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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



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Adam Randall and his class of 29 third grade students at Vintage Hills Elementary School.

## 3rd-graders tackle the rainforests

If you see a group of 8- and 9-year-olds carefully checking the labels of products at the supermarket, they could be in Adam Randall's third-grade class at Vintage Hills Elementary School. His 29 students just completed a three-week read-a-thon about the rainforests and came away alarmed about the negative impact humans are having there. Particularly disturbing were the reports they read about the growth of palm oil plantations on clear-cut acres of previously undisturbed growth in rainforests. They decided to persuade their parents and others not to buy products with palm oil as an ingredient.

The rainforest concerns grew out of an assignment Randall gave his class at the start of the school year to read a book called "The Dot," a picture book written and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds about a girl named Vashti who thinks she can't draw. She's told to draw a dot, then to draw more of them as she starts making her own mark on the world. The book has gone global; Randall's class even joined in celebrating International Dot Day this fall.

As the students expanded their reading assignments with stories about the rainforests, they formed a Rain Forest Read-a-thon, seeking pledges from friends and family for time they spent reading.

"We got sponsors to pledge money for us to read," said Ruby Harness, one of the students. "For one month, I read every day and kept track of it. Then I collected the money from my sponsors. I read for 300 minutes and raised \$215!"

"I did this because I want to save the orangutans," she added. "They are almost extinct because the rainforest is their home and the rainforest is being chopped down. I was proud that my reading raised money to make a difference. Every little bit helps and I was glad to do my part to help the rainforest."

As part of its Read-a-thon, the

class worked on their iPads and prepared "Rainforest Newscasts" to spread awareness. They also wrote letters to Cargill, Inc., a multinational company in Minnesota, asking that it stop cutting rainforests for palm oil.

Another third-grader, Mackenzie McDonald, added: "A lot of animals are losing their homes and becoming extinct. We are losing the rainforest. Without the rainforest, bad things will happen. It means a lot to read to earn money and not just turn in money. I think we made our mark. I feel good about that."

Still more quotes from Randall's students:

"I felt very proud of myself because I was helping animals in the rainforest and saving the trees." - Tiffany.

"When I did the Rainforest Read-a-thon, it made me feel great because I was helping the world. It was great to do this because I thought that I couldn't. The book called 'The Dot' inspired us to make our mark." - River.

"The Rainforest Read-a-thon made me feel awesome because we raised so much money. It did not just make me feel cool, it also made me feel good because I was helping other people." - Claire

"It felt really good to help the rainforest. I have never saved something as big as the rainforest. I never thought a kid could help such a big thing." - Naren

"It felt good to make my mark on the world because we are just third graders helping the Earth and making ourselves proud." - Aubrey

"I felt good when I made my mark because we did something for the world and raised almost \$2,800 for our read-a-thon." - Natalie.

Randall, 28, who is in his third year of teaching at Vintage Hills, said the money was donated to the locally based Rainforest Action Network.

"I pride myself in teaching children how to think, not what to think," he said. "The work they did on the rainforest project speaks for itself." ■

## About the Cover

Parishioners fill the sanctuary at Our Savior Lutheran Church, the largest Missouri Synod church in the area, as Christmas season services appeal to thousands in the Christian faith. Photo by Jeb Bing. Cover design by Rosanna Leung.

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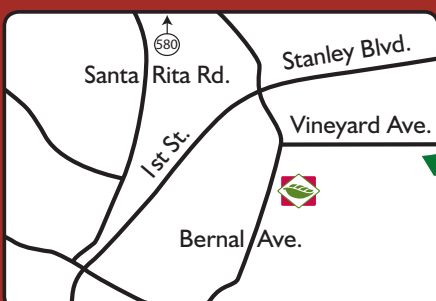
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# Streetwise

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## Do you have an unusual or peculiar talent?

**Dave Huang**  
*Marketing director*

I can say 'hello' in at least 100 languages. I learned it from the JetBlue kiosks at the airport. The kiosks only say it in about 10 different languages, but I liked the idea so much that I looked up and learned another 90 or so ways to say it. Like bonjour, shalom, konichiwa, ni hao, goddag, aloha, guten tag, zdravstvuyte, hej, terve, ciao, silaw, salam, namaskar, talofa.



**Hannah Presser**  
*Teacher*

Actually, I do. You can put pretty much any musical instrument in my hands, and I will be able to teach myself to play it pretty well.

**Bashkim Patel**  
*Architect*

Yes, indeed I do. And people, especially little kids, love when I do this for them. I can count backwards from the number 1 million, by 7's, very quickly.



**Luigi Botera**  
*Hardware store manager*

I can lick my elbow with my tongue. It's a very rare ability. Go ahead and try it. I bet you can't do it. Almost nobody can.

**Erin Lommerin**  
*High school student*

Hmmm. I do!! I can recite pi out to like, 1,000 places: 3.1415926535897932384626 4338327950288419716939937510582097 4944592307816406286208998628034825 3421170679821480865132823066470938 4460955058223172535940812848111745 0284102701938521. Would you like me to keep going?



—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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We plan to use the photos in our Dec. 20 issue. We are also interested in photos of pets with Santa and pictures from years past. Please send in the photos by midnight Dec. 15.

### The candyman can

Roald Dahl's story of candy man Willy Wonka, a youngster, Charlie and the boy's grandfather comes to life this weekend at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road.

The stage adaptation of Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory features all the characters and songs from the 1971 movie. It's presented by the Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company and Bay Area Children's Theatre. Shows are at 8 p.m. Dec. 13, and 20, at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 and 21, with 2 p.m. matinees on Dec. 14, 15, 21 and 22.

Adult tickets are \$12, \$15, \$18 and \$6, \$9, \$12 for children and seniors. They're available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), 931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

### Victorian victory

Gerry and Kathy Machi are this year's winners of the annual Pleasanton Architectural Heritage Award for their home at 1015 Rose Avenue in the city's historic downtown district. The Machi's Queen Anne Victorian was built around 1890, reputedly by Charles Bruce.

PHA gives its Heritage Award to homeowners who preserve and restore existing heritage homes or build new homes that are true to the historic character of Pleasanton's downtown historic district.

The award will be presented at the Machi's home at 2 p.m. Dec. 15. For more about the award presentation contact John Ribovich at (510) 853-1427 or [jribovich@yahoo.com](mailto:jribovich@yahoo.com).

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## PG&E unveils new San Ramon gas control center

Monitoring, dispatch operations now under same roof

By JEREMY WALSH

PG&E debuted its new San Ramon gas control center Friday, showcasing the integrated technological system and centralized operational structure the company developed in the wake of the deadly 2010 San Bruno pipeline explosion.

"This is the front line of public and employee safety," said Melvin Christopher, senior director of gas system operations. "This is the place where we monitor and control the system all across the northern part of California."

The \$38 million facility, the first of its kind for PG&E, brings control and dispatch operations for the company's entire 70,000-square-mile natural gas service area under one roof.

Located in Bishop Ranch, the informational hub features new computers and smart technology, a 90-foot-wide video screen and about 1,600 employees monitoring the nearly 80,000 miles of underground pipeline around the clock.

Nearly 100 government officials, business professionals and community figures attended Friday's grand-opening event and tour.

"After an incident like 2010, and after the loss of 2010, what is most important is what you learn going forward. And this center ... represents what PG&E has learned," said U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin).

Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen and San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson also addressed the group gathered inside the center's conference room Friday morning.

PG&E received formal recognition from federal, state, county and city governing bodies in honor of the new gas control center.

The facility houses distribution control, transmission control and emergency dispatch operations for the company's natural gas system. It brings together hundreds of employees previously spread across Northern California, and it allows for easier and more informed communi-

cation between workers monitoring the system remotely and those responding in the field, according to PG&E officials.

Company representatives also said the control center serves as one example of its continued improvements following the Sept. 9, 2010 explosion and subsequent fire in San Bruno that killed eight people, injured others, destroyed several dozen homes and damaged dozens more.

Federal authorities determined poor pipeline welding led to the blast.

Through a three-pronged approach, PG&E is working to enhance its "safety culture" by focusing on operational excellence, renewing infrastructure and investing in its employees, said chairman, CEO and president Anthony F. Earley Jr.

PG&E plans to spend an estimated \$300 million in updated technology over the next six years, Christopher said. ■



Santa joins Vice Mayor Cheryl Cook-Kallio in lighting city's Holiday Tree in front of Museum on Main after last Saturday's Holiday Parade in downtown Pleasanton.

## Hometown holiday parade draws thousands

Main Street jammed despite near-record cold

By JEB BING

Thousands turned out to watch Pleasanton's popular Hometown Holiday Parade Saturday night despite near-record cold temperatures and a heavy rainstorm that, fortunately, ended before the day began.

Estimates indicated that more than 10,000 watched the parade from sidewalks along Main Street as nearly 3,000 others marched, walked or rode in the parade.

Michelle Stearns of the city's Parks and Community Services Department and this year's parade coordinator for the final year supervised a field of volunteers to keep the parade moving.

This year, marching bands from Foothill and Amador Valley high schools were asked to pause at the three reviewing stations to play a few holiday tunes before moving on.

A total of 73 separate entries marched,

rode and walked in the parade with many decorated floats, vehicles, Scouts and other organizations joining in. Announcers described each group from the reviewing stations as they came by.

Scores of holiday inspired entries paraded down Main Street, including the Pleasanton Weekly's Holiday Fund car, the Centerpointe Presbyterian Church men's club's Balloon Platoon, a horse-drawn wagon carrying the Pleasanton City Council, hundreds of Cub Scouts and Brownies, local car clubs and dog clubs, and many more.

Main Street was closed to traffic for the parade but many merchants and all of the restaurants downtown were open to take advantage of the crowds out front.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Color Guard added patriotism to the event with Santa Claus, riding atop a fire truck, adding to the Christmas excitement. ■

## School board postpones discussion of ousted principal

Special meeting called for Dec. 17

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Three people spoke in support of ousted Principal Jon Vranesh before the Pleasanton School Board Tuesday night, although the board announced prior to a closed session that it would not be discussing the issue.

After the closed-door meeting, Erin Lyons, the parent of a Walnut Grove student, once again asked that Vranesh be reinstated at the school.

"I'm mostly here to remind you that it's been almost eight weeks since Jon Vranesh was removed from Walnut Grove," Lyons told the board, adding she'd "run out of patience."

"You seem to have an endless stream of money," she added, noting that in addition to paying Vranesh while he's on administrative leave, the district is also paying for an investigator and has paid two principals as well.

"I just wish some of this money could have been found before my kid had to squeeze into a kindergarten class with 29 others," Lyons said.

A special board meeting on Vranesh has been called for Dec. 17.

In other actions at its meeting Tuesday night, the board held its annual reorganization, electing Jamie Hintzke as president and Joan Laursen as vice president in a unanimous vote.

The board also discussed a number of money matters, including a routine report that contains some good news for the district, according to Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares.

"This is the best interim report in my five years in the district. Not only is it positive going forward, but we also have the most certainty," Cazares told the board. "You can see new one-time revenue of almost \$2 million coming in. That's all donations."

Total revenues are expected to drop from \$123 million in the current year to about \$120 million next year, but spending is also expected to drop, from \$122.5 million to \$114.8 million.

The district has held off on paying for some items as a result of state budget shortfalls, and it will now look at finding ways to fund them. That includes payments for other post-employment benefits and building upkeep.

The district is also anticipating paying an additional \$1.2 million per year for ongoing step-and-column pay raises, and will have to decide on whether to continue paying for a number of jobs that were restored on a one-time basis. ■

## Holiday season bumps auto burglaries, frauds

Police offer suggestions to help cut crime

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

Auto break-ins and frauds are up, with nine reported vehicle burglaries and seven cases of fraud reported in recent days.

A number of the auto burglaries occurred at Stoneridge Shopping Center. On Dec. 9, a \$600 laptop, a \$200 laptop and other items were stolen from a vehicle parked outside P.F. Chang's in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road between 5:15 p.m. and 8:25 p.m. A window was broken in that incident.

The same day, a window was smashed on a vehicle parked outside The Cheesecake Factory, also in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. A \$200 rolling bag was stolen between 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

On Dec. 6, sunglasses valued at \$200, a \$180 iPad and a \$75 watch were taken from a vehicle parked

outside J.C. Penney in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road between 11:40 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., and on Dec. 5, an iPhone was stolen from the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. A window was broken in that incident, which occurred between 11 a.m. and 1:59 p.m.

Five other auto burglaries were reported in different areas of the city. Police advise that people make sure to move items into the trunk or rear area of the vehicle, preferably before making a shopping trip or when arriving home.

"Also, when you're leaving the store, if you've got bags and you want to go back in the store, repark your vehicle," advises Pleasanton Crime Prevention Officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker. "A criminal loitering in the parking lot is look-

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## Livermore golf pro charged with sexual abuse

Coached children at Las Positas Golf Course

An award-winning Livermore golf pro has been charged with 65 felony counts for allegedly sexually abusing two boys who he had been teaching, authorities said Tuesday.

Andrew Michael Nisbet, 31, who lives in Livermore and worked at the Las Positas Golf Course, was arrested on Saturday and was arraigned in Alameda County Superior Court Tuesday. He's being held without bail at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Livermore police said their investigation thus far has disclosed that the suspected sexual abuse occurred in their city between 2009 and 2012.

Police said Nisbet was a coach for children and it is suspected that he sexually assaulted at least several male children between the ages of 12 and 17 years.

Authorities said Nisbet was a highly-regarded junior golf coach who coached many children in junior golf tournaments throughout

the state as well as nationally.

Livermore police spokesman Steve Goard said detectives discovered that Nisbet also coached children in Michigan, North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama and authorities believe he may have abused boys in those locations as well.

The charges filed against Nisbet Tuesday name two victims but since he was arrested on Saturday a third victim has been located, Goard said.

Livermore police said Las Positas Golf Course officials immediately fired Nisbet after police told them that he had been arrested.

Among the charges against Nisbet are oral copulation by force, oral copulation of a person under the age of 16, oral copulation of a person under age 18, lewd and lascivious acts with a child age 14 or 15 years, distribution or exhibition of lewd material to a minor and arranging a meeting with a minor for the purpose of engaging in lewd

and lascivious behavior.

Livermore police said their investigation into the alleged sexual abuse is ongoing and they encourage parents to speak with their children if they had contact with Nisbet.

Goard said police began investigating Nisbet about two weeks ago when the first victim came forward to allege that Nisbet had sexually abused him.

The news that Nisbet has been charged comes only a day after the PGA's Northern California Section announced that it has given him its 2013 Junior Golf Leader Award "for his dedication and leadership in developing a wealth of exciting and educational golf programs for juniors."

In its news release about the award, the PGA quoted Nisbet as saying, "Junior Golf is something that I am extremely passionate about."

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## Harvest Park students nab global championship

Their app helps students learn chemistry basics

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

Two Harvest Park Middle School students are already at the top of their game.

Shreyas Krishnaswamy and Nishanth Narayan have been named global champions in the game design category of Microsoft's World Series of Innovation contest.

The two are students in Don Murphy's Project Lead The Way Engineering/Technology class. They designed a winning smart phone app called "The Missing 118" to help students learn the basics of chemistry in an game-like environment.

"Both Shreyas and Nishanth did

a great job following the technical design process for the project that included brainstorming, user process flows and screen shots," Murphy said. "Their effort was evident in the quality of the final product. In addition, they did a great job at articulating the value of their idea in writing for the contest judges."

The two took home prizes that included \$2000 in cash, a Microsoft suite of software and a mobile device. Harvest Park will get \$500 for its PLTW class, and Shreyas and Nishanth may have the opportunity to work directly with Microsoft developers to put their app into production.

"We are extremely proud of Shreyas and Nishanth for being innovative, working together and communicating the value of their design to others globally," said Pleasanton School Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. "These are all skills that will be required of these students as they attend college and join the workforce. I would also like to applaud Mr. Murphy and Harvest Park for creating a learning environment that encourages and supports this kind of innovation and creativity."

The 2013 World Series of Innovation contest brought in entries from students in nine countries. ■

## Russell named as LPC president

Served as vice chancellor of Academic Affairs in state chancellor's office

Dr. Barry A. Russell has been tapped as the next president of Las Positas College.

The Board of Trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District named Russell on Dec. 5, making him the sixth president of the college in Livermore.

Russell is currently vice chancellor of Academic Affairs in the California Community Colleges' chancellor's office in Sacramento. He was appointed to the post in 2009 by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. His office provides leadership and technical assistance in academic planning, academic support programs, program approval, and reviews of degrees and certificates.

"With Dr. Russell's background and wealth of experience, Las Positas College will continue to grow academically and become even better as we serve the citizens of the Tri-Valley," said College Chancellor Jannett N. Jackson she added. "We look forward to working with Dr. Russell and having him join the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District team."

Russell previously held administrative positions at the College of the Siskiyous in Weed, Calif., Cerritos College in Norwalk, and Southwestern College in Chula Vista. Before that, he held positions at Central Texas Tech Prep Consortium, and Paris (Texas) Junior College.

He received his doctorate in

Educational Administration from the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin in 1990 and also holds a degree in music from Texas A&M University.

The University of Texas at Austin honored him as a 2012 Distinguished Graduate of the Community College Leadership Program.

President Kevin Walthers left after reports began to circulate that he had lost the support of students, faculty and the Chabot-Las Positas College Board of Trustees that hired him. Walthers was recently sworn in as the new superintendent/president of Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, Calif.

—**Glenn Wohltmann**

## Rotary Club serves holiday dinners to 275 seniors

32nd annual event fills Pleasanton Senior Center

JEB BING

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton welcomed 275 seniors last Sunday to its 32nd annual free Christmas dinner at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Members of the club hosted the seniors starting at noon after decorating the center and preparing the tables starting at 7 a.m. Roast turkey, gravy, dressing and all the trimmings began arriving about 11 a.m. on special food trucks provided by Open Heart Kitchen and its director Linda McKeever, a member of the Rotary Club.

Christmas music was provided during the luncheon by Don Lewis, Ed Rouquette and Michael Teague.

After a dessert of pumpkin pie and whipped cream was served, Santa Claus arrived on stage, followed by a group of the Rotarians' children to close with a Christmas sing-along. ■



JEB BING

Phoebe Schwaegerle serves turkey and all the trimmings to some of the 275 seniors who took advantage of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's 32nd annual free Christmas dinner Sunday.

## Exhibit offers portraits of Holocaust survivors

Museum looking for people to share their stories

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Museum on Main's next exhibit, opening Jan. 8, is "Multiply by Six Million: Portraits and Stories of Holocaust Survivors," showcasing photographer Evvy Eisen's histories of Holocaust survivors living in California.

The Pleasanton museum is bringing the exhibit even closer to home by adding photographs and stories from Tri-Valley residents whose families were impacted by the Holocaust. The museum is still looking for people to share their stories.

"Most people have learned about the holocaust and read 'The Diary of Anne Frank' when they were in school, but what they may not realize is that there are individuals in their own community who narrowly escaped the Nazis or whose families were exterminated in Nazi death camps,"

said Jennifer Amiel, Director of Education for the museum.

The interviews with the survivors describe the horrors they experienced in Europe during the Holocaust and how they then come to the United States to create meaningful lives. They tell their stories hoping that intolerance and bigotry will be recognized in time to prevent genocides in the future.

"The horror years of the wartime taught me how to appreciate the basic values of life and to fully appreciate the good things it has to offer," said survivor Frank Roubicek.

"Multiply By Six Million" is included in the archives of the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, and the Centre de Documenta-

tion Juive Contemporaine in Paris, France.

Amiel said she is hoping the addition of local stories will help to bring an even more personal perspective to the exhibition. If you or someone you know has a story to share, contact Museum on Main by emailing [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org).

"Multiply by Six Million" was organized and toured by Exhibit Envoy; it will be at the Museum on Main from Jan. 8 through Feb. 28. For more information, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone 462-2766.

The museum is located at 603 Main St., open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. The current exhibit, through Jan. 5, is "Celebrations: The Days We Mark and the Ways We Mark Them." ■

## CRIMES

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loitering in the parking lot is looking for someone loading up their car and going to go back inside."

Revel-Whitaker said if possible, it's best to make a trip home to unload a vehicle before continuing to shop.

Seven frauds were reported.

A resident of the 7600 block of Maywood Drive could have been out \$3,000 when her bank card was used to make 12 charges. The bank flagged the transactions before they could be processed. The report was made at 1:52 p.m. Dec. 6.

Another victim lost \$240. The resident, of the 2600 block of Minton Court, told police on Dec. 4 that she came home to find two unordered camping chairs had been delivered to her home and the transaction on her account.

The same day, a resident of the 4700 block of Woodthrush Court reported someone had obtained a debit card in the name of her business and used it to charge \$270.

On Dec. 5, a resident of the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road told police that someone used her debit card to make six small charges.

Revel-Whitaker said there are some simple steps that can help people from becoming victims.

"When you're out shopping, only take what you need. Don't take five credit cards," she said.

She said women should keep a close watch on purses and men should shift wallets to their front pockets.

When shopping online, she said, "look for well-known stores," and make sure there's a secure web address.

"Make sure everything totals out, especially when you have more than one person using a card," she said. For those who find a suspicious or fraudulent charge, she said, "shut down your card right away. Flag your credit." ■

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## Chabad of Tri-Valley expands in Pleasanton

Group gets OK to use Valley Business Park site

By JEB BING

A Jewish group, the Chabad of the Tri-Valley, has won Pleasanton Planning Commission approval to expand its religious and related tutoring operations to a building at 1258 Quarry Lane in Valley Business Park.

The 2,880-square-foot facility will be operated by Rabbi Raleigh Resnick and his wife Fruma Resnick. No formal religious services will be held there, Rabbi Resnick told planners, with its main use to focus on Bible/Jewish study, counseling, Bar/Bat Mitzvah training and volunteer and strategic planning meetings.

A Hebrew Sunday school also will meet in the building.

Resnick said the maximum number of people using the facility at any one time would be 18, with 15 expected on a regular basis for study groups.

Resnick said that number could increase to 60 in the future, but the commission said an off-street parking analysis would be required before it would authorize the larger uses.

Others now in the 10,000-square-foot building include Brad Kinney Productions, G&J Jones Enterprise and Extollo International Kids Against Hunger.

Chabad of the Tri-Valley cur-

rently holds religious services at the Resnick home at 784 Palomino Drive.

"The Chabad would like to expand (its) Hebrew Sunday School from 15 kids on-site at one time to 60 kids at one time in the future," Resnick told planners.

So as not to delay the current conditional use permit being sought, Resnick said he would apply for an amendment requesting increased uses at a later date.

He said the Chabad will use the Quarry Lane facility from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sundays. ■

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



### Rulings deal financial blow to high-speed rail

California's proposed high-speed-rail system ran into a legal barrier last month when a Sacramento judge ruled that the funding plan for the \$68 billion project must be rescinded and refused to endorse the selling of bonds for the project. The two rulings by Sacramento Superior Court Judge Michael Kenny dealt what opponents of the project described as "dual body-blows" to the California High Speed Rail Authority, which is charged with building the rail line between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

According to an article by Gennady Sheyner of our sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly, the project received a major boost in 2008, when state voters approved a \$9.95 billion bond for the project, and another one in July 2012, when the state Legislature authorized spending the first \$2.7 billion from this bond, as well as \$3.2 billion in federal grants, on the line's first segment. But the recent rulings, spurred by a lawsuit from Central Valley, threaten to halt the project in its tracks.

One of them orders the rail authority to rescind the 2011 business plan that the Legislature had relied on to authorize the funds for the first segment of the line, a 130-mile stretch between Fresno and Bakersfield. In late August, Kenny ruled that the business plan violated state law because it only listed the available funds for this \$6 billion "construction segment," rather than the first segment that could actually be used, as required by law. The first usable segment would cost more than \$20 billion under current estimates and would stretch either from Bakersfield to San Jose or from Merced to San Fernando Valley.

The rulings came in response to a lawsuit from Central Valley plaintiffs John Tos and Aaron Fukuda and Kings County, represented by attorney Stuart Flashman. There was also a request from the rail authority to "validate" the issuance of more than \$8 billion in bonds. In both cases, Kenny sided with opponents of the rail project, though in some cases he didn't go as far as the plaintiffs had hoped. He declined, for instance, to order the rail authority to rescind its existing two contracts for the construction of the first segment, which total about \$1.1 billion. He also did not challenge the rail authority's ability to spend the federal funds, despite arguments from Flashman that doing so would commit future expenditure of "matching funds" from the state.

Rail authority Chair Dan Richard said in a statement that the agency is "reviewing both decisions to chart our next steps" and stressed that the judge did not invalidate the bonds and that the court "again declined the opposition's request to stop the high-speed-rail project from moving forward." Even so, the rulings could delay, if not derail, a project that has become hugely unpopular in various parts of the state, including sections of the Peninsula, and earlier in Pleasanton where a plan to have the train pass nearby brought strong, and successful opposition.

But the high-speed-rail plan continues to garner the support of Gov. Jerry Brown. Last year's funding allocation came by a single vote in the state Senate, with several Democrats joining every Republican in opposition. Flashman called last month's rulings major roadblocks. "If you're the captain of the Titanic and you've just been hit by two icebergs, what do you do?" he asked. "It seems like what (rail authority board Chair) Dan Richard is saying is, 'Full speed ahead!'" ■



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# OBITUARIES

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## Hubert Kenneth McNeese, Jr.

June 20, 1944-Nov. 13, 2013

Ken was born in Phoenix, AZ to Hubert Kenneth Sr. and Betty McNeese. He was raised in Exeter, CA where he learned the value of hard work and ingenuity as the only son on a citrus and walnut farm. Ken graduated from Exeter High School and was drafted into the U.S. Army while studying at Fresno State. After a two-year tour in Germany, he completed his degree and began a 35-year career in the automotive industry, working for Firestone Tires, Hughes Aircraft, Peterbilt, and NUMMI. He could fix anything. His talents ranged from car and boat restoration to fine furniture making, always with unparalleled attention to detail. His family cherishes the pieces he created.



At Fresno State he met his future wife, Jody, in the fall of 1968. They were married in May of 1973 in Lafayette and resided in Long Beach, CA. In 1977 they moved to Pleasanton, CA where they started a family. Ken was widowed in 2010 when Jody lost a valiant battle with brain cancer. Those who knew Ken saw that throughout Jody's illness and their 42 years together, Ken lived for Jody and their family.

Ken is survived by his two daughters: Lauren McNeese of Winters, CA, and Andrea McNeese of San Francisco, CA, both UC Davis graduates. He is also survived by his sisters Becky Coppola of Visalia, CA and Marsha Fulik of San Diego, CA. Ken will be missed by many, especially his daughters, family members and countless friends and colleagues.

Services will be held at St. Clare's Episcopal Church in Pleasanton, CA on Sat., Dec. 14, at 2:00pm with a

reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018 or St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd, Pleasanton, CA 94588.

## Doris Petrine Gilpin

Oct. 27, 1912-Nov. 26, 2013

Loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Doris Gilpin peacefully passed away on Nov. 26 having lived a full 101 years. She is survived by her children John Gilpin and Mike Gilpin; daughters-in-law Gail Gilpin, Yvonne Gilpin, and former daughter-in-law Betsy Gilpin; grandchildren Laura (Gilpin) Olson, Joe Gilpin, and Katy (Gilpin) Powers; and great grandchildren Luke, Charlotte, and Clark Olson, and Henry Gilpin. Doris was preceded in death by her husband Chester (Chet) Gilpin and son Jim Gilpin.

Born Doris Petrine Johnson, she was raised in the small town of Minneota, Minnesota, and was of 100 percent Icelandic heritage. She was the 6th born in a farming family of 7 children, all of whom graduated from college. She married Chet in 1936 and, with a spirit of adventure, they relocated to California in 1940 so he could earn his Ph.D. They remained in California as Chet served in WWII as a naval officer and then raised their family. They were happily married for 60 years and traveled the world together. She was particularly pleased to visit relatives in Iceland whom she had not previously met. Doris was a devoted wife and mother who cared for her family and was very generous. Doris was loved and will be missed.

A family memorial service will be held in San Diego Rosecrans National Naval Cemetery at a future date.



# POLICE BULLETIN

## Counterfeit currency leads to felony arrests

A man and woman were arrested on Dec. 9 after attempting to use fake \$100 bills at two stores in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road.

Darren Brandon Williams, 21, of Oakland and Dominique Jermaine Gettridge, 23, of Fairfield were arrested for trying to pass four bogus \$100 bills at Forever 21 and Abercrombie & Fitch in the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

### In other police reports:

- Stealing a snack led to a felony arrest of an Oakland man at Walmart on Dec. 5. Steven Lamarr Sheriffe, 62, was arrested at about 9:03 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Avenue after the theft of a \$2.20 bottle of Coke and \$2.98 in croissants. The count was bumped to a felony because Sheriffe had three prior theft convictions.
- Toni Matsue Rivera, 31, of Pleasanton was arrested at 10:17 a.m. Dec. 7 at her home in the 3400 block of Cumberland Gap Court on felony and misdemeanor warrants for possession of a controlled substance and petty theft, both out of Pleasanton.
- A scam commonly used against people from other

countries netted \$8,000.

In that case, reported at 4:28 p.m. Dec. 6, a person claiming to be with the state police called a resident of the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road to say he owed money. The victim purchased 16 Green Dot cards worth \$500 apiece from CVS and gave the con artist the digital code to unlock them. Green Dot cards are reloadable prepaid cards that can be used anywhere once they are activated.

Two homes were hit by burglars in recent days.

In the most recent, a resident of the 4000 block of Page Court reported leaving her home at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 9 and on her return at 5 p.m., she found her home had been ransacked.

An undisclosed amount of cash taken along with a \$1,000 white gold diamond ring and a jewelry set containing a necklace, earrings, a watch and a bracelet of unknown value. A screen was pried open and the sliding glass door of the home was broken in the break-in.

Jewelry and cash were stolen in a Dec. 3 residential burglary of a home in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue. A \$600 gold wedding ring, a \$600 gold chain and a \$300 gold bracelet were taken, along with \$650 cash. The break-in occurred between noon and 12:28 p.m.; it's unknown how the home was entered.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Dec. 3

#### Residential burglary

- 12:28 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Auto burglary

- 3:21 p.m. in the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue

### Dec. 4

#### Theft

- 2:33 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive
- 4:50 p.m. in the 4700 block of Woodthrush Court; fraud
- 6:32 p.m. in the 2600 block of Minton Court; fraud
- 7:12 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

#### Vandalism

- 8:57 a.m. in the 4500 block of First St

- 9:46 a.m. on Santa Rita Road; graffiti

#### Battery

- 9:49 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:18 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI
- 12:24 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road; paraphernalia possession
- 7:32 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Oak Tree Farm Drive; public drunkenness

### Dec. 5

#### Theft

- 8:52 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 11:29 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road; fraud
- 1:30 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2:28 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure
- 4:10 p.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road; theft from structure

#### Auto burglary

- 1:59 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Threats

- 5:42 p.m. in the 5500 block of Paseo Navarro

#### Vandalism

- 8:57 a.m. in the 4200 block of First Street
- 11:48 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Paseo Santa Cruz

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:21 a.m. in the 4800 block of Muirwood Drive; under the influence of a controlled substance
- 1:26 p.m. in the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road; public drunkenness

### Dec. 6

#### Fraud

- 1:53 p.m. in the 7600 block of Maywood Drive
- 4:28 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto burglary

- 12:18 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 10:48 p.m. at the intersection of Skimmer Ct and Blackbird Drive; DUI

### Dec. 7

#### Fraud

- 8:59 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Auto burglary

- 8:29 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court
- 8:50 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 11:44 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 3:59 a.m. in the 5000 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 9:10 p.m. in the 3600 block of Shenandoah Court; marijuana possession, minor driving with alcohol, driving with marijuana
- 10:37 p.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road; DUI

### Dec. 8

#### Theft

- 2:16 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Avenue; shoplifting
- 4:27 p.m. in the first block of W. Neal Street

#### Battery

- 8:32 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- 5:20 p.m. at the intersection of Northway Road and Crestline Road

#### Possession of a controlled substance

- 10:38 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

### Dec. 9

#### Fraud

- 4:54 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Residential burglary

- 5:01 p.m. in the 4000 block of Page Court

#### Auto burglary

- 4:02 a.m. in the 6000 block of Sterling Greens Court
- 6:54 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:27 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Auto tampering

- 7:42 p.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

#### Drug violations

- 10:53 p.m. in the 3000 block of Chardonnay Drive; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession



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JOHN GILPIN

Church-goers worship last Sunday in the Christmas-decorated auditorium at Cornerstone Fellowship, now a 10,000-parishioner-strong megachurch in Livermore with branches in Walnut Creek and Brentwood.

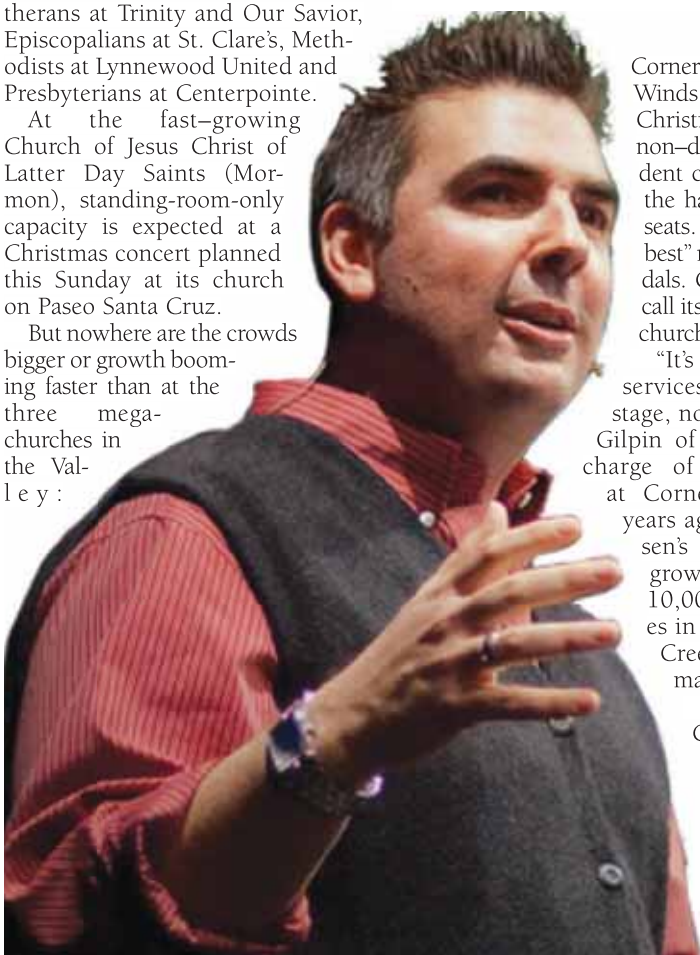
BY JEB BING

Christian churches throughout the Valley are seeing filled pews and Sunday schools as Christmas nears with some even taking seat reservations for families planning on attending popular children's services on Christmas Eve.

The crowds are typical for this time of year and especially welcome at the larger, more traditional churches, which include the Catholics at St. Augustine, Elizabeth Seton and St. Michael's, Lutherans at Trinity and Our Savior, Episcopalians at St. Clare's, Methodists at Lynnewood United and Presbyterians at Centerpointe.

At the fast-growing Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), standing-room-only capacity is expected at a Christmas concert planned this Sunday at its church on Paseo Santa Cruz.

But nowhere are the crowds bigger or growth booming faster than at the three megachurches in the Valley:



CROSSWINDS

Senior Pastor Chris Coli delivers sermon at recent CrossWinds Church service.

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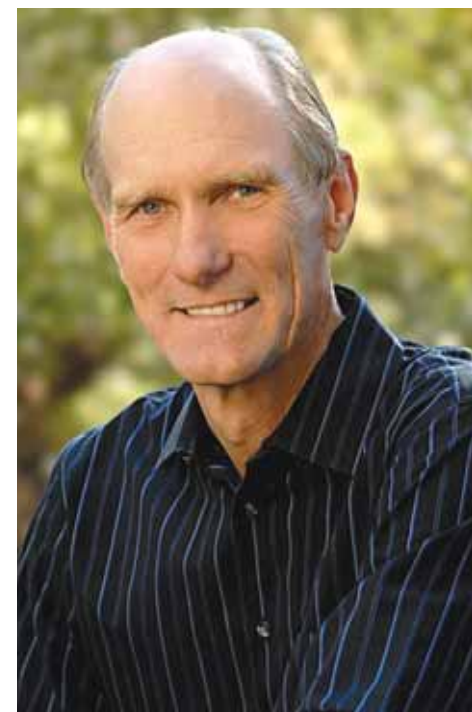
Cornerstone Fellowship, CrossWinds Church and The Well Christian Community. These non-denominational, independent churches have traded out the hardback pews for theater seats. Wearing your "Sunday best" may mean shorts and sandals. Cornerstone doesn't even call its massive warehouse-style church a sanctuary.

"It's an auditorium and the services are presented on a stage, not at an altar," said John Gilpin of Pleasanton, who is in charge of church development at Cornerstone. "Founded 20 years ago in Pastor Steve Madsen's living room, we have grown to be a church of over 10,000 people with campuses in Brentwood and Walnut Creek in addition to our main one in Livermore."

The Rev. John Merritt, CrossWinds' founder, said the thousands of parishioners have outgrown the building it occupies in Dublin and will find more room in a new church CrossWinds is building near the Livermore Outlets along I-580. CrossWinds, which uses all the

latest media to conduct its services, also broadcasts its services on Facebook.

Former Oakland Raiders running back Napoleon Kaufman retired from the playing fields in 2001 "in response to God" and today is senior pastor of The Well Christian Community, another megachurch that



CROSSWINDS

The Rev. John Merritt founded CrossWinds Church in 1988. With three services, rapidly-growing church will move into a new building on 40 acres it owns east of the Livermore Outlets on I-580.

recently moved from San Ramon to larger quarters in Livermore. Besides preaching, he was just hired as Bishop O'Dowd High's head football coach.

The Rev. Luther Werth of Our Savior Lutheran in Livermore, said the new big-box churches have found a niche in technologies that the older traditional churches need to recognize: pull-down screens instead of Bibles and hymnals, social media to spread the message, bands and even some entertainment as part of church services.

"Today's changes in church style are not unlike the evolutionary changes of the 16th century when Martin Luther relied on the newly-invented printing press with movable type to spread the word that led the Protestant reformation," Werth said. "These are changes that again are advancing the Christian faith." ■



JEB BING

Sign in lobby of CrossWinds Church shows tickets for two services on Dec. 23 and 24 are already taken.



# Charities thank Realtors for Holiday Fund help

Valley real estate group contributes each year to Pleasanton Weekly campaign

BY JEB BING

Representatives of seven of the nonprofit organizations that stand to benefit from donations to the Pleasanton Weekly's 2013 Holiday Fund thanked Realtors and associates last Friday for contributing to the campaign.

Melanie Sadek, executive director of the Valley Humane Society, said that while donations primarily support animal rescue, VHS also provides assistance to people caring for their own pets, including the soothing support therapy dogs offer shut-ins.

Linda McKeever, executive director of Open Heart Kitchen, said contributions raised by the Holiday Fund will help her organization serve more than 200,000 meals in its current fiscal year. 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.

Axis Community Health, which is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical care for the area's neediest families who do not have health insurance, will use Holiday Fund contributions to serve the needs of more than 14,000 Tri-Valley residents it expects to register this year, said Kitty Harvey of Axis.

Marlene Petersen, director of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, said the independent, nonprofit agency serves seniors over 60 in the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol. Holiday Fund contributions will enable the organization to call on the 1,600 seniors in the Tri-Valley area, along with providing about 5,000 information and referral calls and visits.

Also appreciative of Holiday Fund contributions is the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation. Its director, Susan



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Representatives of nonprofit organizations receiving benefits from the Pleasanton Weekly 2013 Holiday Fund campaigns are (from left) Melanie Sadek, executive director of the Valley Humane Society; Linda McKeever, executive director of Open Heart Kitchen; Kitty Harvey of Axis Community Health; Marlene Petersen, director of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley; Susan Hayes, executive director of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation; and Donna Garrison and Kim Ott, board members of the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. They spoke at a meeting of the Valley Real Estate Network.

Hayes, told the real estate group that its goal is to raise funds in order to protect programs threatened by state budget cuts, relying on the generous support of the extended community, including the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

Another recipient of Holiday Fund contributions is the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies

Foundation. Board members Donna Garrison and Kim Ott said the organization helps provide cancer patients with the benefit of complementary therapies to alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy. The group is supported entirely by donations, including those from the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, they said. ■

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## KENNETH E. BEHRING, Greatness and selflessness



Courtesy of Global Health and Education Foundation

By Jeremy Walsh

Kenneth E. Behring's life has been filled with remarkable achievements, but the ambitions that now motivate this businessman and philanthropist are among the most noble, as he strives to improve health conditions worldwide, educate young people and help develop the leaders of tomorrow.

"We're just, in a way, trying to do what we feel is something necessary," the 85-year-old Blackhawk resident said.

Born in Illinois and raised in Wisconsin, Behring grew up in a poverty-stricken family during the Great Depression. He worked a variety of jobs from an early age, entered car sales after high school, soon became a dealership owner and earned his first million by 27.

From there, Behring would embark on a truly extraordinary — and lucrative — business career that saw him create the retirement community of Tamarac, Fla. in the 1960s, develop Blackhawk here in the Tri-Valley beginning in 1977 and serve as majority owner of the National Football League's Seattle Seahawks from 1988-97.

But, as Behring describes, it wasn't until early 2000 (after placing a young, disabled Vietnamese girl in her first wheelchair) that he discovered "a life of purpose," leading to him becoming one of America's most committed philanthropists.

The happiness and sense of hope emanating from the girl impacted Behring deeply and motivated him greatly.

That June, Behring founded the Wheelchair Foundation, which aims "to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one," according to its website.

By December 2000, the organization had distributed 20,000 wheelchairs across 65 countries.

The Wheelchair Foundation, now a division of Behring's Global Health and Education Foundation, has delivered or committed 940,675 wheelchairs to date worldwide, according to its website.

A contributor to a variety of charitable causes, Behring sees significance in efforts across the globe as well as close to home.

He is an active supporter of the

University of California, Berkeley Principal Leadership Institute, which aims to train and develop educators who could lead some of the Bay Area's most underserved schools.

"What Berkeley has been able to accomplish is they go to the poorest schools and they find teachers that are very dedicated that do not have money to have continued education, but that are very, what they feel, qualified with what Berkeley can give them to come back and do much more in the schools than what they were doing as teachers," Behring said.

Through educational endeavors such as the Principal Leadership Institute, museums and National History Day, Behring hopes to help young people find a path toward making a true difference in the world.



"I think there's a possibility of a lot of young people becoming leaders. Leaders are not born, they have to be developed," he said. "I'm not talking about political leaders, I'm talking about the kind of leaders that can make a better world."

Behring, now in his later years, said he prefers to focus his time and energy on philanthropic ventures and business activities — like participating in the stock market — that help fund those causes.

"After you get to be a certain age, you don't really have ... I would rather work than take personal time," he explained. "I am going around the world all the time, so there's no place in the world that I want to go that I've been to or that I can't go to."

And the deep desire that continues to drive this Tri-Valley Hero is simple.

"All we're doing is doing the things that we think can help make a better world," Behring said. "And I'm not doing it for recognition or for anybody's satisfaction but my own satisfaction of thinking that what I'm doing will, in a small part, maybe make a better world." ■



### Hero FYI

▲ Behring and wife Patricia celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in October.

▲ The Behrings had five sons (one died) and have 10 grandchildren.

▲ Behring founded the Blackhawk Automotive Museum in 1988. He has also pledged some \$100 million to the Smithsonian Institution museums.

▲ He sold the Seattle Seahawks for \$200 million to Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen.

▲ Earlier this year, Behring released a new book, "The Road to Leadership: Finding a Life of Purpose."

All proceeds benefit his Global Health and Education Foundation.

▲ Behring has called Blackhawk home for more than three decades: "I don't think there's any place with better weather, and then at least around where I'm at here, there's very little traffic. And the air is clean, water is good. So it's got everything going for it."

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## Scouts complete projects for highest awards



### Amador senior earns Eagle award via recycling

Daniel Jeremiah Bruno, 18, a senior at Amador Valley High, was presented with the Eagle Scout Award on Oct. 20 in a ceremony by Troop No. 948 at the Centerpointe Presbyterian Church in Pleasanton.

To obtain the award, an Eagle Scout must complete 21 merit badges and organized a service project that benefits a community, church, or school. Bruno led a crew to implement a recycling program at AVHS which included training on how to collect and sort the recyclables. He also arranged for the Amador music program to receive all monies from the collected recyclables.

Bruno began his journey in Cub Scouts at age 6 in Manteca

Pack 914, where he later earned its highest award, the Arrow of Light. A member of Boy Scouts since May 2007, he regularly attended scouting activities such as summer camp, troop campouts, hikes, service projects and volunteer opportunities. Bruno completed his rank as Eagle Scout in August 2013.

Bruno is an active member in

the AVHS marching band and is also a member of Centerpointe Presbyterian Church. He is employed by Pump It Up in Pleasanton and upon graduation, will attend college to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Only 3-4% of Scouts attain highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America. ■

### Eagle Scout repairs Foothill High's batting cages

Bailey Held, a member of Troop 934 in Pleasanton who joined the Scouts at age 6, was awarded the highest honor in Scouting on Oct. 2.

The 16-year-old wanted a project that benefited his high school and when Foothill High's baseball coach asked him to repair the school's batting cage, Held was happy to do it. He repaired and updated the cage, removing damaged and rotted baseboards, then replacing them with new boards and bolts. The base boards, upper trim of the roof and storage shelves were painted with Foothill colors. Held also replaced broken light fixtures. ■



### Silver project for golden residents

Girl Scouts (l-r) Jasmine Erikson, Delaney Soble and Devyn Baldus set up games, prizes and food Oct. 29 at the Parkview, where they hosted a Halloween celebration for the senior residents. The party included bingo, a cookie decorating contest and a visit by golden retriever therapy dogs. At the end of the event, a young Brownie troop visited to trick-or-treat. Many businesses donated the sweets, food trays and donations to help with the project, which earned the three organizers their Girl Scout Silver Award.



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**PLEASANTON YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** Those professionals ages 21-40 interested in networking with emerging and established peers are invited to gather from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave. The event will feature food, drinks and raffle prizes. Register at <http://business.pleasanton.org/Events/details/young-professionals-holiday-open-house-801>.

## Concerts

**CANTABELLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS CONCERT** The award-winning Cantabella Children's Chorus will perform at two times: K-12th graders will perform at 1 p.m., and 4-12th graders will perform at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore. Delight your ears with classics and traditional carols from around the globe, including selections from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" and Handel's "Messiah," and "Carol of the Bells." Tickets are \$7-\$20 and available online or at the door. Go to <http://cantabella.org/>.

**DECEMBER PEOPLE AT FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER** A big helping of Holiday Spirit with Rock n' Roll for the whole family! December People will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$30-\$40 and available by calling 931-4848 or at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**JESUS, HOPE OF THE WORLD: AN ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT** The Catholic Community of Pleasanton presents an Advent/Christmas Concert. Come and enjoy the sounds of the CCOP Music Ministry from 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call 474-2776 or go to [www.catholicsofpleasanton.org](http://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org).

## Events

**PLEASANTON ART WALK** This Saturday marks the second anniversary that Nancy and Gary Harrington have led art enthusiasts on an art walk and talk. This free Southern art walk starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 leaves from the Pleasanton City Council chambers parking lot. Call 846-9757.

**THE VFW BENEFIT HOLIDAY DANCE** The VFW presents a holiday dance featuring the Mellotones Band playing music from the 30's, 40's and 50's, and some holiday favorites! The dance will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 301 Main

St. Proceeds used to help needy Veterans and their families. Cost is \$10. Call 443-2224.

## Film

**'ELF' AT AMADOR HIGH SCHOOL** See "Elf" on a 40-foot screen at Amador High School's Holiday Movie Night. Doors open at 5 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Amador High's football field. With food, candy, raffles and Santa! Proceeds benefit AVHS baseball facility. Cost is \$15 adults, \$10 students.

## Fundraisers

**SLEEP TRAIN'S SECRET SANTA TOY DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS** Sleigh bells 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.

**OPEN HEART KITCHEN TRI-VALLEY CALENDAR/PRINTS FUNDRAISER** Open Heart Kitchen will again benefit from the sale of the unique Tri-Valley calendars and prints created by Sue Evans Photography. Twelve images highlight the local natural beauty, and the 2014 calendars may be customized for businesses. Cost is \$5.25-\$12. Get them now! Contact Sue Evans at 989-4113 or [sueevansphotography@comcast.net](mailto:sueevansphotography@comcast.net). Go to [www.PhotographyBySueEvans.com](http://www.PhotographyBySueEvans.com).

## Holiday

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** Come and enjoy breakfast with Santa Claus from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Dec. 14 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. Call 462-4802 or go to [stclarespleasanton.org](http://stclarespleasanton.org).

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT TOWNE CENTER BOOKS** Get a wonderful introduction to Santa in a family-friendly atmosphere at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 or Monday, Dec. 16 at Towne Center Books. Cost is \$5 per person. Call 846-8826.

**HOLIDAY 'POSADA' CELEBRATION** The Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association will host their holiday "Posada" celebration, a traditional Christmas festival in Tulancingo and many areas of Mexico, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. With music and carols, games and treats! Contact Jorge at 989-6882 or Rita at 249-1885.

**LAS POSADAS AT THE LIBRARY** Join this simple after hours community holiday celebration in the Mexican tradition from 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 at the Pleasanton Library. Enjoy music, drama, singing, hot chocolate and holiday bread. Call 931-3400, ext. 3.

## Kids & Teens

**ACE CODE DAY** ACE Code Day is a fun, educational event on

Friday, Dec. 20 at Amador High School that allows you to further your knowledge of programming and computers. Come create Windows 8 apps, learn about computer programming in Python or Java, or just have fun with your friends! Free food and prizes! Call 858-3958 or go to [www.acecode-day.com](http://www.acecode-day.com).

**ALVISO ADOBE WINTER FAIRE** Create natural holiday wreaths and old-fashioned ornaments and gifts, decorate the park with winter treats for the animals, and have your picture taken with Santa, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$15 residents, \$18 non-residents. Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) using code 56331 or 56332. Call 931-3482.

**WINTER BIRD COUNT** Come learn about the tools and skills needed to view our local feathered residents as we participate in the National Audubon Society's winter bird count at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. For ages 5-11. Cost is \$3 residents, \$6 non-residents. Call 931-3482.

## Lectures/ Workshops

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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Public Hearing:** Adopt a resolution approving the Citizens' Options for Public Safety Program (COPS) Year 17 Appropriation
- **Public Hearing:** P13-2446, P13-2447, and P13-2448, City of Pleasanton – Consider: (1) amendments to the General Plan, Downtown Specific Plan, and Downtown Design Guidelines relating to historic preservation and residential design within the Downtown Specific Plan Area; and (2) introduction of an Ordinance approving amendments to the Pleasanton Municipal Code relating to story pole requirements and demolition by neglect within the Downtown Specific Plan Area
- **Public Hearing:** P13-2449, City of Pleasanton – Consider introduction of an Ordinance to amend Title 18 (Zoning) of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to modify Chapter 18.110 (Personal Wireless Service Facilities); and Sections 18.28.040 (Agricultural District), 18.32.050 (R-1 One-Family Residential Districts); 18.36.030 (RM Multi-Family Residential Districts); 18.36.040 (RM Multi-Family Residential Districts); 18.40.030 (O Office District); 18.40.040 (O Office District); 18.44.090 (C Commercial Districts); and 18.56.040 (P Public and Institutional District). These amendments modify the existing code for cellular antennas and equipment including the locational, design, and processing standards. The amendments also remove the locational restrictions currently imposed on other uses seeking to locate within 300 feet of an existing facility, e.g., nursing homes, assisted living facilities, private schools, and childcare centers.
- Consider approval of the the Black Avenue Traffic Calming Plan
- Consider approval of the 2014 City Council Committee assignments and the appointment of Vice Mayor

### Housing Commission

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

- Presentation by Sunflower Hill regarding a new housing concept for persons with special needs

### Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Committee

Monday, December 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Old Vineyard Avenue Pedestrian Trail, Phase 1 – CIP No. 135044
- Paving of the Arroyo Mocho Trail – CIP 115043
- Hours of Operation for Trails in Augustin Bernal Park
- Trails Project Status Report

### Commission Vacancies Recruitment

The City Council is accepting applications for the following Commission Vacancies:

#### Housing Commission

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

### 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](http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar)

## Frosh soccer champs

Goalie Blake Staniford makes a save for the Amador Valley High School freshman soccer team, which captured first place in the 16th annual Diablo Classic tournament during Thanksgiving weekend. The Dons' defense allowed only two goals in its four games. The offense was led by Jimmy Thompson with a hat trick in the 4-0 win against Dougherty Valley, and Alex Foust who scored the winning goal in the 2-1 championship game against host team Monte Vista High School. Team members are Coach John Vieira, Gabe Klein, Min Sang Cho, Sam Tincher, Jabjot Singh, Matthew Delevaux, Brian Matamet, Alex Foust, Jimmy Thompson, Jerry Wen, Colin Ritchie, Nikhil Sheth, Chris Balas, Nicholas Carreon, Blake Staniford, Keaton Steuben, Nathan Hilal, Garret Howell and Brandon Kang.



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COURTESY PATTY DIAZ

## Rage White U-13 is No. 1 seed for State Cup

Pleasanton Rage White 00 enters its U-13 NorCal State Cup Quarterfinal as the No. 1 seed in its bracket of 16 teams, after two shutouts at Dublin's Fallon Sports Field last weekend. Rage defeated the Argentina Fresno Soccer Club, 4-0, then faced Atwater Competitive Nighthawks, for a 2-0 victory. Rage White is scheduled to play eighth seed Marin Breakwater in the quarterfinals Dec. 16.



COURTESY KEVIN GRAY

## Cross Country athletes to compete in Texas

Sean Carrick, Cameron Meier, Aidan Boyle and Jack Gray celebrate their results at Woodward Park in Fresno on Dec. 1, where they competed with 350 top youth athletes in Northern California, ages 8-15, for the opportunity to race at the 2013 USA Track & Field National Junior Olympic Cross Country meet being held in San Antonio, Texas, on Dec. 14. These four athletes from Pleasanton were chosen in the Top 10 to head to Texas as well as Drew Helmers and Kaitlin Cartwright, also shown at Woodward Park.

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# Holiday Magic



## Too cold outside to play?

Holiday baking is perfect cold-weather activity

The holiday season is here, temperatures have dropped, and darkness brings us inside early — what a perfect time to start cooking with the kids. Not only do cooking and baking help limit children's time with video games and TV, cooking reinforces math, science and reading comprehension skills while building great memories.

Follow these simple steps to a successful and fun time with kids in the kitchen:

### Establish good habits

Set good habits for your children by teaching them to wash their hands before, during and after cooking. Kid-friendly tools, like a small step stool or high-tech faucet, can help make reinforcing these habits even easier. Let your little sous-chefs know that they should wash their hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, by helping them count or singing the

“Happy Birthday” song twice.

Remember to set a good example by washing your own hands before and after eating and during the cooking process, as needed.

### Different stages for different ages

Understanding which tasks your child is capable of doing is important. Children under 5 years old enjoy observing how recipes are compiled and can help out with small tasks like setting the table, while school-age children can strengthen their math skills as they help combine ingredients for recipes and practice cooking basics, like cracking an egg.

This stage is a great time to introduce the importance of choosing nutritious ingredients for everyday cooking, which can help lay the groundwork for a healthy lifestyle. Tap teenagers for help by encouraging them to choose the menu or explore new and exciting cuisines.

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Holiday baking is especially fun with children, as even the youngest can add sprinkles to cookies and they love to share the goodies with others. With older children you

might want to plan, bake and build a gingerbread house.

**Timing is everything**

Avoiding a tight schedule is important. Instead of involving chil-

dren in the dinner rush, enlist their help on a weekend afternoon when there is plenty of time for questions, experiments or careful demonstrations. Choose a time when everyone is well-rested and not easily frustrated.

Plan ahead when deciding what recipe you will cook together. For younger kids, consider starting with a simple dish that has fewer than five ingredients like a fruit salad or an easy muffin recipe. A pizza assembly line allows children to show their creativity by choos-

ing their own mini-crusts, sauces, cheese and toppings.

Remember your kitchen creations when planning gifts from your family. If the children have helped create them, they will take special pride in giving them as presents, too.

—Brandpoint



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We plan to use the photos in our Dec. 20 issue. We are also interested in photos of pets with Santa and pictures from years past. Please send in the photos by midnight Dec. 15. ■



Last year, Jax Rodriguez, 2, visited Santa at ValleyCare Charitable Foundation's annual fundraiser at the Palm Event Center.

## Store windows offer enchantment for children

Little ones thrill to holiday displays



This is a magical time of year for children so be sure to take the time with them to enjoy the wonderful holiday displays that have been popping up around town for some time.

Downtown merchants as well as those at Stoneridge Shopping Center and neighborhood malls fill their windows with colorful exhibits;

they are designed to entice buyers inside but window shoppers can enjoy them, too.

When out and about, plan time with your little ones to stop and look in the windows and talk about what you see. Different things may catch their eye, and the sharing will be fun. Many stores have fantastic ornaments for sale. You can start a new

tradition of buying a special one each year to add to your tree.

Christmas tree lots have displays to delight everyone. Whether you are in the market for a tree or not, it might be fun to stop by, and perhaps you will decide to purchase a wreath or mistletoe.

December's long, dark evenings are perfect for a drive

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## Holiday Magic



around town to enjoy the decorated homes. Some displays are too intricate to be enjoyed from the car; again, allow time to get out and explore, especially at Bob's World, 2612 Calle Reynoso. LightsoftheValley.com will help you find others.

When you return home, sit in front of the fire to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, talk about everything you've seen, and maybe brainstorm about the perfect holiday front yard. Or you may want to pull out paper and crayons for the newly inspired

youngsters to create Christmas Art 2013.

Your children will long remember the fun of peeking in gaily decorated shop windows and enjoying other Christmas displays with you. It's all part of the magic.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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## Holiday Magic

### Top 5 tips to simplify holiday baking

Plan ahead and keep it simple

From cookies to cupcakes, the holidays just aren't complete without freshly baked treats to gift, serve and enjoy, plus baking is a great activity to share with children. You might even want to invite a friend of your child's over after school for a simple cookie decorating

However, baking isn't always a piece of cake, whether you're an expert or novice baker. So this year, as you preheat your oven and prepare to whip up dozens of your favorite recipes, check out these five helpful tips to ensure your holiday cookies don't crumble.

**Pre-freeze cookie dough.** Freeze cut-out cookies for 10 minutes before baking. They'll keep their shape better during baking and also rise slightly higher.

**Use parchment paper.** The versatility

of parchment paper allows for fuss-free baking. It can be used to line baking sheets for evenly cooked treats and makes cleanup a breeze.

**Bake on the center rack.** To allow for the most even heat circulation, bake your holiday cookies on the oven's center rack. Additionally, don't over-crowd the oven. This can cause uneven baking, resulting in under-baked or burnt cookies.

**Use an air-tight container.** After baking, place your cookies in an air-tight container before they are completely cooled. Doing so will prevent them from drying out and will keep them nice and chewy.

**Stick with a simple recipe.** If you're short on time or an inexperienced baker, stick with a simple recipe that you know will turn out great and is sure to please.

Rolo Pretzel Delights are a favorite to make with children, and can be completed in less than 30 minutes.

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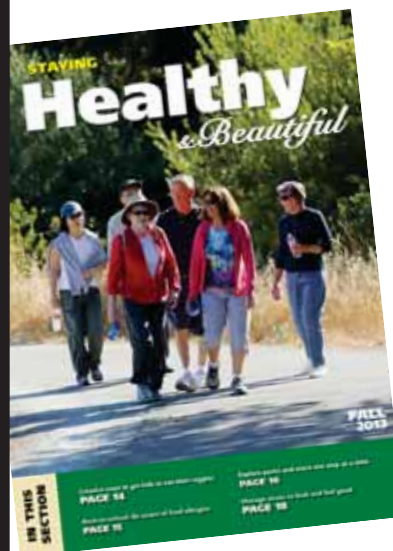
Place one pretzel for each pretzel treat desired on prepared sheet. Top each pretzel with one unwrapped Rolo Chewy Caramels in Milk Chocolate.

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**Lowest sale reported:** \$268,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,060,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$638,900

### Livermore (Nov. 8-13)

**Total sales reported:** 17  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$210,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,085,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$569,853

### Pleasanton (Nov. 8-13)

**Total sales reported:** 11  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$370,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,950,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,235,409

### San Ramon (Nov. 18-21)

**Total sales reported:** 17  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$375,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,030,000  
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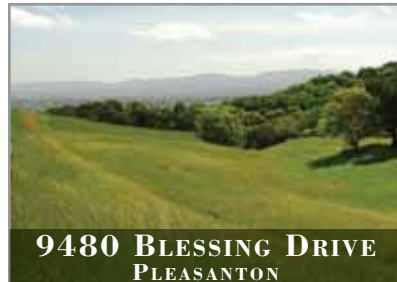


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