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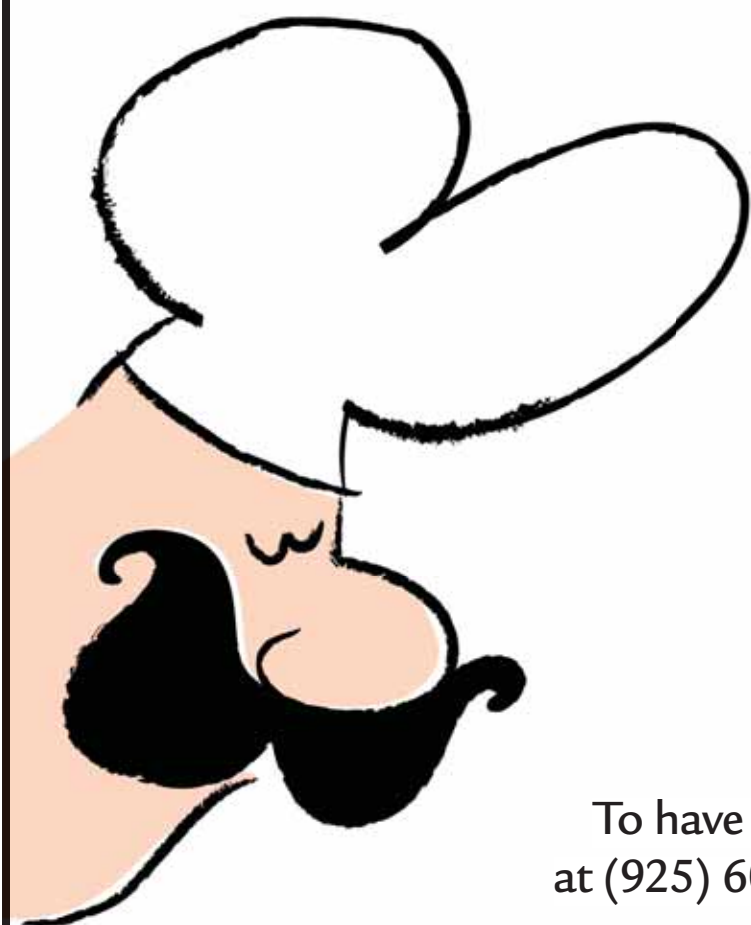
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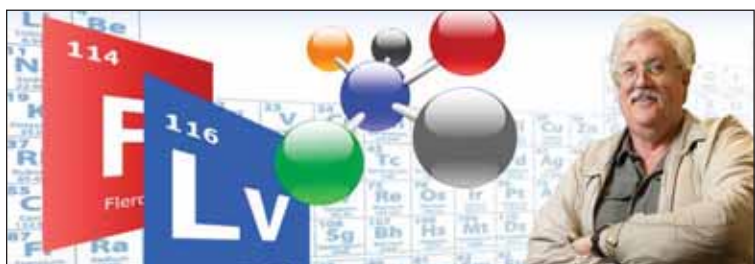
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AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING



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Ken Moody, a chief scientist for radiochemistry at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, was awarded the distinction of fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Perseverance pays off for scientist

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Ken Moody has been awarded the distinction of fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an honor bestowed upon association members by their peers to recognize distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. This year, AAAS awarded 388 members with this honor.

Moody, a chief scientist for radiochemistry at Lawrence Livermore, was one of the 40 fellows elected in the chemistry category. Moody is a 27-year lab employee who joined the Heavy Element Group in 1985 and has been a critical member of the team that discovered six new elements: 113 through 118. In addition, he has added more than 40 new isotopes to the chart of nuclides. Trained under Glenn Seaborg, Moody has dedicated his career to the scientific advancement of radio- and nuclear chemistry for the scientific and programmatic communities. In addition, Moody is one of the creators of the discipline of nuclear forensics, and applications of radiochemistry to national security and law enforcement problems.

Moody's dive into heavy element work has been a lifelong quest to tackle the uncharted "Island of Stability." Chemists have long predicted the existence of an "Island of Stability" at the outer bounds of the periodic table, where super-heavy elements live for milliseconds, minutes or even years amid a sea of oddly short-lived nuclei. He initially worked in the underground nuclear testing program at the laboratory until the test ban in 1992. After the test ban, he tapped into nuclear forensic analysis. At the same time, he was pursuing new superheavy elements.

Known for his dogged determination and dry wit, Moody is modest about his career, his lifelong quest to discover the "Island of Stability" and the striking discoveries along the way.

Anne Stark, the Livermore Lab's public relations officer, recalls that Moody came into his own in his superheavy element work with the

Livermore group. He soon started collaborating with a similar group in Dubna, Russia.

His first trip in 1989 was a memorable one, Stark said. The Soviet Union was still considered a communist state, even though the Berlin Wall had been torn down. He and LLNL colleague Ron Lougheed were always accompanied to generally keep them out of trouble, Moody said.

In 2009, he earned the American Chemical Society Division of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology's Glenn T. Seaborg award for his work in heavy elements and nuclear forensics.

"It's a pretty impressive list of people who have been given this award," Moody said at the time. "But there aren't too many old radiochemists left so they probably thought they had to give it to me. It's a big deal. I've never looked for this kind of thing. It's not my style."

Not one to toot his own horn, yet always thinking about heavy elements, he said the honor "makes me a little uncomfortable, but maybe I'll be able to milk this for some heavy element funding."

His awards are numerous: The first prize of the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna; R&D 100 award for "The Gamma Watermark" technology; Popular Science "Best of What's New" Award for element 114; Glenn T. Seaborg Award for Nuclear Chemistry of the American Chemical Society for discovering five elements and more than 30 isotopes and developing nuclear forensics; 2010 Gordon Battelle Prize for Scientific Discovery for the discovery of element 117 along with collaborators from LLNL and Oak Ridge National Laboratory. In 2012, Moody was named a Lawrence Livermore Distinguished Member of Technical Staff for his extraordinary scientific and technical contributions to the laboratory and its missions as acknowledged by his professional peers and the larger community.

New AAAS fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Feb. 15 at the Fellows Forum during the 2014 AAAS annual meeting in Chicago. ■

About the Cover

Service organizations such as the Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs are the social glue that keeps many in close contact while also contributing thousands of hours and millions of dollars to help local students, senior citizens and nonprofit organizations in Pleasanton. Photo by Jeb Bing. Cover design by Rosanna Leung.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What is the most unusual food you have ever eaten?



Sarah St. Patrick
Student Teacher

I once ate deep-fried turkey gizzards that my brother made on Thanksgiving. They were very, very chewy. I still haven't forgiven him for guiltting me into trying them.

Michael Talton
Bank Teller

I ate shark once while I was in San Francisco for a Christmas party. I didn't expect to like it, but I actually did. I think because it didn't taste very fishy at all.



Cristal Marquez
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I ate alligator in Florida while I was there on vacation. I would eat it again. I liked it because it tasted like spicy chicken.

Jeff Steele
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I was on a business trip in Japan last year and was with a group of men at dinner who encouraged me to try one of their local delicacies. It was not until after I chewed and swallowed that they told me I had just eaten fish testicles.



Emily Weller
Preschool Teacher

I ate kangaroo in Australia. It was most definitely a unique culinary experience for me, but Australians eat kangaroo meat all the time, like Americans eat burgers. If I ever go back to Australia, I'd eat it again.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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DIGEST

Grammy nominees in town

The Special Consensus, a bluegrass quartet whose 2012 album "Scratch Gravel Road" received a Grammy nomination, will perform at the Firehouse Arts Center on Jan. 11.

Led by banjo player Greg Cahill, the acoustic band is known for its original songs, bluegrass adaptations of hits from other genres and high-energy live shows.

The concert will start at 8 p.m. at the arts center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The California bluegrass duo of Melody Walker and Jacob Groopman will open the show.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit the Firehouse box office, call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

77th Oratorical Contest

Pleasanton American Legion Post 237 will host its Oratorical Contest Jan. 25 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St.

The local contest — which offers cash prizes to top finishers, entry into the regional contest for the winner and the potential to compete at state and national levels — is open to high school students younger than 20.

The competition consists of a prepared speech of eight to 10 minutes on any aspect of the U.S. Constitution and a spontaneous discourse of three to five minutes on the First, Fourth, 13th or 21st amendment.

The entry deadline is Jan. 17. For more information, visit www.legion.org/oratorical or contact Post 237 oratorical chair Norman Houghton at 846-8725 or norm4064@yahoo.com.

'The Drowsy Chaperone'

The Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will present its rendition of the Tony Award-winning musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" from Jan. 18 to Feb. 1 in Livermore.

The show-within-a-show centers on a modern-day musical fan known as "Man in Chair," playing a recording of his favorite show — a fictional 1928 comedy called "The Drowsy Chaperone."

The TVRT performances are set for Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. between Jan. 18 and Feb. 1 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St.

For tickets and other information, visit the theater box office, call 373-6800 or go to www.mylypac.com.

Corrections

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Wyrick Chamber Players at Firehouse Jan. 12

Group includes talented parents, two daughters

By JEB BING

Wyrick Chamber Players, a well-known Bay Area classical music family, will perform together in a concert at the Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12.

The program will include Beethoven's string quintet in A Major and the epic quintet in C Major by Franz Schubert. The Wyrick Chamber Players will be joined by special guest artist and long-time collaborator, violist Nancy Ellis.

Wyrick Chamber Players consists of the entire Wyrick family: husband and wife Peter Wyrick and Amy Hiraga, and their daughters Mayumi Hiraga Wyrick and Mariko Hiraga Wyrick.

Peter Wyrick is associate principal cellist with the San Francisco Symphony, a position he has held since 1999. In addition, he pursues an active career as soloist, chamber musician, recording artist and teacher.

Born in New York to musician parents, Wyrick entered the Julliard School at the age of eight, making his solo debut at age 12 with the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. His solo outings with numerous orchestras include many with the San Francisco Symphony, a few highlights being Leonard Bernstein's "Meditation," the Haydn Sinfonia Concertante and Tan Dun's Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon Cello Concerto.

San Francisco Symphony violinist Amy Hiraga is also a seasoned performer, with countless orchestral, solo, chamber music, and recording engagements to her credit. Prior to her current position with the San Francisco Symphony, she was violinist with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, Orchestra of St. Luke's, the New York Chamber Orchestra and the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra.

Mayumi Hiraga Wyrick and Mariko Hiraga

Wyrick grew up surrounded by music and musicians, and family lore has it that the first question Mariko asked a guest at a dinner party was, "What do you play?" Both were "bitten by the music bug pretty early," according to their father, with Mayumi starting violin at age 4, and Mariko beginning cello studies at age 6, and both displaying obvious talent from the get-go. Both Wyrick siblings have participated in numerous prestigious master classes in solo and chamber music performance.

Reserved seats are \$20, \$15, and \$10, and can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling the 931-4848, and in person at the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are Wednesday-Friday noon-6 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets may also be purchased, if available, two hours prior to the performance. ■



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The Creatures of Impulse Teen Improv Troupe (pictured) is set to perform its "Made-to-Order Fairytales" series at the Pleasanton Library today and Jan. 25.

Teen improv troupe to create new fairy tales

Creatures of Impulse looks to engage young audiences during children's series at library

By JEREMY WALSH

The city's Creatures of Impulse Teen Improv Troupe hopes to engage and entertain young viewers with its upcoming series of five children's programs, "Made-to-Order Fairytales."

During performances set for today and Jan. 25, the improvisation group will take audience members' verbal and physical suggestions while making up new fairy tales on the spot.

"Creatures of Impulse's style has organically grown to include our teen performers learning to teach improv to their peers and younger youth, and Made-to-Order Fairytales is a perfect youth-to-youth learning opportunity for the performers and the child audiences," said troupe director Mark Duncanson.

"I hope children learn a little about improv, a bit about the fairytale genre and a lot about different ways to use their imagination," he added.

The interactive fairy tale concept was developed two seasons ago by troupe member Sabrina Finke, a high school freshman at the time.

The format calls for the performers to take

prompts from the young attendees — suggested age range is 5 to 10 years old — for character names and traits that will become part of an improvised fairy tale lasting 15 to 20 minutes. Child audience members will also be called upon to shout out predetermined lines when characters' names are mentioned.

"Creatures of Impulse's style of improv is all about experimenting with genres, 'workshopping' different ideas and showing the audience we are excited to involve them with the creative process," Duncanson said.

The casts will rotate between the five shows, but overall, the series will feature new and experienced troupe members.

Performances are scheduled to take place at the Pleasanton Library today in two shows from 11-11:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and three shows on Jan. 25 from 2-2:30 p.m., 3-3:30 p.m. and 4-4:30 p.m.

The library is at 400 Old Bernal Ave. Tickets are not required and the show is free, as is parking in the library lot. ■

Holiday crime rises at Stoneridge mall

Five face embezzlement charges

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Stoneridge Shopping Center was a hotbed of criminal activity in the days surrounding Christmas, with 10 arrests, pending charges against two more and fake \$100 bills passed.

In one incident on Dec. 23, three men and a teen boy were arrested at Macy's Men's in a scheme in which an employee was selling gift cards, allowing purchases to be made, and then returning the cards.

Joshua Benjamin Williams, 19, of Castro Valley, was arrested after a coworker reported that Williams' cash register was short.

Video showed Williams activate a gift card, then head to an iPod vending machine, also at Macy's Men's, where he spent \$329; a review of videos also showed that Williams took a \$100 bill from his register, according to a police report.

He also assaulted loss prevention while being escorted out of the store and admitted to embezzling more than \$3,000 from Macy's in the last three weeks, the report said.

Another Castro Valley man, Angelo Cuizon, 18, was arrested in the same incident. The police report said he had a deal that gave Williams \$50-\$60 every time Cuizon stole shoes from the store.

Also arrested were Jordan Tyler Eaton, 21, of Hayward and a 17-year old Hayward boy.

The juvenile went to Williams, who activated and gave him a gift card that the teen used to buy two pair of jeans, worth \$58 apiece, and returned the card to Williams, according to the report. The teen had been banned from all Macy's stores after a prior incident.

Eaton was arrested for giving Williams codes to open cash registers, the report said. Williams rang up a \$400 gift card and gave it to Eaton, who knew it was fraudulent, but used it anyway in Newark, according to the report.

Williams was arrested for felony embezzlement, felony shoplifting and misdemeanor battery. Cuizon was arrested for felony shoplifting, and Eaton and the juvenile were arrested for misdemeanor theft.

The four were taken into custody at about 7 p.m. See **CRIME** on Page 7

Museum plans fun year for preschoolers

Monthly events engage tots with books and crafts

The Museum on Main recently announced the themes for its 2014 preschool pre-literacy program, M.o.M.'s Reading Time. In its fifth year, this popular program introduces preschoolers to a variety of holidays, events and cultures through books and activities.

"The children are encouraged to sit with the group, raise hands to answer questions, and participate in discussions about the book topics," said Jennifer Amiel, director of education for the museum and coordinator of the program. "We always finish with a fun activity or craft they take home."

Preschoolers ages 2-5 and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main from 10-11 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month for this free monthly reading program. Book reading begins at 10 a.m. with activities immediately following.

"We are seeing larger and larger groups returning for the programs," Amiel said. "This pre-literacy program is a fun way to introduce young children to a semi-structured learning environment."



COURTESY MUSEUM ON MAIN

Preschoolers enjoy craft time at Museum on Main's pre-literacy program.

The 2014 schedule of themes is as follows:

- Jan. 8: Just Be Me
- Feb. 12: Winter Olympics
- March 12: Here Comes Holi
- April 9: Teddy Bear Hugs
- May 14: Cowboys and Cowgirls
- June 11: Clowning Around
- July 9: Ramadan Moon
- Aug. 13: Old Time Summertime
- Sept. 10: Gold Fever
- Oct. 8: Celebrate Sukkot

- Nov. 12: Roaring Rockets
- Dec. 10: Native Winter Tales

No reservations are required although large groups or playgroups should call 462-2766 or email education@museumonmain.org in advance.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. in Pleasanton. For more information, visit www.museumonmain.org. ■

Sign up for Citizens Police Academy

Classes start Jan. 9

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

It's not too late to sign up for the 2014 class of the Pleasanton Police Department's Citizens Po-

lice Academy.

Classes start Jan. 9 and run through April 15, marking the 22nd time the program has been offered since its inception in 2000.

The academy was designed to create closer working relationships with residents and business owners in Pleasanton and the importance of public involvement in the policing process.

Those who enroll will learn law enforcement procedures from police. Classes will cover a wide variety of topics including community policing, patrol procedures, radio communications, SWAT, narcotics investigations, crime prevention, traffic enforcement, K-9s, evidence collection, use of force issues, animal services and the DARE program.

The program is open to adults only. Applicants will be screened and participants must live or work in the city of Pleasanton.

They must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of application, successfully complete a background investigation check, sign waiver forms and be approved by the chief of police.

The academy will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton Police Department.

Applications are available at the front counter of the Pleasanton Police Department or online at www.pleasantonpd.org.

For questions, call Crime Prevention CSO Shannon Revel-Whitaker at 931-5240 or email her at srevel-whitaker@cityof-pleasantonca.gov. ■

AC Transit, bus drivers' union reach contract agreement

3-year deal averts strike

By JEB BING

AC Transit management and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 192 (ATU), which represents the agency's bus operators and mechanics, have agreed to terms of a new labor contract for the 1,625 bus operators and mechanics.

The new agreement provides for a wage increase of 9.5% that will be phased in over the three years of the contract. On the more troubling matter of ATU employees making contributions toward health care costs, the District and ATU agreed on a flat monthly contribution of \$125 per employee during the life of the contract.

The agreement heads off a threatened strike that was twice averted, once by reaching a tentative labor agreement and then a second time by a cooling-off period imposed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

A walkout by operators would have halted AC Transit bus service for 197,000 daily riders who depend on buses for transportation throughout the East Bay and onto

the Peninsula and San Francisco.

AC Transit began bargaining with the ATU in March and has readjusted its proposals to keep negotiations on track and minimize the chances for an employee work stoppage.

"This was a long and often intense negotiation and there are no winners or losers in its outcome," said AC Transit General Manager David Armijo. "We are happy we were able to get through the process without any disruption in service, and we thank Gov. Brown for imposing a 60-day cooling off period to help make that happen."

"Clearly, both sides focused on what was best for the riders and taxpayers of this district and what is in the long-term interest of maintaining public transit for the communities we serve," he added.

The contract must now be approved by AC Transit's seven-member board of directors, which will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8. ■

Police seek suspect in two strong-arm robberies

Similar descriptions in both cases, six days apart

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Pleasanton police are looking for a man suspected of two local store robberies in less than a week.

The latest incident took place around noon Dec. 23 at the UPS Store on Pimlico Drive. A white man approached a sales clerk and handed her a note demanding money. She complied, the man grabbed the money and was last seen fleeing out the front door onto Pimlico Drive, then heading eastbound toward Brockton Drive. No vehicle was seen.

Police called that holdup "consistent" with one that occurred at Behind the Door Beauty Supply on Hopyard Avenue on Dec. 17.

There, the suspect also produced a demand note to the employee and fled with cash from the register, and was last seen running out of the store and into a parking lot.

In that case, the suspect had also been seen wandering in the area for about 10 minutes before entering the store.

Both have similar descriptions: a white male, somewhere around

40 years old, 6 feet tall and with a muscular build.

The suspect in the Dec. 23 hold-up was described as weighing about 250 pounds, and wearing what appeared to be an Oakland Raiders beanie cap, blue jeans and a black jacket that was possibly leather. The suspect also used black gloves, wore sunglasses and appeared to have a reddish-blond beard.

The suspect in the Dec. 17 robbery wore a black- and white-striped knit beanie, possibly with an Oakland Raiders emblem, and light-colored, faded blue jeans. He was clean shaven and wore a black leather-like jacket that was zipped up to his neck.

As in the later case, the suspect wore dark black sunglasses, a black leather jacket and black gloves.

No weapon was displayed in either case and neither clerk was hurt. Police are not releasing the amount taken in either holdup.

Anyone with information about either robbery is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100. ■

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4th grade class raises \$511 for Shepherd's Gate

Students prepare parents' breakfast, for a fee



A fourth grade Lydiksen Elementary School Class, taught by Mrs. Donna May.

By JEB BING

A fourth grade Lydiksen Elementary School Class, taught by Donna May, chose to dedicate its holiday party on Dec. 20 to raise money for Shepherd's Gate in Livermore.

Tisa Basseer, a parent, said the students invited their families to the restaurant-themed party

where the students entertained their guests by reciting their own poetry. They also prepared a full breakfast menu, complete with prices and fully staffed the event.

The class raised \$511, which the students personally presented to Catie Aznoe of Shepherd's Gate following the breakfast.

The event was a culminating activity for the 4th grade class math unit on menu studies.

"We are proud of our fourth grade class for all of its hard work and for donating the class party to such a great cause," Basseer said. ■

Verizon adds Pleasanton sites to improve service

Cell calls, downloading should be faster, clearer

By JEB BING

The Verizon Wireless Network announced this week that it has added new 4G LTE cell sites along Vineyard Avenue, Isabel Avenue and Stanley Boulevard.

Verizon also has added new cell sites in Berkeley, Fremont and Oakland as part of its \$7.8 billion in continuing investment to improve its California network since the company was founded in 2000.

Nationally, a Verizon representative said the company has invested

more than \$80 billion over that same period to increase the coverage and capacity of its network, and to add new services.

"The network upgrade is part of the company's ongoing investment to keep improving and strengthening the nation's largest and most reliable wireless network," the Verizon spokesman said.

Other sites in Alameda County that now have improved wireless coverage are:

• Alameda: Along Foothill Bou-

levard, Shoreline Drive, Willow Street and 9th Street;

• Berkeley: Along Solano Avenue, Cedar Street, Hopkins Street, 8th Street, Broadway Terrace, Contra Costa Road, Moraga Avenue and College Avenue;

• Fremont: Along Auto Mall Parkway, HI-880, Highway 262, S. Grimmer Boulevard and I-680;

• Oakland: Along MacArthur Boulevard, Grand Avenue, 27th Street, Adams Street and Telegraph Avenue. ■

Brown names new judge for Superior Court here

Ursula Jones Dickson was deputy district attorney

By JEB BING

Gov. Jerry Brown announced the appointment of a number of Bay Area superior court judges Friday, including a deputy district attorney to the Alameda County Superior Court in Pleasanton.

Ursula Jones Dickson, a 45-year-old Oakland resident and deputy district attorney with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office,

was named to the Pleasanton court.

Brown also appointed Alison Tucher, a 51-year-old Berkeley resident and a partner at Morrison and Foerster.

In Solano County, Brown appointed Christine A. Carringer, a 59-year-old Fairfield resident and staff counsel at Katchis, Harris and Yempuku to Solano County Superior Court.

He also appointed John C. Cope, a 50-year-old Benicia resident and deputy district attorney for the Contra Costa District Attorney's Office, to Solano County Superior Court.

In Sonoma County, Brown appointed Lawrence E. Ornell, a 52-year-old Santa Rosa resident who has served as a commissioner since 2004, to Sonoma County Superior Court.

CRIME

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10:36 p.m. Dec. 23.

Elsewhere at the mall, four store workers are looking at embezzlement charges for stealing from their employers in separate incidents.

Dwayna Shania Stamps, 20, of Hayward was arrested at about 4:20 p.m. Dec. 27 for embezzling more than \$5,000 from JC Penney in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road by giving unauthorized discounts to friends.

Shanika Nicole Robinson, 20, of Hayward, was arrested on a misdemeanor embezzlement count at about 9:50 p.m. Dec. 27 for making 23 unauthorized discounts totaling \$302, also from JC Penney.

Felony embezzlement cases against two unnamed Nordstrom employees have been forwarded to the Alameda County District

Attorney's Office for possible charges. At about 5:13 p.m. Dec. 23, Nordstrom, in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, reported the embezzlement of \$707 and \$697. Other information in the ongoing case was unavailable.

Two stores, the Guess Store and Aldo, reported receiving counterfeit \$100 bills on Dec. 26; two bogus bills were passed at Aldo and one was passed at the Guess Store.

Also among those arrested was Myra Lorena Fontanillo-Lopez, 32, of Fremont for felony theft of eight items of clothing and two purses from Macy's Women's with a total value \$1,200. Video surveillance showed Fontanillo-Lopez taking the items, a police report said. She was arrested at about 5:10 p.m. Dec. 27.

Four others were arrested on misdemeanor theft charges at the mall during Christmas week. ■



Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• **P13-2445, Tri-Valley Chinese Bible Church**

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Church and State-registered Heritage School for Kindergarten through 12th grade students at 1035 Serpentine Lane, within Valley Business Park.

• **P13-2458, City of Pleasanton**

Application to amend Chapter 18.88 (Off-Street Parking Facilities) of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to allow the City to waive in lieu parking fees in exchange for fulfilling Design and Beautification objectives of the Downtown Specific Plan.

Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information for the following meetings.

Civic Arts Commission

Parks & Recreation Commission

Youth Commission

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.

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

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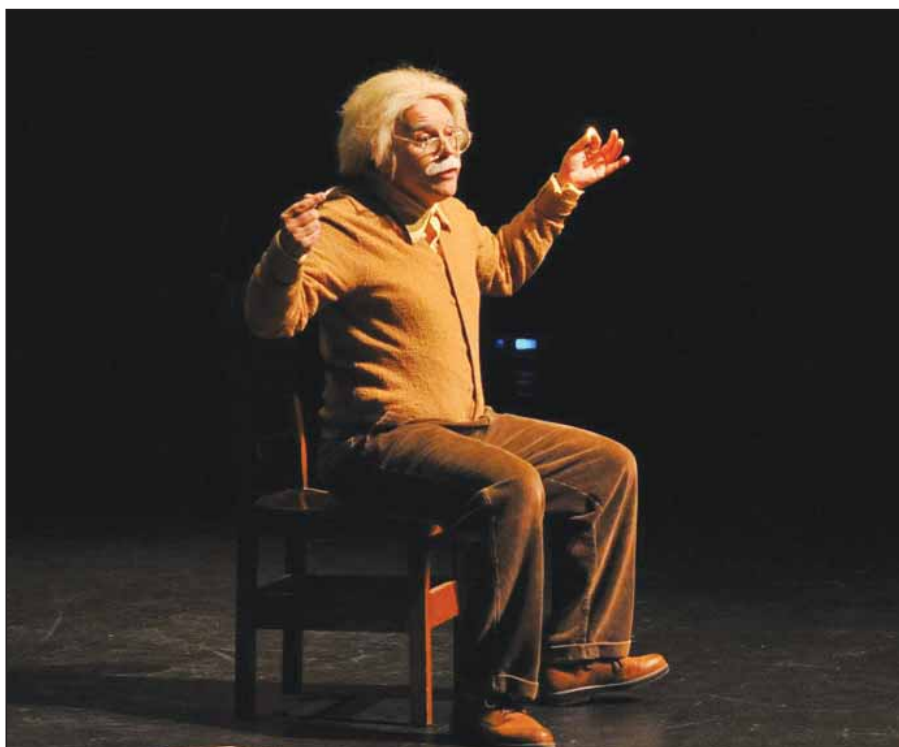
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Doris Dwyer as Margaret Breen



Duffy Hudson as Albert Einstein



Frank Mullen as King Henry VIII

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Museum speakers lined up for 2014

Mark your calendars to meet Twain, Ford and Einstein

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The 2014 Ed Kinney Speaker Series begins Jan. 14 with that quintessentially American humorist, Mark Twain. The event is dubbed "An Evening with Mark Twain: A Musical Journey Out West," and has Pat Kaunert playing Twain accompanied by musician Dave Rainwater.

"Attendance has grown significantly for the 'An Evening with' programs," said Jennifer Amiel, Director of Education and series coordinator for Museum on Main. "People have discovered the series and especially enjoy the programs where actors portray historical characters."

In the speaker series, audiences come face to face with actors who look and sound as if they have stepped out from the pages of history books as well as speakers who are experts in their fields.

"There's something very special about getting up close with characters from the past," Amiel said. "This year, audiences will hear from Mark Twain, King Henry VIII, Henry Ford and even a Donner Party survivor, Margaret Breen."

All of the events begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444

Railroad Ave.

The 2014 schedule after January is as follows:

- Feb. 4: "An Evening with Hugh Liang: Eyewitness to the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake & Fire." The earthquake and subsequent fire destroyed nearly all of Chinatown. Unknown numbers of the 14,000 Chinatown residents were killed in the fire and the rest were displaced from their homes. Chinatown resident Hugh Liang is portrayed by Charlie Chin.
- March 11: "An Evening with Author Steve Minnear: Dublin & The Tri-Valley, The WWII Years." Minnear wrote the new Arcadia Publishing book on the military base and hospital activities in Camp Parks and Camp Shoemaker of Dublin during WWII.
- April 8: "An Evening with Seabiscuit Historian Jani Buron." Buron, the author of "The Spirit of Seabiscuit," is a former Pleasanton resident. She recollects her life on Ridgewood Ranch in the 1940s along with the top money-winning champion of his time, Seabiscuit, who trained for a short time in Pleasanton.
- May 13: "An Evening with Civil War Researcher Ernie Manzo: Bay Area Civil War

Batteries & Forts." Civil War researcher Ernie Manzo discusses the Civil War Era batteries and forts that surrounded the San Francisco Bay Area. Most notable was the Presidio, the nerve center of a coastal defense system that included Fort Point, Alcatraz and Angel Island.

• June 10: "An Evening with King Henry VIII." Once described as one of the most charismatic rulers to sit on the English throne, King Henry VIII is known in modern times for his six marriages and his role in the separation of the Church of England from the Roman Catholic Church. Frank Mullen, journalism teacher at the University of Nevada, portrays King Henry VIII.

• July 8: "An Evening with Donner Party Survivor Margaret Breen." Dr. Doris Dwyer takes the stage as Margaret Breen, a member of the ill-fated Donner Party. Breen joined the California wagon train of 81 pioneers who in 1846 found themselves trapped in the snow in the Sierra Nevada. Dwyer is a professor of history and humanities at Western Nevada College.

• Aug. 12: "An Evening with Henry Ford." American cultural history professor Dr. Doug Mishler takes the stage as the Ameri-

can industrialist and founder of the Ford Motor Co. Mishler will explore Ford's many sides including his support of welfare capitalism and his political positions during WWI and WWII.

• Sept. 9: "An Evening with Architect Charles Huff, AIA: Architecture in Downtown Pleasanton." Join Huff in a presentation on the architecture, renovation and restoration projects of key downtown Pleasanton structures over the years. He will particularly address the building at 603 Main St., originally built in 1914 as Pleasanton's Town Hall, now home to Museum on Main.

• Oct. 21: "An Evening with Albert Einstein." The season closes with Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson in a highly anticipated return performance to Pleasanton as Albert Einstein, the great scientific thinker who revolutionized physics.

Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$7 seniors; \$5 museum members; and \$3 students/teachers. They may be purchased at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., during regular operating hours or by phoning the museum at 462-2766. For more information, visit www.museumonmain.org or phone 462-2766. ■

Christmas tree collection schedule

Scouts, Pleasanton Garbage to pick up trees

By JEB BING

Christmas trees will be picked up by Pleasanton Boy Scout Troop 941 tomorrow for a small donation or by Pleasanton Garbage Com-

pany free of charge next Saturday, Jan. 11.

The public can register for the Scout pickup service at <http://tree-pickup.troop941.org/>

For the Pleasanton Garbage Service, tree must be placed curbside by Friday night, Jan. 10 and cut in four-foot sections. Stands, tinsel, ornaments and lights must be removed before the trees are loaded into trucks.

Trees also can be cut in two-foot sections and placed in residents' greenwaste container for pickup on regular garbage collection days.

Pleasanton residents also can take their trees to the garbage company's recycling center at 3110 Busch Rd. free of charge until Feb. 1. ■

Library offering free classes in Microsoft Excel 7

First class starts Jan. 8 for beginners

By JEB BING

With Microsoft Excel now one of the hottest skills needed for job advancement, the Pleasanton Library is offering Excel classes in beginners and intermediate levels free of charge.

Classes will be taught by a finance professional with more than 10 years of experience, said the library's Merry Luskin.

The new class series is sched-

uled from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, for Beginners, and at the same time on Wednesday, Jan. 29 for Intermediate/Advanced.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Register in the library at the Reference Desk or call 931-3400, extension 4.

The library is at 400 Old Bernal Ave. ■

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LETTERS

Clarification needed for predator statistics

Dear Editor,

In your predator article on p.7 of the Dec. 27, 2013 issue of the Pleasanton Weekly, you stated that Pleasanton has the fewest predators per capita in Alameda County (32 total: 28 on Megan's List + 4 for police eyes only). I checked the Megan's Law website, and I only found 22 names listed. Also, I found that Dublin only

has 8; Danville has 4; and San Ramon 10. I think these figures are more telling than stating that Pleasanton has the lowest per capita rate. Knowing the figures of the cities close to us, or cities we compare Pleasanton to, gives a whole different interpretation to the data you provided. With Dublin's population of almost 49,000 and Pleasanton's just over 72,000, I can only conclude that either Dublin must have a large amount of predators whose info can only be seen by the police or your figures are off. Maybe some clarification would help.

C. Fasulo

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

2 remarkable Pleasanton seniors earn Community of Character scholarships

Pleasanton's Community of Character Coalition has chosen two remarkable high school students as recipients of Juanita Haugen memorial scholarships for 2014. Alice Deng from Amador Valley High School and Diane Hadley from Foothill, who are in this year's graduating classes, were chosen for exemplifying the six Community of Character standards of compassion, honesty, respect, responsibility, integrity and self-discipline. These characteristics were adopted by the Pleasanton school district, the city government and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce with scholarship awards given each year to honor the memory of Juanita Haugen, founder of the coalition, who died in 2007. Haugen was a former Pleasanton school board president and at one time also president of the California School Boards Association.

Deng is the daughter of Janet and Tony Deng. Born in Oakland, where she attended elementary school, she took steps to gain confidence as a speaker after moving to Pleasanton with her parents. As part of that effort, she decided she could also help others to build confidence in themselves by starting a nonprofit organization called "RSVP Speech Campaign," a group that already has formed similar chapters in Berkeley and San Leandro.



Alice Deng

In recognition of the success of RSVP Speech, Alice has been inducted into the Alameda County Woman's Hall of Fame this year. Her other activities have included leadership roles in her school's chapters of the California Scholastic Federation honor society, DECA, the international business organization and the Amador Valley High marching band. She has also volunteered more than 500 hours at Open Heart Kitchen, the American Red Cross, Museum on Main and Shepherd's Gate's shelter for battered women and children. She also serves on the Tri-Valley/Eden Township Youth Community Court and is past president of the Oakland Youth Energy Awareness Council.

Hadley is the daughter of Laura and Bing Hadley. She developed her leadership skills through a number of organizations, including her church, National Charity League and Girl Scouts. She has volunteered her services with more than 30 different regional charities and community organizations, including Corazon, Foster-a-Dream, the American Cancer Society and Shakespeare's Associates.



Diane Hadley

Corazon is an organization that builds houses in Tijuana for homeless families. When she was 15, Hadley organized a build through her church, recruiting 50 volunteers, facilitating meetings and organizing transportation, food and hotels. At the end of the weekend, she was able to hand house keys to a father, a man who had a job but needed some help in building a home.

She also has been involved with Girl Scouts for 12 years, earning the highest honor, the Silver Award, by organizing parties to decorate over 100 pillow cases for foster children. At Foothill High School, she was the president of her junior and senior classes and was a cheerleader for four years, including two years on the school's competition squad and three as the cheerleaders' captain. She also was a member of National Charity League for six years, helping with organizations such as the Shakespeare Festival, Special Olympics and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

As in past years, the Village High School recipient will be announced at the school's graduation ceremony in June. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Four arrested in two auto theft cases

Four men have been arrested for auto theft in two separate cases, according to police reports.

In one case, a call that started with a report of a vehicle stolen from an apartment complex in the 5600 Owens Drive led to the arrest of two men.

Officers spotted a different stolen vehicle that had been left at the complex; based on the recovered vehicle, police were led to the sister of a suspect, Bobby Charles Bolin.

Bolin, 31, a transient, was arrested for felony auto theft and felony ammunition possession along with misdemeanor counts of possession of burglary tools, receiving stolen property and paraphernalia possession.

Also arrested in the incident was a passenger, Iran Eory Cortes, 31, of Los Gatos, who was wanted on outstanding felony warrants for embezzlement out of Calaveras County and auto theft out of Stanislaus County and a misdemeanor count of falsely identifying himself to police. The two were taken into custody at about 8:35 p.m. Dec. 27 in the 40700 block of Laguna Place in Fremont.

In the second case, Enrique Steven Hernandez, 34, and Jacob Louis Lanfranco, 29, both of Milpitas, were arrested at about 4:15 p.m. Dec. 29 for felony auto theft. The two were also arrested for committing a felony while on bail; Hernandez was also arrested for felony possession of methamphetamine.

Police received a call about suspi-

cious men behind Jay's Auto in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive. When police arrived, the two men were standing across the street. A search led police to the stolen vehicle.

In other police reports:

- A Danville woman was arrested at about 12:17 a.m. Dec. 29 on felony and misdemeanor counts, according to a police report that said she was so intoxicated she thought she was at a different location miles from where she was taken into custody.

Ashley-Marie Black, 22, was arrested at Lexus of Pleasanton in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive on a felony count of vandalism and misdemeanor public drunkenness.

A custodian called police after spotting Black wandering around in the parking lot and peering into cars. She also kicked the main door of the auto dealer five times, cracking it and causing \$800 in damage.

Black told police she thought she was at a different auto location, which turned out to be in Dublin, two miles away.

- A computer valued at \$3,000, a \$100 media player and a \$50 backpack were stolen from a vehicle parked at Stoneridge Shopping Center between 6 and 8:25 p.m. Dec. 27. It's unknown how entry was made.

- A \$2,100 bike was reported stolen from the garage of a home in the 3300 block of Santa Rita Road, along with two \$70 bike tires and a \$30 bike seat between Dec. 15 and Dec. 25.

- A resident of the 1300 block of Montrose Place reported an AT&T cell phone account was opened in his name at a Stoneridge Mall kiosk, with total charges of more than \$1,077.

- A \$400 bicycle and a \$60 ladder were reported stolen from the garage of a home in the 2800 block of Daylily Court. The homeowner said the theft occurred between 8:30 p.m. Dec. 27 and 12:05 p.m. Dec. 28. She told police she'd accidentally left the garage door to her home open all night.

- A resident of the 1800 block of Palmer Drive told police at about 3:38 p.m. Dec. 28 that someone had opened an account in her name, charging \$113 at a Southern California cable company.

- Nothing was taken in a burglary attempt at Mills Uniform in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road, although a lock valued at \$200 was damaged by a pry tool. The break-in attempt occurred between 3:50 and 3:55 a.m. Dec. 26.

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

OBITUARIES

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Dennis Lile

Sept. 19, 1939-Dec. 21, 2013

On Dec. 21, Pleasanton, California lost a very dear resident, Dennis Lile. Born in South Bend, Indiana in 1939, Dennis grew up in Greenville, Kentucky and attended Greenville schools. As was customary in that locale, after high school he started working in the coal strip mining industry in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. Dennis was a miner for 25 years, until the coal mines in that region closed.



In 1988, he moved to California with his wife Donna. In 1991, he established Pacific Real Estate Services in Pleasanton. Dennis served the real estate and mortgage industry in California for over 20 years until he retired.

Although he enjoyed the Real Estate business, his real love was cooking.

Friends and neighbors knew him best as the one who entertained with scrumptious meals. Often he would show up at their doorstep with biscuits, stews, cakes and whatever culinary delight he wanted to cook that day, just to make someone's day a little brighter. He was an active member of Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, and later Trinity Lutheran in Pleasanton.

Dennis is survived by his wife Donna, Brett Lile and family, John Lile of Kentucky, Brett Illers and family of Pleasanton, and brother Larry and family in Greenville, Kentucky. Heaven has truly received a kind and loving husband, father, friend and "Chef."

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 38451 Fremont Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94536.

No flowers please. If you like, please send donation checks made out to Village Catering. Send to Village High School at 4645 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton CA, 94566, c/o Culinary Instructor Kit Little. This is a program that has helped many young adults become accomplished cooks while gaining invaluable workplace skills including work ethic, teamwork, and customer service.

Warren MacLeod Annis

Warren MacLeod Annis passed away on Dec. 21, 2013, from natural causes. At the time of his death Warren had been living in Livermore for 2 1/2 years after residing in the same house in Pleasanton since 1950.

Warren was born on Oct. 21, 1920, in Duluth, Minnesota, the last of six children of Roderick Dhu Annis and Ethel Foss Annis. He attended Duluth, MN schools, graduating from Central High School and Duluth State Teacher's College (now the University of Minnesota at Duluth) with a degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. After graduating college in December of 1943 Warren attended the Naval Reserve Midshipman's Officer's Training School (aka "90 day Wonder") at Columbia University in New York, New York, graduating as an Ensign on June 29, 1944.

On July 3, 1944, he married Fannie Lambert, his college sweetheart, on his way to his assignment to the Amphibious Base at Coronado, California. Warren was then deployed to the USS Menard, APA 201, and sailed in the South Pacific arena during World War II, participating in the landing at Okinawa on April 1, 1945. His ship also transported the first occupational troops into Nagasaki, Japan, after the dropping of the atomic bomb.

After World War II, Warren came to Pleasanton, California in 1948 to work at the Jackson

Perkins Company's rose growing grounds as timekeeper and eventually became Office Manager.

In March of 1956, he joined the late Ernest W. Schween in the insurance business, taking over the business in 1963 upon the death of Mr. Schween. Warren had an insurance office, a building he owned, at 99 W. Neal Street, Pleasanton, for nearly 30 years.



During his retirement, Warren delivered "Meals on Wheels" for 18 years and he also worked in his woodworking shop, becoming an expert at the woodworking skill of intarsia, a form of wood inlaying that is similar to marquetry. Warren loved playing bocce ball at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Fannie and Warren also traveled the world during their time together.

Warren was the Charter Secretary of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton in 1965 and served as that club's President in 1968-

69. He also served on numerous committees over the years. In 2011, Warren was awarded the first Lifetime Membership ever given by the club. A club scholarship, which Warren helped found in 1967, was named after him, becoming the "Warren Annis Service-Above-Self Scholarship."

Warren also served as Secretary of the Pleasanton Water District in the 1960's and 1970's as Pleasanton was experiencing significant growth. The Pleasanton Water District was ultimately taken over by Zone 7.

Warren is survived by his children, Larry (Carolyn) of Pleasanton, CA and Jim (Gini) of Reno, NV, his grandsons, Greg Annis of Oakland, CA, Keith Annis of Lima, Peru, Kevin (Megan) Annis of Reno, NV, and Brian Annis of Burbank, CA, and his great grandchildren, Connor and Hailey Annis.

He was predeceased by his parents and five siblings and his wonderful wife of 68+ years, Fannie.

There will be a heart-felt Celebration of Life for Warren at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Warren asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: The Warren Annis Service-Above-Self Scholarship c/o The Rotary Club of Pleasanton Foundation, P.O. Box 352, Pleasanton, CA 94566 or Children Incorporated, 4205 Dover Road, Richmond, VA 23221.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Dec. 23

Auto burglary

- 3:39 p.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 11:27 a.m. in the 4600 block of Las Lomitas Drive

Alcohol violations

- 8:48 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; public drunkenness
- 10:08 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; DUI

Dec. 24

Theft

- 8:51 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

Dec. 26

Theft

- 7:28 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 9:39 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; bicycle theft
- 9:47 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 9:49 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Vandalism

- 1:43 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 5:13 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Dec. 27

Theft

- 2:28 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement
- 9:25 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement

Auto burglary

- 10:25 a.m. in the 200 block of Trenton Circle
- 8:28 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Dec. 28

Burglary

- 11:14 a.m. in the 5100 block of Golden Road; other

Vandalism

- 2:45 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Public drunkenness

- 12:02 a.m. at the intersection of Kottinger Drive and Amaral Circle
- 11:29 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

Dec. 29

Theft

- 2:12 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:02 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:15 p.m. in the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive; auto theft

Auto burglary

- 10:07 a.m. in the 800 block of Summit Creek Lane



Frank Hanna, president of Pleasanton North Rotary, serves dinner at East Bay Stand Down, a biennial event that delivers comprehensive services to homeless military veterans.

Serving Pleasanton

Service clubs help schools, community while having fun

By Jeb Bing

In his book “Bowling Alone,” researcher Robert Putnam talks about changing values in U.S. communities, contending that Americans in many cities belong to fewer organizations, know their neighbors less, meet with friends less frequently and even socialize with their families less often.

Fortunately in Pleasanton, volunteerism, including philanthropy, are still very much alive and growing.

Service organizations such as the Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs are the social glue that keeps many in close contact while also contributing thousands of hours and millions of dollars to help local students, senior citizens and nonprofit organizations.

Take the Lions Club, for instance. Lions International, with 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members, makes it the world’s largest service club organization. Pleasanton Lions has 60 members, and the club has been serving the community for

more than 80 years, with fundraisers to help local families, schools and nonprofits.

Members, who hold dinner meetings twice each month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Regalia House, are preparing for the club’s 26th annual Crab Feed on Jan. 25 at the Fairgrounds, where they will serve some 4,200 pounds of crab to more than 1,200 guests. This event was awarded First Place for Most Outstanding Signature Project at the recent eighth annual Lions Club International Academy Awards ceremony.

This year’s crab feed is especially noteworthy because funds generated from ticket sales will be used to establish a scholarship honoring the son of the current club president Greg Yount. Matthew Yount, a member of the Cal Poly golf team and a 2011 graduate of Foothill High School, died in a diving accident in Spain two months ago.

Although Lions is the largest ser-

vice organization, Rotary International is the oldest. Founded in Chicago in 1905 by Paul Harris, the organization has 1.2 million men and women in over 200 countries and geographical areas with a total of 34,000 Rotary clubs. Pleasanton hosts three of them: the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, often called Downtown Rotary; Rotary Club of Pleasanton North and Tri-Valley Rotary.

Downtown Rotary hosted its 32nd annual free Christmas dinner for 275 seniors last month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, a popular event that included turkey dinners with all the trimmings and musical entertainment.

The club also sponsors a community-wide “Spirit Run” each Father’s Day, a major fundraiser that attracted more than 1,200 runners for the 20th annual race last June. The club raised \$48,000, with \$25,000 adding to the \$320,000 in high school scholarships the club had provided over the years. The rest



PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY

of the 2013 race proceeds went to Valley Humane Society, Tri-Valley YMCA, Rotaplast, Hope Hospice and the Boston Marathon Bombing Victims Fund.

Rotary North's major fundraiser is the "Starry Night" gala. The 24th annual event held last September at Barone's Restaurant added to the \$2 million collected at these festive occasions for local and global charity projects.

Beneficiaries included the School of Imagination & Happy Talkers, Relay for Life, Special Olympics of Northern California, Hope Hospice and the Pleasanton Partners in Education (PPIE) Foundation.

The Tri-Valley Evening Rotary Club is the smallest of the three in Pleasanton and is the only one of the six Rotary clubs in the Tri-Valley area that meets in the evening, meeting at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Castlewood Country Club. Last month, the club collected hundreds of new and gently used warm coats for



PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB

Pleasanton Lions Club members donate 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses and an auto-refractor eye examination machine during a visit to Lions Club of Tulancingo in Pleasanton's sister city.



JEB BING

Michael Alt, a 2013 graduate of Amador Valley High School and now an engineering major at Utah State University, join his dad Gary in serving turkey dinners to 275 seniors in Rotary Club of Pleasanton's annual free Christmas dinner at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

children in need in the Livermore School District, distributing them to the children just before Christmas.

The club also hosts sing-alongs at the Vine Theater in Livermore with proceeds from the admission fees, auctions and other activities during the events providing support for local and international humanitarian services.

Also small but very active is the Kiwanis Club of Pleasanton, whose 22 members meet at noon Fridays at Vic's All-Star Kitchen on Main Street. Kiwanis International, with more of its clubs in the Midwest and along the East Coast, boasts current membership at nearly 600,000 and

annually raises more than \$100 million and reports over 18 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children. A major fundraiser for the Pleasanton club is its annual downtown wine stroll, with next month's event to include a "Texas Hold 'Em" tournament. Proceeds from the event will be given to organizations that benefit children.

Pleasanton Kiwanis also supports Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, ValleyCare's pediatrics unit, Agape Villages, Taylor Family Foundation, Down Syndrome Connection, Boy Scouts of America and the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

"By working together, members

achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone," past president Dawn Wilson said. "Kiwanis members believe that when you give a child the chance to learn, experience, dream, grow, succeed and thrive, great things happen."

During "Kiwanis One Day," club members join in property upkeep in Pleasanton, weeding at Ridge View Commons, Alviso Adobe Community Park and other parks in the area. The club also holds flea markets to raise money for Kids Against Hunger and, each year at Thanksgiving time, solicits in front of Safeway supermarkets for regional food banks.

Fundraisers and community service projects like these dominate the agendas of Pleasanton clubs. For most, a condition of membership is to "give back" to the community, including work days where members help Pleasanton seniors and shut-ins identified by the Pleasanton Senior Support Organization. These projects range from grounds-keeping to cleaning gutters to washing down kitchen cupboards. Local Scouting organizations and high school clubs supported by Rotary and Lions chip in.

Providing aid and guidance to military veterans are also club priorities, including preparing meals and providing entertainment for the periodic East Bay Stand Downs at the county fairgrounds. Rotarians work with the Pleasanton Military Families organization in preparing pack-outs for troops in Afghanistan.

The service clubs also provide scholarships, support for schools and student organizations, including sponsoring Interact clubs at Amador Valley and Foothill high schools and recognizing students each month for exemplary credentials. Downtown Rotary donated a \$1,800 commercial dishwasher last year to the Village High School culinary program.

Both Downtown Rotary and Rotary North clubs work in partnership with the Wheelchair Foundation, raising funds to enable the

delivery of wheelchairs to immobile and needy individuals in Mexico, Central America and South America. To date, Downtown Rotary has delivered over 4,000 wheelchairs and members have directly participated on more than 10 distribution trips, including to Puebla, Mexico last year and to Los Angeles, Chile in 2012.

The Pleasanton North Rotary club also worked with the Wheelchair Foundation as well as with El Oasis, an orphanage in north central Mexico, and the General Hospital of Jalalabad, Afghanistan. From 2003 to 2012, it sponsored 21 trips to 12 Latin American countries and Armenia where club members distributed 5,880 wheelchairs. In 2010, Pleasanton North's past-president Dr. Susan DuPree secured a \$56,000 grant from Rotary International and the cooperation of numerous Rotary Club chapters, charitable associations and the U.S. Air Force to install modern cardiac care and neonatal intensive care equipment at the Public Hospital of Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Last April, members of the Lions Club traveled to Pleasanton's Sister City of Tulancingo, Mexico to donate 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses and an auto refractor eye examination machine. The club later hosted a breakfast for delegates from Tulancingo when they visited Pleasanton.

"This past year we were able to help many local families, our schools and organizations near and dear to our hearts," said Lions Club president Pam Grimes. "These included 4-H, Alameda County Blue Star Moms, Pleasanton Military Families, Mothers With a Purpose, Oakland's Childrens Hospital, school music programs at Amador, Foothill and Harvests Park Middle School, Open Heart Kitchen, Shepherd's Gate, Make a Wish Foundation, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue, Cub Scouts, Tri-Valley Basket Brigade, Lions in Sight, City of Hope, Ear of the Lion and Bras for a Cause."

Bob Brown, president of Downtown Rotary, said the club also provides financial support through its members to Rotary International, including its worldwide polio eradication efforts.

"Our members also support Rotaplast International by providing financial contributions and by directly participating on surgical missions," Brown added. "Rotaplast provides surgical treatments for children with cleft lip and palate anomalies."

The most recent mission was in Cebu City, Philippines. Club members and local Realtor Tom Fox was part of a Rotaplast group where cleft lip and palate surgeries were given to 53 children.

Pleasanton North Rotary focused on youth programs in 2013.

"We restarted the Rotary Youth Exchange program in the Tri-Valley by sponsoring Shona McCarthy, a Foothill student, on a year-long educational exchange to Marbella Spain," said Lawrence Smalheiser, club president. "We also hosted Mio Ueki, a student from Kobe Japan, who attended Foothill. New students have begun the selection and training process for the exchange program and will be departing on their exchanges in August 2014." ■

Sports



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Gymnasts score at championships

West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy compulsory gymnasts competed at the 2013 Nor-Cal South Level 3 State Championships on Nov. 23-24 in Lemoore, Calif., with good results: Anne Sophie Laliberte placed 5th on floor; Ainsley Wade tied for 6th on vault, placed 4th on floor and 6th in all-around; Keira Howard placed 7th on vault, 3rd on balance beam, 4th on uneven bars and 7th all-around; Nitika Chand placed 6th on vault and 5th on bars; junior Isabel McGaughy placed 4th on vault, 5th on uneven bars, 6th on floor, 6th in all-around; senior Aria Spaulding placed 5th on uneven bars, 4th on floor, 6th on balance beam, and 6th in all-around; and senior Zoe White placed 7th on bars.



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Ballistic United Bulldogs capture Mustang 6v6 title

The Ballistic United Bulldog futsal team had an exciting day Dec. 15 when the players captured the Mustang 6v6 (six players per team) title. The team, coached by Rob Bell, played five games and scored 59 goals while only conceding five goals against clubs from Mustang, Livermore, Watsonville and Walnut Creek on the way to the title.

"The focus, hustle and energy of the seven boys were evident throughout the tournament," said BenHur Castro, a board member of the Ballistic United Soccer Club. The final game was a 10-3 victory against Walnut Creek S.C.

Ballistic team members (l-r) are Scotty Wortham, Mason Lyons, Matthew Tahir, Dylan Russo, Duncan Carrothers, Max Couper and Luke Bell.

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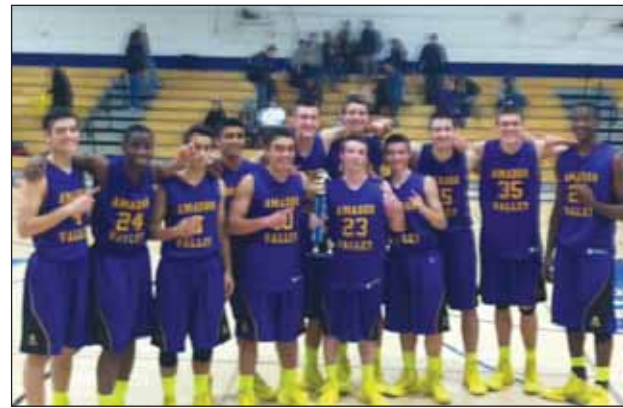
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PMS Panthers beat East

The Pleasanton Middle School seventh-grade Panther basketball team scored a win against East Avenue Middle School, 43-21, last month. Panther team members are (front, l-r) Joseph Louderback, Justin Shih, Demtre Aaron, Aaron Carroll, Thomas Storey, Brad Couture, (middle) Aidan Boyle, Ari Solomon, Colton Brooks, Korey Russell, Jason Dorman, Nathan Huey, (back) Satchel Petty, Logan Miller and coach Martin Miller.



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Bringing home the Gold Dust

Amador Valley High varsity (top photo) and junior varsity basketball teams both went undefeated to win the championship at the Gold Dust Tournament in Placerville in early December. This was the fourth consecutive tournament win for the varsity.

Varsity players are (l-r) Brandon Ruotolo, Jamaun Charles, Rod Hajian, Sid Seth, Max Molz, Aaron Shreve, Jack O'Loughlin, Glenn Leininger, Jake Weiman, Scott Rasnick, Brett Barker and Stockley Chaffee.

JV players are (front row, l-r) Cade Lau, Rahul Patel, Goose Person, Jacob Duarte, Jordan Reese, Hakim Tokhi, Josh Llanos, Bobby Kaufman, (back) Coach Rick Contreras, Alexi Som, Peter Ernst, Joe Daley, Eric Homan, Jake Marchi, Will Leininger, Connor Rhodes and Coach Dave Ruotolo.

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Civic Meetings

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

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

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

SCHOOL BOARD The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday monthly during the school year in the district office board room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Classes

COMPUTER TUTORING Need help with downloading E-books from the library to your E-Reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general Internet questions? Drop-in classes are from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Mary Luskin at 931-3400, ext. 7. Free and open to all.

FRUIT TREE PRUNING CLASS Learn the basics on fruit tree pruning from Lita Gates, including feeding and pest control, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4, or at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5 at Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave. Call 462-1760 or go to westerngardennursery.com.

ROSE PRUNING CLASS Learn to properly prune your roses from Lita Gates at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, or at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12 at Western Garden Nursery, 2756 Vineyard Ave. Care, feeding and pest control will also be covered. Call 462-1760 or go to westerngardennursery.com.

Clubs

GARDEN CLUB MEETING The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Dan Resor, a local pruning expert, will demonstrate basic hands-on pruning techniques. Visitors welcome. Call Bev at 485-7812 or go to www.lavgc.org.

AWANA CLUBS AT PLEASANTON EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH Awana Club for children 3 years old through high school with a variety of active games, fun activities and awards for memorizing Bible verses. Meetings are from 6:50-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday, from Sept.-May at the Pleasanton Evangelical Free Church, 6900 Valley Trails Drive. Cost is \$1 per week plus materials. Call 484-0496 or go to www.pleasantonefc.org.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION The Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month Sept.-May. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For more information contact the chapter's regent Diane Groome at dggroome@comcast.net.

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

LIONESS CLUB The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people.

Lioness is a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS Learn the art of public speaking in a fun-filled and supporting environment. Meetings from 7:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday at The Clubhouse, 4530 Sandalwood Drive. Attend meetings as a guest at no cost. Call 395-1234 or go to www.pleasantontostmasters.com.

PLEASANTON MOTHERS CLUB The mission of the Pleasanton Mothers Club is to provide a social, supportive, and educational outlet for moms and their families in the local community. They offer a variety of activities, children's playgroups, special interest groups, and more. For information visit pleasantonmothersclub.org. Contact membership@pleasantonmothersclub.org.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasantonnewcomers.com. Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

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

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at the Hilton Hotel, 7050 Johnson Drive. Call 580-7947 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

UKULELE CIRCLE Come play ukulele with others and bring friends, noon-1 p.m., the second and last Saturday of the month, at Galina's Music Studio, 2222 Second St., Suite 2, Livermore. All ages and skill levels welcome. Please bring in some music to share with the group. Cost is \$5. Call 960-1194.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

Concerts

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ELVIS! Celebrate Elvis Presley's Birthday Weekend with "The Early Elvis Tribute Show," featuring returning hit group Jim Anderson and The Rebels at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$15-\$25.

Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

RICKY NELSON REMEMBERED LIVE AT FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER "Ricky Nelson Remembered" will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 10 at the Firehouse Arts Center, featuring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, Ricky's twin sons and multi-platinum recording artists, at this multi-media concert. Tickets are \$40-\$50. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

THE SPECIAL CONSENSUS: BLUEGRASS WITH AN ATTITUDE The Grammy-nominated acoustic bluegrass band returns at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Firehouse Arts Center. This four-man bluegrass group has a modern edge, spotless vocals and boundless energy. Melody Walker and picker extraordinaire Jacob Groopman will open the show with their unique "Americali." Tickets are \$12, \$17 and \$22. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

WAILIN' JENNYS AT BANKHEAD THEATER Called "the darlings of the North American roots music arena," the Wailin' Jennys will be performing on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$36-\$55, \$15 for students. Call 373-6800 or go to www.bankheadtheater.org.

Events

FARMERS MARKET Visit the Pleasanton Farmers Market from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday, on East Angela Street between Main and First streets. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday, year-round, rain or shine, to provide the season's freshest fruits and vegetables, sold by the very farmers that planted, nurtured and harvested the crop.

KICK OFF NEW YEAR WITH GNON GNON and Crooked Vine Winery would love you to join them for a fabulous networking and socializing opportunity, from 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at Crooked Vine Winery, 4948 Tesla Road, Livermore. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Prepay and RSVP by Jan. 13. Contact gnoners@gmail.com or visit http://gnon.org/rsvp.html.

Exhibits

'CELEBRATIONS' AT MUSEUM ON MAIN Museum on Main presents "Celebrations: The Days We Mark and the Ways We Mark Them" on display now through Jan. 5. "Celebrations" takes visitors on a tour of the special occasions in life, like civic and religious holidays, personal transitions, and how we celebrate them. Call 462-2766.

EAST MEETS WEST ART AND POETRY EXHIBIT The 8th annual East Meets West exhibit, integrating visual and literary arts, runs from Thursday, Jan. 2-Friday, Jan. 24 in the Civic Center Gallery at the Livermore Library. An opening reception will be held from 12:30-4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Fundraisers

'STEPPIN' UP' DANCE BENEFIT Livermore School of Dance Jazz Companies present "Steppin' Up!" at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. This benefit for Sleep Train Foster Care children and families is a spectacular showcase of all types of dance. Go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

BINGO NIGHT Dublin High School Music Boosters Presents Bingo from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday at Dublin High School, 8151 Village Parkway, Dublin. Must be 21 and over to play. Cost is 3 cards for \$3, 6 cards for \$6, 10 cards for \$9. Join the fun!

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. Go to www.PhotographyBySueEvans.com.

PAWS IN NEED VALENTINE CRAB FEED Come to this amazing crab feed from 6-10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin. Dinner includes fresh cracked crab, pasta, Caesar salad, bread, dessert, and coffee or tea. No-host bar. Awesome raffles and silent auctions. Benefits Paws In Need, a medical fund for community animals. Tickets are \$48 until Jan. 18, \$53 after. Call 323-8517 or go to Paws-In-Need.org.

Health

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

Kids & Teens

1776-ERA KIDS MARCHING BAND YAPS The Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps, a 1776-era band, meets from 6:30-8 p.m. every Friday for rehearsal. Kids learn instrumental music, fife and drum with a Berkeley-trained drum instructor and 3-time US National Champion fife instructor. Free to try, \$7 per hour after. Contact Jason Giaimo at 484-0265 or yaps1776@aol.com. Go to www.YoungAmericanPatriots.com.

CRITTER KIDS AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY Tue. 1/7 - For ages 2-5. Pleasanton naturalist Eric Nicholas will provide an age-appropriate, interactive intro to several small animals. Meet some unique creatures with whom we share the planet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Pleasanton Library. Registration open now and is limited to 30 children and their adult caregivers. Call 931-3400, ext. 3.

MADE-TO-ORDER FAIRY TALES: CREATURES OF IMPULSE AT PLEASANTON LIBRARY

Creatures of Impulse, the City of Pleasanton's award winning teen improv troupe will have 5 completely different interactive programs for children ages 5-10, from 11-11:30 a.m. and 11:45-12:15 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 3; 2-2:30 p.m., 3-3:30 p.m., and 4-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Pleasanton Library. The troupe will create fifteen to twenty minute fairy tales with help from their audience. Free!

SHAKE YOUR SILLIES OUT Shake out those sillies every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. If you're 2 to 5 years old and want to sing, dance, and hear a story, the Golden Apple Learning Store, 4807 Hopyard Road, is the place for you. Weekly themes with crafts or games included. Call 460-5163 or go to www.goldenappletoys.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

GRIEF WORKSHOP The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Get guidance and company on your healing journey at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 9 and 23, and Feb. 13 and 27 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Open to all. Call 846-5377 for more information.

Live Music

DANCE ESCAPE DANCE SOCIAL Dance to swing, ballroom and contemporary tunes performed by a live band from 6:30-9:30 on Feb. 7 at the Dublin Senior Center. Light refreshments will be served and prizes will be raffled. Tickets are \$10-\$13. Contact 556-4511 or seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov for more information.

Miscellaneous

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

FREE TOUR: WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND WATER RECYCLING PLANTS Learn how 10 million gallons of Tri-Valley wastewater is treated every day from 1:30-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8 at DSRSD Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7399 Johnson Drive. Find out about rewarding careers in the water industry. Free and open to children 7 years and up. Call 875-2282 or go to <http://www.drsrd.com/Education/tourrequest.html>.

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WORLD WALK TO WELLNESS

Pleasanton's World Walk to Wellness group meets at 8:30 a.m. each Saturday to chat and explore while getting exercise. Most walks last 90 minutes; all are free. To be on the list to receive information each Thursday about that week's walk, email walks@worldwalktowellness.org.

On Stage

BROADWAY CHORUS SINGS YOUR FAVORITES

Come listen as Broadway Chorus Sings Your Favorites at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 10-11, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12 at Amador Theater. And it wouldn't be a Broadway Chorus concert without the Broadway Kids joining in. Cost is \$18, \$17 for seniors, \$10 for youth. Call 798-4875 or go to www.broadwaychorus.org.

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.

CALIFORNIA'S COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE

This presentation reviews who is affected and the choices for managing Medicare, Medi-Cal and community based support services in Alameda County. Learn about the enrollment process and timeline for implementation, including Cal MediConnect as well as roles of local partnering agencies, from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365 or go to 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.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER FOUNDATION MEETING

The Dublin Senior Center Foundation meets at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER MINI-LIBRARY

The Dublin Senior Center Mini-Library is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday at the senior center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. The library gladly accepts donations of like-new used books published in the last five years, puzzles, magazines within three months of distribution, and videotapes. Unused books are donated to Friends of the Dublin Library. Bring donations to the office for processing. Call 556-4511.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER OFFERS MUSIC CLASSES

Dublin Senior Center offers two music classes including Sing-a-longs with Judy Kuftin and Merrill Ito at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays; and Ukulele Beginning Instruction with Judy Kuftin and Merrill Ito at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, both at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$1.25 for each class. Call 556-4511.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS

Dublin Senior Center offers different programs and activities including "ESL" which helps seniors practice their English conversational skills from 1-2:30 p.m. every Friday; a Reading Group that discusses new books every month from 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month; the Needle Arts Group that enjoys quilting, sewing and knitting from 1-4 p.m. every Monday; all at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$1.25 for each activity. Call 556-4511.

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.

MILLS LINE DANCE SOCIAL

DJ Millie Dusha will play tunes from the classic oldies at the Mills Line Dance Social from 2-4 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All levels of dancers are welcome. Cost is \$3. Call 556-4511.

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.

SENIOR HOUSING PROPERTY MANAGER PANEL DISCUSSION

Property managers from the major senior housing complexes in Pleasanton will be answering questions and sharing information about the number of units, amenities, eligibility requirements, availability, application and wait list process for each property. Bring your questions from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365 or go to www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

TRANSCRIBING FOR YOU Transcribing for You has volunteers that will transcribe and print your letters to be sent. The service is located at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$1.50. Call 556-4511 for an appointment or email seniorctr@ci.dublin.us.

Spiritual

ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

The Women of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton invite you to join their Annual Women's Spiritual Retreat, "Journey with Jesus to the Fullest of Life" with Father Tom Bonacci, from Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at San Damiano Retreat, 710 Highland Drive, Danville. Contact Myrna at 462-3106 or Sue at 989-6713.

BURNING BOWL CEREMONY A this ceremony, all will give to the sacred flame that which they are ready to release and let go of. Write letters to God that set your intentions for 2014 - these will be held in prayer and returned in Oct. of 2014. Join at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5 at Unity of Tri-Valley, 9875 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley. All are welcome! Call 829-2733 or go to 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@lynnewood.org. Go to www.lynnewood.org.

WEEKLY LDS BIBLE STUDY

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosts a weekly bible study from 7:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at the church, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. Refreshments served. For information, call 305-9468.

WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Women gather for a time of prayer and study of the Bible from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St. Topics change according to lesson length. Coffee and refreshment provided. Call 846-8650 or go to www.fcpleasanton.org.

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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP

If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. For more information, view their blog at www.eastbayet.com or call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

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.

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.

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 where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at 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.

Volunteering

BECOME A LITERACY TUTOR

Become a literacy tutor. Pleasanton Library's Project Read needs volunteer tutors to help adults with English skills. Training for literacy tutoring will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Pleasanton Library. Contact Penny Johnson at 931-3405 or PennyJohnson@CityofPleasantonCa.gov for more information.



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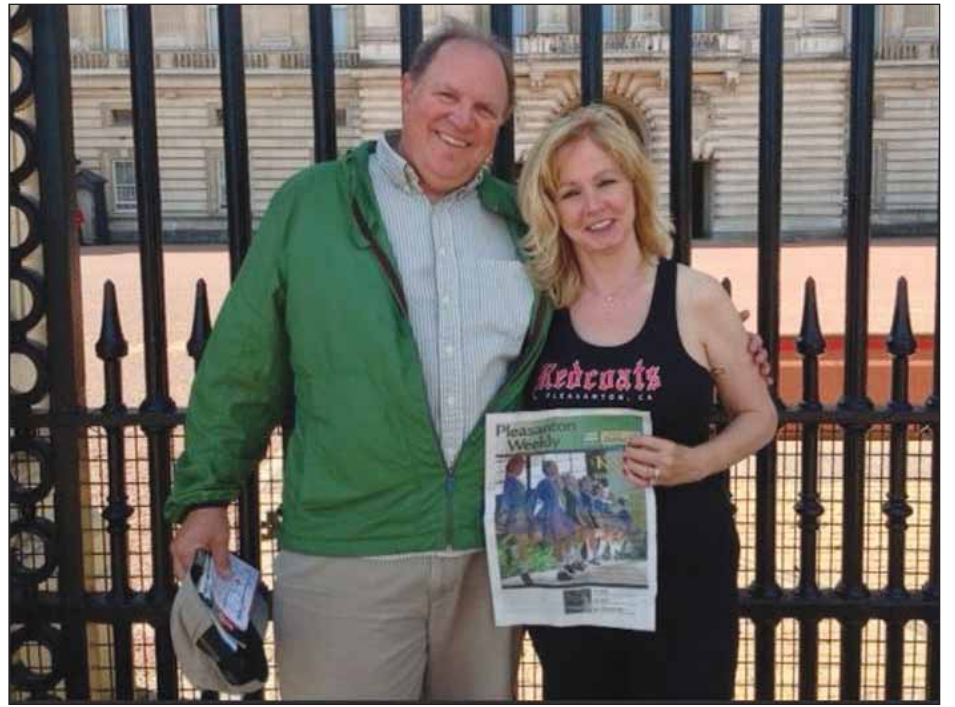
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An education in fun: Eight teachers from Pleasanton went to Burbank for The Ellen Degeneres Show's Twelve Days of Giveaways contest. Lennis Sadler, Rosie Martinez, Felicia Douwes, Amy Smith, Christie Carnahan and Michele Howell from Valley View Elementary School, Jenny Ebbers from Hearst Elementary School, and Tamarra Farro from Pleasanton Middle School posed for our readers. Pleasanton's 2013-14 Teacher of the Year Christie Carnahan held the Pleasanton Weekly!



Keep calm and read on: Valerie Joyce and Ken Trombadore ventured across the pond all the way to Buckingham Palace — and took the Pleasanton Weekly and a Redcoats t-shirt as a reminder of home.

TAKE US ALONG

Send photos to editor@pleasantonweekly.com, subject line "Take Us Along," or mail to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Ste. 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Any caption information such as who is in the photo, where you are and anything fun you did on your trip is appreciated. Happy travels!



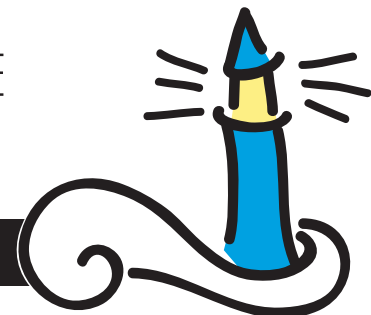
No blarney here: Ed and Nellie Espina took a stroll through St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland while on vacation in the UK. They made sure to share the experience with the Pleasanton Weekly.



Desert down time: Captain Nicholas Kanakis took in the Pleasanton Weekly news half a world away at Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan, with a Blackhawk helicopter serving as a chair.

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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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)

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File No.: 485454
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HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

1002 ZINFANDEL CT., PLEASANTON, \$1,410,000



Another record high sale in Vintage Heights! This stunning 4 bedroom home features a bonus room and over 3500 square feet of living space. The gourmet granite kitchen offers stainless steel appliances and a center island. The expansive family room has vaulted ceilings and overlooks a private backyard with a sparkling pool and spa. **Dave and Sue Flashberger of Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty represented the buyers (925) 463-0436**

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Dublin

2 BEDROOMS

11836 Kilcullin Ct \$400,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 John Ledahl 989-4994

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

7 Twelve Oaks Drive \$1,750,000
Sun 1-4 Tom Fox 872-1275



SALES AT A GLANCE

Dublin (Nov. 19-25)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$225,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,211,500
Average sales reported: \$733,477

Livermore (Nov. 19-25)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$234,500
Highest sale reported: \$949,500
Average sales reported: \$560,317

Pleasanton (Nov. 19-25)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$261,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,100,000
Average sales reported: \$828,947

San Ramon (Nov. 27-Dec. 4)

Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$250,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,000,000
Average sales reported: \$663,111

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 19-Dec. 4

Dublin

5880 Avellina Drive B. & C. Messick to H. Hansrai for \$1,070,000
11403 Betlen Drive D. & C. Monroe to A. Hashemizadeh for \$695,000
4298 Clarinbridge Circle N. Bedford to B. Morley for \$390,000
7314 Cronin Circle K. Temperani to J. Loskutoff for \$375,000
3245 Dublin Boulevard #302 J. Rafraf to C. Nydegger-Tekell for \$467,500
2186 East Cantara Drive KB Home to B. Lui for \$800,000
6835 Langmuir Lane Last Mile Properties to N. Mohammadi for \$615,000
11486 Marwick Drive Maqdoor Homes to T. Nguyen for \$830,000
5818 Newfields Lane N. Cheng to V. & D. Tiwari for \$1,050,000

7001 North Mariposa Lane KB Home to J. Lucas for \$670,000
7005 North Mariposa Lane KB Home to H. Nutakki for \$682,500
7007 North Mariposa Lane KB Home to J. & M. Marquez for \$629,000
4757 North Spago Drive KB Home to D. & J. Grewal for \$879,000
4778 North Spago Drive KB Home to R. & A. Johal for \$915,000
1776 North Terracina Drive D R Horton to K. & S. Chawla for \$1,211,500
5038 Osborne Circle Lennar Homes to S. Prasad for \$850,000
6542 Sierra Lane A. & T. Estep to R. & C. Troia for \$585,000
11501 Silvergate Drive W. & Y. Ho to S. & A. Sellers for \$720,000
5138 South Forestdale Circle Hannula Trust to V. & S. Rao for \$854,000
8601 Southwick Drive Gundogdu Trust to B. & S. Bryant for \$748,000
7315 Starward Drive #59 T. & T. Lee to S. Alroubai for \$225,000
2316 West Cantara Drive Milkus Trust to N. Cheng for \$875,000

Livermore

4147 Bishop Pine Way P. Kenny to P. Buchanan for \$445,000

6810 Brookview Court Wells Fargo Bank to Cole Trust for \$720,000
5412 Charlotte Way J. Bolstad to F. Espartero for \$430,000
574 Dovecote Lane #4 R. & M. O'Neill to D. & L. Seavey for \$570,000
5444 Evelyn Way V. & A. Hund to C. Tindillier for \$722,000
5646 Firestone Road Mcginty Trust to T. Smet for \$495,000
315 Garden Common Aguiar Trust to R. Hwang for \$385,000
5430 Goldenrod Drive G. & A. Duff to E. & J. Stromme for \$715,000
479 Hanover Street S. Williams to R. Higgins for \$619,000
110 Heligan Lane #4 Shea Homes to T. & E. Lavacca for \$404,500
110 Heligan Lane #6 Shea Homes to P. & N. Nichols for \$477,500
5376 Hillflower Drive A. Limjoco to A. Bhatele for \$538,000
3701 Hillside Avenue Morrison Trust to J. & J. Kafka for \$765,000
486 Kent Court E. Wall to P. & C. Fried for \$629,000
46 Meritage Common J. & I. Shaver to J. Wong for \$468,000
1013 Montclair Court E. Mason to R. Ries for \$234,500
1242 Murdell Lane B. & K. Dhaliwal to B. Nelson for \$505,000
1875 Niagara Drive Gray Trust to G. Debonis for \$650,000
170 North N Street #116 Signature at Station Square to D. Randazzo for \$475,000
3077 Rodeo Lane K. & T. Reeser to M. & H. Morgensen for \$949,500
3116 Salisbury Court P. & C. Carey to D. & C. Monroe for \$770,000
5324 Sandra Way Kent Trust to G. Buffleben for \$682,000
1182 Sherry Way Bell Trust to S. Traugott for \$840,000
3815 Silver Oaks Way Graver Trust to M. & J. Hernandez for \$440,000
6955 Sunridge Drive L. Espinosa to E. Barnes for \$547,000
1850 Sunset Drive Busbee Trust to E. Dutch-Storey for \$390,000

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Fannie Mae to keep conforming mortgage loans at \$625,000

Drops plan to lower cap that Realtors said would hurt market growth

BY JEB BING

The California Association of Realtors praised the Federal Housing Finance Agency this week for deciding to keep the 2014 maximum conforming loan limits for mortgages acquired by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac at \$625,500 in country's high-cost housing such as the Tri-Valley and much of the greater Bay Area.

The cap affects single family homes with the cap remaining at \$417,000 in other parts of the country.

"C.A.R. applauds the FHFA for keeping with the law and retaining the existing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac conforming loan limits," said CAR President Kevin Brown.

"The FHFA recognizes that home prices have rebounded in California, especially

in the high-cost areas, where lowering the loan limits would have reversed the housing recovery," Brown explained. "Retaining the higher loan limits is critical to providing liquidity in today's housing market and is essential to a full housing recovery."

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Kevin Brown, C.A.R. President

Earlier this year, the FHFA announced its intention of lowering the loan limits. Since then, CAR and the National Association of Realtors aggressively fought to prevent a reduction in the loan limits.

Both organizations have long advocated for making higher conforming loan limits permanent. As a result of those efforts, Congress has now made permanent the maximum conforming loan limits at \$625,500. ■

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SALES

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37 Turquoise Way Karkazes Trust to Karkazis Trust for \$296,500

2125 Walnut Street Hextrum Trust to M. & P. Gill for \$352,000

5414 Windflower Drive K. Ploeger to F. Samii for \$465,000

688 Yorkshire Court D. Korf to M. Garcia for \$830,000

Pleasanton

8158 Canyon Creek Circle W. Turner to H. Fan for \$775,000

858 Castlewood Place Liberty Trust to S. & A. Byun for \$2,100,000

673 Concord Place C. & M. Montana to K. White for \$387,500

6832 Corte Sonada Dekelver Trust to C. Yu for \$690,000

6183 Corte Trancas Korbelt Trust to V. Kardonskiy for \$690,000

4352 Douglas Court Monette Trust to C. Lee for \$570,000

5693 Ellis Court S. & A. Byun to S. Yog for \$1,975,000

1131 Finch Place Toll California XIX to C. & T. Walthour for \$1,840,000

2257 Goldcrest Circle J. Miller to T. Ying for \$565,000

3480 Guthrie Street E. & K. Kline to B. Mummaneni for \$831,000

4213 Katie Lane W. Li to S. & P. Sharma for \$750,000

3852 Keneland Way Zima Trust to I.

Chan for \$315,000

8015 Mountain View Drive #A L. Badarello to H. Ng for \$393,500

655 Neal Street P. Taher to A. Laberge for \$775,000

2231 Segundo Court #2 P. Manglik to G. & K. Dhillon for \$261,000

2240 Segundo Court #4 S. Haggmark to Y. Jiang for \$285,000

4115 Tessa Place Gwerder Trust to Hillbrook Place Investors for \$705,000

3701 Vine Street Ove Trust to C. Calvo for \$657,000

682 Windmill Lane Wyatt Trust to Kbt Trust for \$1,185,000

San Ramon

207 Arden Court P. Harrison to L. Wu for \$913,000

20 Eagle Lake Place #22 P. Proffer to Butler Trust for \$685,000

284 Eastridge Drive #90 N. & J. Sailer to J. Wang for \$400,000

3 Juniper Drive M. & S. Pedlowe to C. & J. Heke for \$752,000

133 Lucy Lane Sanmartino Trust to A. & J. Scheiner for \$1,000,000

366 Meadowood Circle C. Kelley to S. Guntappali for \$580,000

908 Radiant Lane L. Calandro to T. Lee for \$528,000

4613 Sweetgale Drive M. & C. Green to F. Jones for \$860,000

705 Watson Canyon Court #201 J. Miller to Watt Trust for \$250,000

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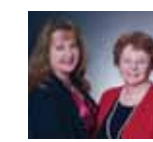
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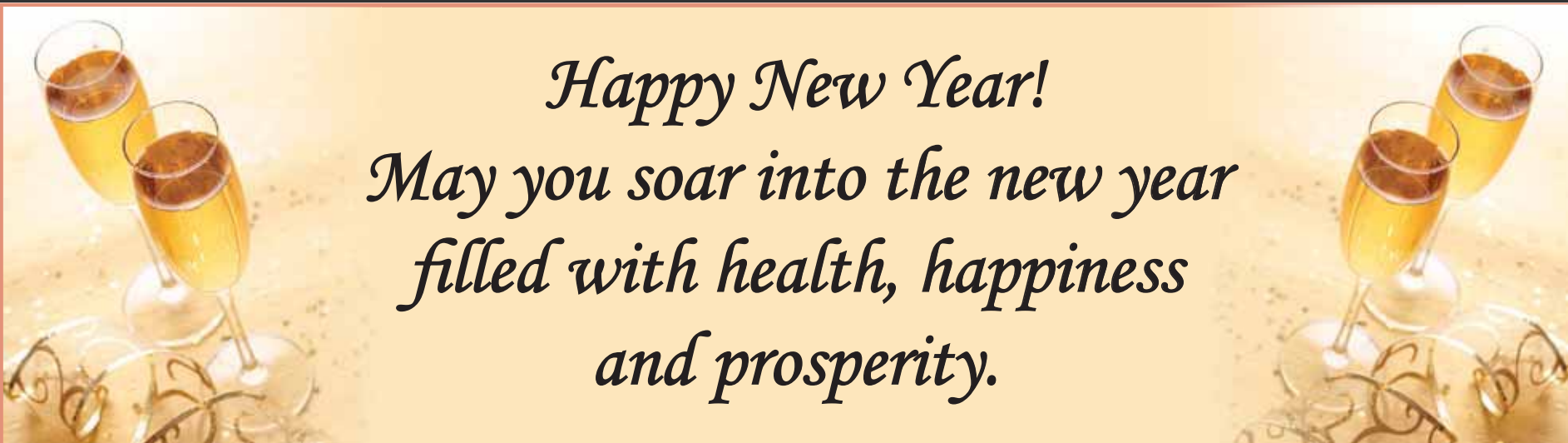
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