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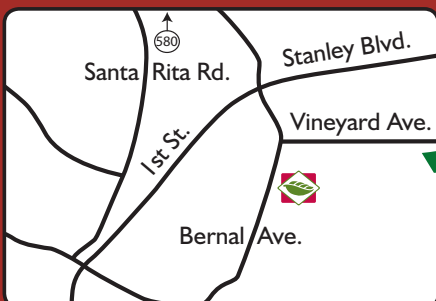


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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Cellular at its best in Pleasanton

It's not often that I'd support federal or state actions that usurp the rules of Pleasanton, but the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and subsequent Federal Communications Commission actions since then are forcing changes in the city's cell tower regulations that deserve praise.

For years, wireless service providers have complained about over-reaching restrictions that keep much of the city off-limits for needed cell transmitting towers. The rules date back to a time when people listened "too intently" to concerns that cellular waves could cause brain damage.

To protect its citizens, the council developed rules to keep cellular transmission at least 300 feet away from public parks, schools, hospitals and health care facilities and more. That pretty much eliminated most of the sites where towers could be built. Those that were built had to be camouflaged as fake trees, steeples, even fake upper floors.

Tuesday night, thanks to Assistant City Attorney Julie Harryman and a more cellular-friendly council, those rules are being changed. The "300 feet" restriction will now become "200 feet," but even that restriction was debunked by Mayor Jerry Thorne, who said the "wives' tales" of electric and cellular waves harming humans had long been disproved. He's not sure what "standards" city laws were based on in restricting cellular transmissions, but they're off track and should be scrapped. Other council members agreed, including Councilman Jerry Pentin who was calling in to the meeting from out-of-town on a cell phone whose signal kept breaking up.

AT&T government affairs representative Johanna Yoder told the council that Pleasanton lacks adequate coverage because of the regulations. She said more cell towers are needed just to catch up with current usage, and advanced wireless communications will require many more. Some 91% of Americans now have cell phones and 69% have wireless laptops. A total of 85% of small businesses use smart phones in their transactions. Another 70% of all

emergency 911 calls are now made using wireless technology.

At the meeting, businessman Brad Hirst urged the council to go a step further and not just focus on today's shortage of cellular service in Pleasanton, but to focus on what local government can do to serve the growing digital generation. Medical records, for one, are being transmitted doctor to hospital to patient to records center wirelessly. With this service in place, an emergency room anywhere in the country can obtain the medical history of a heart attack victim whose home is Pleasanton. Cellular is an expanding business, Hirst noted, who praised Harryman and others on the city staff for recommending updates to an archaic "yesteryear" ordinance.

The changes could not come fast enough. As it is, Harryman's recommendations to open the city to more cell towers with multiple users stem from a survey of local businesses made by city staff last year. The business community was not alone in its requests for better cellular service. Many have found that their cell phone service is erratic or not available in many parts of Pleasanton depending on the service they have. Also, a growing number of residents no longer have a "land line" in their homes and rely solely on cell phones for calls, including access to 911.

Harryman said people have told her when they're hiking on the Pleasanton Ridge or walking in places where they want the security of being able to call someone for help if needed. Many parents now give their children cell phones so that they can call when their soccer game is over. Realtors use cell phones regularly when showing a home, sometimes even calling from your driveway when they have a prospective buyer ready to visit.

Most recently, the federal government adopted the "Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creations Act of 2012," which provides that a state or local government "may not deny, and shall approve" any request for collocation, removal or replacement of a wireless facility that does not change the base station already in place. Last September, the FCC issued a rule to reshape the national landscape for the processing of wireless site applications at the state and local levels with the goal of reducing the costs and delays of deploying these structures. All of this, despite the federal meddling, is good news for Pleasanton. ■

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Avery Leigh, who will be 2 in January, visits with Santa after running into him on the way to Grandma and Boppa's house. Photo by Sweetness and Light Photography. Cover design by Rosanna Leung.

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# Streetwise

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**Would you prefer to have someone describe you as “great looking” or “very clever”?**



**Colin Linus**  
*Medical school student*

I would rather be described as very clever, because that involves merit and substance. On the other hand, if someone is great looking, it's generally not anything they have much control over. Usually, it's just because they are lucky enough to be the offspring of good looking parents.

**Diane Holland**  
*Geriatric nurse*

I think I'd rather be described as very clever, because beauty fades over time. But dumb, dumb is forever. I heard Judge Judy say that once when I was home sick from work.



**Riviana Singh**  
*Bookkeeper*

I'd love to have someone describe me as great looking, probably because most of the very clever people I know just aren't very nice.

**Ahmit Malotrin**  
*Electrical engineer*

Well, since I think I'm pretty much neither of those things, I'd be equally happy, delighted, actually, if anyone described me as either of them.



**Jeff Leeds**  
*Medical school professor*

I would have to say I'd prefer to be described as very clever, over great looking, because most of the time, you can get a lot farther in life relying on your wits than on your looks.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

**Have a Streetwise question?** Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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## DIGEST

### Stealing Christmas

Two people have been arrested for stealing packages from the front porches of several homes in Pleasanton.

Angelo Jemmings, 30 of San Lorenzo and Angel Beasley, 34 of Castro Valley were arrested when police Officer Mark Sheldon caught their fleeing vehicle, thanks to witnesses who called police. The packages were returned to their owners.

Police say package thefts are "all too common" and ask people to report suspicious activity immediately.

"If you're having packages delivered, try to be home or ask a trusted neighbor to pick it up as soon as possible after it's delivered," said Crime Prevention Officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker.

### The second coming

The Double Road Race returns to Pleasanton on Sunday, Dec. 22 as a newly established event on the American running scene.

The race is run in two segments. Competitors run a 10K, followed by a concluding 5K after a recovery period of about an hour, with places determined based on the combined time. Bob Anderson, who conceived and created the event, says, "It's the only race with a halftime."

There will also be a Christmas 5K run and walk and a one-mile run for those 13 and under, and everyone who finishes a race will get a prize.

Information is available online at [www.PleasantonDouble.com](http://www.PleasantonDouble.com).

### Wrap masters

The Taylor Family Foundation's fourth annual holiday gift-wrapping fundraiser runs through Christmas Eve at Stoneridge Mall in Pleasanton.

Proceeds from the fundraiser support The Taylor Family Foundation's (TTF) mission to preserve the wellness and enhance the quality of life for children in Northern California living with life-threatening and chronic illnesses, developmental disabilities and youth at-risk through unique therapeutic experiences and support.

The foundation offers summer and weekend camp sessions at Camp Arroyo for children living with chronic and critical illnesses. Gift wrapping is on the first floor of the Stoneridge Mall near Santa Claus from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and costs \$5 per package.

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## Vranesh removed as Walnut Grove principal

### School Board finds "merit" to complaints against him; seeking a replacement

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

In a marathon closed session that lasted nearly eight hours, the Pleasanton school board decided to replace Jon Vranesh as principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School.

In a statement made at 3:15 a.m. Wednesday morning after the closed session meeting, School District Board President Jamie Hintzke, reported, "In closed session by a 4 to 1 vote, the Board found merit to complaints filed against an administrator of the District. The Board has directed the Superintendent to issue a written decision to the Parties in this

matter."

Board member Valerie Arkin voted against the action.

In a statement to Walnut Grove Elementary parents released Wednesday, Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi wrote: "In a 4-1 vote, the board found merit to complaints against an administrator. The board instructed the superintendent to issue a written decision to the parties in this matter, and directed that a future meeting include an item on appointing a new principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School. We

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GLENN WOHLTMANN

Jon Vranesh supporters listen to speakers at Tuesday night's special school board meeting.



JEB BING

The owners of this newly-built Ruby Hill home have been told to make major, costly changes to comply with strict design guidelines in the gated community.

## Planning commission OKs Ruby Hill right to govern home design

### Denies bid by homeowners in dispute over newly-finished house

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Planning Commission has reaffirmed the city's longstanding agreement that gives the Ruby Hill Architectural Design Guidelines Committee municipal-like powers to handle its own development standards.

The action came in a 5-0 vote at the end of a near-three hour public meeting which pitted homeowners Divya and Anvil Reddy against the committee over a design and structural dispute over their new \$2-million-plus home on West Ruby Hill Drive in the upscale gated community.

Pleasanton architect Terry J. Townsend, who represents the RHADGC, said the home as constructed violates a number of architectural guidelines, and that the Reddys have failed to make changes required by the committee or even to meet with the committee board to dis-

cuss compromises.

These include the stark white color of the home, not the more subdued colors Ruby Hill requires, too-tall columns with light posts in the front, two separate two-car garages, including one with a marble floor and ornate windows that don't match the conventional wooden doors of the other, and a partially-constructed backyard gazebo that, when completed would have a domed roof 15-feet high, again too high to comply with Ruby Hill standards.

Although city staff recommended allowing some of the architectural style and structural parts of the Reddy home that go against the Ruby Hill guidelines, all five members of the Planning Commission said no.

Their vote against the Reddys' application for

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## New Pleasanton website coming

### Civica of Newport Beach to expand programs

JEB BING

The city of Pleasanton has hired a Newport Beach software firm to develop a new website to replace [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) site in use since 2005.

"There have been significant enhancements and changes to website technology since that time," said City Manager Nelson Fialho.

He said the new site, to be developed by Pixelpushers, Inc., which does business as Civica Software, submitted the lowest qualifying bid of 13 proposals considered by city staff. Civica will be paid \$93,215 to develop and implement the new city website, which will be maintained by the city's Information Technologies staff.

City staff currently uses an intranet site developed internally by the IT staff that provides for sharing of information internally. In an effort to upgrade the city's website and this intranet service, city staff decided to combine the site and sought public bids to do the work.

Actually, the city of Pleasanton currently maintains a number of websites, including its primary and public site. Users include recreation class registration, library book management, bid and employment applications submittals and informational services, including access to city records, meeting agendas and even videos.

"Due to the importance of the website as a city service tool, we've been concerned that it has become outdated and somewhat cumbersome to navigate," Fialho said. "In addition, the site is not mobile device friendly which is problematic for mobile users who are generating significant web traffic."

With 13 proposals in hand, four of the bidders made presentations to a city staff web committee. As an outcome of those reviews, the committee identified Civica as the most qualified firm to complete the project. ■

## FBI insists Pleasanton bomber will be caught

Disappeared in 2003, but numerous sightings abroad

An FBI expert on criminal behavior said Monday that an animal rights activist accused of planting bombs in Emeryville and Pleasanton in 2003 is likely living overseas but it is "inevitable" he will be caught.

The suspect, Daniel Andreas San Diego, 35, formerly of San Rafael, has been in hiding for a decade and sightings of him have come from as far away as France and Spain, FBI special agent Ronald Tunkel said.

"He's been on the lam for quite a while now and the world is getting smaller," said Tunkel, a criminal behavior analyst for the FBI, during phone interview with reporters Monday from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va.

"It's harder to be anonymous and hide in this world," Tunkel said.

Tunkel said that the tools the FBI and other investigators have of finding people are more sophisticated than when San Diego disappeared in 2003 and combined

with the suspect's stress in living on the lam for the past 10 years, "it's inevitable he will be caught."

San Diego, who was born in Berkeley and grew up in Marin County, is suspected of planting two timed bombs that exploded one hour apart on Aug. 28, 2003 at the Chiron Corp, a biotechnology firm in Emeryville, according to the FBI.

The second bomb may have been intended to injure first responders to the initial explosion, but no one was injured, San Francisco-based FBI media representative Peter Lee said.

San Diego is also suspected of making a bomb, with a timer and nails strapped to it, that blew up on Sept. 26, 2003, at the Shaklee Corp., a nutritional products company in Pleasanton, but did not injure anyone, the FBI said.

The suspect was last seen in the Bay Area in October 2003, according to Lee.

He was indicted on felony charges in the bombings in U.S.

District Court in San Francisco in July 2004 and the FBI is offering a reward of \$250,000 for his capture, the FBI said.

The motive in both bombings appears tied to his association with animal rights extremist groups that targeted the two companies claiming they conducted cruel experiments on animals, according to FBI officials.

San Diego's adoption of activism against companies that used animals in experiments may have stemmed from his disgust while witnessing the killing and cleaning of a turkey when he was a teenager in San Rafael, Tunkel said.

San Diego was so much against any form of cruelty to animals that he "adopted a vegan lifestyle" and once refused to eat marshmallows because he said they contained animal products, according to Tunkel.

"He's a fascinating character," Tunkel said. "He's a true believer."

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remain very limited in our ability to discuss this case publicly, but I wanted you to be aware of the results of last night's meeting, which lasted late into the night. Personnel matters take time and involve numerous measures to protect the privacy of those who file complaints and those who are the subject of complaints."

"There was not a dismissal or any disciplinary action," said Vranesh's attorney, H. Paul Kondrick. "We don't have a next step."

With the search for a new principal underway, is it unclear whether Vranesh's paid administrative leave will continue without resolution. Board and district officials did not return phone calls for comment and have not released any statement regarding how the matter will be resolved.

Because this is a developing story, updates will be available at Pleasanton-Weekly.com.

## 11 injured in explosion at Santa Rita Jail

One in critical condition after oven blast

By Glenn Wohltmann

An oven explosion in a kitchen at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin Tuesday morning injured 11 people, one critically, an Alameda County fire spokeswoman said.

The explosion was reported at 11:39 a.m. in a kitchen at the jail located at 5325 Broder Blvd., Alameda County fire spokeswoman Aisha Knowles said.

Of the 11 people injured, seven were treated at the jail infirmary while four were taken to hospitals, Knowles said. One of the people suffered critical injuries in the explosion, she said.

The cause of the explosion is under investigation, Knowles said.

Santa Rita Jail is Alameda County's main jail and ranks as the third-largest jail in the state, according to county officials. ■

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## Swalwell seeks federal funds for redevelopment agencies

Brown closed state's RDAs as illegal

By JEB BING

Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) has introduced legislation that would use federal funds to replace much of California's Redevelopment Agency development obligations that were declared illegal by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Called the "Restarting Local Economies Act of 2013," Swalwell's bill would make it easier for communities in California to obtain federal redevelopment funding.

In 2011, the state legislature voted and California closed all of the state's roughly 400 redevelopment agencies (RDAs), leaving localities without a source to fund much-needed development, Swalwell said in a statement. In his 15th Congressional District, alone, the loss was over \$50 million.

Swalwell was joined at a press conference announcing the bill's introduction by Fremont Mayor Bill Harrison, Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, and East Bay Economic Development Alliance Director Darien Louie.

Swalwell introduced the legislation at an empty lot in Fremont, which was slated for mixed-use development with housing and retail. The closure of the Fremont RDA delayed the project.

"The state's closure of redevelopment agencies has effectively stalled local economic development across the East Bay," Swal-

well said. "With that funding taken away by the state of California, too much land remains undeveloped and potential jobs sit on the sidelines."

"As a former Dublin city council member, I've taken my understanding of local economic development to Washington," he added. "While I can't undo the California legislature's mistake, my legislation helps cities whose redevelopment funding was raided by making it easier for them to obtain federal grants for redevelopment purposes. I'm proud to stand with mayors and communities across the East Bay as a federal partner in promoting local economic development."

The federal government's Economic Development Administration's Economic Adjustment Assistance program provides com-

petitive grants to localities for redevelopment projects, should they meet specific criteria related to challenges to their economy.

Swalwell's legislation would include the closure of a government entity, such as a redevelopment agency, as a specific example of an economic challenge to a region, allowing California localities to more easily compete for federal funds.

In addition, Swalwell's bill also would allow greater federal funding contributions to redevelopment activities in cities hurt by an RDA closure—even up to 100% of the project's cost.

"This legislation solves a problem facing our cities and represents a common-sense approach to grow our local economies, create jobs, and move the East Bay forward, added Swalwell. ■

## BART fares to increase by 5.2% New Year's Day

More hikes coming to pay for new cars

BART riders will pay slightly higher train fares starting Jan. 1 to help pay for new train cars and other projects.

BART passengers will pay, on average, an extra 19 cents per ride to finance projects that BART officials say will ensure reliable, safe and clean train service for the Bay Area in the coming years.

The BART Board of Directors voted in February to continue BART's inflation-based fare increase program, in place since 2003.

The projects supported by the program will aim to replace and improve BART's "aging system." This includes purchasing Fleet of the Future train cars, a new train control system to improve reliability and to allow more trains to run more frequently, and the expansion of and improvements to the Hayward Maintenance Complex to serve the new fleet and support

future service to Silicon Valley.

The inflation-based fare increase program means that predictable, but small changes to the prices are made, instead of larger increases with little notice, BART officials said.

The renewal of the program means that fare increases will continue every two years until 2020 and is expected to generate \$325 million for the new programs.

"BART is required to come up with a portion of funding for many of our capital projects in order to qualify to receive extra money from other sources," BART spokeswoman Alicia Trost said.

"BART must pay \$800 million toward the cost of new rail cars," she said. "This fare increase will help us achieve that goal."

The first increase will be 5.2%, according to BART officials.

—Bay City News Bureau

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city planners and its design review staff to take control of the dispute was not only a strong rebuke of the Reddys' petition but a reaffirmation of the agreement at the time Ruby Hill was built to give developers complete control over the homes constructed there.

That policy, which Townsend and others who addressed the commission Wednesday night, has worked well for the more than 800 homes now built in Ruby Hill, has worked to the advantage of both Ruby Hill residents and the city, planning commissioners said.

Once the RHADGC signs off on all aspects of a home's design and construction, and advises the city in writing, then the city completes its routine construction inspections and issues an occupancy permit.

The Reddys have lived in their new home since it was completed after posting an \$80,000 bond to cover the cost of structural and design changes that could be required.

Commissioners urged the Reddys and members of the RHADGC, who were at the hearing, to meet to work out their differences. However, they made it clear that no permanent occupancy permit was likely to be issued by Pleasanton until the RHADGC says it is satisfied that all compliance issues have been resolved. ■

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# Opinion

## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



JEB BING

Traffic backs up on Black Avenue near Walnut Grove Elementary School as classes let out for the day.

### What's the fuss over Black Avenue?

Those who drive on Black Avenue must be wondering why all the fuss over occasional heavy traffic and why the need to spend more than \$400,000 in taxpayer funds to make it the road less traveled. Black Avenue is unique in Pleasanton and those who live along the route, and have been the complainers, knew what they were getting when they bought their homes. Alisal Elementary at one end and Walnut Grove Elementary at the other were there long before most moved onto Black Avenue or the intersecting side streets. The Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center along with its hot weather crowds and occasional swim tournaments have been part of life (and traffic) on Black Avenue for decades. The post office with its 5 p.m. deadline customers and the Gingerbread preschool across the street also are old-timers. Add Lynnewood Methodist Church and a Quarry Lane school and Black Avenue, probably more than any other residential street, has traffic.

Complaints have been coming into City Hall ever since the city's first traffic signal was installed at Black and Santa Rita Road in the 1970s. Obviously, it's all too much for a street so narrow that there's no room for a bicycle lane. So last year, the Black Avenue neighbors found a friend in Traffic Engineer Mike Tassano, who organized a “traffic calming” meeting to consider remedies. The \$405,000 program presented to the City Council is his answer, which is a bit much for the \$25,000 his department has for traffic calming programs throughout the city in a single year. So while accepting his recommendations, not much will happen until next July when funds can be made available in the 2014-15 Fiscal Year budget.

Looking at Tassano's plan, however, conjures up an image of the huge costs the city incurred in constructing traffic circles on Vineyard Avenue when that new roadway was installed between Montevino and Ruby Hill. The circles lost favor with the motorist public shortly after they were finished. In the end, about a year later, the city paid to have them removed.

Tassano's plan calls for similar traffic calming elements such as curb “bulb outs,” which will provide very narrow lanes at some intersections and crosswalks, a roadway “neckdown” in front of the aquatic center, which will do much the same, a trial speed “lump” that will slow vehicles to a crawl, 25 mph pavement legends painted on the roadway, and possibly another electronic sign to show motorists' speeds.

Tassano said that a traffic speed survey shows motorists are traveling an average of 31 mph., about typical of neighborhood streets where posted speeds are 25 mph. The suggested changes might reduce those averages, but probably not the volume because Black Avenue will continue to be the street of choice, really the only street that parents, students, swimmers church go-ers and postal customers can use to reach their destinations. ■



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# POLICE BULLETIN

## Christmas criminals busted at mall

Five people were arrested on shoplifting and related charges in recent days at Stoneridge Shopping Center, according to police reports.

Lashawna Labell Thomas, 26, of San Francisco was arrested at about 6:16 p.m. Dec. 12 for felony shoplifting and possession of burglary tools. Thomas was nabbed in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road with 31 bottles of Fierce perfume valued at \$1,674 from Abercrombie & Fitch and a lined shopping bag used to conceal the stolen goods.

Nicholas Justin Tiller, 24, of San Francisco was arrested at about 11:15 p.m. Dec. 13 for felony shoplifting and possession of burglary tools in the theft of a backpack and hoodie worth a total of \$144 from Macy's Men's.

Ivan Blanco, 25, of Tracy was arrested at about 10:45 p.m. Dec. 14 on misdemeanor counts of theft

and receiving stolen property at Macy's Men's in the theft of sunglasses worth \$255. Blanco also had property stolen elsewhere: two sets of sunglasses worth a total of \$420 and a watch worth \$165.

Edwin Aroldo Santay Cox, 24, of Oakland was arrested at about 11:29 p.m. Dec. 14 for felony shoplifting and possession of burglary tools. Santay Cox was caught with clothing worth \$639 taken from Macy's Men's and a set of pliers.

Norma Leony Portilla, 41, of Van Nuys was arrested at about 7:15 p.m. Dec. 16 for felony shoplifting and misdemeanor counts of possession of burglary tools and giving false identification to police. Portilla had 20 bottles of Fierce perfume worth \$1,080 from Abercrombie & Fitch and a booster bag, used to hide stolen goods.

Other recent incidents around the mall included the embezzlement of two cell phones worth \$400 apiece

from the Smart Body Institute in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, reported at 3:05 p.m. Dec. 13, and a Dec. 16 smash-and-grab auto burglary in the parking lot in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road that netted a \$1,200 laptop, a \$120 camera and two headphones worth a total of \$60, reported at 3:24 p.m.

### In other police reports:

• Miao Wang, 34, of Pleasanton was arrested for prostitution, a misdemeanor, at JC Day Spa at about 9:16 p.m. Dec. 11. A complaint about the massage parlor led to an undercover officer being sent to the establishment.

• Geraldine Ramos Pomarejos, 18, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 9:01 a.m. Dec. 16 for possession of weapons on school grounds. Pomarejos was caught at Foothill High School with six folding knives and a six-inch, fixed-blade hunting knife.

• Matthew Jacobie Cotton, 22, of Pleasanton was arrested on Dec. 11 on a host of felony charges after an investigation that began in May.

Cotton, who was hired as a caregiver for a 76-year-old man at a

Pleasanton mobile home park, was arrested at about 1:03 p.m. on felony counts of forgery, access card theft, identity theft, elderly fraud and burglary.

• Michael Robert Ornelas 21, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 2:33 p.m. Dec. 11 for felony charges of false imprisonment, criminal threats and assault.

• Leo Carlos Omar, 32, a transient, was arrested on three misdemeanor warrants and giving a false identity to police after a prowling call at 7:09 a.m. Dec. 11 in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road.

• Two juveniles were arrested for felony burglary at about 7:05 p.m. Dec. 14 in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard. The two, ages 15 and 16, were caught stealing alcohol worth \$117 from Lucky supermarket.

• Three people reported being victims of identity-theft crimes in recent days.

A resident of the 400 block of Division Street reported that two fraudulent checks — one for \$1,290 and another for \$1,099 — were cashed. She reported the theft

at about 12:17 p.m. Dec. 11.

A resident of the 3300 block of Sorrel Downs Court reported at about 9:23 a.m. Dec. 10 that someone used her credit card for an online purchase from the Home Shopping Network and three in-person charges in San Jose. The online purchase was denied, but three charges for \$1,302, \$412, and \$136 were approved.

A resident of the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive told police that someone used his identification to make numerous inquiries into his credit at several stores and made four purchases at Kohl's — two here and two in Hayward — for a total of \$1,000.32. The fraud was reported at about 2:52 p.m. Dec. 15.

• Computer equipment and other items were stolen in a burglary reported at about 5:54 p.m. Dec. 13 at a home in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle. Among the items taken were a \$1,200 laptop, a \$1,000 portable hard drive, \$700 in radio controlled car parts and tools. It's unknown how entry was made.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Dec. 10

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:19 a.m. in the 3000 block of Chardonnay Lane; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 5:13 p.m. at the intersection of Peters and Rose avenues; drug arrest
- 8:46 p.m. in the 200 block of Santa Rita Road; paraphernalia possession
- 9:08 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; DUI

### Dec. 11

#### Auto burglary

- 8:32 a.m. in the 700 block of Bonita Avenue

#### Battery

- 5:37 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 12:24 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; DUI
- 2:17 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Gibraltar Drive; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession
- 2:28 p.m. in the 2900 block of Martin Avenue; possession of methamphet-

amine, paraphernalia possession

- 5:37 p.m. at the intersection of Fisher Court and Denker Drive; possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia possession

### Dec. 12

#### Theft

- 11:59 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft
- 8:13 p.m. in the 3100 block of Devereux Court

### Dec. 13

#### Theft

- 7:29 a.m. in the 3300 block of Dunsmuir Court; auto theft
- 3:05 p.m. in the 5800 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement
- 9:03 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; theft from structure

#### DUI

- 7:28 p.m. at the intersection of Gibraltar Drive and Stoneridge Drive

### Dec. 14

#### Auto burglary

- 9:08 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive
- 10:07 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

#### DUI

- 12:27 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Rosewood Drive
- 12:50 a.m. on Santa Rita Road

### Dec. 15

#### Theft

- 9:12 a.m. in the 1500 block of Foothill Road
- 2:52 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; fraud

#### Residential burglary

- 10:57 a.m. in the 5700 block of Dalton Creek
- 5:01 p.m. in the 400 block of Mavis Drive

#### DUI

- 2:00 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stanley Boulevard
- 10:07 p.m. at the intersection of Johnson and Owens drives

### Dec. 16

#### Child abuse

- 3:16 p.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue

#### Theft

- 7:47 a.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; auto theft
- 9:33 a.m. in the 6800 block of Payne Court; auto theft

# OBITUARIES

PAID OBITUARIES

## Jannes Takens

March 1, 1919-Nov. 24, 2013

Jannes Takens, born in Helpman, The Netherlands, in 1919, passed away at the age of 94 in his Pleasanton home on Sunday, Nov. 24.

Jannes and his wife Janna, married just 2 weeks short of 65 years, immigrated to Pleasanton in 1950, finding their first job at the Meadowlark Dairy. They became proud citizens of the USA in 1955.

They were helped by and thankful to so many generous and trusting



people in their new country and community, making business deals on as little as a handshake, to eventually become owners of the Dairy.

Jannes was an avid sports fan and sportsman. In his youth he won speed skating medals and played center midfielder for Bequick Soccer NL. Upon arrival in the U.S., he became an avid baseball fan and a popular coach of Little League baseball and soccer teams in Pleasanton. He loved bowling, sponsoring many teams, and continued to bowl well into his retirement years with his SIR friends. He helped put on many 4-H BBQ's at the fairgrounds, was an avid fair-goer with box seats at the fairgrounds, and also helped pay for new grandstands. A little-known fact is that he was a good horseman, a real cowboy.

He and Janna were thankful in retirement to have been able to "go places together" - so many places around the world, always making friends along the way. Jannes was a handyman who

would fix almost anything. On the rare instance he needed hired help, he'd watch and learn, saying, "I only want to pay for it once." A tireless worker, he was up before dawn for decades, always needing to milk the cows or mend the fences. "That's the one I was looking for," he'd laugh, eying the very last bale of hay that needed unloading. He was the perfect neighbor to many, always willing to lend a hand.

He is survived by his loving wife Janna; son Bob and wife Cheryl, daughter Winnie Smith and Joel Geldermann, and son Bruce and wife Patti; grandchildren Kyla (Smith) Thomas and husband Brian, Brent Smith, Katie, Jesse and wife Kelsey, and Shelby Takens; and great-grandchildren Madison Thomas, Kennedy Thomas, and Caleb Takens.

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# Santa!

## A jolly old tradition

### Readers share their Santa photos with us

Kids seeing Santa – some love it, some hate it but it's a fun part of Christmas for most families around here. Although we can find Santa Claus at all the shopping centers, he also pops up at parties or suddenly comes ringing the doorbell. He's the stuff of wonderful Christmas memories for children and parents alike. Thank you to our readers who have sent in these photos to share their Santa magic with everyone.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



Blake Kenney, 9, and his brother Landon, 6, students at Walnut Grove Elementary, visit with Santa at the Heberts' annual holiday party. Their parents are Bill and Julie Kenney.



Santa paid a visit to the ABC varsity basketball tournament at Amador Valley High and took a photo with tournament coordinator Anna Ruotolo.



The Donlon boys, (l-r) Carter, 9; Brady, 3; and Taylor, 11, visit with Santa at Stoneridge mall. The older boys are students at Donlon Elementary, while Brady attends Sunshine Preschool. Their parents are Brandi and Patrick Donlon.



Blake Iverson, not quite 2, and his sister Brittany Iverson, almost 3½, visit Santa at Stoneridge Shopping Center in 1989. They survived the trauma and went on to graduate Amador Valley High, classes of '04 and '06. Their mother, Bonnie Shamblin, says this is her favorite Santa picture



Sage Titus, 5, a kindergartner at a private school, insisted mom Dayna sit in when she met Santa at Stoneridge Shopping Center this year. It was the first time Sage gathered up the courage to sit with Santa. Good for you, Sage!



JON WEIAND/SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL

Kaia Wescott, 4, meets the famous Surfing Santa on Nov 30 in Capitola, where he comes in on a canoe every year to visit with children on the beach.



Noah and Julia Thomas visit with Santa in Maui in December 2006. He was on "island time," and showed up 15 minutes late, carrying a Jamba Juice. Noah now attends Foothill High and Julia goes to Hart Middle School.



The Palmer children, Abigail, 5; Joseph, 2; and Benjamin, 2 months, visit with Santa at Stoneridge Shopping Center. Their parents are Scott and Cara Palmer, and mom teaches at Walnut Grove where Abbie is in kindergarten. Joey is in his first year of preschool.



Kaylee Rocha, 6, and sister, Karlie, 4, are old hat at visiting Santa but cousin Lexie Lozano, 20 months, isn't so sure about the jolly old man. Kaylee attends Donlon Elementary, and Karlie attends Gingerbread Preschool.



Tim and Julie Foley's boys, (l-r) Tyler, 2 years; Connor, 9 months; and Brian, 9 months, meet Santa Claus at Stoneridge mall. The twins were fine, reports Julie, but then Tyler sat down and his screaming had a domino effect. Although once Tyler realized Santa had M&Ms, he hopped back up on the chair and had a nice chat with him.



Payton and Cooper Schuh meet with Santa at Stoneridge Mall. The boys attend Donlon Elementary, in the fifth grade and kindergarten. Their parents are Eric and Keely Schuh, and dad Eric is a fifth-grade teacher at Lydiksen Elementary.



When Juliana Morrow, 8, told Santa she wanted a teddy bear for Christmas, he asked, "How big?" She responded, "This big!!!" Juliana, a student at Walnut Grove Elementary, met Santa at Disneyland at the Jingle Jangle Jamboree where the Morrow family celebrated Thanksgiving.



Marina Garcia, 10, a student at Valley View Elementary, enjoys a special moment with Santa at the eighth annual Holiday Toy Drive party hosted by Marti Keeth on Dec. 6 where more than 200 toys were collected. Marina is the daughter of Michele and Bob Garcia.



Santa at the ValleyCare Health System's Christmas Tree Lane Wonderland Family Stroll meets with (l-r) Paige Bennett, Olivia Walinski, Briana Huff and Katie Salonga, daughters of Nate and Melissa Bennett, Brett and Megan Walinski, Kye and Allison Huff, and Emerson and Shelby Salonga. The girls are all second-graders at Lydiksen Elementary and all played on the same Pleasanton RAGE soccer team, the U8 Martians.



Sally, a one-of-a-kind rescued dog, enjoys a visit with Santa. She came into the home of Ellen and Billy Lathlean as a Christmas present herself, complete with a big red bow on her collar, after their grandson found her in an intersection in Long Beach about 13 years ago and the dog followed him home. After placing ads and checking with the animal shelter, their daughter and grandkids gave her to grandpa for Christmas, and she's been part of the family since, even traveling all over with them, including to Newfoundland.



Nancy Frazee visits Santa in Panorama City, Calif., around 1965. "It's my favorite childhood photograph," she says. "I loved that hand-me-down coat – it was burgundy with speckles and had black velvet collar, trim and buttons."



First-grader Marina Youssef visits with Santa during the annual holiday breakfast at Fairlands Elementary School.



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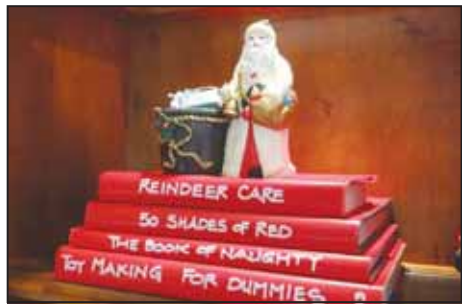
### STORY AND PHOTOS

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A happy holiday season is one that draws all family members together in the planning and the decorating. It's fun to try a couple of new decorating ideas each year, then afterward decide together if one was worth repeating.

Below are some simple decorating ideas that it's not too late to try this year if you think your home still needs an extra festive touch:

1. Add Santa's stack of reading to your book-



shelves. Cover a few books with red paper and print out the titles in white pen. Some title suggestions are "Reindeer Care," "Fifty Shades of Red" and "Toymaking for Dummies," but your family can probably come up with its own.

2. Wrap up a hassock to look like a Christmas present by tying a big ribbon with a bow around it. Such a large-scale gift will add a touch



of whimsy to any room.

3. Any shelf can be transformed by putting a festive cloth beneath the photos or other year-round decorations. Add in a few loose



holiday ornaments.

4. Even though your Pleasanton windows do not survey a snowy scene, you can add fake snow to the corners of a few window panes for the winter wonderland effect.



candy mints for a decorative touch to a mantle or shelf.

6. Add holiday fragrance to a large candle by surrounding it with cinnamon sticks held in place by a Christmas ribbon.



These decorating ideas were on display on the AAUW Holiday Home Tour held recently by the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch to benefit women scholars and Tech Trek Science Camps for middle-school girls. ■



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# Peace & Joy



## Creating special memories

Traditions give children a sense of comfort

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Ever try to change something in your family holiday celebrations? Chances are the disappointment on your kids' faces brought back the old-style tree, food, decorations, etc. Children love traditions, the stuff of memories they will always have. It's the repetition and structure that brings them a sense of comfort and belonging.

You can create special memories with your family by doing fun, holiday things with them — baking, making ornaments, decorating, seeing the festive seasonal sights, giving to the Food Bank or Toys for Tots. You can help your children make presents for those on their list; books and the Internet are full of ideas.

Be sure to spend at least one evening sitting by the fire with holiday music on. Play a game or look at old photographs. You could begin a family journal, everyone adding to it with a favorite memory from the year or a Christmas wish. This can also be a time to reflect on how you celebrate the season and why.

Another fun idea is to choose one night to

dine by tree-light, turning out all the other lights and eating by the Christmas tree, picnic-style. You can talk to your children about what the holidays were like when you were youngsters.

Some families have film favorites to enjoy, such as "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Miracle on 34th Street" or "A Christmas Story." For the Christmas meal, even the youngest can help line the breadbasket with a napkin or set the table, joining in the excitement of preparing the special feast.

Psychologist Clay Routledge noted in Psychology Today that cherished memories promote psychological health and well-being. Across several studies, he and his colleagues observed that the more nostalgic people were about the past, the more they perceived their lives as meaningful and tended to be psychologically healthy, energetic and optimistic.

Without delving into our psyches too deeply, let's just say that creating memories is fun! Even more than that special present, children may remember most of all the times spent celebrating the holidays with their family. ■

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## Peace & Joy

### Keeping the family together during the holidays (and the rest of the year!)

BY DENNIS CANFIELD

Wouldn't it be great if we could somehow bottle some of the Christmas magic that helps to bring our families together during the holidays, so we could enjoy that same feeling of togetherness year round? Of course, we can't do that; it would be too easy. But it doesn't have to be difficult either. With that in mind, here are a few simple ideas to help the family togetherness of Christmas last throughout the year:

- **Unplug** — every now and again, maybe once a week. You and your spouse and your kids — turn off your phones and TVs, log off the Internet and just be with your loved ones. Have an uninterrupted meal, play a board game, clean a room together, whatever. You may have to take several deep breaths after you put your phone down; that's OK. But it's a sign that you really do need to unplug.
- **Read to your children** at bedtime — even as they get older. Let them pick out the books and make sure that nothing that happened earlier in the day intrudes on your time with your child. If you had an argument with your spouse, or a bad day at work, or if your child broke something or made a mess, let it go when you sit down to read. A few years from now you won't remember it anyway.



- **Listen to audio books** when you're in the car together — Instead of everyone putting in their earbuds and listening to music or watching videos on their phones, listen to a good audio book together. You don't have to finish it all in one car ride; it may take

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• Family movie nights — let the kids pick out the movie (subject to parental approval), put away your cell phones, pop some popcorn, and have some fun.

• Family video diary — Get the whole family on the sofa in front of a video camera and let the tape roll while everyone talks about anything and everything. It's espe-

cially fun to do this after holidays, vacations and family gatherings. Nothing is off limits, but there is one rule that everyone has to agree to: It's a private video that no one outside the family will ever see.

One reason we all like the holidays so much is that it's the time of year when we make a conscious effort to spend time with our loved ones.

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**'THE NUTCRACKER'** See the classic Christmas ballet "The Nutcracker" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 14-22, and at 9:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Cost is \$18-\$34. Call 373-6800 or go to [www.valleydancetheatre.com](http://www.valleydancetheatre.com).

## Seniors

**BRAIN MATTERS** Enjoy a morning of fun while learning how to keep your brain active and your memory sharp. The class is held from 10-11:30 a.m. the first and third Fridays of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Word games, puzzles, challenging activities, reminiscing and more, geared to help you age-proof your mind. Cost \$1.75 for resident and \$2.25 for non-resident. Call 931-5365 or visit [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS** Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

**FREE MEMORY SCREENING FOR SENIORS** Caring Solutions is sponsoring free memory assessment on

the fourth Thursday of the month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511 for a 30-minute appointment. Preregister by the Monday prior to reserve an appointment. Informational materials are available at the Senior Center.

**PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER** The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**PLEASANTON SOLE MATES WALKING GROUP** Do you love the outdoors and want a fun way to exercise? Walking is one of the easiest and most cost effective forms of exercise for adults. Join our weekly walking group from 8:45-10:15 a.m. Wednesday mornings at the Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Walks are approximately 2-3 miles. Call 931-5365 for weekly walk destinations or come pick up a schedule. Free.

## Spiritual

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** Join this beautiful and inspiring ceremony that speaks to the way Christ's light shines through each of us, at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24 at Unity of Tri-Valley, 9875 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley. Everyone is welcome! Call 829-2733 or go to [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES** Join Christmas Services at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Sunday, Dec. 22 with choir and orchestra; and at 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Children welcome. Call 846-0221 or go to [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

**HOLIDAYS AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY** Join Unity of Tri-Valley in Castro Valley this holiday for special sermons: "Trinity of Transformation: Jesus, Mary and Joseph." on Dec. 22, and "Into the Silence: Sally Kempton and Myrtle Fillmore" on Dec. 29. Call 829-2733 or go to [www.trivalleyunity.com](http://www.trivalleyunity.com).

**PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP** Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation of all ages and ethnicity. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221 or [office@lynnwood.org](mailto:office@lynnwood.org). Go to [www.lynnwood.org](http://www.lynnwood.org).

## Support Groups

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Support group meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at LifeStyleRx, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Call 833-2784 or visit [www.valleycare.com](http://www.valleycare.com).

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** Caring for a loved one is challenging physi-

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**CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP** Overwhelmed by clutter? Learn how to deal with it by attending this non-profit self help support group, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday (except some holidays) at St. Mary & St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Drive, Rm. 7. Donation requested \$2-\$5. Call 200-1943 or visit [www.clutterless.org](http://www.clutterless.org).

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**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS** Gamblers Anonymous helps people who have a gambling problem to return to happy and productive lives. If you want help for you or someone you love, meetings are 7:30-9 p.m. every Friday at Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. in Room 8. Call the helpline at 1-(855)-222-5542 or visit the website at [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org).

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)** NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets twice a month for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets from 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 114, Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. For more information contact Suzi Glorioso at 443-1797 or email [glorios4@comcast.net](mailto:glorios4@comcast.net).

**PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP** Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street. Learn more at [www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org](http://www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org).

**TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS** This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers like doctors or specialists. For more information, call JoAnne at 875-0960.



# A chance to help those in need

The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund was created to provide financial support from our readers for a select group of local nonprofit organizations to help alleviate the needs that exist, despite our community's prosperity. It provides an opportunity to aid local groups at a time when the numbers of those without jobs or with low-paying jobs and few, if any, health benefits have increased.

The Silicon Valley Community Foundation will provide all the administrative support for the campaign at no cost. The Pleasanton Weekly will donate marketing services and advertising space. This means that all money raised can support the people in our community.

We appreciate your support of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund and these worthy nonprofits.



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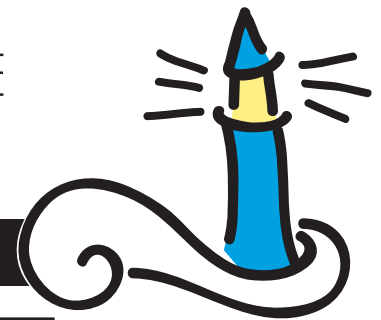
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**BAUER'S AUTO REPAIR FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 484929  
The following person(s) doing business as: BAUER'S AUTO REPAIR, 1790 UNIVERSITY AVE., BERKELEY, CA 94703, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Allen Huang, 1790 University Ave., Berkeley, CA 94703. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 05/2001. Signature of Registrant: Allen Huang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/13/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 13, 20, 27, 2013; Jan. 3, 2014)

**NOTARY PUBLIC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 485263  
The following person(s) doing business as: NOTARY PUBLIC, 205-J MAIN ST., PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Helen B. 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 11/21/2013. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 13, 20, 27, 2013; Jan. 3, 2014)

**INMAN TRADING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 485454  
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JEB BING

Several hundred turned out for the annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund party last week hosted by the Valley Real Estate Network (VREN) at the Pleasanton Marriott Hotel. Signing in the party go-ers are (from left) Wendy Tannenbaum, Erin Steele, Cathy Dean and Jennifer Serpa.

Live music was provided by Don Cruz and the WolfPack with a DJ playing for dances throughout the evening. TVREN meets Friday mornings at Tommy T's in Pleasanton. Doors open at 8 a.m. with the meeting starting at 8:30 a.m. Admission is \$5 and annual memberships are available for 2014 meetings.

## HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

3706 ANGUS WAY, PLEASANTON, \$694,000

This clean and contemporary single story home was built in 1995. It features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 1,300 square feet on 4,116 square foot lot and a two car garage. You'll find plenty of light and space in this home with its soaring ceilings, extensive use of windows, large kitchen/great-room, inside laundry and walk-in closets. The private backyard provides relaxation and additional entertaining area. It is walking distance to Mohr Elementary School and both Amaral and Nielsen Parks, and with the new Stoneridge extension just a couple of blocks away, you'll find this home is perfectly located with easy access to downtown, transit, schools and shopping.



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### OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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 Sun 1-6 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

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**4219 Payne Road, Pleasanton**

Walk to the park and schools from this home! The 4 bed, 2 bath 1,603 sq. ft. home features an updated kitchen w/ granite countertops, a spacious dining area, a step down family room with a cozy fireplace, an open living room, and a master suite with a walk-in closet. Close to prestigious Pleasanton schools! **Offered at \$675,000**



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**AMAZING HOME!**

**35 Raccolio Way, South Livermore**

Absolutely gorgeous home with tons of upgrades! 4 bed, 3.5 bath home in Prima! Includes downstairs bedroom and full bath, remodeled kitchen, 3 car garage. 2834 sq ft. 8140 sq ft lot. Built in 2001. **Offered at \$959,950** Call Cindy for a private showing!



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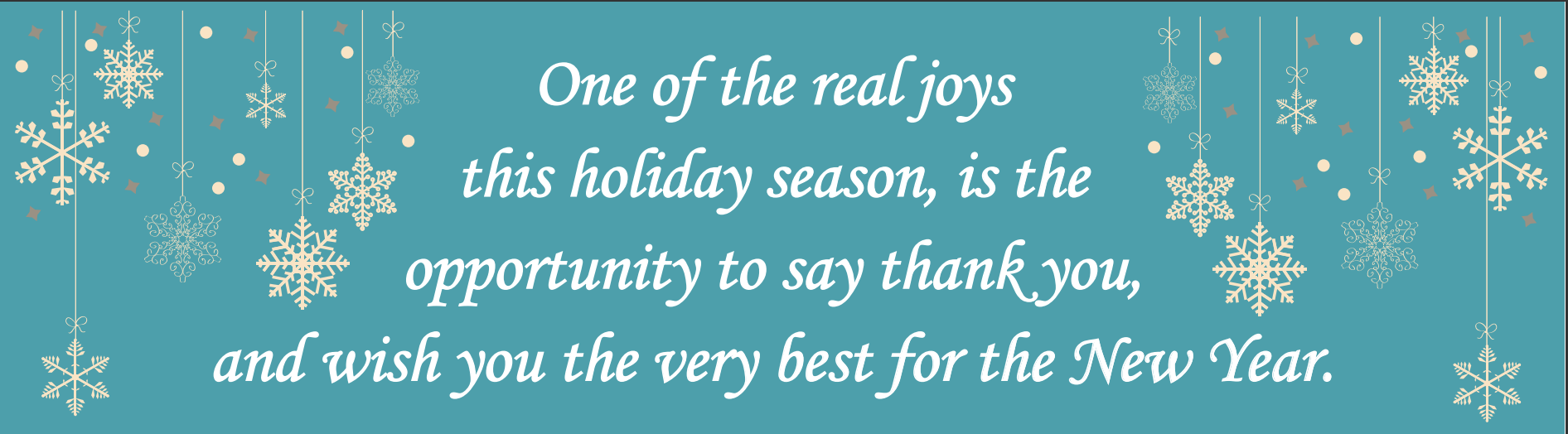
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One of the real joys this holiday season, is the opportunity to say thank you, and wish you the very best for the New Year.

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 14-26

Dublin

- 7831 Bloomfield Terrace** D. & D. Morissette to M. Sajadieh for \$1,239,000
- 3245 Dublin Boulevard #303** A. Tu to Y. Qian for \$470,000
- 2928 Innisbrook Way** B. & G. An to M. & J. Krishnamoorthi for \$1,140,000
- 7003 North Mariposa Lane** KB Home to C. Lu for \$669,000
- 1738 North Terracina Drive** D R Horton to J. & B. Mann for \$1,173,000
- 1802 North Terracina Drive** D R Horton to W. Jiang for \$1,177,500
- 5027 Osborne Circle** Lennar Homes to R. Periasamy for \$925,000
- 4617 Sandyford Court** S. Raheem to M. Chellappan for \$565,000
- 11531 Santo Court** J. & B. Mann to R. & E. Giannoni for \$825,000

Livermore

- 4206 Azores Court** M. & H. Morgensen to M. & K. Wagner for \$840,000
- 4282 Azores Court** Met Green to Tompkins Trust for \$755,000
- 1150 Bluebell Drive** E. & R. Hulme to J. Rector for \$485,000
- 1566 Bluebell Drive** C. & M. Cruser to C. Wang for \$377,000
- 1506 Carnelian Lane** R. & I. Weller to M. Walter for \$880,000
- 1820 De Vaca Way** Liptai Trust to P. & R. Grewal for \$405,500
- 3884 East Avenue** A. Ahmadzai to M. Beck for \$507,000
- 1158 Hillcrest Avenue** S. & M. Stanek to D. & D. Reyna for \$811,000
- 3809 Hillside Avenue** T. & K. Tran to R. & N.

- Baba for \$785,000
- 336 Joyce Street** Tri-Valley Golden Investments to D. & T. Smith for \$625,000
- 2992 Lagiss Drive** Crawford Trust to P. & S. Fitz for \$1,365,000
- 5203 Lilac Avenue** Larsen Trust to Bello Monte for \$355,000
- 535 Lorren Way** Z. & L. Wahaski to K. Lam for \$453,500
- 1009 Murrieta Boulevard #27** Mendenhall Trust to H. Ng for \$220,000
- 4687 Nicol Common #109** R. Bergen to J. Davis for \$234,000
- 265 Northwood Commons** Cappabianca Trust to M. Stanwood for \$395,000
- 2287 Palm Avenue** O. Myers to L. Lyngso for \$799,000
- 1642 Vancouver Way** Butman Trust to M. & R. Annicchio for \$687,000
- 5814 Woodrose Way** C. & S. Woody to R. & K. Soule for \$660,000

Pleasanton

- 3706 Angus Way** D. Paglieroni to C. Annen for \$694,000
- 20 Cali Court** A. Roberson to S. Belinga for \$650,000
- 4453 Comanche Way** A. Kontgas to Kurotori Trust for \$309,000
- 2365 Foothill Road** Schwartz Trust to W. & V. Goetz for \$295,000
- 2027 Greenwood Road** Mcdaniel Trust to K. & N. Potharlanka for \$870,000
- 498 Mavis Drive** Johnson Trust to J. & D. Amant for \$725,000
- 4251 Pleasanton Avenue** Last Mile Properties to B. & A. Atkinson for \$1,030,000
- 2303 Sandpiper Way** C. & K. Mercer to H. Shi for \$825,000
- 3313 Sorrel Downs Court** Cyr Trust to I. & S. Lyubomirsky for \$1,260,000

- 809 Sunset Creek Lane** Lynch Trust to W. & J. Zander for \$1,575,000
- 3030 Tonopah Circle** D. Ragan-Sandlin to B. Trivedi for \$465,000

San Ramon

- 2552 Basswood Drive** Corcoran Trust to B. Abdelmagid for \$960,000
- 137 Black Calla Court** M. & M. Wells to A. Gupta for \$1,115,000
- 9460 Cherry Hills Lane** Mitchell Trust to A. Lin for \$660,000
- 135 Claremont Crest Court** C. & A. Johnson to E. & J. Kim for \$810,000
- 9110 Craydon Circle** E. Martin to T. & K. Fuller for \$175,000
- 335 Dawes Court** D. Choi to T. & M. Ha for \$1,320,000
- 2767 Dos Rios Drive** Harrelson Trust to J. & E. Neufeld for \$775,000
- 5101 Fioli Loop** M. Sweeny to N. & V. Shah for \$690,000

- 6197 Lakeview Circle** M. & E. Lehrer to A. Hight for \$585,000
- 6210 Lakeview Circle** J. & D. Weaver to A. & K. Loecher for \$632,500
- 1986 Lambeth Way** B. Carmo to V. Bypanahalli for \$810,000
- 2229 Maidenhair Way** E. & J. Kim to S. Jung for \$660,000
- 5021 Rashelle Way** L. Wu to S. Kondoori for \$1,105,000
- 200 Rio Grande Court** H. & M. Lee to I. & M. Shafir for \$945,000
- 5400 Sherwood Way** L. Ruiz to P. & P. Shah for \$1,245,000
- 223 Skyline Drive** A. & K. Cohen to S. & G. Reed for \$470,000
- 1086 Vista Pointe Circle** C. & C. Bane to Montano Trust for \$815,000
- 9400 Westside Drive** Orourke Trust to Dong Trust for \$1,130,000

SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (Nov. 14-18)

**Total sales reported:** 9  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$470,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,239,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$909,278

Livermore (Nov. 14-18)

**Total sales reported:** 19  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$220,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,365,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$612,579

Pleasanton (Nov. 14-18)

**Total sales reported:** 11  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$295,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,575,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$790,727

San Ramon (Nov. 22-26)

**Total sales reported:** 18  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$175,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,320,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$827,917



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**Laguna Oaks**  
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 \$1,600,000



**Bridle Creek**  
 Elegant 5 BR, 3 1/2 BTH, hardwood floors, granite kitchen, .28 Acre lot with pool, & more. \$1,575,000

Recent Sales:

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 9079 Rockford Pl  | Pending \$1,595,000  |
| Sprucemoor Lane   | Sold for \$1,317,000 |
| Sunset Creek Lane | Sold for \$1,575,000 |
| Avocado Ct        | Sold for \$625,000   |
| Athenour Ct       | Sold for \$888,000   |
| Zenato Plance     | Sold for \$2,250,000 |
| Oak Vista Way     | Sold for \$1,036,000 |
| Regency Dr        | Sold for \$1,468,000 |

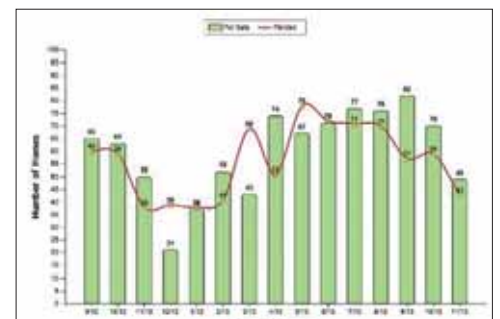
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Pleasanton Market Update:  
 Inventory Drops in Lower Price Ranges

The inventory of single family detached homes priced under \$1 million in Pleasanton plunged 60% in November to their lowest level since March. Higher priced homes did not see the same fall off in homes for sale but Pleasanton's total inventory did decline. IN fact, it is even one unit lower than it was a year ago. The low level of inventory appears to have constrained sales, which also fell sharply from October but remained above year-ago levels.



Overall, only 49 properties were actively listed at the end of November, down 30% (21 homes) from 70 at the end of October. 43 sales went pending during November, 16 fewer (27%) than October's 59 but five more than sold during November 2012. Inventory relative to sales that went pending was little changed at 1.1 months. November's inventory was the lowest since March and sales were the lowest since February.

Only 25% of Pleasanton's inventory at the end of November was homes priced under \$1 million. That mix is generally closer to 50%. Only 12 homes were on the market in this segment at the end of November, which was 18 fewer (60%) than the 30 homes >>Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.

Happy Holidays!

Wishing you and yours a happy and peaceful holiday season and a joyous and New Year filled with good health, good fortune, and prosperity! Many thanks to all of my clients for making 2013 such a successful year!



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**LINDA GOVEIA**

**BY APPT**



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**BLAISE LOFLAND**

**BY APPT**



**PLEASANTON \$1,599,000**  
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**DAN GAMACHE**

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**LIVERMORE \$1,499,950**  
Immaculate and rare property! 3332+/-sf single story home, excellent condition, 1800+/-sf basement, 1800+/-sf shop/garage/apt., endless views! 5800 EAGLES RUN RD

**LINDA FUTRAL**

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**LIVERMORE \$1,150,000**  
Move up for Christmas and the new year! Incredible home in the coveted Oaks Development. Huge 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms ~3400 sq on large private lot. 2448 LAKESIDE CIR

**MOXLEY TEAM**

**BY APPT**



**DANVILLE \$1,070,000**  
5BD/3BA 3,044sf. Bedroom and full bath on main level. Open floor plan with formal dining/living room. Kitchen opens to family room. Master w/ retreat, walk-in closet. Built in BBQ & side yard. 685 DUNHILL DR

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**CONCORD \$499,000**  
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**DISCOVERY BAY \$499,000**  
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**LIVERMORE \$469,000**  
Stunning remodel and gorgeous backyard, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom 1,200+/-sf and much more! 2075 PONDEROSA DR

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**LIVERMORE \$349,900**  
Beautifully maintained upgraded townhome! 2bd/2ba/2 car garage, indoor laundry, marble fireplace, silestone counters, deck in backyard, grass area, across from community pool, low HOA and more! 4715 APPLETREE CMN

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