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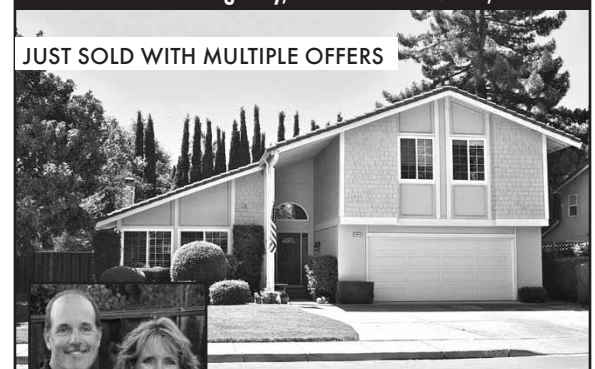


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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Millennials are coming! Are we ready?

Carole Rodoni, a renowned speaker on the economy and real estate who is often called the pundit of the Peninsula, brought her New Year's message to Tri-Valley Realtors last Friday with much to cheer about.

Rodoni was formerly president of Fox and Carskadon Real Estate, chief operating officer of Cornish and Carey Real Estate, and president of Alain Pinel Realtors. She is currently the president of her own consulting company, Bamboo Consulting.

By 2040, she told members of the Valley Real Estate Network in Pleasanton, the Bay Area will be home to 2.1 million more people with at least 1.1 million more jobs to choose from. All-cash home sales in September accounted for 24% of everything that was bought and sold here.

Two-bedroom, two-bath apartments in California now rent for an average of \$2,100 a month, higher in Pleasanton, and as much as \$3,300 for a nice rental in a decent (though not wealthy) neighborhood in San Francisco. Better yet for Realtors looking for buyers who are choosing between renting and buying, there really aren't many apartments available, with 97% of them already leased in Rodoni's survey.

The No. 1 buyers of homes here today are "echo boomers," those 35-50 year olds who are the children of the Baby Boomers who are already settled and, for the most part, living comfortably. They may someday sell their Pleasanton homes, but a tight inventory market today indicates that most are staying put. That's causing a price squeeze which is slowing down sales a bit and certainly limiting opportunities for first-time buyers.

But price may not be a concern of the Millennials, a new wave of Echo offspring now in their mid-20s. Rodoni said Millennials made up 28% of everything that was bought in residential real estate last year, and their numbers and finances are both growing. Many in this age group work at Google, Yahoo, Facebook, Apple, LinkedIn and Twitter and other large high tech, software and social media companies whose multi-billion-dollar portfolios are passing those revenues on to employees. They are also part of the baby incubator companies that are being bought



LOS ALTOS ROTARY CLUB  
Carole Rodoni

out by the "big mommas and poppas," Rodoni said, gaining bonuses and buy-out offers making them independently wealthy and hungry for better lifestyles and homes.

They'll be heading this way to take advantage of more reasonable housing prices. In the next four years, 140 of these small start-ups will go public, as Twitter did this week, or will be merged and acquired in the Silicon Valley.

The Millennials offer Tri-Valley cities, businesses and Realtors unique opportunities to lure these newly-rich away from places like Facetown, a \$120-million, 394 rental unit housing community that will be built within walking distance of Facebook's campus. Filled with amenities that may keep their workforce happy, including sports bars, yoga workout centers and even free ice cream and lattes along trails and walkways, crying babies and toddlers won't fit in as renters marry and start their families.

"Imagine when all these financially-independent couples leave places like that, and they will," Rodoni asked. They'll be attracted to communities that have these types of services best suited to their lifestyles as young parents, including good shops and coffee shops, schools, parks and transportation.

"At the end of the day," Rodoni said, the next year for Realtors in the Tri-Valley will be great, the next three years "are going to be wonderful," and the amenities Pleasanton and nearby cities can offer the new generation of homeowners will bring major economic gains.

Already, buyers are paying 30% over premium on the Peninsula, and sellers in the Tri-Valley also are seeing multiple offers. The Millennials are coming," Rodoni told those at the real estate meeting. "Are you ready? ■

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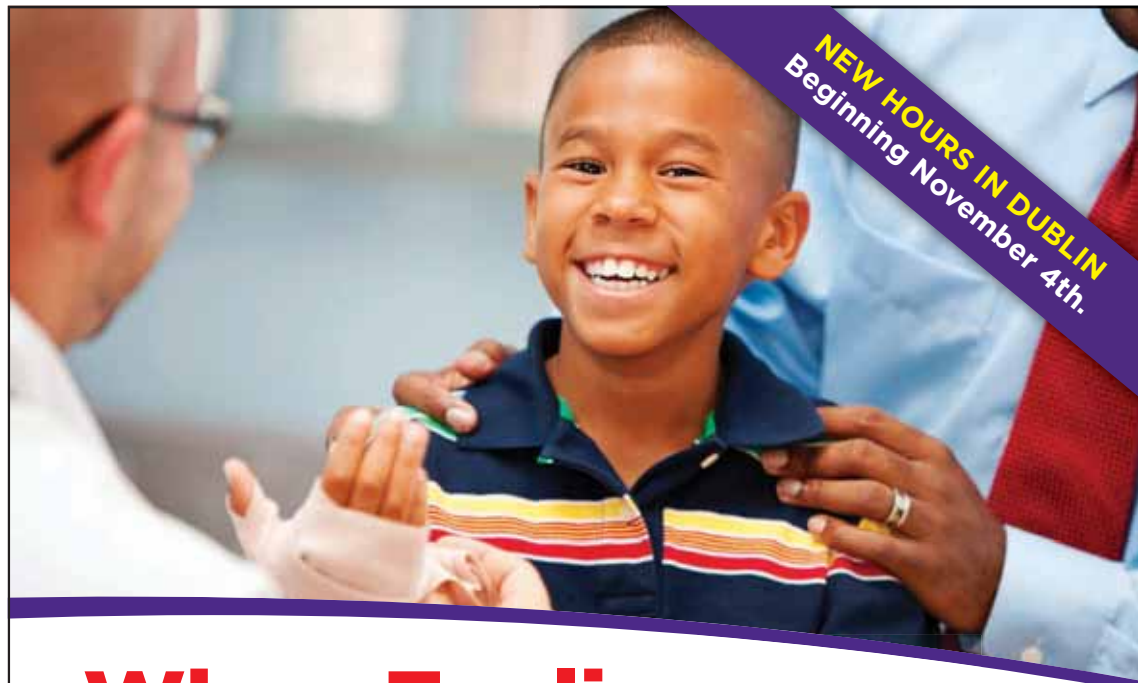


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ASKED AROUND TOWN

**If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, dead or alive, who would it be?**



**Jackie Tiangco**  
Cashier

I would want to have dinner with my Grandpa Bob, who passed away when I was 8. He was a really intelligent man and I didn't get much of a chance to really get to know him. So I would love to have the opportunity to have a mature conversation with him and to ask him for advice about my future.

**Dave Wilkinson**

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If I could have dinner with anyone at all, it would be John Adams, the second president of the United States. He's actually one of my ancestors, and I've always thought it would be fascinating to meet him in person.



**Jennifer Jo**  
High school student

If I could have dinner with anyone, it would be J.K. Rowling because she is my favorite author. It would be so interesting to be able to talk to her and find out what her next books will be about.

**Makeez Ahmadzai**

Fitness Instructor

Both of my grandpas because they were the ones who raised my parents and aunts and uncles and they seem like strong, fantastic men.



**Michael Marcus**

Retired professor

If I could have dinner with anyone at all tonight, it would be my beautiful wife, Judy. The time we spend together is magical, no matter where we are or what we are doing.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Candy from kids

Some 2,500 pounds of candy is headed to troops overseas as part of Operation Gratitude, thanks to a local buyback program.

Nine schools participated, and Harvest Park Middle School topped the list, with 495 pounds collected. Alisal Elementary collected 380 pounds and Donlon Elementary brought in 350 pounds. That's 600 pounds more than was collected last year and enough to fill 7,500 care packages for servicemen and women.

The candy — along with 178 letters to the troops — will be sent to Southern California, and then forwarded overseas, with Tri-Valley Trade Shows providing free shipping.

### Soccer smackdown

If you were a soccer player in high school, it's time to sign up for the 11th annual Ryan Gordon Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Games.

There will be two games featuring men's and women's soccer players from the 1970s to the 2000s.

The games benefit the soccer programs at Foothill and Amador High Schools. All gate receipts and snack bar proceeds will go directly to the programs to help pay for uniforms, equipment and travel.

More information for ex-players is available at All-Star Sports, and alumni can also register by downloading an application at the AVHS website and sending it to Curt Gordon, 205 Heritage Lane, Pleasanton, Ca. 94566. There is a \$20 fee to play.

### Scouting for food

One of the nation's largest single-day food drives will take place tomorrow when Boy Scouts will go door-to-door collecting nonperishable food items for local food banks.

In the Bay Area, more than 30,000 Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venturers, Explorers and their families will be picking up boxed or bagged nonperishable food items placed on doorsteps by 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

The San Francisco Bay Area Council's goal is to collect 160,000 pounds of food this year. Scout troops are also hosting virtual food drives to help raise money for food banks. Residents who aren't contacted by scouts can find a drop-off location at [www.BayAreaHunger.org](http://www.BayAreaHunger.org).

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## Parents push for principal's return

Board, district remain mum on what led to replacement

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

An email from School Board President Jeff Bowser did little to dissuade a group of advocates from attending Tuesday night's board meeting to lobby in favor of restoring Walnut Grove Elementary Principal Jon Vranesh to his post.

"There are no items on our upcoming agenda related for actions for or against Mr. Vranesh. As a confidential personnel matter I will not allow the public to discuss nor address the board on this topic at the board meeting. Normally I would encourage people to speak out at a board meeting, but not in this case," Bowser said in his email to Walnut Grove parents.

"This will only lead to their sense of frustration and unfairness. Please reach back out to your group and explain the circumstances that 1) this is a confidential personnel matter; 2) the District cannot and will not discuss the matter in public; 3) the Board is asking the public to let due process work through the cycle."

Bowser apologized for the email at the meeting.

"I do want to let folks know I made an error in my recent email," he said. "The public can comment on any matter within the board's jurisdiction."

It's unknown how many parents did not attend the meeting due to Bowser's email, but about 20 people did show up to ask that Vranesh be reinstated. Those who spoke were limited to a minute each instead of the three minutes usually allotted.

It's also unknown what led to Vranesh's departure and an interim principal being named at Walnut Grove. Vranesh offered a statement to the Pleasanton Weekly in a voicemail Monday morning.

"I put the Pleasanton Unified School District on notice months ago regarding situations that negatively affect staff safety, working conditions and a conducive environment for instruction and student learning," Vranesh said. "Rather than taking effective action to eliminate those conditions, they put me on administrative leave."

Vranesh added that the home number used last week by the Pleasanton Weekly in its attempt to reach him was incorrect.

In reply to questions from the Pleasanton Weekly, school Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi responded:

"It is true that Mr. Vranesh has been placed on administrative leave. The reasons for this leave, however, are not those listed by Mr. Vranesh in his statement. We have explained the reasons for this per-



GLENN WOHLTMANN

This sign bearer was one of about 20 people who came to the school board meeting in support of Jon Vranesh, who's been replaced as Walnut Grove principal.

sonnel action to both Mr. Vranesh and his attorney. The rules covering employee privacy do not allow us to comment on them publicly at this time.

"Our district can, however, comment on the typical administrative leave process. In situations where employees are placed on leave, a thorough investigation is conduct-

ed. Information shared during the investigation may be limited. This is done both to maintain the integrity of the investigative process and to respect the privacy rights of all parties involved. The District's goal in this and all such cases is to achieve a fair and appropriate outcome.

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## Unsung no more

2013 Tri-Valley Heroes award recipients named

By GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

The recipients of the 2013 Tri-Valley Heroes awards have been named. Tri-Valley Heroes awards are presented by the Pleasanton Weekly and its sister media organizations to thank the unsung heroes who work to better our communities but rarely get the recognition they deserve.

This year's recipients are:

- Arts and Culture, for achievements or contributions within the area of arts and culture: H. Robert "Bob" Williams, Pleasanton. Bob Williams has dedicated most of his 80+ years to sharing a love of music, most notably as the conductor of the Pleasanton Community Concert Band and as coordinator of Pleasanton's Fourth of July, Veterans Day and Memorial Day celebrations.
- Community Spirit, for selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions that have enriched or improved the quality of life for the local community: Mike Conklin and Sentinels of Freedom, San Ramon. The father of three Army Rangers, Conklin established Sentinels of Freedom after one of his sons was wounded in Iraq in 2003. Sentinels of Freedom connects permanently disabled veterans with community volunteers who pool their resources to support U.S. veterans who have suffered severe service-related injuries.
- Courage, for an act of bravery or for determination and strength of character to triumph over adversity: Kevin Laue, Pleasanton. Despite being born with one arm, Kevin Laue, a graduate of Amador Valley

High School in Pleasanton, has gone on to play Division I basketball for an NCAA college.

- Environmental Stewardship, for a group or individual committed to minimizing risks and conserving and recycling, thereby reducing the impact of our business on the community and natural resources: Save Mount Diablo. Save Mount Diablo's mission is to preserve Mount Diablo's peaks, surrounding foothills and watersheds through land acquisition and preservation strategies.

- Innovation, for a person, group or business who apply innovative ideas or programs to enhance the community: Neil Gupta, Danville. Gupta, a 15-year-old student at Monte Vista High School, launched TeenMesh, a Q&A website created to answer all questions teenagers have on every school-related topic. The site is now used by more than a thousand students in 70 different countries.

- Rising Star, for a young person whose services directly benefit Tri-Valley citizens through outstanding volunteer work, serving as a community role model and mentor or demonstrating random acts of kindness: Taylor Dorsey, Pleasanton. Currently a freshman at University of the Pacific, Taylor Dorsey has been an active volunteer with Reach for Books (a nonprofit organization that raises money to send Spanish books to remote communities along the Amazon River in Peru), the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity and

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## Pleasanton Council OKs senior housing

New housing nearly doubles apartment units to 185

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council has approved an agreement with MidPen Housing Corporation to tear down apartment complexes at Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens and replace them with new structures that will double the size with 185 units for low-income senior residents.

"This is a great project and I'm glad we're finally moving forward with it," Mayor Jerry Thorne said as the council voted unanimously to support the plan.

Under the agreement, MidPen and city staff will work to seek funding for the \$62.8 million project, drawing also an estimated \$8.2 million from the city's affordable housing funds.

MidPen also will need to obtain approval from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency, which currently owns Kottinger Place, to demolish that center.

Before construction can begin, MidPen will need to take its plans to the city Housing and Planning commissions for their approval and finally back to the City Council for a final OK.

Part of the agreement, which gives MidPen a ground lease on the two sites for 55 years, calls for the developer to implement a tenants' relocation plan during the demolition and construction periods.

The council also approved renaming the two complexes Kottinger Gardens.

There was no opposition to the project at Tuesday night's meeting where members of the Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force signed off on the group's redevelopment plan, which was the result of 10 years of study and planning that began Nov. 4, 2003.

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## 4 charged in home holdup

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A lucky break led to the arrest of four men in the August armed home invasion robbery of a man who returned to his Pleasanton home with a bag of cash he won at a Bay Area casino.

That break? One of the men charged in the case allegedly dropped his cell phone at the scene of the armed robbery that netted more than \$40,000.

Police received a 911 call at about 12:37 p.m. Aug. 26 from a resident of Roselma Place, off upper Bernal Avenue. The woman told police she and her husband had been robbed at gunpoint about five minutes earlier.

According to court documents, the four followed the victim to his home after watching him win more than \$65,000 at the casino. Police have asked that the casino not be named.

When the winner's wife returned home from an errand, she was approached by three men in red sweatshirts. Two of the three were wearing bandannas over their faces.

"The suspect without a bandanna put a gun to (the woman's) head," court documents say.

The two victims were forced at gunpoint to various rooms of the home, and the men took cash and fled through the garage. One of the men dropped his phone when they fled. That phone was reportedly traced to Jakari Bolden, 24, of Oakland.

Local police, working with other agencies and SWAT teams, arrested Bolden and two others on Oct. 24, according to Pleasanton police Lt. Jeff Bretzing.

"A large-scale operation was carried out during which three search and arrest warrants were served in

the city of Oakland and a fourth in the city of Hercules," Bretzing said. "SWAT teams from Oakland Police and Fremont Police, along with the East County Tactical Team, were deployed to assist detectives and agents at the four separate residences."

Bolden, Terrell Bailey, 25, of Oakland, and Thomas Stokes, 30, of Hercules were arrested without incident.

A fourth suspect, Myrick Rucker, 30, of Antioch was taken into custody without incident Nov. 6 by the East County Tactical Team, which worked with Antioch Police, Pleasanton police detectives and agents from the California Department of Justice Bureau of Gambling Control.

"We did recover some firearms. Two handguns and a rifle were recovered," Bretzing said. "We did not recover a significant amount of cash."

The four men were booked into the Santa Rita Jail on robbery charges and are each being held on \$400,000 bond.

Stokes was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, but no information about any prior conviction was available. Bolden has prior convictions for illegal possession of an assault weapon and drug sales. Bailey also has a prior drug-sale conviction.

Bretzing said working with a SWAT team is routine when it comes to arresting suspects who may be armed.

"The Fremont and Oakland SWAT teams were instrumental in the operation, as were the members of the Livermore and Pleasanton police departments who make up the East County Tactical Team," he said. ■

## School board vetoes pay bump

Management employees will get pay hike and bonus

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

At a Pleasanton School Board meeting that gave raises to the district's top two employees and increases in step-and-column pay for management, board members battled over whether to vote themselves a \$20-per month increase in their own pay.

Board members make \$400 a month before taxes. They'll continue to make that after a split vote that pitted board members Valerie Arkin and Jamie Hintzke against Board President Jeff Bowser and members Chris Grant and Joan Laursen.

"It's a very, very, very small amount. There has not been an increase in compensation in over 10 years," Arkin said. "We are giving increases to teachers, classified staff and management. I consider this my full-time job and I spend a lot of time with it."

"We're talking about \$1,200 for a whole year for all five of us," Hintzke said.

The two were outvoted by Laursen, Bowser and Grant, who opposed the pay bump.

"I will vote for an increase when we restore all the reductions and when we restore class-size reductions," Grant said.

Laursen said she'd prefer the money be allocated for board development, and Bowser said it wasn't the right time to

increase board pay.

"I don't feel comfortable taking more dollars," Bowser said, adding that a future increase might be appropriate.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi and Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares will each get a 0.74% pay increase, and step-and-column pay for management and confidential employees will go up the same amount.

That's in addition to a one-time bonus of 1% of each management employee's salary.

The management agreement is slightly less than agreements made with the teachers union and the school employees union. Employees will receive a 1.1% pay increase and a 1% one-time bonus, although most of the pay increase will go toward a district-wide shift to the state's health insurance plan, CalPERS.

The board also looked at a tentative plan for spending \$3 million in one-time state money to help pay for implementing a new learning system known as Common Core State Standards, and got an overview of how CCSS is being integrated into teaching.

The plan calls for spending \$1 million for teacher training, \$820,000 for a voluntary staff development day, \$521,500 for grants to schools, \$358,500 for instructional materials and \$300,000 for technology upgrades. ■

## Former Councilwoman Karin Mohr dies in fall

Served 16 years in era of significant growth

By JEB BING

Karin Mohr, a Pleasanton City Councilwoman from 1980 to 1996, died Monday from injuries suffered in a fall. She was 74.

She lived with her daughter, Jennifer Harkins, in Pleasanton. It was there that she fell off a ladder while cleaning gutters at the house on Nov. 5. She was rushed to Eden Medical Center with a massive brain injury and never recovered.

Mrs. Mohr served on the City Council for four consecutive four-year terms before term limits were instituted. Those were years of significant growth in Pleasanton. She was instrumental in bringing BART into the Tri-Valley and to Pleasanton, as well as in the planning and development of Hacienda Business Park, other business complexes the development of Hacienda and other business parks and Stoneridge Shopping Center.

She was also at the decision-making helm for the redesign of Pleasanton's historic Main Street in the 1990s to better emphasize pedestrian traffic and outdoor dining.

"Karin Mohr contributed greatly to the Pleasanton that we know today," said Mayor Jerry Thorne. "Her vision and hard work were instrumental in the

development of our transportation infrastructure, economic success and high quality of life. Her passing is a tremendous loss for the people of Pleasanton."

Former Mayor Ken Mercer, with whom Mrs. Mohr served on the council, agreed.

"Karin Mohr left a wonderful legacy for the people of Pleasanton," Mercer said. "She was actively involved in many of the wonderful amenities that we have today, from the Wheels bus system to the Pleasanton Sports Park, and also including the Pleasanton Senior Center, the Pleasanton Public Library, the gymnasiums at the middle schools that are shared use by the school district and the city, and so much more."

Her longtime friend, Councilwoman and Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio, said Karin Mohr's imprint on Pleasanton can be seen all around town, "from Stoneridge Mall, to Hacienda Business Park to the Senior Center."

"She was a leader in stopping large trucks from using First Street," Cook-Kallio recalled. "Wheels was started in the Tri-Valley in part because of Karin's leadership."

"She was also one of the founding members of the Elect-



JENNIFER MOHR-HARKINS

Karin Mohr, a 4-term Pleasanton City Councilwoman who died Monday, is flanked by her grandsons Tyler Harkins (left) and his younger brother Zachary while celebrating Tyler's graduation from Amador Valley High School last June.

ed Women's Lunch, originally a very small group of regionally-elected women," Cook-Kallio added. "It has grown into a network of over 175 women who mentor other women in serving our community."

"Pleasanton has lost a great civic leader and many of us have lost a friend," she said.

Flags at municipal buildings in Pleasanton were lowered to half-staff this week in Mrs. Mohr's honor.

No services are planned at this time. ■

## HEROES

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Operation School Bell, which helps Northern California children in need buy school clothes.

- Role Model, for displaying common sense, compassion and wisdom while teaching, coaching and mentoring others with a vision for people to strive to be the best they can be: Kenneth Mano, Pleasanton. Ken Mano has coordinated the annual Special Olympics basketball, track and volleyball competitions in Pleasanton for 10 years. He served as

a missionary in Japan with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and has been heavily involved in Boy Scouts for the past 35 years.

- Lifetime Achievement, which recognizes an individual or group for contributions, leadership, enthusiasm, and tireless efforts on behalf of his or her community and neighbors: Kenneth E. Behring, Danville. The Wheelchair Foundation, which Ken Behring founded in 2000, has a lofty goal: To deliver a wheelchair to every man, woman and child in the world

who needs one. Ken Behring is tackling the issue one wheelchair — or sometimes 5,000 — at a time. To date, more than 940,000 wheelchairs have been delivered or committed to people around the world.

Two Heroes will be profiled each week Nov. 22 through Dec. 13.

Sponsors for the 2013 program are: San Ramon Regional Medical Center, Safeway, Gene's Fine Foods, Monterey Private Wealth, Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, Crown Trophy and Harrington Art Partnership. ■

## VRANESH

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"We understand that our inability to provide detailed information about this matter has created concern on the part of some parents. We ask for the public's continued patience while we work to resolve this matter. Please know that we are all here to support our students and provide the best learning environment for them."

Peggy Carpenter, head of the Pleasanton Association of Teachers, did not mention Vranesh by name at the school board meeting, but alluded to him while speaking to the board.

"There are people here who want to exercise their right of free speech, but there are other rights," Carpenter said. "We have to respect that."

The Pleasanton Weekly has not been able to confirm speculations that a complaint by teachers led to Vranesh being placed on leave. A call to Carpenter's office at APT headquarters was not returned.

Parents and friends made it clear to the board that they want Vranesh reinstated.

"He was an excellent principal. I have to say he did a lot more than previous principals," said Andrea Wells, the parent of a former Walnut Grove student. "I want to say we want him back."

The handling of the issue was also criticized by those at the meeting.

"The lack of information and emotion was shameful," said parent Erin Lyons. "It was almost like you expected us to smile and nod."

Tracie Vollgraf, mother of four at the school, said the Walnut

Grove parent community is "very upset" about the district's handling of the matter and asked for an explanation of what is involved in the due process procedure.

"What Mr. Vranesh is guilty of is change," she said.

Other supporters included longtime friends, such as one woman who watched him grow up.

Joann Pennisi said it would be a "travesty" if Vranesh were not brought back.

"I think it's mental cruelty, what you're doing to him," said Marilyn Wright, the parent of former Walnut Grove students.

Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the board was not allowed to respond to the comments.

Vranesh was not at the school board meeting. ■

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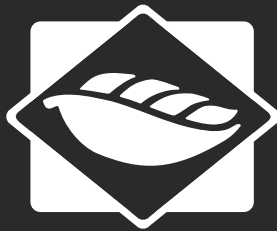
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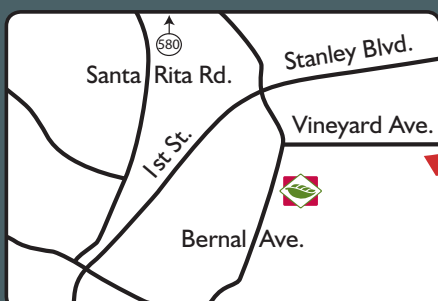
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## Christmas Tree Lane starts Nov. 21

ValleyCare fundraiser is health system's major fundraiser

By JEB BING

ValleyCare Health System's signature fundraiser Christmas Tree Lane and holiday boutique will be held for three days starting Nov. 21 in Pleasanton's Palm Event Center.

Called a "Midwinter Night's Dream," the benefit will transform the Palm Events Center into a Christmas wonderland where dazzling decorated Christmas trees, exquisite silent auction gift baskets, gourmet fare, the boutique and a visit with Santa promise to immerse visitors with the Christmas spirit.

From 5-8 p.m. on Thursday evening, Nov. 21, ValleyCare is inviting families to join in a "Wonderland Family Stroll." This event will offer holiday treats while children have the opportunity to shop for their parents in "Santa's Secret Shop." Photos with Santa will be available. Adult tickets are \$15 and \$10 for children.

The "Tinsel Teas" are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Here, participants can enjoy "high" tea, purchase chance-drawing tickets for the trees and a china table setting and get a jump start on shopping at the Holiday Gift Boutique. Tea tickets are \$45 per person.

At 6:30 p.m. that evening, the "Silent Night Soiree" begins, featuring a silent auction, sit-down dinner and entertainment by Special Blend and dancing to a DJ. Tickets for the evening event are \$90.



The three-day fundraiser will be capped off with the Silver Bells luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 23 with tickets at \$100 each.

Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for guests to enjoy the glittering wonderland of lights and colors, visit the "Merry Gentlemen" to purchase chance drawing tickets for the trees, enjoy gourmet fare and entertainment and place bids on silent auction gift baskets, wreaths and garlands. The highlight of the event will be a drawing for decorated Christmas trees and an exquisite china table setting.

The holiday gift boutique with holiday and home decorating items will be open at all events, along with tickets for the drawings for the trees and china table setting.

The Palm Event Center is located at 1184 Vineyard Ave. in Pleasanton, between Western Garden Nursery and Ruby Hill. ■

## KOTTINGER

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The developer, MidPen, is a Foster City-based developer that is the owner and manager of more than 90 properties with 25% senior communities.

Under the agreement in Pleasanton, Mid-Pen will own, finance and manage the new Kottinger Gardens development, while the city of Pleasanton will retain ownership of the land the buildings will occupy.

The redevelopment plan calls for rebuilding the two aging, subsidized affordable housing developments with single, two, and three-story apartments for seniors to continue living independently.

Time is of the essence. Council members pointed out that there are many applicants on waiting lists at both complexes, so many, in fact, that applications are only accepted every several years, typically for a single day.

The MidPen project calls for building 131 apartment homes on the site now occupied by Kottinger Place, and 54 where Pleasanton Gardens is now located. Tenants, who range in age well into their 90s, will be able to stay in place during the reconstruction or move to temporary housing nearby at the developer's cost.

The apartments will have far more kitchen, bathroom and closet space than the units now have and

will feature upgrades in electricity and plumbing, and perhaps most important for its elderly residents, air conditioning.

Some of the buildings on what is now the Kottinger Place site will be two stories in height with a few rising to three stories, with elevators. Also, with a single management team, social services and other senior-focused amenities should be better and more efficient.

The new plan for rebuilding the two senior facilities is mercifully different and better than earlier proposals that called for closing Pleasanton Gardens and selling the site and building a multi-story, high density apartment building to replace the cottages at Kottinger Place.

Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian, who joined task force members in meeting with neighbors of the two developments, won praise at Tuesday's council meeting for championing the project with detailed explanations about the plans, security issues and other concerns that gained everyone's support.

Even with the council's approval, there's still much work to be done before demolition of the existing buildings and actual construction can begin. In addition to HUD issues and various city commission approvals, the plan also must gain environmental approvals. It's likely that construction won't begin before March 2015. ■

## Portland grocer acquires New Leaf Markets

New Leaf Community Markets, which has a store in Pleasanton's Vintage Hills shopping center, announced Tuesday that it has been acquired by Portland-based New Seasons Market.

New Leaf will continue to operate its Bay Area markets, including its main offices in Santa Cruz, as a wholly owned subsidiary of New Seasons. Its current management team will continue to run the New Leaf stores with New Leaf's founders gaining an ownership share in the Portland business.

Scott Roseman, founder and co-owner of New Leaf Community Markets, will join the New Seasons Market board of directors.

"Joining with New Seasons Market will advance both companies' missions and values, and creates smart scale on our own terms," said Roseman.

"When we determined it was the right time to consider options to support our healthy growth, we wanted to align with a company that was committed to our values, to local operations and decision making, our support for local communities and our passion for high quality food," Roseman added. "For all of these reasons, New Seasons Market is a great match, plus, they are the only grocer in the world

other than New Leaf to become a certified B Corporation."

New Seasons Market is a recognized leader in the grocery industry and as B Corporations, New Seasons and New Leaf have been recognized as businesses that place as much value on taking care of their staff, the community and the environment as they do on growing and operating their business, Roseman said.

Roseman announced just Monday that B Lab, the international B Corporation certification body, has recognized New Leaf as a Certified B Corporation, too.

He added that like New Leaf, New Seasons Market is dedicated to providing great customer service and the highest quality food, and to giving 10% of profits to community nonprofits.

"Joining with this successful company that also has its roots in support of the regional food economy and strong community partnerships will help advance New Leaf's goal of growing sustainably," he said.

The combined company will be based in Portland, with New Seasons Market operating from Portland and New Leaf operating from Santa Cruz.

Together, New Seasons Market and New Leaf are committed to an operating model that ensures each

store makes local operating decisions and serves as a resource and partner to the customers, community, vendors and staff they serve, the two companies said in a statement.

"The same people at New Seasons Market and at New Leaf will continue to make operating and purchasing decisions on a local level, our values will remain the same and our commitments will stay unchanged," said New Seasons Market president and CEO Wendy Collie.

Together, the companies will gain long-term benefits from collaboration and sharing best practices in a fast growing marketplace, she added. Over time, they will look for opportunities where their combined strength and scale can be leveraged, including providing farmers and local food producers new opportunities to grow their businesses, and giving staff more opportunities for professional advancement.

New Seasons Market co-founder and board member Stan Amy commented,

"From the founding of New Seasons Market, we have had the goal of stable and sustainable growth that advances our values and benefits the community and the regional food economy while ensuring local focus and independence for the long haul,"



JEB BING

Scott Roseman, founder and co-owner of New Leaf Community Markets, announced New Leaf has been acquired by a Portland grocer, but New Leaf's stores and management team will stay in the Bay Area.

said New Seasons Market co-founder and board member Stan Amy.

"New Leaf is a terrific match for our values and mission," Amy added. "I have known of Scott Roseman's work for nearly 20 years, and have respected the company he's

built and their commitment to using the power of business to benefit his community and the local food economy."

New Leaf Community Markets is a natural foods grocery store that's been in business for 28 years. ■

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## LETTERS

### Extremist Republican congressmen

Dear Editor,

The latest crop of extremist Congressional representatives has invented a new way to write law for the U.S.: legislation by ransom demands. This copycat method has been taken from the playbook of terrorist groups around the world. Whenever action is required to fund the government or authorize government functions, an extremist minority simply needs to write new ransom demands to satisfy their latest brainstorms. In fact, this completely dispenses with any need for legislation, or for senators or representatives.

Terrorists will recognize immediately that the U.S. government has been brought to its knees by ransom demands from a radical extremist

minority. They also will see that the government is being held hostage and that Republican congressmen are being terrorized successfully by the threat of being defeated in a primary election. This will encourage terrorists around the world to engage in their own terrorist actions, because the U.S. government has forgotten its policy for dealing with terrorists: no negotiations.

Republicans have worked for over a decade to render our government dysfunctional. Corrupt and incompetent officials, replacing government functions with useless private service contracts, nutty judges who lecture about the devil, irresponsible tax cuts, and bogus wars that waste our treasure all contribute to handicapping the government. Now, extremist Republican congressmen are doing what they promised: to shut down the government. This state of affairs will continue as long as people vote to put anti-government candidates in office.

**Mike Moran**

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Pleasanton spared Livermore's financial anguish

The new year may not be a happy one for our friends in Livermore following a ruling last week that funds that were part of the city's Redevelopment Agency cannot be used to build the proposed multi-million-dollar Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Also involved in a decision by Sacramento Superior Court Eugene Balonon are debt obligations used to construct and operate the Bankhead Theater in downtown Livermore. While theater aficionados are no doubt disappointed, the decision by Judge Balonon was a good one for taxpayers who would have otherwise been obligated to pay down the debt over the next 30-50 years.

California's 400 redevelopment agencies and their supporters lost out two years ago when Gov. Jerry Brown closed them down, grabbing the incremental tax monies they were collecting to reduce the state's debt. The State Supreme Court agreed with the decision, allowing Brown to move the \$1.7 billion in revenue that they had collected to schools and other public programs where the money belongs. We said at the time that it was good news for taxpayers who for too long had seen their funds appropriated by appointed — not elected — local officials who often made decisions without adequate accountability on how to spend the money, whether for more parks, libraries, community centers, waterfront improvements or, in the case of neighboring Livermore, on a monstrous performing arts center of questionable need and with uncertain long-term funding.

Pleasanton years ago decided against establishing a redevelopment agency and Dublin never had one. In Pleasanton's case, voters rejected proposals to establish an RDA that would fund improvements, such as new sewers and housing, in the downtown district, with the area to be covered extending to what is now the Raley's shopping center and west to include homes and apartments on West Angela and other downtown side streets. After those measures were defeated, the City Council determined that to pay for capital improvements, it would methodically set up a Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) segment in the annual budget, identifying and prioritizing these projects each January. Funding would be limited to only as much money as tax revenues would allow. Only three debt-financed projects were approved: the Pleasanton Library 25 years ago, the Pleasanton Senior Center and the \$40 million Callippe Preserve golf course. Last month, the city used money from its reserve funds to fully pay down all debt obligations for the golf course, leaving the city free of debt for construction projects.

Livermore and a number of other California cities that established redevelopment agencies and borrowed in advance for major projects now have to determine how to repay those obligations. In Livermore's case, since the multi-story, 2,000-seat performing arts center was never built, outstanding costs are for preliminary planning. The City Council there earlier approved tapping into the General Fund to pay upfront costs while the court was deciding its appeal.

At the time Pleasanton voters rejected establishing a redevelopment agency, some thought that would put the city at a competitive disadvantage. It may have. Surveys show shoppers and others travel to Livermore's redeveloped and robust First Street and the vibrant Bankhead Theater. There were also calls to build a 1,700-seat performing arts center as part of a Cultural Arts complex in the Bernal Community Park, but studies showed a major theater just wouldn't be self-sustaining. Livermore's proposed theater, even farther away from the large population centers of San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose was considered even less sustainable in a study by local analysts.

The Firehouse Arts Center and theater were built as part of the city's policy to have the funds available before signing off on capital improvement projects. It's a policy that has served our city well. ■

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# POLICE BULLETIN

## Repeat offender busted in jewelry thefts

A Castro Valley man remains in custody on burglary and bad check charges at local jewelry stores that totaled more than \$74,000, including \$35,000 at Cardinal Jewelers in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road.

Chris Joseph Wade, 46, also has eight prior convictions that could boost his sentence under California's three-strikes law, which increases penalties for repeat offenders.

Court documents show Wade wrote multiple bad checks to Cardinal Jewelers for jewelry worth \$35,593, and checks totaling \$38,797 to three other area jew-

elry stores. He's also under investigation for similar crimes in Oakland, Berkeley and Woodland, according to court records.

Burglary charges can be added when a store is entered with the intent to steal.

### In police reports:

- An attempted purse snatching was stopped when the victim fought off the would-be thief. The woman was near the intersection of W. Las Positas Boulevard and Springhouse Drive, walking home from 24 Hour Fitness at about 9:31 a.m. Nov. 6 when she was grabbed by a man who tried to take her purse. She began screaming and punching the man in the face, and he ran off.

- Nathaniel E. Wilkes, 26, of Oakland and Annemarie G. Morales, 30, of San Francisco were arrested at about 6:04 p.m. Nov. 6 for identity theft, forgery and burglary. The two allegedly had fraudulent identity information in their possession and tried to withdraw money from the Wells Fargo bank office inside Safeway. The bank called to report the attempted fraud. Wilkes was also arrested for resisting arrest.

- Police have suspects in a felony embezzlement from Eagle Capital in the 4300 block of First Street in an incident reported at 12:36 p.m. Nov. 10. The amount taken was not released.

- Transient Karrole Lynne Brown, 46, was arrested at about 8:59 a.m. on a Pleasanton felony warrant for theft from a dependent adult.

- Residents of a home in the 2700 block of Solandra Court reported

jewelry worth \$4,260 was stolen sometime between May 9 and Nov. 3. Among the items taken were a hairpin and earrings set worth \$1,560, six pairs of earrings worth \$900 and two rings worth \$600.

- About \$1,200 cash, a \$300 laptop and car keys were stolen in a break

in at a home in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 10:23 p.m. Nov. 7. A kitchen window had been left unlocked, providing access.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 5

### Indecent exposure

- 3:49 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Theft

- 8:32 a.m. in the 1800 block of Foxswallow Circle

- 9:59 a.m. in the 5200 block of Clubhouse Drive

- 11:08 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

- 3:22 p.m. in the 4700 block of First Street

- 5:21 p.m. in the 8000 block of Arroyo Drive; fraud

- 9:31 p.m. in the 7600 block of Chestnut Way

### Graffiti

- 11:27 a.m. in the 4700 block of Saginaw Circle

### Drug/alcohol violations

- 5:42 p.m. in the 4400 block of Sutter Gate Avenue; DUI

- 9:36 p.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive; possession of methamphetamine

Nov. 6

### Theft

- 10:46 a.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; shoplifting

- 11:06 a.m. in the 2300 block of Woodthrush Way; fraud

- 11:45 a.m. in the 3600 block of N. Glacier Court; bicycle theft

### Auto burglary

- 9:56 a.m. in the 3500 block of Gresham Court

### DUI

- 6:33 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Nov. 7

### Theft

- 10:53 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; bicycle theft

### Vandalism

- 7:10 a.m. in the 1300 block of Santa Rita Road

### Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:37 p.m. at the intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Bernal Avenue; DUI

- 8:46 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

Nov. 8

### Theft

- 2:35 p.m. in the 5000 block of Golden Road; fraud

- 5:15 p.m. in the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; bicycle theft

- 6:40 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

### Auto burglary

- 8:18 a.m. in the 7300 block of Shady Mill Lane

- 11:30 a.m. in the 5200 block of Golden Road

- 1:49 p.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road

### Threats

- 6:45 a.m. in the 4000 block of Francisco Street

### Paraphernalia possession

- 4:30 a.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive

Nov. 9

### Auto theft

- 2:36 p.m. in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive

### Battery

- 1:08 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Nov. 10

### Theft

- 7:57 p.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

### Drug violation

- 11:41 a.m. in the 1600 block of Calle Santiago; possession of methamphetamine

Nov. 11

### Auto burglary

- 1:39 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 8:15 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### Drug violations

- 12:38 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; possession of a controlled substance

- 11:53 p.m. at the intersection of First Street and Neal Street; marijuana possession

# OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES

## Paul George Chenkovich

*Fire Captain (Retired), Livermore Pleasanton Fire Department*

Resident of Sacramento

Aug. 11, 1965 – Nov. 5, 2013

Paul passed away on Nov. 5, 2013 after a courageous three-year battle with job related brain cancer. He died at home with his wife by his side.

Paul was born in Mountain View, CA and raised in Pleasanton. He graduated from Foothill High School in 1984 and earned a degree in Fire Science from Shasta Fire College. Paul started his career as a Firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service and Redding Fire Department. In 1990, he joined the El Dorado Hills Fire Department where he worked for 10 years as a Firefighter and Fire Engineer. In 2000, Paul came to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department

where he was promoted from Firefighter to Fire Engineer before achieving the rank of Fire Captain from which he retired in 2013. Paul was integral to many programs that added safety and protection to the community, including the Child Seat Safety Program and Every 15 Minutes. Paul enjoyed most the time he spent with his family, but his other hobbies included soccer, distance running, woodworking, gardening and road trips with his motorcycle club.

Paul is survived by his wife Wendy and their devoted children Alex and Ella. He is also survived by his parents Robert and Alice Chenkovich of Pleasanton; his brothers Michael (wife, Kathy) Chenkovich of Chester, VA and Thomas Chenkovich of San Francisco; his sisters Carole (husband, Peter Boschetti) DeLorenzo of Windsor, CA and Barbara (husband, Rich) VanKoll of Moraga, CA; nieces and nephews



Jeremy and Ryan Chenkovich; Lauren Lopes, Nick and Luc DeLorenzo; Peter, Matt and Mark Boschetti; Samantha VanKoll; Emily and Jack VanKoll; and Jacoby Dickens; he is also survived by his Father-in-law Ernie (Pat) Dickens of Oak Harbor, WA and brother-in-law Justin (Piper) Dickens of Kirkland, WA.

Friends and family are invited to attend the Line of Duty Death Memorial Services for Paul at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 15 at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Paul will be brought to St. Augustine in a procession of Fire Engines from Livermore starting at 9:30 a.m. Members of the public are welcome to pay respects and will have a good view of the procession from Lions Wayside Park and Delucci Park located at First St. and Neal St.

Donations for the Chenkovich family may be made by visiting any Bank of America branch and donating to the Chenkovich Family Account #164110012484 or donations can be mailed to the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation C/O Chenkovich Family at 4847 Hopyard Road, Suite 4 PMB 303, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council**  
Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal

- Consider adopting a Resolution to Accept the 2012/13FY Year-End Financial Report for the Operating Budget and Amend the 2012/13FY Operating Budget
- Consider appointment of the at-Large member to the Pioneer Cemetery Master Plan Oversight Committee

**Economic Vitality Committee**  
Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.  
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Update on EVC 2013 Priorities/Development of 2014 Priorities

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Thursday, November 21, 2013

- The Housing Commission meeting has been cancelled

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# Holiday Fund 2

## Your donations are needed more than ever this year

Today marks the start of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund campaign, a time when we ask our readers to turn their thoughts to supporting local nonprofit agencies and services that care for those in need year round.

It's also a timely effort with many nonprofits still faced with diminished contributions as a result of the waning recession while needing increased funds to meet a growing number of those in need.

"Given all of the uncertainties we've seen in recent months, from continued troubling unemployment to an unsettling government shutdown to likely soaring rate increases for those who have health care plans, these are the times the Holiday Fund and those agencies we serve most need your contributions," said Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly.

Contributions to the 2013 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will be distributed in two tiers, with 75% of all dollars raised going to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System.

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

Again this year, the Weekly is partnering with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), which will handle all finances related to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. This will allow donors to take advantage of a tax deduction for the dollars they contribute through the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status to the fullest extent of the law.



The foundation, headquartered in Mountain View, is no stranger to Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. In recent years, the community foundation and its donors have awarded grants to Amador Valley and Horizon high schools, Axis Community Health, PPIE, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and the Valley Humane Society.

"We welcome the opportunity to join again with Silicon Valley Community Foundation as part of our 2013 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund," Channell-Allen said. "At the Weekly, we know what the needs are locally because of our expertise in covering these nonprofits in our news columns."

Also, the Pleasanton Weekly will handle all costs of the campaign. That means that every dollar will go directly to the 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.



Last year, when the state of the economy was perhaps even more dire, Pleasanton Weekly readers rallied to the call and contributed more than \$75,000 in direct donations to the Holiday Fund.

Beneficiaries of contributions made to the Pleasanton Weekly 2013 Holiday Fund will be:

### Axis Community Health

Among this year's recipients in the Tier One group is Axis Community Health, the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical care for the area's neediest families who do not have health insurance. Last year, 14,000 Tri-Valley residents depended on Axis for services, including over 38,000 medical visits. More than 2,000 of those visits, at a cost of nearly \$600,000, were not covered by any public insurance source.

"In the coming year, Axis Community Health will again need funds to cover costs for uncompensated health care visits," said Valerie Jonas, chief development officer. "We rely on contributions like those from the Holiday Fund to make it possible for us to take care of the many people in our community who struggle to make ends meet."

### Open Heart Kitchen

Open Heart Kitchen is another Tri-Valley charity that is again on the Holiday Fund list for 2013. It expects to serve more than 200,000 meals in its current fiscal year, according to Linda McKeever, executive director. Open Heart, which serves meals in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, has seen a 25% increase in demand for free meals, far greater than the pace of donations directly to the organization.

### Valley Humane Society

Also receiving financial assistance this year from the Holiday Fund is the Valley Humane Society, an all-volunteer group that rescues, treats and finds homes for abandoned or injured animals. It does not euthanize unless health problems dictate. Its mission also includes educating others on responsible pet ownership. While donations primarily support animal rescue, VHS also provides assistance to people.

"Low income families receive help caring for their own pets, the soothing support of therapy dogs is offered to those who need healing and young people have many opportunities to experience the powerful difference they can make while learning a love of animals," said Melissa Adkins, marketing and development manager.

### ValleyCare Health System

Since 1961, ValleyCare Health System has provided not-for-profit health care to the Tri-Valley and surrounding communities, expanding and adding services as the needs of the community have grown. Its highly skilled physicians, nurses and staff, combined with state-of-the-art technologies, allow ValleyCare to provide comprehensive health care.

ValleyCare is a nonprofit institution dependent on fees, grants and public contributions, including community assistance, such as contributions from the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, ValleyCare has expanded to include new and remodeled buildings in Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin.

"This year's contributions from the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will go towards our Breast Cancer Patient Navigator Program, The Women In Need Fund and breast cancer education," said Denise Bouillerc, director of ValleyCare's Marketing/Public Relations and Charitable Foundation.

"Cancer touches each of us in some way and with one in eight women diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the U.S., we are targeting funds toward our Breast Cancer Program at ValleyCare," she added.

"As a not-for-profit health system, any donations given to ValleyCare assist us in providing these specialized health services to people right here in our community. "We are grateful to all who give so generously."



### Hope Hospice

Beneficiaries of the Holiday Fund in the second tier, which will receive 25% of the contributions made this year, include Hope Hospice, a Dublin-based organization that serves patients and families in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, Alamo, Blackhawk, Castro Valley, Diablo, Danville, San Ramon, Sunol and surrounding communities in the East Bay.

The organization is known throughout the Valley for the special kind of healthcare it offers. It's unique because it works to not only meet a dying patient's physical needs, but supports the emotional, social and spiritual needs of the surviving family as well. Hope Hospice care is provided regardless of the ability to pay and relies on contributions such as those raised by the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund to provide services.

### REACH

Also slated to receive funds in this year's Holiday Fund campaign is REACH, an acronym for Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for

special adults of the Tri-Valley by a group of concerned family members who wanted to be able to live locally, the group's quality living environments with efficiency and live with dignity.

"Tri-Valley REACH is very much as a beneficiary of the 2013 Holiday Fund," said Brian G. of the REACH board of directors.

"Funds received from the Holiday Fund will be used to support athletic programs that offer Special Needs community, and the lives of the developmentally disabled in the Tri-Valley," he added.

### Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation

Again on the Holiday Fund list is Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies. Funds that go to this organization help cancer patients with the best therapies to help alleviate the pain by radiation and chemotherapy supported entirely by generous donors from the Pleasanton Weekly.

### Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council

During the recent recession, many people suffer, which is why the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council is a beneficiary of its 2013 Holiday Fund. In its 35 years, the PCAC has supported and performing arts and arts programs reaching thousands of school children through education programs, scholarships and bands in the elementary and middle schools.

### Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation

Also in line for Holiday Fund is Pleasanton Partnerships in Education, an organization that has a long relationship with the Pleasanton District and contributes to the needs of students and educators, while supporting the business community.

Founded in 1985, its goal is to order to protect programs from budget cuts, relying on the support of the extended community, including the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, to ensure excellence by meeting class needs by other means.



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FILE PHOTO  
Melanie Sadek, executive director of the Valley Humane Society, holds a rescue puppy up for adoption. The organization is a beneficiary of the 2013 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

## Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley

Also benefiting from the Holiday Fund this year will be Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, an independent, nonprofit agency serving seniors over 60 in the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol. The group was established in 1981 as a "Friendly Visitor" volunteer program serving 35 seniors. It has since grown to include programs that annually serve more than 1,600 seniors in the Tri-Valley area, along with providing about 5,000 information and referral calls and visits. ■



## HOW TO GIVE:

The Holiday Fund is a donor advised fund of Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

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



## 107 volunteers rally to create Holiday Shop in their leader's absence

By Gina Channell-Allen

Monda Wiseman has spent 17 years helping make the Discovery Shop in Pleasanton successful. Now the volunteers are helping her.

The American Cancer Society set up Discovery Shop resale stores over 40 years ago to raise funds for cancer research through the sale of quality, "gently used" donated merchandise. The stores resell donated clothing, accessories, jewelry, furniture, artwork, antiques, collectibles and other household items. The Discovery Shop in Pleasanton actually has two stores, one for clothing and other items and one for furniture.

They also have sales and special

events to raise money, including the annual Holiday Shop. The Holiday Shop, a tradition since Pleasanton's Discovery Shop was established in 1989, opened its doors Nov. 1. And for the first time in 17 years, Wiseman, the shop's manager, won't be there. A personal situation called her out of town during the time when the Furniture Shop is being transformed into the Holiday Shop.

"This is one of the biggest events of the year and she's not going to be there," Carol Olson, a Discovery Shop volunteer, said. But the 107 volunteers are "rallying around her," and they are making it happen, Olson added. There are sev-

eral volunteers who have been with the organization since it opened.

Sue Duke, who does the bookkeeping for the Pleasanton Discovery Shop and holds down the fort in Wiseman's absence, said, "The volunteers are our most important asset because none of this would happen without them. None of it."

According to Olson, the dedication and longevity of the volunteers might be in part because of Wiseman.

"I have been moved by her leadership running these two shops," Olson said. "I've never seen a person with the grace and tenacity that Monda has."

"She is an outstanding leader,"

Duke said of Wiseman. "You wouldn't know these people are volunteers because they are so dedicated."

According to Duke, many people volunteer because, "So many people have been touched by cancer. It's their way of doing something about it. It's something tangible they can do."

Olson said the number and different skill sets of the volunteers really make a difference. The volunteers are "all doing their part," Olson said, saying someone will do electrical work while another will repair a table for sale. "And it all comes together like clockwork."

One of those dedicated volunteers is Joan Povlsen, who has been

volunteering at the Discovery Shop since it opened in 1989. She and her husband, John, helped find the location for the first Discovery Shop. John has since passed away, but Joan continues to volunteer regularly and is now affectionately known as "Queen Joan." (Her name badge even says it!)

"Both of my parents died of cancer and I feel I'm doing my part," Joan said. "I really enjoy it."

She added that there are actually quite a few volunteers who have served more than 25 years.

"Most of our volunteers stay unless they move away," Joan said.

The Holiday Shop has all types of decorations, including themed trees and ornaments, figurines, table clothes and even a fireplace mantle.

"We have just about every holiday decoration you can think of," Duke said. And "everything is donated," she added.

The Holiday Shop at 1991 Santa Rita Road, Ste. L, Pleasanton, is open until after Christmas; hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The clothing store at 1889 Santa Rita Road, Ste. E, Pleasanton, is open Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

If you stop by either shop you might see Queen Joan. She is there often and is involved in many events, like the fashion show held Oct. 28 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Joan was at the show, but didn't model — this time.

"Oh, I used to," she said, with a bit of a giggle, "but I don't anymore." ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Carole Formica (left), Emmanuil Pirounakis and Natalie Pirounakis are volunteers at the Discovery Shop. Emmanuil and Natalie, husband and wife, have been volunteering for just about a year. "We're new volunteers," Natalie said.



Zhiyang Tan (front), a sophomore at Amador High School, and Daniel Lung, a junior at Amador, trim a tree in the Discovery Shop's Holiday Shop.



The Holiday Shop has all types of decorations, including themed trees and ornaments, figurines, table clothes and even a fireplace mantle. All the merchandise is donated.

## Civic Meetings

**CITY COUNCIL** The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**HOUSING COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Housing Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

## Clubs

**DBE (DAUGHTERS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE)** Welcome to ladies of British or British Commonwealth Heritage. DBE holds meetings at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Castlewood Country Club. Members focus on philanthropy, enjoy social interaction and form long-lasting friendships while contributing to local charities and supporting retirement homes in the USA. Call Edith at 998-3500.

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON** The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit [www.PleasantonRotary.org](http://www.PleasantonRotary.org).

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH** Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a

difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at the Hilton Hotel, 7050 Johnson Drive. Call 580-7947 or visit [www.pnr-rotary.org](http://www.pnr-rotary.org).

**TRI-VALLEY ROTARY MEETINGS** Tri Valley Rotary is a small but energetic group, motivated and eager to make a difference in the community. Meetings are 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at Castlewood Country Club Grill, 707 Country Club Circle. There is a \$5 meeting fee plus cost of meal. Contact [info@trivalleyrotary.org](mailto:info@trivalleyrotary.org) or go to <http://trivalleyrotary.org>.

## Concerts

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## Events

**A TASTE OF KENYA** Cheza Nami Foundation is excited to host a magical afternoon of Kenyan art, dance, poetry, music, food and fashion from 3-6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. Cost is \$10, \$25, or \$40.

Contact 398-3827 or [info@chezanami.org](mailto:info@chezanami.org). Go to [www.chezanami.org](http://www.chezanami.org).

**BRUNCH IN LIVERMORE** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to brunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 at Hilton Garden Inn, 2801 Constitution Drive, Livermore. RSVP to Ruby at 462-9636 or [hskooog@comcast.net](mailto:hskooog@comcast.net) by Nov. 22.

**HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to Happy Hour from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Sheraton Hotel. RSVP to Marge at 828-5124 or [hskooog@comcast.net](mailto:hskooog@comcast.net) by Nov. 19.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE** Honor those you love who have died in a special Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation. Please bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.

**POM JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW** Studio Seven Arts presents the handmade jewelry of master artisan and local Bay Area jeweler "Pom" from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Studio Seven Arts, 400 Main St. Call 846-4322.

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have decided to increase the minimum wage for their employees to \$10.60 an hour effective January 1, 2014!

The Tribe decided to increase the minimum wage as a "thank you" to all of the employees who have stayed and worked through the difficult times and the remodel.

"The tribe values the loyalty and hard work of the employees at Jackson Rancheria and wants to show our appreciation in a big way," said Tribal Chairman, Adam Dalton. This increase is meant to reward employees for their dedication to the company.

Jackson Rancheria now has the highest minimum wage in the nation, increasing wages by nearly \$5,000 a year for the employees affected.

Jackson Rancheria is the largest employer in Amador County with 1,135 employees who will be benefitting from the Tribe's generous decision.

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*"The tribe values the loyalty and hard work of the employees at Jackson Rancheria and wants to show our appreciation in a big way."*

**Tribal Chairman, Adam Dalton**

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## Fundraisers

**SLEEP TRAIN'S SECRET SANTA TOY DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS** Sleighbells are ringing and Christmas lights are glowing, but for the more than 60,000 foster kids throughout California, the holiday season can be tough as many enter new and unfamiliar homes. Help ensure each foster child feels the magic of the holiday season and donate a toy to any Sleep Train location.

**HELP THE OPEN HEART KITCHEN WITH THE HOLIDAYS!** Open Heart Kitchen needs your help to make Thanksgiving and Christmas special for everyone. They need help

with donations, like turkeys, trimmings for food baskets, Canned vegetables, canned fruit stuffing, gravy. Drop off any donations from 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday at 5200 Case Ave.

**LESLIE DESMOND CLINIC** Leslie will teach the philosophy of "Feel and Release" from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 at Hoofprints on the Heart in Livermore. Riders and auditors will benefit from Desmond's commitment of helping owners of horses that have different characters, abilities, coping skills and challenges. Cost is \$35-\$85. Call 449-9090 or go to [www.hotharc.org](http://www.hotharc.org).

## Holiday

**HAPPY SMALL-IDSAYS AT BOTHWELL'S DOWNTOWN ART STUDIOS** Kick off your holiday season with locally made art and handcrafts, from mini paintings to jewelry and decor, from 7-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 23 and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Bothwell Arts Center's Downtown Art Studios in Livermore. Call 447-2787 or go to <http://www.bothwellartscenter.org>.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE** St. Michael's first annual Christmas Boutique will be on from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24 in the Parish Hall, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Join for good food, wonderful vendors and prizes. Vendors contact Barbara at [music-ministry33@yahoo.com](mailto:music-ministry33@yahoo.com) to reserve a table. Table rental donations are \$35. Call (209) 679-1200.

## Kids & Teens

**HOT PEAS 'N BUTTER PERFORMING MULTICULTURAL MELODIES** Children have a hard time resisting the engaging mix of Latin jazz, Afro-Caribbean rhythms, folk and rock music served up by Hot Peas N Butter. Enjoy a performance by the group at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Cost is \$30, \$15 for students. Call 373-6800 or go to <http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org>.

**LUNAR VIEWING AT ALVISO ADOBE** Come out and view our closest neighbor in the Solar System, the moon, at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Alviso Adobe Park, 3465 Old Foothill

Road. There will be naturalist-led activities and telescope viewing. Ages 6-12. Cost is \$8 for Pleasanton residents, \$11 for non-residents. Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) using code 56210. Call 931-3482.

## Miscellaneous

**'LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY'** Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month to give free 15 to 20 minute consultations. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30-5:45 p.m.; names will be selected at 5:50 p.m. and people must be present when names are drawn. Appointments begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. Call 931-3400, ext. 7.

**FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR** Join for a sampling of Sangiovese and Semillon from Valor Winery in Livermore, veteran employed and gives back to veterans in New Leaf's Buzz Organic Juice Bar and Café, from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15. A different vendor is featured each week. Educate your palette! Must be 21+. Call 621-7660 ext. 120.

**VFW-AL COFFEE AND DONUTS** Every Saturday morning from 7:30-9 a.m., the VFW and American Legion host coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. All veterans are welcome. Visit [www.vfwpost6298.com](http://www.vfwpost6298.com).

## Seniors

**CHAT WITH THE 'NAT'** Join the City Naturalist as he brings the wonder of the outside world to the Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. This on-going series includes slide shows, hands on materials, visits from a few special furry and crawling friends and plenty of time for Q & A. Call 931-5365.

**MEDICARE AND THE AEP: CHANGES FOR 2014** This presentation will provide an overview of eligibility, costs, benefits and recent changes. Learn about options for supplementing Medicare and getting help with medical care costs, from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365 or go to [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

## Spiritual

**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES WORKSHOP** With extensive experience on the grief process, Lisa Starbird facilitates this healing circle where you can share memories, sadness and joy, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18 at Unity of Tri-Valley's Gathering Place in Dublin. Bring a picture of your loved one. Suggested donation of \$20.

**WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** Women gather for a time of prayer and study of the Bible from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St. Topics change according to lesson length. Coffee and refreshment provided. Call 846-8650 or go to [www.fcpleasanton.org](http://www.fcpleasanton.org).

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# Sports

## Falcons take back trophy from Dons

Top right: The Foothill High Falcons run the ball for the last play of the game and a 41-14 victory at Friday night's game against their crosstown rivals Amador Valley, held at Foothill. Bottom right: Falcons fans swarm the field to celebrate.

Friday's game can be seen at [www.tri-valleytv.org](http://www.tri-valleytv.org), including interviews with coaches, players, principals and students. It was the 38th year for the classic rivalry, which began between the freshmen teams in 1974, soon after Foothill opened; the varsity teams started facing each other in 1976. Last year, Amador won for the first time since 2004.

Both schools are in North Coast Section playoffs this weekend. The Dons, with a 5-5 record, face Granada High at Granada, at 7 p.m. tonight. Foothill, 8-2, will play Oakley's Freedom High School at Foothill at 7 p.m. tomorrow.



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JO THOMAS

## Helping out the pros

Juliet Allen and Sam Frost of Pleasanton, who both play for Mustang Soccer's U15 ECNL team, were among the Mustang Magic girls who carried the flags onto the field when the U.S. Women's National Soccer team played New Zealand recently at Candlestick Park. They also served as ball girls throughout the match. Shown with soccer pro Abby Wambach are the Mustang Magic ECNL players with Allen and Frost in the back row, first and fourth from the left.

## Chaos celebrate undefeated season

Pleasanton Rage Team Chaos finished its season in first place of the U19 D4 Traveling House League, with an undefeated 9-0 record. Chaos scored 32 goals and allowed only 6 to the opposition. In the final game Chaos scored in the last five minutes to notch a 2-1 victory over a strong Pleasanton Renegades team. Chaos team members are Emily Tsivikas, Sarah Thielen, Jenn Teitell, Katie Scalzo, Jillian Quintanal, Sophia Nekrawesh, Annalise Miller, Kaitlin Mallie, Carly Krakauer, Amanda Jorgenson, Cassidy Holmes, Meghan Fletcher, Jill Eicher, Kelly Duncan, Jessica Cho, Lexi Campisi, Katie Buote, Andrea Bright, Mandy Boyden, Andrea Arden and Moira Andrews. Coaches are Dan Campisi, Russ Thielen and Jake Krakauer.



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## Rage battle ends in tie

Pleasanton Rage Orange U16 defensive back Louisa DuBose, forward Rachel Ose No. 21 and center defensive back Taylor Roney go up against Stanford SC's Nicole Cox No. 5 in a hard contest that ended in a 1-1 tie Saturday at Pleasanton Sports Park. Roney scored the lone goal for Rage, unassisted off a power shot, while offensively for Rage, Shayli Jones and Gabby Cabrera made several great runs and attempts on goal.



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## Affordable homes declining

Higher housing prices shutting out buyers

By JEB BING

Housing affordability fell in the year's third quarter for the sixth consecutive time after reaching an all-time high in the spring of 2012, the California Association of Realtors reported.

Significantly higher home prices shut out more California home buyers during the quarter, CAR said.

The percentage of home buyers who could afford to purchase a median-priced, existing single-family home in California dropped to 32% in the third quarter, down from 36% in first quarter of the year and from 49% in third quarter of 2012.

CAR's Traditional Housing Affordability Index (HAI) showed the third quarter 2013 figure fell below 35% for the first time since the third quarter of 2008.

CAR's HAI measures the percentage of all households that can afford to purchase a median-priced, single-family home in California. CAR also reports affordability indices for regions and select counties within the state. The Index is considered the most fundamental measure of housing well-being for home buyers in the state.

Home buyers needed to earn a minimum annual income of \$89,170 to qualify for the purchase of a \$433,940 statewide median-priced,

existing single-family home in the third quarter of 2013. The monthly payment, including taxes and insurance on a 30-year fixed-rate loan, would be \$2,230, assuming a 20% down payment and an effective composite interest rate of 4.36%. The effective composite interest rate in second-quarter 2013 was 3.64% and 3.72% in the third quarter of 2012.

The median home price was \$339,930 in third-quarter 2012, and an annual income of \$65,828 was needed to purchase a home at that price.

California housing affordability hit a record high of 56% in first quarter of 2012. Since then, a lack of housing supply and high demand have driven up home prices sharply and significantly reduced affordability.

Nearly every county experienced a double-digit decline in affordability when compared to last year, reflecting the substantial increase in California home prices on a year-to-year basis. Sacramento, Monterey and Sonoma counties experienced the largest year-to-year declines, while San Mateo, Marin and San Francisco counties experienced the smallest year-to-year declines.

At an index of 64%, San Bernardino County was the most affordable county of the state, while San Mateo County was the least affordable at 15%. ■

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 4-22

### Dublin

**11570 Betlen Drive** Petersen Trust to J. & L. Williamson for \$740,000

**4165 Clarinbridge Circle** C. Claunch to R. Matta for \$390,000

**3239 Colebrook Lane** A. & L. Balilea to K. & V. Babaria for \$980,000

**7397 Cronin Circle** D. Ho to J. & S. Noriega for \$380,000

**5425 De Marcus Boulevard #414** V. Bassine to U. Lee for \$391,000

**3465 Dublin Boulevard #346** L. & P. Rayalacheruvu to J. Liu for \$440,000

**3121 Fazio Terrace** Taylor Morrison of California to X. Chen for \$757,500

**4317 Fitzwilliam Street** D. Bassine to B. Lee for \$510,000

**3311 Monaghan Street** F. Lopez to Park Avenue Property Management for \$500,000

**5002 Osborne Circle** Lennar Homes to J. & V. Arca for \$886,000

**5038 Shapleigh Court** A. Nguyen to B. Hackwell for \$1,030,000

**5685 Signal Hill Drive** M. Monteverde-Teo to J. Madderla for \$1,459,000

**5752 Signal Hill Drive** A. & E. Crisolo to B. Kaur for \$900,000

**6807 South Mariposa Lane** KB Home to Y. Kuo for \$359,000

### Pleasanton

**4457 Arbutus Court** D. & M. Vu to Y. Qi for \$860,000

**4269 Chapman Way** Smith Trust to E. Liou for \$715,000

**923 Concord Street** K. & R. Vanhorn to HPROF Limited for \$670,000

**7025 Corte Blanca** Craner Trust to K. Ko for \$1,016,000

**5266 Crestline Way** R. & A. Holmquist to Q. Zhao for \$882,000

**4594 Del Valle Parkway** Ventura Trust to J. Choudhary for \$749,000

**7310 Elmwood Circle** N. & N. Phan to K. Sides for \$700,000

**4342 Fairlands Drive** A. & N. Caudill to P. Balaji for \$564,000

**7741 Fair Oaks Drive** Kamins Trust to P. Cheung for \$682,000

**2412 Heatherlark Circle** Hystad Trust to B. Crane for \$568,000

**5004 Hillcrest Way** Hall Trust to K. & E. Untermann for \$865,000

**7507 Homewood Court** Clise Trust to C. Madge for \$575,000

**5168 Independence Drive** Saxton Trust to X. Chen for \$1,120,000

**4159 Lethram Court** N. Graham to G. Ghosh for \$590,000

**5269 Northway Road** Landsittel Trust to G. Wu for \$860,000

**3541 Norton Way** Riley Trust to T. Hrubesh for \$460,000

**5526 Paseo Navarro** Langfeldt Trust to J. Li for \$844,000

**7825 Paseo Santa Cruz** Yick Trust to M. & R. Nadkarni for \$891,000

**2103 Raven Road** Kepke Trust to J. & J. Chaudry for \$1,010,000

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**Realtors' group chooses new president**

Pleasanton's Don Faught ends term

By JEB BING

Kevin Brown, a Realtor and broker in San Francisco, has been chosen president of the California Association of Realtors, succeeding Don Faught, vice-president and managing broker for Alain Pinel Realtors in Pleasanton.

Serving with Brown are president-elect Chris Kutzkey, treasurer Geoff McIntosh and chief executive officer Joel Singer.

The 2014 officers began their official term this week at the close of the National Association of Realtors conference and Expo in San Francisco.

Brown has been a Realtor for more than

30 years and has served in myriad leadership positions for CAR and local associations of Realtors. His first position was membership committee chair for the Oakland Association of Realtors in 1986. Since that time, he has also served as a Federal Political Coordinator to the 9th Congressional District for the National Association, Legislative committee, chair to the Bay East Association's Local Government Relations Committee and president of the Oakland Association of Realtors.

He was also the recipient of the Realtor of the Year award in 1996 for the Oakland Association of Realtors. ■

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**Gina Piper**

**10745 Dulsie Lane – Dublin - \$ 548,000**

Spectacular location against the hillside. Beautifully updated home featuring Corian counters and newer cabinets in kitchen. Vaulted ceilings in this open floor plan. Gorgeous backyard with view of hill. 2 car attached garage.



**Linda Newton**

**2805 Hoya CMN – Livermore – \$ 625,000**

Excellent corner end unit! The home is beautiful! 2nd story Balcony off kitchen/living facing South. Tastefully decorated & upgraded. Crown molding, granite slab kitchen counters w/tile backsplash, gas range, stainless steel appliances, upgraded master bathroom w/decorative tile, tech center & more!



**Linda Newton**

**726 Richardson Dr. – Brentwood - \$ 549,000**

STUNNING from front door to striking views in the backyard. This spectacular home has wonderful upgrades, premium lot, steel framed, & meticulous. Built-in cabinetry, ceiling fans w/medallions, security, plantation shutters, hardwood floors, kitchen granite counters, 2 car garage plus golf cart garage, den & more!



**Carol Beck**

**995 Scenic Pl. – Pleasanton - \$ 464,900 – Pleasant Hill**

This floor plan is seldom available. This end unit has a private backyard with lawn and planting areas. Bright and light inside with formal dining and eat-in kitchen with bay window. White cabinets, stainless appliances. Neutral in decor with lots of storage.



**Sue Fredrickson**

**1262 Shady Pond Ln. - Pleasanton - \$ 1,595,000**

Sun-filled rooms & masterfully crafted architecture reflect today's lifestyle in this single level gem. Tasteful upgrades throughout! A WOW backyard w/ fruit trees, vegetable garden, & fountains offers total serenity. Easy access to freeways, downtown Pleasanton and top rated schools.



**John Manos**

**7032 Tory Ct. – Dublin - \$ 610,000**

Corner lot, possible side yard access, located on a cul-de-sac. Laminate floors, several ceiling fans. Dual pane windows. Furnace, A/C, and oven all have been replaced. Newer electrical panel. Fruit trees in side yard. Nearby schools K-12, easy access to I/580/680, BART, and other transportation.

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Stunning 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home has been remodeled from top to bottom. Situated at the end of a court. **SOLD FOR \$862,000**



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Great home on the west side, close to schools. 4 beds, 2.5 baths, 2267 sq. ft. on a court. Sold 11K over asking price. **SOLD FOR \$860,000**



**7988 Applewood Ct, Pleasanton**

This must see family home is 2243 sq. ft., with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms on just under .5 acre. Court location. **SOLD FOR \$865,000**



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Birdland home with 5 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms. Features a beautiful pool and large backyard. **SOLD FOR \$1,072,000**



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**PENDING IN 3 DAYS**

### 1931 Valdosta Court, Pleasanton

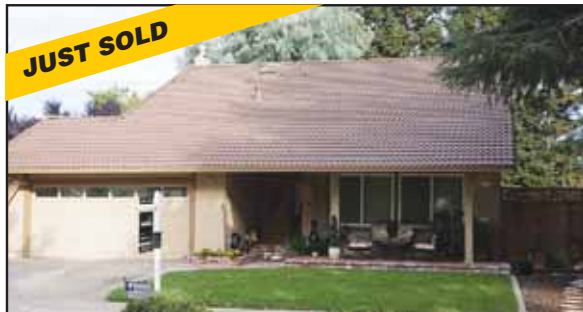
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File No.: 483046  
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**RWC ASSOCIATES**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 483411  
The following person(s) doing business as: RWC ASSOCIATES, 2843 HOPYARD ROAD #123, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Russell Weinberg, 4507 Gatetree Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business

under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 09/03/2013. Signature of Registrant: Russell Weinberg. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/03/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22; 2013)

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File No.: 484293-307

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**NOTARIES NOW**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 484442  
The following person(s) doing business as: NOTARIES NOW, 205 J MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Helen Berenice Wardale, 6806 Corte Nuevo, Pleasanton,

CA 94566; Dhawallah Aisien, 1226 Shady Pond Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Co-partners. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Helen B. Wardale, Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/28/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29; 2013)

**PROSHRED SFBA**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 484722  
The following person(s) doing business as: PROSHRED SFBA, 5635 WEST LAS POSITAS BLVD., SUITE 405, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MJT Ventures Corporation, 1912 Toyon Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 10/01/2013. Signature of Registrant: Michael J Thompson, President & CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/05/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29; 2013)

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