.

"We have to adopt some kind of approach," he said. "We had a list of incentives, but they were probably not realistic."

At the workshop, residents were presented with a survey to gather their views on the preservation issues. It asked whether people supported the creation of a historic district and what the boundaries should be; what the time frame should be for historic buildings; how to define "demolition"; when the city's design review authority should be expanded to help maintain the historic character downtown; and

if review processes should be free to residents.

The survey also asked opinions about the Mills Act, which allows a city to enter into contracts with owners of historic resources. Owners restore their properties and, in exchange, cities reduce their property tax.

Dolan said some people get mathematical when defining the term "demolish." Others want to allow flexibility.

"Flexibility is beautiful thing to some people but a curse to others," he said.

Additions to properties have been another problem, he said. In some neighborhoods, the "does anybody care" rule can be applied, but downtown and in the historic district people do care.

"Not all homes are historic but what you do to them does affect the whole neighborhood," Dolan pointed out.

Pleasanton has a regulation that the city will not deal with the first floor of residences but this is aimed at subdivisions where only second-story additions might negatively impact neighbors with issues of privacy and aesthetics.

The city has not refused additions to older

homes, Dolan noted, because historically properties did have additions and alterations. The best example of keeping a building's historic character while altering it considerably and changing its purpose is the Firehouse Arts Center, he said.

Local changes are governed by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), passed in 1970.

"CEQA address historical residences," Dolan explained. "If something is going to adversely affect a historical residence, it is a significant impact."

A report would have to be done before alterations to fully disclose the proposed changes and why they should be done.

Questions arise mainly for residences, Dolan said.

"Businesses come up occasionally but there have not been a lot of commercial projects in the last five years," he said, noting that the latest renovation of the Pleasanton Hotel was consistent with Department of Interior guidelines.

Hodnefield distinguishes between a home that is merely old and one that is historic.

"My effort is to try to recognize truly historic homes that are deserving of preservation," he said. "But the problem with where we are right now is that if you are in the historical district, you have to go through all these hoops even if the home is of no significance."

"My problem with all this is that it is all so subjective," he added.

He suggested homes that homes built before 1900 are historic, and those after 1940 are not.

"From 1900-1940, they probably deserve some sort of survey by someone with expertise as to whether they're historical or architecturally significant."

Hodnefield differentiated two schools of thought on what makes a home historic.

"One is headed by the Pleasanton Heritage Association. They are at the Planning Commission meetings and are very vocal," he said. "The other group says we don't need any rules or regulations."

"I'm in the middle group," he added. "I want to make it easy but still preserve the spirit of what we're trying to accomplish."

Garbarino would like to see the city designate or hire a point person who understands historic architecture and can advise people who are about to renovate a historic home, using the guidelines that come out of the task force.

"Then when people walk in the door, if they are going to buy, restore or add a new house in a historic neighborhood, they can get a sense of what the expectations are," Garbarino said.

The city needs to have a respect for its historic homes, she said, and regulate the guidelines.

"When the city defaults on its responsibilities, citizens are pitted against one another," she said. "That is ugly and it should not happen. Things should be solved at the desk in the Planning Department."

"A Realtor in town told me, 'If I know ahead of time, if the city does a good job communicating, then people will have a better sense of what they can or cannot do,'" Garbarino said. "It's all about communication."

"I hope something positive comes of this," Hodnefield said. "I think all of us on the task force have an open mind."

Dolan will make a presentation of the work of the Historic Preservation Task Force at a City Council meeting soon, to check in with its progress and findings.

The surveys were due Feb. 7, and 43 were turned in. Copies can be found online at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/pdf/SurveyResponses.pdf.

"Fifty percent were in favor of the direction the task force is going, and 50% were opposed to doing anything," Dolan said. "Do we need changes? The answer may be no."

"Some people are afraid of extra regulations and they attract others," he added. "But it's generally accepted that a historic designation will have a positive impact on property values." ■

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

'CREATURES' FACE OFF THIS WEEK



TEEN IMPROV TROUPE OFFERING FOUR EVENINGS OF CREATIVE FUN

Creatures of Impulse, the popular 26-member teen improv troupe, is presenting Improv Face Off this week, based loosely on a Hunger Games-styled theme. Three different performances are taking place at the Firehouse Arts Center after a preview Wednesday night, with each one unique and featuring a different guest opponent troupe.

"The great thing about improv and its inclusive and supportive ideals is the universal appeal it has — improv is all about listening, supporting, saying 'yes' and together creating something from nothing," said Director Mark Duncanson.

Each night of this week's performances, Creatures of Impulse are facing off with another improv team, performing seven to nine rounds per night, with one game or scene per round. After each round, the teams are presenting the audience with a "wall of prizes," and an audience member is randomly selected to choose a prize from a performer. Points are awarded and the games continue, the goal being to foster interactions between troupes.

Livermore Valley Charter Prep's High School Improv Team was onstage Wednesday for a free preview show; Think Fast from Granada High School was on Thursday; and Improv the Nation from Dublin High School is tonight. Tomorrow night the Creatures of Impulse will perform with a professional troupe, The Un-Scripted Theater Company from San Francisco. All shows are at 7:30 p.m.

Creatures of Impulse has grown from its beginnings in 2006 as part of the city of Pleasanton's Haunted House Performance Class, into the respected, award-winning teen improv program it is today.

"All kinds of kids perform in Creatures of Impulse," Duncanson said. "Over the past six seasons we have had

aspiring actors and musicians, but we also attract teens that have never performed on stage, and don't even have aspirations of being on stage later in life."

This season Creatures of Impulse has added performing troupe Puppets of Impulse to its team, performing a full-length improvised musical play, which kicks off its spring tour in San Francisco's Un-Scripted Theater in Union Square.

Creatures of Impulse will again close its season with a bang at the Teen Comedy Festival in Chicago on May 12. This marks its fourth time being the only teen improv troupe to represent California at the national festival.

Founder and director Duncanson is a huge advocate of the supportive improv culture. He himself is a seasoned graduate of the Bay Area Theater Sports improv program and continues to perform professionally. Duncanson credits his college theater instructor Max Pentilescu with unlocking his "improv brain" and teaching him that improv isn't just about comedy, it's about connecting.

Duncanson developed his love for long-form, story-based improv in 1994 when he was cast in "Liquid Soap," an improvised episodic soap-opera based out of San Francisco.

Creatures of Impulse is for teens in grades 9-12, with auditions held in early summer for the fall season. Also available are improv workshops, including "The Great IMPROV Play Date" for ages 11-18, and "The Middle School IMPROV Experiment," both through the Pleasanton Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information on Creatures of Impulse Improv Troupe, Improv Face Off 2013, or to support the spring tour, contact Mark Duncanson at 931-4828 or email mduncanson@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

WHEN: Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton

COST: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door; students are \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS: www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or go to the box office. Box office hours: noon-6 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and two hours prior to the performance.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's own teen improv troupe, is facing off against other teams this week at the Firehouse Arts Center. Improv isn't just about comedy, it's about connecting, says Director Mark Duncanson.

Harvest Park dramatists bring home the gold

School first to bring musical theater to competition

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Harvest Park Middle School was the first school to bring musical theater pieces into the California Educational Theatre Association (CETA) Middle Stage Drama Fest last month at Samuel Jackman Middle School in Sacramento. In other events, students performed monologues, scenes and original works competing for gold, silver and bronze medals.

"Our theater students really shined at the festival, bringing home not only their award medals, but memories of an experience they will never forget," said Leanne Bean, Harvest Park drama teacher. "It takes a lot of courage to perform in front of judges. Our students stepped up and did an amazing job."

Since Harvest Park students were pioneers for musical theater, CETA awarded gold medals to all the students who performed in "Born to Hand Jive" from "Grease." Spencer Shin was given special billing as the lead singer. Also, Middle School Fest will now include a musical theater category at future competitions.

Other gold medal winners of the day were

as follows:

■ Alyssa Bardakos, Jenna Van Ommeren, Blake Staniford, Nick McGuire, Tim Michael and Tyler Cavros for their group scene from "Breakfast Club"

■ Emma Patten, Katie Sullivan, Kelly Simms and Jocelynn Santamaria for their group scene from "Mean Girls"

■ Myah Slaton, Hannah Macasta, Nagisa Smalheiser, Chloe Reddy, April Maestas, Kelly Simms and Jessica Lawer for their musical small group entry, "The Lion King"

■ Hannah So for her monologue, "Being a Teenager."

Thirty-two students entered in two different categories won an overall total of 41 gold medals, 12 silver and 11 bronze at the 11th annual event.

More than 300 middle school students from Santa Cruz to Placer counties competed at the festival. Medal winners were eligible to perform at the annual California Youth in Theatre Day, which was held March 12 in Sacramento.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Theater students at Harvest Park Middle School brought home 41 gold medals, 12 silver and 11 bronze from a recent drama fest held in Sacramento.

"Students learn essential skills in drama class that translate to so many other disciplines," Bean said. "Theater training is not just about preparing students to join California's third largest industry, entertainment. It also teaches self-confidence, discipline, commitment and creativity. I am extremely proud of my students." ■



JAMES MILLE

"Forever Plaid," stars Scott Maraj as Frankie, Glen Riggs as Jinx, Burton Weaver as Smudge, and Daniel Quezada as Sparky.

'Forever Plaid' opens next week

Tri-Valley Rep presents 'goofy revue'

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is extending its offerings north on I-680 to present "Forever Plaid" from March 22-30 at the Village Theatre in Danville.

Tri-Valley Rep reports that the pop-rock musical, written and originally directed and choreographed by Stuart Ross, is "one of the most popular and successful musicals in recent memory. This deliciously goofy revue centers on four young, eager male singers killed in a car crash in the 1950s on the way to their first big concert, and now miraculously revived for the posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that never was."

This production is directed by Caleb Haven

Draper, with musical direction by Evan Alparone, and Kathleen Breedveld, producer.

The four young singers emerge as the "Plaids," and they proceed to pound out lively renditions of old favorites, including "Three Coins in the Fountain"; "Undecided"; "Gotta Be This or That"; "Moments to Remember"; "Crazy 'Bout Ya, Baby"; "No, Not Much"; "Sixteen Tons"; "Chain Gang"; "Perfidia"; "Cry"; "Heart and Soul"; "Lady of Spain"; "Scotland the Brave"; "Shangri-La"; "Rags to Riches"; and "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing."

The Village Theatre is located at 233 Front St. For tickets call 314-3400 or visit www.trivalleyrep.org. ■



PHOTOS BY JEANETTE RICAFRETE

Something special for dad

Mikkel Ricafrente signs one of the six fleece blankets sent to the troops in a recent packout sponsored by the Pleasanton Military Families while (below) Ashlee O'Dell, Ryan Nava and Julia Aldaz show their Easter Cards for the soldiers. The project to send handmade items to the troops took place in the third-grade class of Felicia Douwes at Valley View Elementary under the guidance of counselor Abby Johnson.

"We got donations of fleece material and we made our own dye cut Easter cards," reported Mikkel's mom Jeanette, who helped. Their family includes kindergartner Amalie and dad Erwin, who has been deployed for almost three-and-a-half years.

The Pleasanton Military Families packed everything up that weekend at the Veterans Memorial Building to reach the soldiers in time for Easter.

"Ms. Johnson and I intend to continue this and we're already planning for the next packout in July," said Jeanette Ricafrente. "Pleasanton Military Families is always in need of donations, hand written cards, etc., and a little effort in our classrooms goes a long way for our soldiers in harms way. And it also means a lot for us, the family members."



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Clubs

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN

REVOLUTION The Jose Maria Amador Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its next chapter meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 16, in San Ramon. Keynote speaker will be Karen Theofanides discussing "Women in the Revolution." For meeting location and other details, call Diane Groome at 510-866-3042.

GNON (GIRLS NIGHT OUT

NETWORKING) GNON and B2B Gathering, Inc. are hosting a Networking Seminar and Tradeshow from 5-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Cost \$5. RSVP to gnoners@gmail.com. For information about the club and this event, call 487-4748.

TRI-VALLEY CARES Everyone is invited to the next monthly meeting of Tri-Valley CAREs (Communities Against Radioactive Environment) from 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, March 21, at the Livermore Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave. For

details, call 443-7148 or visit trivalleycares.org.

Concerts

GREG KIHN IN CONCERT Greg Kihn and his band will perform from 8-10 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 22-23, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton. As a rock star, novelist and radio personality, Kihn brings his long standing, wide spread, and high energy talent to the stage with all his classics including the 1983 hit "Jeopardy." Tickets are \$40, \$45, \$50. Purchase online, by phone or in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office. Call 931-4848 or visit www.firehousearts.org.

SACRED MUSIC OF EAST AND WEST Irina Shachneva conducts the Slayanka Chorus in a performance of Theodore DuBois' sacred cantata, "The Seven Last Words of Christ," and sacred music from the Russian Orthodox Church from 3-4:30 p.m., Sunday, March 24, at St. Michael's Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Tickets: \$12/\$15. For details, call Paul Andrews at 510-798-7966 or visit www.slayanka.org.

Events

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

GOODGUYS 31ST ALL AMERICAN GET-TOGETHER A giant Goodguys event will take place 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. This class event features more than 3,000 American-powered show cars and trucks of all years, makes and models. Vendor exhibits, swap meet, free kids entertainment, arts and crafts, model car show, high-speed AutoCross and fun for the entire family. Tickets: adults, \$17; kids 7-12, \$6. For details, call 838-9876 or visit www.good-guys.com.

HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join them for Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the Sheraton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Road (across from JC Penney's). Your choice of food and/or beverage. RSVP to Marge at 828-5124 by Tuesday, March 19.

LUNCH IN SAN RAMON The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join them for lunch at noon, Tuesday, March 19, at Max's Diner, 2015 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon. Cover: your menu choice. RSVP to Janet at 443-3317 by Saturday, March 16.

PDA HOSTS ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREW CRAWL Downtown merchants,

restaurants and local breweries come together 6-9 p.m. on Friday, March 15 for the Second Annual St. Patrick's Day Brew Crawl, hosted by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Patrons can shop along Main St. and sample more than 25 varieties of beer while enjoying the spring evening. Designated driver tickets (\$10) will be available. Purchase tickets (\$30) online at www.PleasantonDowntown.net.

SPRING BOOK SALE Friends of the Pleasanton Public Library will host its Spring Book Sale from March 22-24 in the library's large meeting room, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Friday night sale will run 6-9 p.m. for members only (you can join at the door); sale is open to everyone on Saturday (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Sunday (11 a.m.-3 p.m.). No strollers allowed. Friends of the Library is also looking for volunteers to help with the sale. Call Nancy Bering at 462-4362.

Exhibits

'CALIFORNIA: EARTH, AIR, WATER, FIRE, LIFE' The Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center is presenting this unique exhibit from March 2-April 6, which interprets and honors nature in California. An artists' reception will be held from 7-9 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, with performance art by Le Tableau Magnifique at 6:30 p.m. The gallery is located at 4444 Railroad Ave.; hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. Free; donations appreciated.

Film

18TH ANNUAL EAST BAY INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL The East Bay International Jewish Film Festival will run March 9-17 and feature 41 independent and international screenings in Pleasant Hill and Orinda, and locally at the Vine Cinema & Alehouse, 1722 1st St., Livermore. Tickets are \$7 and \$10 in advance, \$1 more at the door. For details, visit www.eastbayjewishfilm.org/.

Fundraisers

24-HOUR-LIVE-IN-YOUR-CAR-ATHON Shepherd's Gate of Livermore, which provides shelter for battered and homeless women and children, is seeking participants and sponsors for its "24 In Your Car" event May 18-19, in which participants live in their car for 24 hours. The event is designed to bring awareness to the issues of homelessness, and funding to support the programs helping homeless women and children at Shepherd's Gate. Visit www.24inyourcar.com to find out how you can help.

AXIS APRIL FOOLS 5K WALK/RUN Come out for healthy fun and giggle your way through Hacienda Business Park from 7:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, April 7, at Axis Community Health Hacienda Location, 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. For individuals, families and teams. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for youths in advance. Register online at www.axisaprilfools5k.org. Check-in at Axis Hacienda from 7:30-8:30 a.m.,

race starts at 9 a.m. Costumes encouraged. Call 201-6221.

NINTH ANNUAL MAGIC OF MUSIC Guests will be treated to Tastes of Terror (a delicious feast) while they view a sidewalk sale and bid on interactive drawings at the ninth annual Magic of Music to benefit AVHS Music programs. The event is from 4-8 p.m., Sunday, March 24, at Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$100. The show features special performances from AVHS Jazz bands. Call 699-7921 or visit www.amadormusic.org.

Health

FREE SEMINAR: FOOT PAIN

TREATMENTS San Ramon Regional Medical Center, South Building, South Conference Room, 7777 Norris Canyon Road, is presenting a free seminar on Foot Pain Treatments, 7:30-9 p.m., Thursday, March 21. Dr. Judianne Walker, DPM, and Matthew Wollaston, Physical Therapist, will speak. Learn about plantar fasciitis, neuromas, bunions and hammer toes. Call 800-284-2878. Register at www.OurSanRamonHospital.com.

Holiday

FIFE AND DRUM TO PERFORM Pleasanton's Young American Patriots (YAP) Fife and Drum Band will perform at the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade, which begins at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 16, on Dublin Boulevard at Amador Plaza Road. YAP is a Colonial America-era, non-political fife and drum kids marching band that plays the music of 1776 on traditional wooden fifes and rope-tensioned snare drums. Visit www.youngamericanpatriots.com.

SECULAR PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER Tri-Valley Cultural Jews are hosting an English haggadah that is secular, progressive and includes music as well as ritual elements with humanistic explanations, from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, March 30. Followed by a non-kosher-for-Passover potluck dinner. Held at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Cost is \$10/non-member adult. For reservations, call Jamie at 510-888-1404. Visit <http://trivalleyculturaljews.wordpress.com>.

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downtown Pleasanton at Division and Main streets. Artist applications, available at www.the-big-draw.com, are due Monday, April 15. Cost is \$125 per square. Sponsorships are available.

FOOTHILL HIGH BAND WINTER SHOW The Foothill High School Band Boosters invite everyone to its day-long annual Winter Guard, Percussion and Drum Major Competition with more than 100 performances Saturday, March 23. Drum Majors start the day at 8 a.m. in the stadium, with awards at 4:45 p.m. In the large gym, the Percussion competitions begin at 9 a.m. followed by Winter Guard at 1 p.m. Awards presentation at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Foothill High School music programs.

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On Stage

'LA TRAVIATA' The Livermore Valley Opera is presenting Verdi's "La Traviata," a romantic story of love and heartbreak, at 8 p.m. March 16; and at 2 p.m. March 17 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Enjoy ice cream and opera on Sundays. Tickets \$39-\$74. For more details, call 373-6800 or visit www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

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Spiritual

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Sports

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Adopt a resolution accepting the Midyear 2012/13FY Operating Budget and Amending the 2012/13FY Operating Budget Accordingly
- Adopt a resolution accepting the Midyear 2012/13FY Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Amending the 2012/13FY CIP Accordingly
- Approve a contract with the Bay Area Children's Theatre in the amount of \$109,100 for the Children's theatrical production services

Housing Commission

Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.
 Operations Services Conference Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation and discussion re: Historic Preservation Task Force

Commissions and Committees Recruitment

The City of Pleasanton invites applications for the following commissions and committees:

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Economic Vitality Committee –
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 Planning Commission – 1 Member

Youth Commission – 1 Member from each of the following categories:
 Amador High School (by fall 2013 freshman through junior)
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 Village High School (by fall 2013 freshman through junior)
 Thomas Hart Middle School (entering 6th or 7th Grade by fall 2013)

Youth Member for each of the following Commissions
 Civic Arts – Human Services – Library – Parks & Recreation
For the Commission vacancies listed above, youth must be entering 9 – 11th grades in Fall 2013 to be eligible. Youth member terms on the above Commissions are 2 years

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

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2013.

If you are interested in serving on a commission or committee that has no current vacancies listed, you may register your interest in future vacancies by contacting the by completing an interest card on our website at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

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JENNY XIA

Pending home sales hit near-four-year high

Sales climb 23% in January based on signed contracts

By JEB BING

California pending home sales posted the strongest gain in nearly four years during January, rising from both the previous month and year, the California Association of Realtors reported this week.

CAR's Pending Home Sales Index climbed 23% from a revised 82.4 in December to 101.4 in January, based on signed contracts. January's monthly increase was the highest since March 2009, and greater than the month-to-month long-run average of 12.8% in the past four years. Pending sales were up 1.4% from the 100 index recorded in January 2012.

Pending home sales are forward-looking indicators of future home sales activity, providing information on the future direction of the market.

"The strong increase in January's pending home sales is an encouraging indication that we'll kick off the spring home-buying season on a solid start," said CAR President Don Faught of Alain Pinel Realtors in Pleasanton.

"However, a low supply of available homes for sale will affect buyers, especially first-time buyers looking for more affordable, lower-priced homes

since they are having to compete with investors and all-cash buyers," he added.

According to Faught:

- The share of equity sales — or non-distressed property sales — compared with total sales rose in January after a slight decline in December. The share of equity sales in January increased to 64.4%, up from 63.6% in December. Equity sales made up less than half (45.3%) of all sales in January 2012.

- The combined share of all distressed property sales dropped to 35.6% in January, down from 36.4% in December and down from 54.7% in January 2012.

- Of the distressed properties, the share of short sales was 21.5% in January, down from 25% in December and down from 25.9% a year ago.

- The share of REO sales rose from 11% in December to 13.7% in January but was down from 28.4% in January 2012.

In addition, the housing inventory remained in short supply in January, but loosened up slightly. The Unsold Inventory Index for REOs inched up from 1.9 months in December to 2 months in January. The January Unsold Inventory Index for short sales was 3.1 months, up from 2.4 months in December. The index for equity sales was 3.6 months in January, up from 2.7 months in December. ■



Don Faught

HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

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Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

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3 BEDROOMS

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Pleasanton Market Update - Market Remains Hot!

Homes priced under \$1 million are in high demand in Pleasanton and pending sales have outstripped ending inventory for the past nine months. The overall inventory of single family detached homes increased, as did pending sales. Both increased across market segments, however, homes priced under \$1 million had the biggest increase in pending sales while those priced over \$2 million had the biggest increase in inventory. Inventory is very tight for the lower end homes (about two weeks) and the higher the price, the greater the number of homes on the market.

Overall, inventory was up 41% from January, from 37 homes to 52 at the end of February. Pending sales increased 25% in February to 45 properties from 36 during January. Although inventory was less than half what it was a year ago, pending sales were the same. Inventory relative to pending sales increased slightly, from 1.0 month at the end of January to 1.2 months at the end of February.

Seventeen homes priced under \$1 million were on the market at the end of February, up 33% from 12 at the end of January. That's still well below the 67 that were available a year ago. Pending sales increased 19% in February to 31 homes from 26 in January. 42 homes were pending in this

segment a year ago. Inventory relative to pending sales increased a little but is still about two weeks. 69% of Pleasanton's pending sales in February and 33% of its inventory was in this segment.

For homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million, pending sales were up 38% in February, from eight in January to 11. Inventory also increased but not as sharply, adding two homes for a 17% increase to 14. 1.5 months of inventory relative to pending sales was available at the end of February, up from 1.3 months at the end of January. >>Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



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\$869,000

PENDING SALE!

Charming West Pleasanton home with upgraded granite & stainless kitchen, gleaming hardwood floors, upgraded baths, cozy fireplace, and private yard with BBQ & trellis!
\$699,900

SOLD!

Gorgeous Castlewood home with upgrade finishes throughout! 4 Bedrooms plus bonus room, 4 full baths, pool, gated entrance, sweeping views, 3 car garage, hardwood floors, and more!
\$1,425,000

SOLD!

Fabulous remodeled one story with 4 BR plus huge bonus room, luxurious stone master bath, walk-in closet, hardwood floors, skylights, granite & stainless kitchen, and large end of cul-de-sac lot!
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SOLD!

Prime West Pleasanton home with 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, granite kitchen, outdoor BBQ, hardwood floors, luxurious master suite, and more!
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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. Comprehensive audio/video system included. Three car garage. Great home for entertaining! Attendance area for great schools. Walk to Mission Park & Downtown Pleasanton!
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RUBY HILL

SOLD!



4355 CAMPINIA PLACE, PLEASANTON

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CUSTOM

SOLD!



3834 ORION COURT, PLEASANTON

Quiet court location near downtown, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2800 plus square feet. Lot size is 9074 sq. ft. Highly upgraded custom home, gourmet kitchen with granite countertops and stainless steel appliances, expansive master suite with retreat, fireplace and upgraded bathroom. Large family room with fireplace, plantation shutters and crown molding. Newer landscaped private rear yard with built-in BBQ, refrigerator, sitting area, fire pit and beautiful stone patios and landscaping! **SOLD FOR \$958,000**

SOUTH LIVERMORE

SOLD!



1210 SANTORINO COURT, LIVERMORE

Blaise represented the Buyer in the purchase of this beautiful South Livermore home located next to Independence Park. Large five bedroom, four and a half bath, 4,149sf. house with Brazilian wood, tile and carpeted floors. Large kitchen with granite, cherry cabinets and Wolf appliances. Spacious family room, full bath/bed 1st floor, large master suite with sitting area. Three car garage all on a spacious 12,686sf. lot located in a small private court location.
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STONERIDGE PARK

PENDING SALE!



2812 GARDEN CREEK CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Beautiful Pleasanton single level close to great neighborhood parks & award winning schools. Open floor plan with three bedrooms, two updated bathrooms, 1720 square feet. Excellent condition, remodeled kitchen and master bathroom, spacious family room/kitchen area. Newer dual pane windows, wood flooring, updated fixtures, vaulted ceilings, completely finished garage. Large private rear yard with mature trees and concrete stamped patio. 6264 square foot lot. Convenient to Downtown.
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CUSTOM HOME

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6513 ARLINGTON DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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

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176 PRATO WAY, LIVERMORE

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