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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Dedication tomorrow to honor Pleasanton soldier killed in Afghanistan

A memorial garden will be dedicated at 11 a.m. tomorrow in honor of U.S. Army Specialist Jameson Lindskog, a Pleasanton resident and combat medic who died while providing first aid to other troops in his squadron during a firefight in Afghanistan two years ago, on March 29, 2011.

The memorial is next to the headquarters of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, which is located near the Bernal Avenue bridge over the Arroyo del Valle.

It's a fitting location since the fire department provides emergency assistance to local residents which Spc. Lindskog was also trained to do as a medic. The garden also is just a few blocks from the home of his mother, Donna Walker, who will be part of tomorrow's dedication.

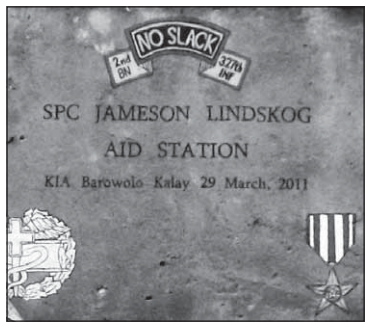
Born in 1987, he would have turned 24 years old on May 24, and was scheduled to be deployed back to the U.S. in a few weeks and to go off active duty the following year. He was last home right after the Christmas holidays in 2011, leaving to report back to his unit in Afghanistan that January.

He attended Pleasanton Middle School and his freshman year at Amador Valley High School. In 2003, he transferred to Orion Academy near Moraga, where he graduated in 2005. From there, he enrolled in the National Holistic Institute in Emeryville where he became a licensed massage therapist. He enlisted in the Army and was a medical technician assigned to the 101st Airborne unit out of Fort Campbell, Ky., at the time of his death.

He received the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the NATO Medal.

Spc. Lindskog was killed when enemy forces attacked his unit in Afghanistan's Konar Province. He was one of six "Screaming Eagle" soldiers killed by small arms fire that day, all of whom were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

For his heroism, he also was awarded the Silver Star. In making that presentation, the Army said in



SSG JASON WOMACK, 101ST ARMY AIRBORNE "NO SLACK" BATTALION

Plaque honoring Army Spc. Jameson Lindskog is posted outside medical aid station in Afghanistan near where he was killed March 29, 2011.

a report provided to Donna Walker that Spc. Lindskog "distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as a Platoon Medic." According to the report, her son was serving as the assigned medic as his third platoon maneuvered in an enemy clearance operation when it was ambushed from multiple directions and was pinned down. During the initial contact, there were three casualties.

Spc. Lindskog, at great personal risk and with heavy enemy fire overhead, bounded to the wounded soldiers, reached the ambushed men and began first aid treatment. As he started, he was struck just under the left arm by an enemy round that lodged in his chest. Slumped to his side, and even though he was mortally wounded, he continued to instruct his fellow soldiers on how to treat his wounds and give care to others until he died.

Donna Walker said she has exchanged emails and phone calls with a number of the surviving members of her son's unit and with the parents of the other five soldiers killed alongside her son. These communications have given her more information about his work as a medic and the many friends he had while serving. The unit renamed and dedicated its medical support facility as the Jameson Lindskog Aid Station and has also posted a plaque in his memory.

She said that the Pleasanton memorial garden will give her added appreciation that her son's service and sacrifice in Afghanistan will not be forgotten.

A local landscape contractor is donating approximately \$5,000 in materials, including a fountain and labor to construct the memorial garden. A wood bench has been donated by a company in Livermore along with a concrete base for a plaque. The VFW has pledged \$500 toward the garden memorial. Other contributors include the Pleasanton American Legion, \$200; Pleasanton Military Families, \$200; AUSA, \$200; and the Masonic Lodge, \$200. ■

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What is your favorite Easter memory?



Adam Nauroth
Store manager

I used to love waking up to find the Easter baskets my mom had made for all of us kids. And then we would all go out as a family to fly kites on Easter morning. I really loved that time we all spent together, and I still reminisce about it.

Madeline Martin
Cashier

Well, we used to always go to my grandma's house on Easter, where she had spent time the day before hiding candy in her back yard. We used to love searching around to find it, and then we'd share it with our dog.

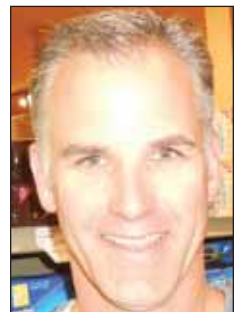


Jason Behrens
Carpenter

I have a young daughter and I just love sitting down with her every year at the kitchen table, talking about anything and everything while we dye Easter eggs. I guess like most people, I just really enjoy spending time with my family.

Patrick High
Sales

For my entire life, I've enjoyed spending Easter Sunday with family. The cast of characters has changed over the years, but the day has always been spent with family, and I just love that.



Danny Watkins
Veterinary technician

Our family always had a tradition of giving giant, round "jaw breakers" for Easter because so many of us are allergic to chocolate. My dog would always steal the jawbreakers out of our baskets, and then I would find them hidden in the couch cushions during the summer. The discovery always made me happy because it brought back memories of all the fun we had had on Easter.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Sunrise service on Easter

Everyone is welcome to gather at Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area on Stanley Boulevard for Community Easter Sunrise Services from 6:15-7 a.m. Sunday, hosted by Trinity Baptist Church. The gates will open at 5:45 a.m., and there is no parking charge for the early morning event.

Services will include songs, prayer and a dramatic monologue, "Proof for a Skeptic." Contributions may be made to defray expenses, with any extra going to local charities.

City wants help to plan culture

Pleasanton's Community Services Department is starting to update its Cultural Plan, which was completed in 1998 and highlighted six goals for civic arts. The most notable was the Firehouse Arts Center, which opened in 2010.

The city is looking for public input on what residents would like to see for the future of the arts. An online survey is available at www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us. Click on Cultural Plan Update Overview. Those who fill out the survey may win tickets to a show at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The update process also includes community workshops. The first is at 7 p.m., Monday, April 22, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. It will provide a general overview of the update, with opportunities for feedback. A second workshop is at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. It will focus on public art and will seek public input on that topic.

Another community workshop will be held in June, and the draft plan will be shared with the community in October. For more information, contact Community Services Manager Michele Crose at 931-5347 or mcrose@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Become a TV30 cooking star

Did you learn how to make the best cookies from your grandmother? Now is the chance to be a guest chef on an upcoming episode of "Spice of Life" on TV30.

Enter the Spice of Life Mother's Day Recipe Contest by submitting your favorite recipe and a photo of the dish at www.trivalleytv.org. Viewers will vote for their favorite recipe online, and the winner will be the guest on an episode of "Spice of Life" and prepare his or her recipe on TV at the Tri-Valley TV studios.

Entries are due by 11:59 p.m. April 1.

Coldstone Creamery closing its downtown Pleasanton store

Franchise owner says landlord objected to 'too many kids' in Tully's Plaza

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

The franchise owners of Coldstone Creamery in downtown Pleasanton are closing their store and moving out of Tully's Plaza after Craig Semmelmeier, the owner of Main Street Properties, refused to renew their lease.

The issue, according to Coldstone franchisee Mike Salas, was kids at the plaza, although the landlord said otherwise.

At Coldstone, Mike Salas and his wife Mindy were due to celebrate the 10th anniversary of their store, but Salas got the word in a voice message that they had 45 days to move out, a call that came just as he was recovering from surgery in January.

Salas said he'd been in negotiations with Semmelmeier for nearly a year for a lease renewal.

"We had a big meeting with Coldstone (executives)," Salas said. "He sat there and told Coldstone that I was bringing kids into the plaza that shouldn't be there. An ice cream store — what better place for kids to hang out?"

Semmelmeier said kids were not the deciding issue in not renewing the Salases' lease.

"They were told that they needed to increase their sales. They didn't do that and their sales continued to decline," Semmelmeier said. "Their sales were less than half of what they used to be. People are voting with their feet."

He said his concern is how downtown Pleasanton competes with Livermore and Dublin.

"If we don't have the best tenants, things will wither," Semmelmeier said, adding that the Salases "have an obligation to do more than

pay rent, they have an obligation to be popular within the community."

He also said Tully's Plaza is one of the highest earning areas in downtown, comparable with the earnings per square foot at Stoneridge Shopping Center, and said one under-performing tenant can drag the others down.

Salas said his problem with Semmelmeier can be traced back to a couple of years ago, when middle-schoolers were showing up, and that police were there Friday nights. That's been over for some time, Salas said, and he made a personal commitment to Semmelmeier to clean the area at the end of each business day.

"They had an ongoing issue with really not having an adult presence in the store. I will ac-

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

Playground in a day

Kris Farro, Victoria Noard and Alina Muldrow help put the final touches at the Eden YMCA. Fourteen volunteers from the Tri-Valley Y were among the 237 who came together at the Eden area YMCA on March 2 to build a playground in a day.

"We built an interactive playground with a tire swing, rock climbing wall and zip line," said Kris Farro, Tri-Valley Y program director. "We also built many side projects including benches, picnic tables, gardening beds, shade structures and a bocce court."

The Eden Y applied for a grant from Ka-boom!, which paired it with the funder, Shutterfly Foundation.

Foothill, Amador high principals leaving PUSD

Pleasanton Middle School principal also departing district

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Both of Pleasanton's veteran high school principals are leaving the district.

John Dwyer made the announcement Wednesday morning in a letter to Foothill High staff. He's moving to Fremont Union High School District, where he'll take over as principal of Lynbrook High School in Sunnyvale beginning July 1.

Dwyer leaves after spending nine years at the school, starting as a vice principal. He's been principal for six years.

"I have immensely enjoyed my time at Foothill and will always 'bleed (Falcon) blue,' but next year this will be as a parent and not as the principal of the school," he said in his announcement. "The last six years have been very challenging for all of us in education but I believe that our incredible staff, students, and community have negotiated these difficult times with passion, vision, commitment, and class."

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Pleasanton Weekly forum will feature candidates

Public to hear from City Council contenders in May mail-in election

Questions are being accepted for the Pleasanton Weekly's free, public candidate forum taking place Tuesday, April 9, for the four 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 begin at 6:30 p.m. and end 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.

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

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 last 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.

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. ■

COLDSTONE

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knowledge they did a really good job of improving. They made a really good effort of having more of an adult presence," Semmelmeier said. "They did a nice job of putting effort into that situation and resolving that challenge."

Police were unable to confirm any particular incidents at Tully's Plaza around that time, although Laura Olson, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association, said the plaza did have occasional problems, such as during First Wednesdays Street Parties.

Olson also agreed there's a perception that kids are unwelcome downtown, something the PDA is addressing in its five-year hospitality plan, now in its second year.

"We want downtown to be accessible to all age groups and have all age groups embrace downtown. We want there to be activities, shopping opportunities and gathering places for all ages," she said.

Semmelmeier said he's not uncomfortable with kids but doesn't want "disruptive people" at the plaza, "whether it's kids, adults or whatever."

"We think the plaza is for families. Pleasanton is a family community," he said. "Whatever it is that makes people uncomfortable, we're probably going to want to control that environment."

During lease negotiations, Salas said, "He made me believe that he was doing this in good faith, that



GLENN WOHLTSMANN

Mike Salas, owner of Coldstone Creamery in Tully's Plaza, chips tiles from the wall as he gets ready to close his store earlier this week.

we were going to keep the store."

Salas said he had an opportunity to move to a new location on Angela Street last April, but waited because he believed Semmelmeier.

"He didn't want to move," Semmelmeier said. "At that meeting in April, a lease was not being offered to him. He said he didn't want to move. That's just a story."

Semmelmeier also said the Salas-

es had made up their tale about being forced to move out at the last minute.

"It's very painful for someone that is closing their store. It's really hurtful and painful for them," Semmelmeier said. "They don't deserve to be thrown under the bus, (but) they will tell you a story that's untrue to save face."

Semmelmeier said the "real story"

is the company that's moving in.

His new tenant is another ice cream store, Tara's Organic Ice Cream, based out of Berkeley. Tara's sells high-end ice cream, with flavors that include butternut squash, lavender and caramelized pear, along with the more traditional chocolate, vanilla and strawberry. A medium, two-scoop cone sells for about \$6.

"If you look at Tara's, the reviews they get — we're hoping to have people coming from Livermore," Semmelmeier said.

Salas said he thought Semmelmeier's plan was to keep kids away by pricing them out of the market.

Olson said that may not be the case.

"One thing I've noticed is youths today are sophisticated," she said. "They're buying their \$5 lattes just as we are. We'll just have to wait and see if they like it."

On Monday, Salas took turns stripping the fixtures and tiles from the walls, sitting down to rest the knee he had replaced, getting condolences from passersby. Salas said he also suffered a stroke in January after getting the news but doesn't know if the two are connected.

The fixtures are being sold and Salas said without funding, he's out of the ice cream business forever.

"This was my first business to open, my wife and I. This was my business," he said. "He's destroyed me."

Semmelmeier said Salas made a point of moving all the equipment

out through the front door as a final job.

"The reason to do it is to try to get one last nasty slap at their landlord," he said.

Salas said the loss of his business is also a loss to the community.

"We do a lot of fundraising. We make the schools a lot of money," he said, adding he'd just begun working with another organization putting on cancer walks.

"Now that's gone," Salas said.

Pamela Ott, Pleasanton's director of economic development, said she was aware that Coldstone was leaving but described the issue as a landlord-tenant dispute.

"Kids are consumers. In our downtown, we want a variety of shops, restaurants and services that met the needs of all Pleasanton residents," she said. "This is a decision from the property owner about what tenant he wants in that space. The city's just happy to see that ice cream is still going to be part of the offerings at the Tully's Plaza."

Ott said no business license has been issued to Tara's, but added that's not unusual and that many business wait until they're about to open before getting licensed.

A few blocks away, the popular 1st Chef Hunan Wong Chinese restaurant near Vic's All-Star Restaurant, always filled to capacity at lunchtime, announced it will close Sunday after serving Chinese cuisine to Easter Day diners. It couldn't afford the higher rent in a new lease offered by Castlewood Properties, its landlord. ■

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Parents push PUSD for smaller class sizes

Education foundation asks district to kick in if it falls short on raising money to cut class sizes

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

At the last school board meeting, teachers came before the board to ask for smaller class sizes and for reading specialists to be restored. Tuesday night, it was parents' turn to ask for smaller classes.

About 25 parents, most wearing stickers that read "CSR" for class size reduction, told the board that classes in elementary schools are overcrowded.

Lisa Hopkins, a former teacher and parent of two children attending Walnut Grove Elementary, said there are "horrendous teacher stories" about how crowded the classroom are and how difficult it is to teach a class of 30 students.

"There's chaos in these numbers," Hopkins told the board.

Alice Cruce said her daughter in kindergarten is "squished" between classmates.

Emmeline Chen, with two daughters at Walnut Grove, told the board that the district is losing parents to private schools and homeschooling.

"These are parents you don't want to lose," Chen said. "They're feeling a little desperate. They feel like class sizes are getting too large. We're disheartened. We're disillusioned."

She said class sizes were increased even though parents had asked for other cuts.

"We asked you to cut car allowances. You went from \$600 a month to \$400 a month," Chen said, adding she's sent her daughter to private tutoring because she wasn't getting enough attention in class.

Chen said parents came out to the meeting after Board Member Joan Laursen posted on a blog that she'd consider asking the board to pitch in if a push to pay for lower class sizes in first grade by Pleasanton Partnerships in Education fell short.

"Do you know why they're not donating? They're afraid money will be spent on other things, like raises," Chen said.

In an update on PPIE fundraising, Andrea Stokoe and Jan Skinner both pushed for the district to kick in if the effort to raise enough money to lower first-grade class sizes falls short.

As of March 25, PPIE had raised \$381,412, with \$246,454 dedicated to elementary schools. Of that, \$138,000 will go to pay one literacy coach and to pay for one hour a day for a tech specialist at each elementary school, and \$58,000 will pay for an additional hour for a tech specialist, per day per school. PPIE needs to raise \$325,000 to lower first-grade class sizes from 30 to 1 to 25 to 1.

Stokoe said if elementary school parents paid \$350 per child a year, that would put the district in line with school funding in the San Ramon district. Right now, only about 10% of parents are contributing districtwide, while 50-80% of parents in neighboring districts are contributing.

"Fifty percent participation would bring in \$2 million," Skinner told

the board. "If every family gave \$100, we'd have \$1 million."

Skinner said PPIE has decided against paying for a second literacy coach because parents don't support the district's switch from literacy specialists, who work directly with children, to literacy coaches, who work with teachers.

PPIE's fundraising effort will end tomorrow, although there are still donations coming in and the organization has yet to tally the final amount it raised through its annual Bon Appetit fundraiser. It planned for a final big push to bring in money from schools through today. Money raised from the PPIE Run For Education is targeted toward the 2014-15 school year.

The question of contributing the difference to pay for lower class sizes in first grade was met with mixed feelings by board members. Laursen, who posted about her willingness to help was hesitant to commit a large amount of money.

"It's really going to depend on the amount," said Board Member Valerie Arkin, who was concerned that the contribution would set a precedent.

Parent Katy Lu said the 30 to 1 class size, 45 minutes of lost class time through staggered reading programs — when half the class comes in early and the other half stays late — for reading instruction, and recently adopted Common Core State Standards, which require a new teaching mentality, were "a recipe for disaster."

She said her daughter's class is so overcrowded, she has to sit facing away from the teacher, and said that teacher told her with 30 to 1 class sizes, "all I do is nag."

The district is set to move to 20 to 1 class sizes for students in kindergarten through third grade in the 2014-15 school year under current district plans that call for spending \$2.9 million for class size reductions. That's because state permission to use money for smaller class sizes elsewhere will end that year.

Meanwhile, the district is waiting on Gov. Jerry Brown's revision to the budget, due out in May, to find out what it will actually receive from the state.

In other actions Tuesday night, the board approved short-term borrowing of up to \$12 million for the upcoming year to pay its bills while it awaits property tax payments and money from the state. Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares said the district will likely need to borrow \$9 million for the 2013-14 school year.

The board also approved the district's calendar for the upcoming year, and heard an overview on how plans to improve grades and make more students college ready are progressing. The district has committed to a specific set of plans to accomplish that, although much of the information on progress won't be available until the end of the school year at the earliest. ■

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Two Sentinels, one newspaper: Two Sentinels Girl Scout Camp is a 76-year-old volunteer-run wilderness summer camp where these Pleasanton folks were staff this past summer, spending 10 days guiding girls in the High Sierra sun. Pictured last August are (back row, l-r) Liz "Cookie Monster" Gleason, Georgette "Sanders" Whitbred, Tina "Acom" Amber, Danielle "Rufio" Miller, Jane "Question Mark" Joseph, Eric "Twyz" Miller, (front) Robyn "Padfoot" Battaglia, Tina "Buckeye" Huey, Christine "Bon Bon" Miller, Dara "Bluejeans" Hogue and Robin "Tweety Bird" Miller.

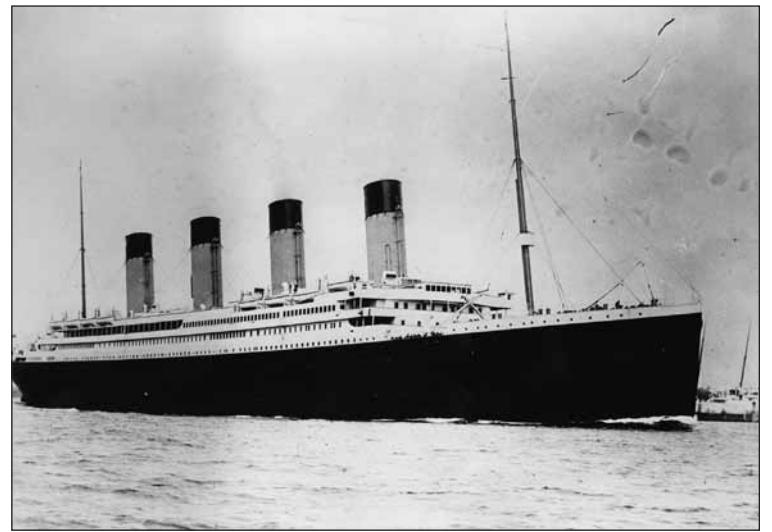
'Titanic' expert to speak

Museum lecturer reflects on 101st anniversary

Museum on Main will present "An Evening with a Titanic Expert" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, as part of its monthly Ed Kinney Speakers Series at the Firehouse Arts Center.

All ages will enjoy this talk as Titanic expert Richard Shaw, 70, reflects on the upcoming 101st anniversary of the sinking of the British passenger liner as it was bound for America.

Shaw, a member of the International Titanic Society, will share stories of day-to-day activities on the ship as well as the famous and not-so-famous tales of passengers and crew. The Walnut Creek resi-



British passenger liner, RMS Titanic

dent enjoys giving talks to schools groups and the public.

"My mother took me to see a Titanic film in 1954," Shaw recalled.

Since then he has collected hundreds of books on the subject as well as numerous replica artifacts, many of which will be on display the evening of the lecture.

The event is open seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$10 for general admission; \$5, members and seniors; and \$3, students/teachers. Call the Museum on Main, 603 Main St., at 462-2766 to purchase tickets.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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She received her medical and undergraduate degrees from Dr. V.M. Medical College in Solapur, India and completed her residency in the United States at Natividad Medical Center, Salinas, CA — an affiliate of UCSF. In addition to her teaching role, Dr. Shingate has received a Community Medicine Award for diabetes education from UCSF. Her special interests include women's health and diabetes care.



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Services today for former Foothill student

21-year-old died at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center

Funeral services for Joey Behiel, a Foothill High School student who died last Friday, will be held at 10 a.m. this morning at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton.

Mr. Behiel, 21, a 2009 graduate of Village High School who also attended Foothill, was pronounced dead at the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez on Friday, sheriff's spokesman Jimmy Lee said. Autopsy results show he died from asphyxiation and his death was ruled a suicide.

He had been booked into the Contra Costa County jail last Wednesday on suspicion of weapons crimes, resisting arrest and a probation violation, according to the sheriff's office.

Lee said the death is under investigation by the sheriff's and district attorney's offices, as is standard protocol in such cases.

Mr. Behiel's family were to be at Graham-Hitch Funeral Home in Pleasanton to meet mourners and for a viewing from 6-8 p.m. Thursday. ■

PRINCIPALS

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While Dwyer said he's proud of the school, he also said, "This is the right time for me to pass the reins on to a new person who can work with you all to take our school on the next leg of our journey of continuous improvement to the next level of excellence."

Meanwhile, Amador Valley Principal Jim Hansen is retiring, in an announcement made Tuesday night by the Pleasanton School Board.

Hansen has been principal at Amador since 2010, and spent 11 years before that as principal at Harvest Park Middle School. Under his leadership, the middle school was recognized as a California Distinguished School, a National Blue Ribbon School and a National School of Character.

"I've been in education for 40 years and I've also raised a family at the same time. I have two more grandchildren on the way so I'll have four grandchildren by this summer, so I'll spend a lot of time with my grandkids," Hansen said. "I've had a great career, but

you know when it's time. I started in high school and I always said I wanted to end in high school."

He pointed out that all eight of his brothers and sisters attended that high school, adding, "This was my chance to go to Amador."

"I was able to come over with my middle school kids, so I had the privilege of being with my sixth-grade kids through graduation. That's kind of fun and it's rare to know kids that many years," Hansen said. "I'm going out with a great class."

Pleasanton Middle School Principal John Whitney is also retiring, the board announced. Whitney has been principal at PMS since 1999. He was principal at Donlon Elementary before that, and served as dean — a position that no longer exists — at PMS before moving to Donlon.

The announcements from Dwyer and Hansen make a clean sweep of Pleasanton's high school principals. In January, Principal Greg Giglio left Village High, the district's alternative school, after seven years at the helm to take a position as principal at Homestead High in Cupertino. ■

California's new retirement program: Do we need it?

Law mandates employers with more than 5 employees must participate unless they have own retirement program.

BY GARY ALT

The media coverage of last year's presidential election drowned out the news of a controversial retirement program announced by the state of California, the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program. While its intentions are good, the details show serious limitations and unnecessary use of taxpayer money.



Gary Alt

According to the bill's sponsors, over 6 million California workers don't have access to a retirement

savings program from their employer, and 75 percent of them earn less than \$50,000 per year.

The law mandates that employers with more than five employees must participate in Secure Choice unless they offer their own retirement program. Unless workers opt out of the program, businesses will be required to automatically deduct 3% from paychecks to deposit into their employees' retirement accounts. Most union employees aren't covered by the new program.

That sounds like a worthy cause, until you consider some of the program's limitations.

The contribution limit will be \$5,500 per year in 2013 — the same as for Individual Retirement Ac-

counts (IRAs). If you're over 50 you can save an additional \$1,000. That's not nearly enough to make a sizeable difference in retirement income.

Another limitation of Secure Choice is that investments in equities cannot exceed more than 50% of the overall asset allocation of the fund. Since bond yields are at near record lows, and bond prices fall when yields rise, that could put a sizeable amount of retirement funds in the wrong place at the wrong time.

A major flaw in this program is there is no fiduciary who is taking responsibility for the investment decisions. Though the state is dictating many investment choices, they apparently don't want to be responsible for their recommendations.

While reading the bill it wasn't clear to me what benefit this program provides that's not already available in an IRA. Was I missing something? So I called a Secure Choice representative in Sacramento who spoke on condition of anonymity. Her only explanation as to its inherent benefit is that the employer can deduct money from paychecks to transfer to an IRA — forcing an automatic savings mechanism.

So this is essentially an IRA program run by the state of California. While it's noble of the state to want to create incentives to save for retirement, this could have been done without creating government bureaucracy.

Fortunately, it will be a few years before the California Secure Choice Savings Program becomes a reality — the governor has yet to appoint a board of trustees and then they'll do a "market analysis" using funds from non-state sources. Hopefully state budget pressures will force them to eliminate the bureaucracy and utilize the IRA to accomplish their goals. Beyond that, businesses already have a number of affordable retirement plans to choose from that will be more effective in helping their employees prepare for retirement.

Gary Alt is co-founder of Monterey Private Wealth in Pleasanton. Send your questions to gary@montereypw.com.

Shoppers get back \$3,000 for schools

Market collects receipts, holds shopping nights

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Fresh & Easy has announced the results of its fifth annual Shop for Schools program to raise money for education. This year Pleasanton area schools raised \$3,000, by turning in receipts on the campuses to earn \$1 for every \$20 spent at a Fresh & Easy store, and also on shopping nights when volunteers from the school community helped out and 5% of the store's sales went directly back to the school.

The seven schools that participated in the Pleasanton area were Mohr, Donlon, Walnut Grove, Vintage Hills and Alisal elementaries as well as one school in Livermore and another in Dublin. The top earner was Mohr, which earned \$675 through a combination of receipts and its shopping night. Donlon was second with \$642.

The program overall raised \$2.1 million for schools across California, Arizona and Nevada.

Other supermarkets in town also have fundraising opportunities for Pleasanton schools, including scrip and rewards programs. ■

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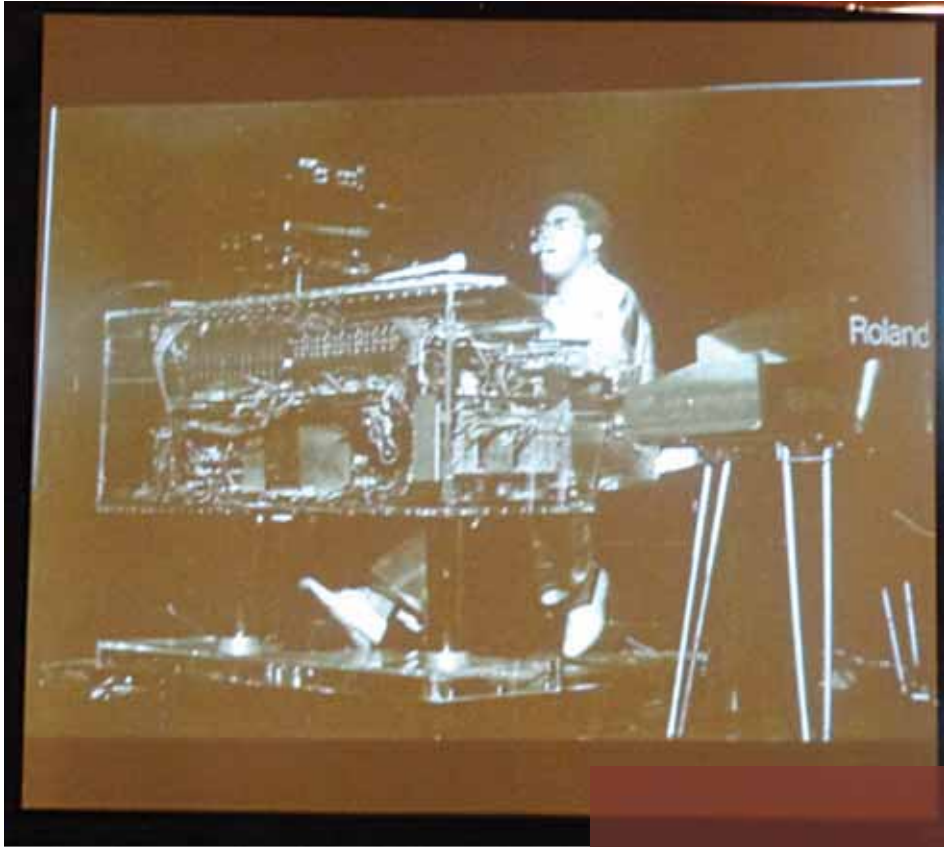


Pleasanton musician Don Lewis is known for designing, building and playing on synthesizers that blend organ and other instrument sounds into acoustic sounds that can fill a concert hall.

Pleasanton music celebrity Don Lewis is probably best known for designing, building and then playing on synthesizers that blend organ and other instrument sounds into acoustic sounds that can fill a concert hall, as he has done on many occasions.

His work as a composer, singer and musical artist is known throughout the U.S. and Canada, where he performs and also works with others in developing better sounds for ever-changing tastes.

In January, he played twice a day during the three-day National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) trade show at the Anaheim Convention Center, attended by more than 90,000 musicians, manufacturers and composers. On Feb. 9, he stood with his colleagues Kakehashi and Dave Smith when they received their special awards at the Grammy show in Los Angeles for the 30th anniversary of their development of the MIDI, an acronym for Musical Instrument Digital Input. A year ago, he was honored in Amsterdam for his worldwide performances on the Hammond organ, still one of



In earlier days, Don Lewis played at churches, concert halls and night clubs, as this undated photo shows.

his favorite instruments.

In fact, it all started with the Hammond, a technology-advanced organ introduced in 1934. Organs have actually been around for centuries in various forms, some powered by water wheels in churches where they were played. Just a few generations ago, organs, pumped by foot pedals similar to the squeezing efforts of accordion players, could be found in schools and homes. Hammond electrified the organ and added the sounds of other instruments, from piano to flute, with amplifiers to extend the sound to wider audiences. Hammond organs give notes a very smooth transition from one level to another.

Lewis began playing the piano and organ as a teenager in Dayton, Ohio, and later at Tuskegee Institute where he joined with the college chorus, including performances at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s freedom rallies. Frequently asked to play at trade shows, Hammond executives heard him belting out jazz, gospel and soul music that hadn't dreamed possible on their organ, and hired him as a representative for their products for their worldwide shows.

During the early 1970s with multi-setups, he played several organ keyboards at a time, excited by the "surround sounds" from organs that in some cases could only play one note at a time. Depending on the music and the sound desired, his arms were often stretched out to the limit to just reach the keyboards around him.

Lewis decided to design a keyboard console that would allow better access as a synthesizer with multiple keyboards for better performance. He drafted his ideas on paper and, with the help of technologically-savvy friends Richard Bates and Armand Pascetta, his dreams came true with the construction of LEO, an acronym he chose for his new "large electronic orchestra."

"This new console design incorporated three keyboards and a pedal keyboard that put the playing surfaces in front of me," Lewis said. "The syntheses and audio-mixing controls were on the top and side panels."

As he performed at concerts, churches and night clubs, including with San Francisco's Merola Opera's performance of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, he wanted people to see all the circuitry. So he encased LEO in a clear acrylic case. During performances, the stage light accented the edges which added an intriguing and dynamic visual ambiance.

"LEO had a sound that was ethereal and dynamic, with a palette of unique sounds that were very soulful as I played a wide range of music," Lewis said. "Because of the nature of the analog sound and the

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—DON LEWIS, MUSIC CELEBRITY

synthesizers and the ability to create, manipulate and play the sounds in real time, I found it an incredible instrument to play."

Lewis has performed at concerts worldwide and has appeared as a soloist with many symphony orchestras. As a studio artist, he has worked with such greats as Quincy Jones, Sergio Mendez and Michael Jackson.

He has also created scores for films and audio productions including the award-winning "Rainbows End" and "Were You There" series featured on PBS. In addition, he has composed music for commercial videos for such clients as Nissan, Pacific Telephone and Digital Equipment Corp.

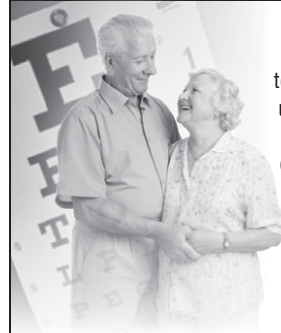
Also a teacher, Don has taught courses on the history of gospel music, multimedia and synthesizer technology at the UC Berkeley Extension, San Jose State University and Stanford University. He also combines his love of children, education and music with performances delighting students, teachers and school administrators here in Pleasanton, at the Firehouse Arts Center, and in performances across the U.S. and Canada with his inspiring musical assemblies.

Local Rotarians have a special benefit since Lewis also plays during every Thursday noon luncheon of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton at Hap's Steak House. His wife of 35 years, Julie, who serves as Business Manager for Don Lewis Music, is this year's president of the club.

For those in Southern California over this Easter weekend, Lewis will perform an Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Aidans Episcopal Church in Malibu.

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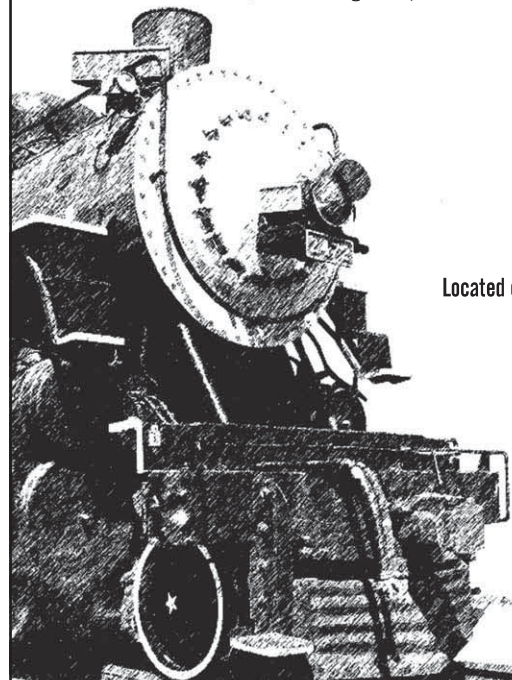
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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

As purse-strings loosen, city eyes new projects

For the first time since 2007, the Pleasanton City Council's biennial Priorities-Setting meeting last Monday was a cheerful event. With the city's economy improving and tax revenue increasing, council members declared their support of most of the 13 separate goals listed in a 22-page 2013 work plan prepared by City Manager Nelson Fialho and his staff. For sure, a green light was given to move forward on a public-private partnership for Phase II of developing Bernal Community Park, the 318-acre largely vacant parcel along Bernal Avenue and across from the Fairgrounds. Three years ago, \$5 million was spent developing two lighted Little League baseball fields. Now more will be spent on fields, some lighted, for soccer, lacrosse, junior football and, yes, more baseball diamonds. This time, the improvements, authorized as part of a voter referendum, will include a woodlands area, riparian habitat and landscaping along a meandering creek that runs through the site.

Other categories considered by the council related to the city's General Plan, city finances, affordable housing, traffic, economic development, youth programs, public safety, quality of life, environmental awareness and city services. Also on the list were potential new projects for City Council rankings, new projects to be added to the priorities list and two new projects submitted by Mayor Jerry Thorne related to performance standards that the public could use in measuring the work of the council, and development of a comprehensive process for monitoring state legislation that could impact local control over cities such as ours.

For Council Members Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin, who were elected to the council last November, this was their first look at how city priorities are chosen and what they are. For Thorne and Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio, it was their second or third time around and, because of improved tax revenue, it was more encouraging. Three candidates seeking election to the vacant fifth seat on the council also sat through the three-hour priorities-setting session which will be helpful if one of them wins the election on May 7. At the meeting were candidates David Miller, Kathy Narum and Olivia Sanwong.

Some of the priorities endorsed by the council will cost money, lots of it, including the rebuilding of the Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens senior housing, reduction of public employee pension fund liabilities, and renovations at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, which should be completed by July 4. Funding is also completed for extending Stoneridge Drive to El Charro Road and Livermore, which should open this fall. State and federal grants totaling \$250,000 have been secured to study and possibly plan for water reclamation methods to reduce the city's draw-down of potable drinking water supplies, and the council agreed to pursue the replacement of street lights with LED lighting, although budgeted funds have yet to be approved.

As much as funding restrictions have eased on the public purse strings, however, the council also made it clear that tight fiscal controls will remain in place. That means that a much-needed, larger new library and a new Civic Center on the Bernal property will have to wait for another year(s) along with converting the old Pioneer Cemetery on Sunol Boulevard, which would need a water system and maintenance staff.

The council did agree to move roughly \$1.2 million out of a reserve fund for building a bypass road to the Callippe golf course back into a capital improvement fund to be used for other projects. Golfers now use Alisal Street which the city rebuilt even though it's in unincorporated Alameda County. The widening of Highway 84 stayed on this year's priority list even though Measure B, which would have provided the funding, failed to win at the ballot box last November. The council said it would encourage sponsors of that measure to bring it back for another vote in November 2014, but this time with a sunset clause that would require voters to approve any future extensions. ■



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LETTERS

GOP not endorsing

Dear Editor,

I am watching, with interest and concern, the special election race in Pleasanton for City Council. There are Republicans in the race, though our party will not be endorsing any particular candidate.

Since the Alameda County Republican Party is not endorsing any of the candidates, if candidates are promoting the idea that they have received our endorsement it is not true. Republicans usually do not endorse when we have more than one candidate running in the same race. Our party is a "big tent" and within our ranks we have supporters for all of the candidates. As chairman, our party bylaws do not permit me to endorse in the name of the party. Our central committee endorsements require a two-thirds vote of the membership.

The four candidates for Pleasanton City Council offer varied experience to prepare them for this position, with one candidate having spent 10 years on various city commissions and boards. Some voters will like that experience, and others will prefer an outsider bringing a fresh outlook. My concern as Alameda County GOP chairman is that Republican candidates treat each other with respect and good will, without using smear tactics or negative innuendo to scare voters. Pleasanton voters deserve a clean campaign with real facts and solid solutions being offered.

We encourage Pleasanton voters to vote and return their ballots early.

**Sue Caro, Chairman,
Alameda County GOP**

Miller for council

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton residents need to be aware of a threat to our quality of life. One Bay Area is forcing development on local communities. The plan involves transportation and housing trends; it is tied to transportation funding to force compliance. The goal is to change transportation and housing habits away from expectations of single-family homes. High-density housing will bring a high concentration of people, without generating adequate mitigation fees to offset the strain it will cause to our roads, parks, schools and library. Bonds will be forced on residents to pay for these impacts. I support affordable housing when done in a way that properly mitigates its impacts, but this will damage our existing community.

Any housing that is not fully mitigated will further overcrowd our schools. I often think of the

rats in a cage experiment. The rats lived harmoniously, caring for one another when the cage was spacious. They multiplied, space and food became scarce; they turned aggressive and began eating their young. In over-crowded public schools, students often get lost in the crowd and demonstrate aggressive survival behavior. Pleasanton must oppose forced housing that will damage our community.

Pleasanton leaders are not standing up to this assault on our community. Legal fees to protect our community will seem insignificant when we are faced with hundreds of millions of dollars, in needed bonds and parcel taxes, to lessen the damage from high-density housing.

Pleasanton needs leaders with courage; that is why I am voting for David Miller for City Council.

Julie Testa

Massage terminology

Dear Editor,

In this week's edition of the weekly it was reported in the Police Bulletin section that a "Massage Parlor" had been busted. As a State Certified Massage Therapist, I object to the old school terminology of massage parlor. The license issued by the city and the Police Department states "Massage Establishment." The terminology used in your article contributes to the problem of genuine massage therapists, offering therapeutic massage to their clients, being subjected to unwarranted innuendo.

To become a California State Certified Massage Therapist we complete 510 hours (minimum) of schooling from an approved school of massage, go through rigorous background checks, and fingerprinting for the FBI. After graduating school it takes three months for the checks to be done, and a license to practice issued. At that point the city of Pleasanton requires us to be registered with the Police Department and get a permit from the city. The whole process takes a lot of work and effort and a genuine interest to help people.

It is time that massage therapy, and therapists, be taken seriously. Perhaps that change could start by changing the terminology used in the press. The majority of the public treat us with the respect we deserve and benefit greatly from our work. Perhaps the minority that book a massage expecting something different would reduce if the terminology was changed. The establishments that are not legitimate would soon go out of business, leaving myself and other genuine therapists in peace to help in the healing process of our clients.

**Sharon Beatts,
Renew You Massage**

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POLICE BULLETIN

\$36,000 in jewelry, electronics reported stolen

Jewelry and electronics worth more than \$36,000 was stolen from a home in the 6200 block of Paseo Santa Cruz between 8:15 and 9:45 a.m. March 20, according to police reports. Among the items stolen were a diamond woman's watch worth \$15,000, a \$10,000 diamond tennis bracelet, and a \$1,500 diamond ring, along with two laptops and a desktop computer, valued at \$1,500 apiece, reports said.

Whoever broke in appears to have searched the entire home, including stealing items from drawers in the master bedroom, a spare bedroom closet and night stand, the family room, a hallway closet and an office. Entry was made by prying open a sliding glass door.

In other police reports:

- The Alameda County District Attorney's Office will seek to file charges against a man who brandished a knife at Wal-Mart store security in a March 21 incident. The man was caught shoplifting and threatened a security officer with a knife when an attempt was made to apprehend him. The man's name has been withheld because there are currently no charges against him.
- Four people reported being victims of identity theft in recent days. In the first, reported at 5:07 p.m. March 21, an employee of Zen Pilates and Fitness in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road told police that his ATM card had been accessed for three charges, one for \$54.95, one for \$332.49 and one for \$150. The man's bank

contacted him before the charges were processed.

At about 12:27 p.m. March 22, a resident of the 5100 block of Case Avenue reported someone used her credit card number to charge just over \$300 in Bogota, Colombia.

That same day, felony identity theft was reported by the resident of the 4400 block of Rennellwood Way, who told police someone used his company credit card to charge more than \$1,070 at Sears.com.

At about 5:02 p.m. March 26, a woman living in the 5700 block of Stonecliff Vista Lane reported someone used her access card to charge \$2,378 at the Apple Store online; after the charges were refuted, the card company issued a credit for the amount of the loss.

- Six pairs of sunglasses valued at \$1,665 were stolen from Sunglass Hut at the Stoneridge Shopping Center at about 8:45 p.m. March 22.
- Roniqua Shantal Wartson, 21, of Sacramento was arrested at about 8:35 p.m. March 21 in the 5300 block of Owens Court on a felony warrant for possession of a non-narcotic controlled substance and a misdemeanor warrant on a prostitution-related charge, both from Sacramento. Wartson was arrested when police contacted a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot on Owens Court.
- Joseph Harry McBeth, 47, of Castro Valley was arrested at about 10:51 p.m. March 23 at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive for possession of methamphetamines. McBeth was also wanted on a felony warrant for parole violation; he was stopped after being spotted as a suspicious person at a closed business area near the intersection of Old Santa Rita Road, near Andrews Drive.

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

—Glenn Wohltmann

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 20

Theft

- 11:44 a.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 4:19 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Burglary

- 9:50 a.m. in the 6200 block of Paseo Santa Cruz; residential burglary

Auto burglary

- 7:51 a.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive

Battery

- 12:01 p.m. in the 3300 block of Newport Street

Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:27 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Hopyard Road; possession of a controlled substance
- 7:47 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street; public drunkenness

March 21

Theft

- 9:23 a.m. in the 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; auto theft
- 12:26 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 5:07 p.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road; fraud

Vandalism

- 4:01 p.m. in the 3500 block of S. Glacier Court

March 22

Fraud

- 10:05 a.m. in the 4100 block of Rennellwood Way
- 12:27 p.m. in the 5100 block of Case Avenue

Auto burglary

- 5:03 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street
- 8:45 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court
- 8:21 p.m. in the 4100 block of Garatti Avenue

Vandalism

- 4:31 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street

Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:08 a.m. in the 6800 block of Santa Rita Road; possession of methamphetamines, weapons possession
- 3:48 p.m. in the 700 block of Main Street; public drunkenness
- 8:18 p.m. in the 1800 block of Crestline Avenue; public drunkenness

March 23

Theft

- 1:20 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure
- 6:51 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Vandalism

- 10:54 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Koll Center Parkway

Drug/alcohol violations

- 8:29 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; public drunkenness
- 10:35 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive; possession of methamphetamines

- 11:08 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness

March 24

Child abuse

- 2:21 p.m. in the 6700 block of Paseo Catalina

Shoplifting

- 4:24 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

March 25

Theft

- 10:11 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure
- 6:56 p.m. in the 8000 block of Rockford Place; theft

March 26

Theft

- 3:14 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 3:52 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:54 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 5:02 p.m. in the 5700 block of Stonecliff Vista Lane; fraud

Burglary

- 2:34 p.m. in the 1500 block of East Gate Way; residential burglary

Vandalism

- 5:07 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:33 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; possession of methamphetamines

OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES

Helen Georgatos

April 25, 1932-March 20, 2013

Helen Georgatos was born in Greece on April 25, 1932. Her parents, Marianna and Demosthenes Pagulatos had five children. Married in 1952 to Jerry Georgatos, Helen had her first son Dean, in August 1953, six days after a devastating earthquake on Cephalonia. After having her second son Dennis, the family immigrated to the United States and took up residence in Pleasanton in 1956, where Helen's husband worked at the Standard Cheese Company. Helen worked at several laundries while her sons went to school. Helen and her husband remained in Pleasanton the rest of their lives; first renting a home on Rose Avenue and then buying a home in Pleasanton Heights.



Jerry sustained a debilitating back injury while working at the Cheese Factory. No longer able to do the heavy lifting required in making cheese, they purchased the Bottle Shop, a liquor store in nearby Fremont. She was also a fantastic cook, preparing tantalizing Greek cuisine and serving it along with her quick wit. Jerry and Helen worked together almost every day at the store, building a devoted stream of customers and supporting each other through 26 years of their ownership. After selling the store, Helen and Jerry took a well-deserved and overdue trip back to Greece, to visit family and friends that they had not seen in decades.

Helen's husband died in 2007 after almost 55 years of marriage. This was a devastating blow to Helen because they were life partners and best friends.

Helen also was and always will

be a zealous Elvis Presley fan.

Helen was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend and she'll be sorely missed. She died Wednesday, March 20, at age 80 after a six-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. Services were held.

James E. Adams III

James E. Adams III, resident of Pleasanton for 37 years, passed away March 23, 2013 at the age of 71 from cancer.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Marlys, two sons, three grandsons and a sister. He was born in California, attended school in Ventura and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Cal Poly Pomona.

Jim's career was in Management of Trucking Freight Terminals for 45 years in the Bay Area and Central Valley and a member of the California Trucking Association.

Jim coached youth football for the Concord Pioneers in the early '70s, Dublin Knights from the mid '70s to the mid '90s, and Dublin High School Freshmen/Sophomore team in the early '90s.

Jim, often called Papa by friends and others, had a love for Hot Rods and became a member of the P-Town Push Rods. He attended many of the car shows around the Bay Area showing his pick-up trucks and was often seen at the Good Guys Shows at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. Other interests were RV trips, watching rodeos, country dancing, gardening and traveling.

Friends and family are invited to a Memorial Service on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton. Burial to follow at Memory Gardens, 3873 East Ave., Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity or school.

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David Miller Olivia Sanwong

Tuesday, April 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.
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City Council Chambers
200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton

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Clubs

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS 'GOODWILL GLAMOUR' FASHION SHOW Pleasanton Newcomers will present a fashion show of Vintage Fashions spanning 100 years, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, at the Brass Door, 2154 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon. Partial proceeds to benefit Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay. Cost is \$32. Reservations due by April 3; call 215-8405 or email infor@pleasantonnewcomers.com.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED DINNER Dine with the Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11, at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. Political activist Sharron Angle will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$30 for guests and \$26 for members. Contact Devy Torrence at deandevy2004@yahoo.com or 234-2209.

Events

ALL-BREED CAT SHOW More than 200 cats and kittens of 42 breeds will be on exhibit and competing for Best in Show at the annual CFA All-Breed Cat Show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., April 6-7 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Event will feature feline agility competition; rescue groups with cats for adoption; arts, crafts, gifts and gadgets for sale; and door prizes. Cost: \$9 adults, \$5 seniors and children under 10, \$20 family, \$8 parking. Proceeds to benefit health research. For details, call 827-2722 or visit www.crowcanyoncatclub.org.

SPRING CELEBRATION Come celebrate spring at the Alviso Adobe Community Park, 3465 Old Foothill Road, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 30. Activities will include a visit with rabbits, egg coloring, an egg toss and an egg hunt. Fun for all ages! Cost is \$20. Preregistration required at www.pleasantonfun.com using code 54770. Call 931-3483 for details. Pleasanton.

Film

MAKE 'EM LAUGH: "THE GRADUATE" Las Positas College presents "The Graduate" with film historian Dr. Candace Klaschus at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 5, at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. See you at the movies!

Fundraisers

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.

TIME FOR JEWELS The American Cancer Society is having its signature event, "Time for Jewels." Peek in your jewelry box and donate some of your baubles, bangles, and beads to help a cancer patient. Come to the Discovery shop at 1987 Santa Rita Rd. between 10 a.m.-6 p.m. starting Friday, March 29 to donate. Contact Monda Wiseman at 462-7374 or at Monda.wiseman@cancer.org Pleasanton.

Health

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES FOR WELLNESS EXPO Explore alternative therapies that focus on the marriage between complementary and traditional medicine, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, April 20, at California Center, 4400 Rosewood Dr. Cost is \$10 for guests, \$200 for exhibitors. Contact Linda Crose-Andersen at (650) 417-1545 or wol.hypnotherapy@gmail.com. Pleasanton.

Lectures

PARENT EDUCATION EVENT "Encouraging Push vs. Demanding Shove: Helping Families Balance Life Pressures" is designed to help parents and children deal with the pressures of academic, social, and sport pressures. It will be presented free from 7-8:30, Tuesday, April 16, at the Amador Valley High Library. Contact Alex Riley at maariley@gmail.com.

Miscellaneous

FREE JOB SEARCH COUNSELING The Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., offers free, 20-minute consultations with an employment recruiter. Receive help with resume writing, finding employment websites, and learning how to get help with online applications. To make an appointment, call the Reference Desk at 931-3400, ext. 7.

OPEN MIC NIGHT Poets, prose and songwriters, come to the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., at 6 p.m., Monday, April 8, for open mic night. Contact Jordan Bernal at openmic@trivalleywriters.org or 931-3400, ext. 7.

On Stage

THE SUN KINGS The Sun Kings, the premier Beatles tribute band, is coming to the Firehouse Arts Center at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 30. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or go to the box office at 4444 Railroad Ave. Pleasanton.

Scholarships

CULTURE TO CULTURE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP Culture to Culture is sponsoring a Mental Health Essay Scholarship to high school students of all grade levels. Write up to 1,000 words about the topic: "What is the No. 1 mental health issue affecting me and/or my friends." Deadline is May 31. Selected winners will receive \$500 scholarships. Email questions and submissions to C2C@culturetoculture.org. For more information, visit culturetoculture.org

Seniors

POINTS OF LIFE: PANEL AND SKIT Points of Life professional teams provide health and wellness training, helping families prepare for and manage life's challenges such as illness, aging and care-giving. Attend a panel and skit with more information from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, April 9, at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Contact 931-5365.

Sports

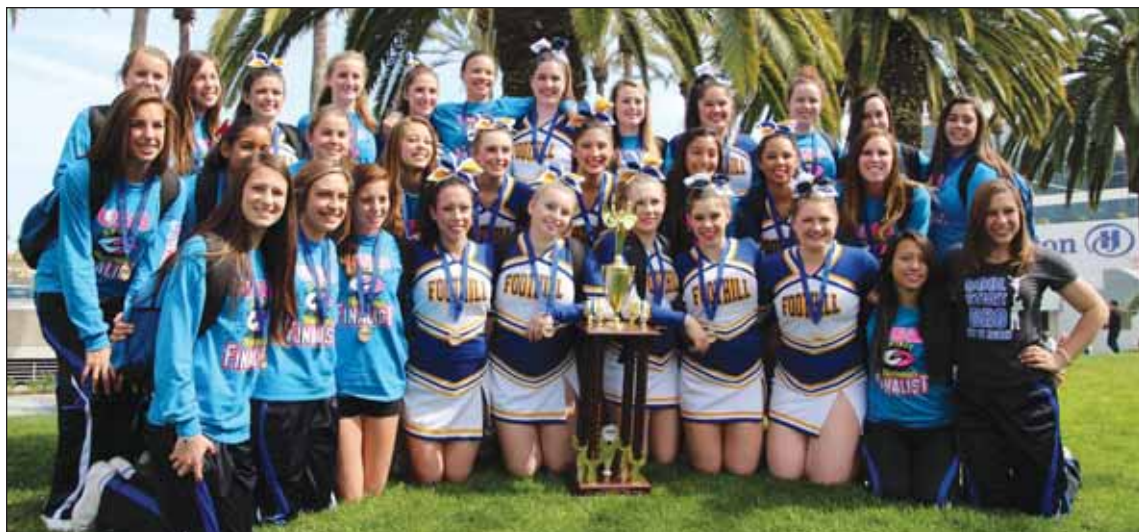
REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2013 PJFL FOOTBALL Registration is open for the Pleasanton Junior Football League (PJFL) 2013 Contact Football, Flag Football and Cheerleading season. PJFL offers contact football and cheerleading for boys and girls in grades 2-8 as well as flag football for boys and girls in grades 2-12. There are no tryouts and there are no cuts. For details, visit PJFL.com.

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Foothill cheerleaders win three back-to-back nationals

Falcons make history for Foothill, United Spirit Association

For the second year in a row, Foothill High School's competition cheer squads returned from Southern California triumphant after earning three national championship titles at the United Spirit Association's (USA) High School Spirit Nationals competition held March 15-17 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

"We set our goal to win back-to-back championships 10 months ago," said coach Kim DeJoy. "Nationals is the place where preparation meets opportunity. Each team gets one shot and two-and-a-half minutes on the floor to prove they're No. 1."

The teams qualified to compete at nationals during regional competitions held earlier in the season. The competitive cheer season lasts a grueling 10 months, starting in May and continuing through na-

tional, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Gabbie Scalise, Natalie Wright.

JV show cheer: Cassidee Banks, Kailyn Coleman, Mackenzie Curran, Mitsu Dill, Shauna Dunlap, Jenna Edsen, Karina Galvez, Morgan Greenup Emma Loll, Maddy Maas, Sara Moore, Brie Morrissey, Erin Page, Jordan Robinson (co-captain), Taylor Sanchez (co-captain), Anika Simons, Sabrina Stermer, Stephanie Tasto, Noelle Viscaina

Varsity show cheer: Amanda Arnold, Zoe Cristobal, Sarina DeJoy, Bailey Downum, Michelle French, Camille Hamlin, 'Alakoka Kailahi, Keri Kodama (captain), Amber Marquez, Emily Palange, Gabriella Scalise, Natalie Wright.

Coaches are DeJoy, Megan Moore and Karen Maurice. ■

PREP LINE-UP

March 29

- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Livermore, away
- Baseball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, away
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Livermore, home
- Softball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Deer Valley, home

March 30

- Track & Field: 8 a.m., Amador vs.

Shimansky, away

April 2

- Girls Lacrosse: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Poway, away

April 3

- Girls Lacrosse: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. La Costa Canyon, away

April 4

- Boys Volleyball: 5 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, home
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Malibu, away



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Introduction of an ordinance to ban the use of expanded polystyrene foodservice ware
- PUBLIC HEARING: P12 1796, City of Pleasanton – Introduce an ordinance amending Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to create Chapter 18.70, Ridgeline and Hillside Protection and Preservation, development standards and review procedures for development proposed in the hillside areas of the City
- Adoption of a resolution concerning the Alameda County Waste Management Authority's Proposed Joint Exercise Powers Agreement for the Energy Council

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Commission Meeting Schedule for May, June, July, August, and September 2013

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

- Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District – 1 Member
- Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee – 1 Member
- Civic Arts Commission – 1 Member
- Committee on Energy & the Environment – 3 Members
- Economic Vitality Committee – 1 Member from each of the following categories:
 - Commercial Real Estate Developer
 - Green Economy/Environmental Industry
 - Financial Services
 - Medical Technology
 - Residential Real Estate Developer
- Human Services Commission – 1 Member
- Parks & Recreation Commission – 1 Member
- Planning Commission – 1 Member

- Youth Commission – 1 Member from each of the following categories:
 - Amador High School (by fall 2013 freshman through junior)
 - Foothill High School (by fall 2013 freshman through junior)
 - 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 completing an interest card on our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

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

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

Contreras named 1st-Team All Conference

2011 AVHS grad averaged 11.3 points for season

Freshman Jacob Contreras has been named to the first-team, All Coast Conference North Division basketball squad, reported Las Positas College.

Contreras, a 6-1 guard from Amador Valley High School, averaged 11.3 points for the season, including 13.1 in conference play. His late-season scoring surge, particularly against the top team in the state, propelled Contreras to first-team honors.

Over the final eight games, Contreras averaged 16.9 points and became one of the most dangerous long-range shooters in the conference, according to Tony



Jacob Contreras

Costello, men's basketball coach. "His performance included scoring efforts of 18 and 35 points in two games against City College of San Francisco, the state's only unbeaten team," said Costello.

Against CCSE, Contreras shot 16 of 28 (57%) from the field, including 12 of 20 (60%) from 3-point range. His other big games down the stretch were 23 points against Ohlone and 20 points against Cañada.

Contreras has also been named to the Las Positas College Academic honors list with a 3.8 GPA, majoring in Fire Service Technology.

At Amador Valley, Contreras, a 2011 grad, made the 2011 1st Team all East Bay Athletic League basketball selection and was named 2011 Amador Valley High school Male Athlete of the Year. ■



Spring showcasing

Ballistic United Soccer Club U-16 Premier's Yousef Diyab was unstoppable in the Northern California Spring Showcase earlier this month, scoring six goals, including a hat trick. BUSC defeated Idaho's No. 1 and No. 4 teams and tied for second place in overall points in the Premier group with a 3-1 record. Keeper Sam Hanson had two shutouts in what was a great team effort by everyone.

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The following person(s) doing business as: Stoneridge Creek Retirement Living, 3300 Stoneridge Creek Way, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Continuing Life Communities Pleasanton LLC, 1940 Levonte Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009 and is registered in Delaware. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 2/1/2013 Signature of Registrant: Richard D. Aschenbrenner, Member of Continuing Life Communities Pleasanton LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 3/18/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19 2013)

Creekview Skilled Nursing Assisted Living FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 476248
The following person(s) doing business as: Creekview Skilled Nursing Assisted Living, 2900 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Continuing Life Communities Pleasanton HC, LLC, 1940 Levonte Street, Carlsbad, CA 92009 and is registered in Delaware. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 2/1/2013 Signature of Registrant: Richard D. Aschenbrenner, Member of Continuing Life Communities Pleasanton HC, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 3/18/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19 2013)

Woof Waggin Mobile Dog Spa; Woof Dog Spa FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 476564-65
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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet little Superman

The East Bay SPCA volunteers wanted to call this little 1-1/2-year-old, black and white Chihuahua cross Clark Kent, but he insisted they name him after his awesome alter ego, Superman. When he runs it's like he's flying because he's so fast, plus he leaps high and likes to save treats before they hit the ground. He is naturally a playful, curious and trusting canine. He needs to be kept busy and would enjoy a walk every day. Then he would be happy to curl up in front of the fire with you in the evenings. Meet Superman at the Dublin Adoption Center, 4651 Gleason St. in Dublin. To see other animals available for adoption, visit www.eastbayspca.org or call 479-9670.



Builder confidence slipping in March

Builders see road to full housing recovery a bumpy one

By JEB BING

Builder confidence in the market for newly built, single-family homes has paused for a third consecutive month in March, with a two-point reduction on the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index, released this week.

"Following eight consecutive months of improvement, builder confidence leveled off in January and has since edged down several points," said NAHB Chairman Rick Judson, a home builder from Charlotte, N.C.

"Although many of our members are reporting increased demand for new homes in their markets, their enthusiasm is being tempered by frustrating bottlenecks in the supply chain for developed lots along with rising costs for building materials and labor," he added. "At the same time, problems with appraisals and credit availability remain considerable obstacles to completing deals."

"In addition to tight credit and below-price appraisals, home building is beginning to suffer growth pains as the infrastructure that supports it tries to re-establish itself," explained NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "During the Great Recession, the industry lost home building firms, building material production capacity, workers who retreated to other sectors and the pipeline of developed lots."

"The road to a housing recovery will be a bumpy one until these issues are addressed, but in the meantime, builders are much more optimistic today than they were at this time last year," Crowe said.

Derived from a monthly survey that NAHB has been conducting for 25 years, the NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index gauges builder perceptions of current single-family home sales and sales expectations for the next six months as "good," "fair" or "poor." The survey also asks builders to rate traffic of prospective buyers as "high to very high," "average" or "low to very low." Scores from each component are then used to calculate a seasonally adjusted index where any number over 50 indicates that more builders view conditions as good than poor.

While the HMI component gauging current sales conditions declined four points to 47, the component gauging sales expectations in the next six months and the component gauging traffic of prospective buyers both posted gains, of one point to 51 and three points to 35, respectively, in March.

Three-month moving averages for each region's HMI score were also mixed, with the Northeast holding unchanged at 39, the Midwest and South posting one-point declines to 47 and 46, respectively, and the West registering a four-point increase to 58.

The NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index is strictly the product of NAHB Economics, and is not seen or influenced by any outside party prior to being released to the media and public, the builders' group said.

HMI tables can be found at www.nahb.org/hmi. More information on housing statistics is also available at www.housingeconomics.com. ■

HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

11565 ESTRELLA COURT, DUBLIN, \$510,000



Located in desirable West Dublin at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, this charming single story, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home has dual pane windows & hardwood floors throughout. The kitchen has been upgraded with granite slab counters & updated appliances. The master bathroom has been gutted & completely remodeled with granite counters, dual sinks, and marble tile floors & shower. The family room has a wood-burning fireplace and large sliding glass doors with views into the backyard. The backyard is very spacious with lots of lawn & garden space. West Dublin is a premier location being close to both I-580 & I-680 freeways, the West Dublin BART station, and numerous shops & restaurants.

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San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS

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HOME SALES

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- 7344 Brookdale Court** B. & L. Cheda to T. & S. Sbranti for \$559,000
- 7538 Gardella Drive** K. Waldron-Smith to L. Le for \$460,000
- 7804 Gate Way** J. Steinmetz to W. Zhou for \$450,000
- 3290 Maguire Way #404** Marifat Family Limited to P. Tong for \$420,000
- 11680 Manzanita Lane** C. & C. Corso to Aitchison III Limited for \$510,000
- 4008 Ordaz Court** A. Singh to R. Goorla for \$615,000
- 11877 Pollardstown Court #123** R. & B. Wilson to J. Martin for \$328,000
- 3676 Rimini Lane** C. Heroux to M. & R. Mathias for \$635,000
- 3616 Rocking Horse Court** J. & D. Bounds to V & S. Kalpande for \$670,000
- 7520 Silvertree Lane #33** Dewey Trust to A. Alegre for \$385,000

Livermore

- 656 Alden Lane** J. Camillucci to H. & M. Multz for \$715,000
- 2468 Allegro Street** W. & M. Coakley to R. & M. Landeck for \$890,000
- 3234 East Avenue** Discovery Properties Group to Bethany Home for \$385,000
- 1864 Galaxy Court** D. & K. Morrow to A. & M. Hernandez for \$514,000
- 168 Gillette Place #102** Signature at Station Square to Y. Wang for \$429,000
- 564 Heligan Lane #2** Shea Homes to R. & R. Henley for \$516,500
- 1039 Innsbruck Street** C. Mayer to S Vasconcellos for \$600,000
- 5218 Iris Way** S. Gilbertson to Sparrey Trust for \$414,000
- 2439 Lakeside Circle** Beerman Trust to Miller

- Trust for \$1,060,000
- 5329 Lilac Avenue** K. & K. Adema to D. Gomes-Yager for \$384,000
- 5354 Lilac Avenue** Lenida Trust to A. Holland for \$316,500
- 1018 Lisbon Avenue** M. & R. Hill to R. & M. Overcash for \$500,000
- 4266 Milton Way** R. & C. Fischer to A. Farsaei for \$585,000
- 1009 Murrieta Boulevard #87** K. Lynch to J. & D. Lehrman for \$111,000
- 791 North N. Street** Federal Home Loan Mortgage to M. Snedeker for \$355,000
- 658 North P. Street** B. Suarez to E. & E. Hugo for \$250,000
- 5543 Oakmont Circle** Plunkett Trust to C. & C. Haupt for \$402,000
- 1874 Railroad Avenue #104** Signature at Station Square to Re. Eshia for \$348,500
- 1487 Spring Valley Common** B. & J. Spears to D. Bryant for \$295,000
- 706 Via Del Sol** Gosney Trust to S. & J. Dossey for \$507,500

Pleasanton

- 7114 Corte Balboa** J. & M. Perkins to Luther Trust for \$860,000
- 357 Del Sol Avenue** R. & K. Moirano to L. Zingerman for \$825,000
- 387 Ewing Drive** Chilton Trust to W. & V. Joachim for \$895,000
- 3658 Gettysburg Court #S** NRES Limited to B. Vemulapalli for \$730,000
- 3427 Gravina Place** Randhawa Trust to J. Shih for \$1,075,000
- 3175 Half Dome Drive** E. & L. Faizyar to D. Li for \$625,000
- 3529 Helen Drive** C. Matteo to K. Sailors for \$525,000
- 2202 Kamp Court** Ghinazzi Trust to Y. He for \$1,150,000
- 399 Mission Drive** Dunder Trust to G. Landrum for \$885,000

- 3399 Norton Way #5** H. Choi to S. Wallace for \$230,000
- 1643 Tanglewood Court** Landis Trust to H. Wang for \$740,000
- 641 Varese Court** Mcintyre Trust to Y. French for \$1,505,000
- 3516 Whitehall Court** G. Engelman to I. & T. Hill for \$725,000

San Ramon

- 9005 Alcosta Boulevard #200** P. Wong to P. Tong for \$170,000
- 541 Alta Loma Place** C. Michel to Neu Trust for \$627,000
- 400 Canyon Woods Place #B** Lamantia Trust to A. Dominguez for \$400,500
- 18 Carson Court** S. Dajani to El Karmalawy Moataz for \$900,000
- 87 Casa Grande Place** Steve Trust to R. & K. Yi for \$480,500
- 382 Catalan Way** Greenleaf Properties to Y. Zhang for \$690,000
- 2606 Cedarwood Loop** K. Khanna to P. Kona for \$586,000
- 2735 Derby Drive** Ong Trust to G. & M. Singh for \$840,000
- 115 Eastridge Drive** B. Varasteh to A. Varasteh for \$311,000
- 7076 Emerson Lane** T. & B. Shimizu to L. & Y. Wen for \$1,250,000
- 2573 Fountainhead Drive** D. Mladinich to H. Razavi for \$230,000
- 509 Ivy Pointe Circle** A. Johnson to Y. Han for \$585,000
- 2372 Keats Lane** C. Crawford to X. Wang for \$966,000
- 4761 Malayan Street** Meritage Homes to V. Hayes for \$402,000
- 2807 Moorilla Lane** Vanini Trust to M. Christopherson for \$780,000
- 106 Palmer Street** C. Spears to G. & K. Nagy for \$835,000
- 445 Pearl Crest Court** Shapell Industries to B. Deng for \$890,000
- 864 Spring Brook Drive** Polymathic Properties to F. Dong for \$760,000
- 7702 Stoneleaf Road** A. & E. Stoll to M. Lee for \$612,500
- 321 Summerview Court** Koetter Trust to I. & C. McKinnon for \$870,000
- 805 Watson Canyon Court #162** J. Preftokis to J. & M. Schmidt for \$200,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (Feb. 8-25)

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$328,000
Highest sale reported: \$670,000
Average sales reported: \$503,200

Livermore (Feb. 8-25)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$111,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,060,000
Average sales reported: \$478,925

Pleasanton (Feb. 8-25)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$230,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,505,000
Average sales reported: \$828,462

San Ramon (Feb. 26-Mar. 13)

Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$170,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,250,000
Average sales reported: \$637,405

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Livermore Home

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