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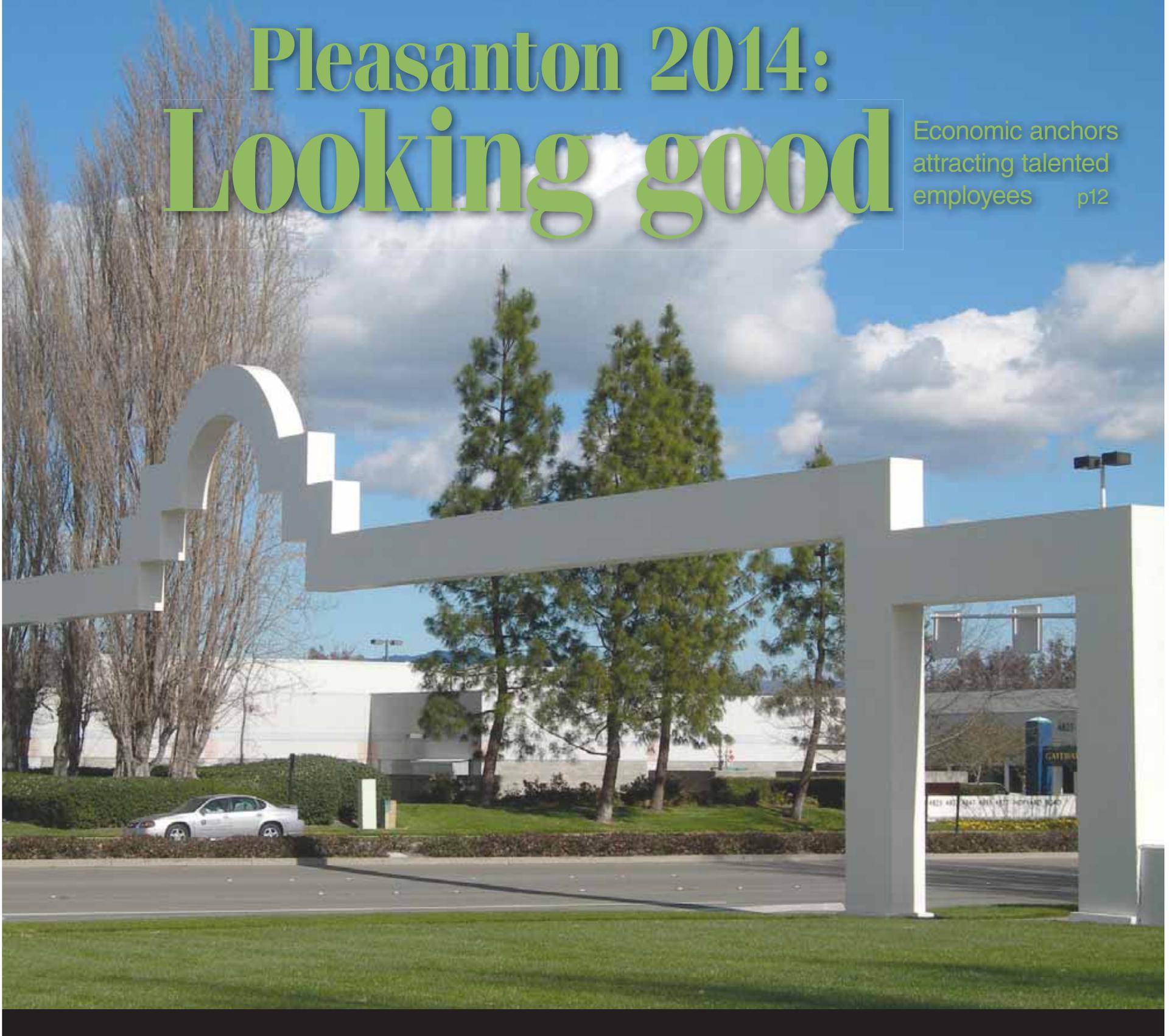


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By JEB BING

Excellence rating for a model agency

I spent several hours last week reviewing the Transparency Certificate requirements of the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) at the request of the agency's District Secretary, Nancy Gamble Hatfield. The 100-plus page binder provided a detailed look at all aspects of the agency's work, including financial reporting, operations, community outreach and the way its staff and board of directors conduct public meetings. The binder and its contents contain what's necessary for another Certificate of Excellence for the water and wastewater agency.

The district's operating budget for fiscal 2013 is \$50.5 million, a hefty sum involving services in the Tri-Valley. Its certificate of excellence checklist which I reviewed shows DSRSD to be a model of transparency and government conduct. If all elected officials and the agencies they represent were so open about their operations and work, taxpayers would feel better about how their money is being spent.

I was particularly impressed with the agency's emphasis on public meetings and the guidelines it follows in scheduling, noticing and conducting them. Adhering to the Open Meeting Law and California Government Code, DSRSD makes sure advanced notices are sent to all interested parties, including the media, of public meetings, with a report in advance about the business to be discussed. Agendas of the meetings are posted in advance at public places as well. All meetings last year were conducted in open session, except for a few that dealt with personnel issues, and speakers were allowed 5 minutes to make presentations, which is more generous than local school board and City Council meetings where speakers are often limited to three minutes. At a recent Pleasanton school board meeting, only one minute was allowed.

In fact, before delving into financial, employee compensation and regulatory issues, the Transparency Certificate document focuses for half a dozen pages on the Brown Act, a government code that requires governing boards of local agencies to hold their meetings and take action in public except under specified



JEB BING

limited circumstances. The law, named for Ralph M. Brown, a state Assemblyman, was adopted in California in 1953 to guarantee the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. Originally a 686 word statute, it has grown substantially over the years, and DSRSD's board embraces it wholeheartedly, even requiring special training programs for key employees and newly-elected board members.

A highlighted part of the agency's Transparency Certificate report is the Brown Act's admonition that meeting agendas or any other writing, except for records specifically exempt from disclosure, are disclosable to the public upon request "and shall be made available without delay." The DSRSD says this includes all materials distributed to staff and board members at a public meeting, material that often in other government meetings sometimes gets hidden or withheld. At DSRSD meetings, anyone providing materials to the board must also make sure there are ample copies for the media and general public attending.

To avoid conflicts of interest at the DSRSD, an agency that deals with many outside contractors, members of the board must also disclose if they or someone in their family has a connection with the contractor. Again, as Lynda Cassady of the state's Fair Political Practices Commission told the agency, failure to make that connection known "could lead to possible violations, a result that both of us want to avoid."

Also in its showcase binder seeking an excellence certificate is the agency's mission statement: "Our mission is to provide reliable water and wastewater services to the communities we serve in a safe, efficient and environmentally responsible manner." Even more responsible, from the material I reviewed, is DSRSD's focus on transparency and best business practices. ■

About the Cover

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What do you most hope to accomplish in 2014?



Nikitha Reddy
High school student

In the coming year, I hope to focus on school and get good grades, and to not waste too much time doing unimportant things.

Ruth Gasten
Retired educator

I'm very involved with an organization that promotes knowledge and understanding of different religions for the purpose of fostering peace, tolerance and good will. My goal this year is to get as many young people interested in the organization as possible, because they are the future of our country.



Ben Weller
High school student

I really hope to pass all of my classes and to get my driver's license.

Andrea Brennen
Tech support engineer

My biggest goal this year is to figure out what I want to do with the second half of my life.



Don Brennen
Retired

My goal is to put at least as many miles on my bicycle this year as I did last year.



—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

I-580 Eastbound Express Lanes Project

Notice of Environmental Document Release – Notice of Public Meeting

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) propose to convert the I-580 eastbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane to an express lane facility. The express lanes will allow HOVs to travel without cost and give solo drivers the option to pay to use the lanes. The project area is from west of Hopyard Road/Dougherty Road to east of Greenville Road in Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore, Alameda County.

WHY THIS AD. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Caltrans, in cooperation with the Alameda CTC, has studied the environmental effects of this project. These studies show that the project would not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The report that discusses these findings is called an Initial Study with Proposed Negative Declaration/ Environmental Assessment (IS/EA). This notice is to inform you that:

- The IS/EA is available for review and comment, and
- A public meeting will be held on January 22, 2014, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Dublin Unified School District Board Room, 7471 Larkdale Avenue, Dublin, CA 94568.

A noise study was conducted, and no new sound walls are proposed. Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1) and the 2006 U.S. EPA Particulate Matter Hot Spot Analysis Guidance. A detailed PM2.5 hot spot analysis was completed, as required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123, based on U.S. EPA Guidance. The project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis, which is included in the IS/EA.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE. The IS/EA is available for review online at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm and http://www.alamedactc.org/app_pages/view/11406 and at these locations:

- Caltrans Office of Environmental Analysis, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612
- Alameda CTC, 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland, CA 94607
- Dublin Public Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568
- Livermore Public Library, 1188 S. Livermore Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550
- Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566

WHERE YOU COME IN. If you would like to give public comments on the IS/EA, please do so at the public meeting on January 22, 2014. If you would like to submit written comments on the IS/EA, please do so no later than 5 p.m. on February 5, 2014. If there are no comments requiring additional studies, Caltrans will respond to comments received and proceed with the design of the proposed project.

Please submit comments by 5 p.m. on February 5, 2014, to: Valerie Shearer, Senior Environmental Planner, Caltrans District 4 Office of Environmental Analysis, P.O. Box 23660, Oakland, CA 94623-0660; email: valerie_shearer@dot.ca.gov. For more information contact Valerie Shearer, Caltrans, at (510) 286-5594.



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Celebrating Taylor

A celebration of the life of Barry Taylor will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Camp Arroyo in Livermore. Mr. Taylor, 74, died suddenly of a massive heart attack Nov. 16.

Mr. Taylor, founder of Taylor Made Copy Systems, and his wife Elaine founded the Taylor Family Foundation in 1990 to provide support for the families of Bay Area children fighting AIDS. Today, the foundation facilitates summer and weekend sessions at Camp Arroyo for children living with HIV/AIDS, skin disease, Crohn's and colitis, diabetes, and other significant illnesses. More than 3,000 children attend camp each year at no cost to their families.

The public is invited to the celebration of life. For details, visit www.ttff.org or call 455-5118.

Get connected, stay connected

Everyone is invited to the free Make A Difference for Pleasanton Festival 2014. The event is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Pleasanton library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. See a list of the participating groups at www.CommunityofCharacter.org.

The theme is "Get connected, stay connected, through community involvement," and those who attend will have a chance to sign up on the spot to volunteer. The festival will highlight opportunities for adults, teens and entire families.

The event formerly took place in October to tie in with the national Make A Difference Day, but organizers changed the date to emphasize that doing good deeds should not be limited to one day per year.

Fundraiser tops goal

The fundraising effort for a man beaten and left unconscious outside his home has exceeded its goal.

David Lamont, 51, was found by his wife, Agnes, after confronting teens in the early morning hours of Sept. 21. He was left comatose in the beating.

Longtime family friend Craig Mullins stepped in to help raise money for the family in November, with a fundraising goal of \$20,000. As of Jan. 8, Mullins raised \$21,605 to help Lamont's wife and two daughters, who have had no money coming in since Lamont's injury.

Police are continuing their investigation. No arrests have been made.

Corrections

The Weekly desires to correct all significant errors. To request a correction, call the editor at (925) 600-0840 or email: editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

Jerry Pentin named Vice Mayor of Pleasanton

3 on council affected by this year's municipal election

By JEB BING

Pleasanton City Councilman Jerry Pentin has been named Vice Mayor of the city for 2014, succeeding Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio who held the post last year.

The city's Vice Mayor serves as mayor when Mayor Jerry Thorne is out of town and at other times at Thorne's request.

Pentin, who was elected to the council in 2012, is one of only two on the council not affected by this year's municipal election on Nov. 4.

Cook-Kallio's eight years of service end in November because of term limits. She could seek election as mayor again after an unsuccessful try in 2012.

Thorne, who was elected mayor in 2012, has announced he will seek re-election to that post in November. In Pleasanton, mayors are elected every two years with four terms, or eight years, allowed under the term limits law.

Councilwoman Kathy Narum also has announced she will seek re-election in November. She was elected last May in a special mail-in ballot election to fill Thorne's unexpired two-year term when he was elected mayor. Narum's current

service on the council is not covered under the term limits law, which means she could serve two full four-year terms on the council if re-elected.

Councilwoman Karla Brown, who was elected to a four-year term on the council in 2012, has until 2016 before facing re-election.

In other action, members of the council were assigned to sit on boards or serve in a liaison capacity for 31 separate local, regional and council committees.

Thorne will continue to represent Pleasanton as one of three mayors on the governing board of directors of TV30 community television and on the Alameda County Mayors' Conference. ■



Jerry Pentin
Pleasanton City
Councilman



Members of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1555, which represents 945 station agents, train operators and foreworkers, approve a tentative four-year BART agreement.

Key union OKs new 4-year BART contract

SEIU Local 1021 to vote Monday to finalize agreement

Members of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1555, which represents 945 station agents, train operators and foreworkers, approved a tentative four-year BART agreement last Friday.

Members of the Service Employees' International Union Local 1021, which represents 1,430 mechanics, custodians and clerical workers, will vote on the pact Monday.

Des Patten, a top negotiator for SEIU Local 1021, said he's hopeful that the members of his union will approve the agreement, saying, "We worked long and hard for our members so they could vote 'yes' on it."

BART directors voted 8-1 a week ago to approve the tentative agreement that could end nine months of labor strife with the agency's employee unions.

The only board member to vote against the agreement was director Zakhary Mallett, who said he opposes it because it doesn't include a net increase in the amount of money employees must contribute to help pay for their retirement costs.

BART management had said the pension contribution increase was one of its goals in lengthy negotiations that began last April 1

and included two four-day strikes in July and October by members of ATU Local 1555 and SEIU Local 1021.

Mallett said employees will pay more money for their retirement but that will be offset by pay increases BART is giving to its workers.

"All we're doing is increasing our subsidy to them," Mallett said.

Director Gail Murray said that although the agreement "isn't perfect" and "is more money than I would have wished to pay," she believes it's a reasonable deal because it requires employees to accept new workplace rules that will make the transit agency more productive and efficient.

After the vote, board president Joel Keller said, "This was a negotiated process that resulted in some dissatisfaction on both sides but that probably shows that this probably is not a bad contract."

The tentative agreement reached on Dec. 21 resolved a dispute over a paid family medical leave provision that management said had been inserted by mistake in a previous tentative agreement but leaders of the

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S.F. to allow private commuter buses at Muni stops

Buses serving Pleasanton commuters included

By JEB BING

San Francisco city and transit officials announced Monday a pilot program that will allow private commuter buses, including those from Pleasanton, to stop at certain Municipal Railway bus stops in exchange for a fee.

The 18-month program will allow the buses to stop at about 200 of the city's 2,500-plus Muni bus stops if they pay a fee, Mayor Ed Lee said.

The fee for the bus operators, which transport from local stops such as the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, will depend on how many stops a bus makes daily. From Pleasanton, these buses serve employees for companies such as Google, Apple and Facebook as well as universities and hospitals.

Lee said the commuter buses provide an important service, providing more than 35,000 boardings per day in San Francisco.

However, he said the buses have also drawn political criticism from tenant advocates that have targeted them in protests over rising costs to live in the city. There have also been complaints that they cause Muni delays.

"I think the shuttles are here to stay, but they've got to get better coordinated," Lee said.

Board of Supervisors president David Chiu said the buses previously had no regulation by the city and were causing headaches in various neighborhoods around San Francisco.

"It was the wild, wild West out on our streets," Chiu said.

Muni director of transportation Ed Reiskin said the proposed program is expected to cost \$1.5 million over the 18 months and will bring in that same amount.

California's Proposition 218 disallows a fee structure for the program that goes beyond the cost to provide the service, Reiskin said.

The 200 Muni bus stops will only be available to permitted operators, which will have to heed guidelines such as yielding to Muni, pulling to the front of the bus stop and avoiding steep streets, Reiskin said.

The rest of Muni's bus stops will be off-limits to the commuter buses, which will have unique placards to allow for better enforcement by the city, he said.

Reiskin said the agency's board of directors still See MUNI on Page 6

4 busted in multi-county mail-theft ring

Call from resident leads to arrests

By Glenn Wohltmann

A call from an alert Pleasanton resident led to the arrest of four men in a mail-theft ring that spanned four counties, including cities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A resident of MacDonald Court in Pleasanton spotted a man removing mail from several mailboxes at about 9:20 p.m. Friday, then watched him join others in a compact silver hatchback-style vehicle.

A sweep by police located the car, a 2011 Nissan Versa, not far from the caller's location with four male subjects from outside the area. A search of the car turned up suspected stolen mail from multiple addresses in Pleasanton, as well as 13 other cities in Contra Costa, San Mateo and Solano counties.



Four Contra Costa County men were arrested and booked into Santa Rita Jail for possession of stolen property, forgery, conspiracy and drug-related charges.

They were: David A. Gonzalez, 23, of Antioch and Concord residents Elmer Aguilar, 18, Gustavo E. Rivas, 26, and Ruben J. Ramirez, 31.

The four face 14 counts of possession of stolen property and conspiracy to commit a felony.

Aguilar was also charged with one count of forgery, and Rivas was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

According to court documents, Gonzalez admitted seeing the others steal mail, but denied taking any himself.

Gonzalez was ordered held without bond. Aguilar was held in lieu of \$300,000 bond, Rivas in lieu of \$290,000 bond and Ramirez in lieu of \$280,000 bond. ■

BART parking to cost \$2 at Pleasanton stations

Increases start Jan. 27, earlier at other stations

By Jeb Bing

Besides BART fare increases imposed New Year's Day, the cost to park at the two Dublin/Pleasanton BART stations will rise to \$2 starting Monday, Jan. 27.

Parking fees at the Fremont, Union City, San Leandro, Fruitvale, Lake Merritt, Pittsburg/Bay Point, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda, and Rockridge stations also will bump up to \$2 per day from \$1.50 starting two weeks earlier, next Monday.

The fee will increase to \$3 at

the Daly City station, up from \$2.50, and The West Oakland station fee will reach \$6, a 50-cent increase.

In addition to the fee increases Jan. 27 at the Dublin/Pleasanton and West Dublin/Pleasanton stations, fees will also rise to \$2 Jan. 27 at Castro Valley, El Cerrito Del Norte, El Cerrito Plaza, North Berkeley, Ashby and MacArthur stations.

There will be no price changes at the Glen Park, Richmond, South Hayward, Bay Fair, Colma, South San Francisco, San Bruno

and Millbrae station parking lots.

BART officials said their policy caps the parking fee at \$3 except at the West Oakland station. Usage is evaluated every six months and determines if fees should increase or be dropped.

Revenue from the parking fees goes to an account used to improve station access, such as shuttle programs, and station improvements, according to BART officials.

Sasha Lekach, Bay City News, contributed to this story.



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Planting time on Daffodil Hill

Members of the Livermore Amador Garden Club ready the soil on Daffodil Hill (aka Boot Hill) in Livermore on a cool 33-degree morning in December to plant 1,400 daffodil bulbs. The Garden Club has provided this service since 1994, planting several thousand daffodils to beautify the area on East Stanley Boulevard at Wall Street. Club member Jack Pons holds these annual work parties to add new bulbs to enhance the existing ones and provide a beautiful sight for all to enjoy in the spring. For more information on the garden club, visit www.lavgc.org.

BART fares rise 5% as 2014 commuting gets underway

New price to pay for equipment, expansion

BART passengers started their first week of commuting in the new year with fares up an average of 5%.

The fare hike, which is expected to average an extra 19 cents per ride, will help pay for new train cars, a new train control system, and improvements to a maintenance facility in Hayward that will help support future BART expansion to the South Bay, according to spokeswoman Alicia Trost.

"We understand no one wants to pay higher fares but riders should know this money can only be spent on these identified projects, which

will benefit passengers," Trost said in a statement.

The minimum BART fare, which was at \$1.75, will rise to \$1.85.

The increase is part of an "inflation-based" increase schedule that has been in effect for a decade, and is expected to raise around \$325 million over the next six years, Trost said.

BART's last fare increase was in July 2012.

In San Francisco, Muni also is increasing the price of its 1-, 3- and 7-Day Visitor Passports. The price for each went up \$1 yesterday. ■

Garbage company to pick up trees tomorrow

Trees must be placed curbside by tonight

Pleasanton Garbage Service will pick up discarded Christmas trees free of charge tomorrow, Jan. 11.

Trees must be placed curbside by tonight 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.

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needs to approve the program and will consider it at an upcoming meeting on Jan. 21.

The Bay Area Council, a business advocacy group, helped bring the various companies to the table to work with the city on the program, he said.

Veronica Bell, Google's manager of public policy and government affairs, said the company is "very excited to be working with the city."

Bell said, "We see this pilot program as a good first step."

Dan McMenamin, Bay City News, contributed to this report.

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YMCA forum deals with sex abuse arrest

Experts advise parents to 'watch your children, and listen'

By **GLENN WOHLTMANN**

When parents of boys coached by Andrew Michael Nisbet heard he had been arrested and charged with sexually abusing young male golf students, they reacted with shock and fear. If crimes were indeed committed, it might be years before the extent of the abuse or number of victims is known, if ever.

Nisbet, 31, of Livermore was charged Dec. 7 with 65 felony counts for allegedly sexually abusing two boys whom he'd taught.

Court documents say Nisbet committed hundreds of individual acts against each of the boys, and that they both "provided a detailed statement" that "clearly described the type of sexual abuse."

Nisbet also talked to one of his victims on the phone, court documents stated, in which he admitted to making a "mistake" and apologized for what he'd done to the two boys.

At the time of his arrest, Nisbet had an estimated 175 boys from across the Tri-Valley enrolled in the GRIP Junior Golf Academy he created at the Las Positas Golf Course. Hundreds of other boys ages 12 to 17 have been through Nisbet's academy since he was recruited in 2006, and thousands had been through the GRIP academy he originally founded in Michigan in 2002. Livermore police have said they think Nisbet may have abused boys there, as well as possibly in North Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama.



Andrew Michael Nisbet

Nisbet was well known and well liked, had a reputation for winning and was successful at getting scholarships for young golfers. His youth team won the PGA Junior League Championship in 2012.

Worried about the extent of the possible abuse, the father of one of the boys coached by Nisbet approached Kelly Dulka, executive director of the East Bay YMCA who is also a therapist and an expert in child sexual abuse. She and colleague Tonya Richardson, also an expert and a curriculum developer of safe environments for children, held two forums recently at the Y in Dublin to offer information to parents.

"Moms who had kids who were coached by (Nisbet) were calling for information," Dulka said.

Their advice to parents: Watch your children, be patient, talk to them and listen.

"I think it's really important to have a frank conversation with kids when an issue comes up around

someone they know," Dulka said.

While few victims ever step forward to acknowledge they were sexually abused, she said, "The symptoms are going to come out."

"The advice I'd give to parents is just listen," Dulka said. "Giving a message that you're ashamed or embarrassed about this may cut them off. Sometimes it takes months to get a disclosure. ... Maybe they'll talk about it happening to a 'friend.' Finally they'll acknowledge that they're a victim."

The number of those abused may be hard to pin down, Dulka said.

"It's a crime that is very hard to quantify because of the number of people that never disclose it," she said.

The best guess by researchers, Dulka said, is that one in three girls and one in six or seven boys are victims of sexual abuse by the age of 18. She said often victims do not acknowledge their abuse until they are 30 or 40 years old.

"In a case like this, it might be years before victims come forward," Dulka said.

In addition to talking to their children, parents need to be aware of changes in behavior, Richardson said.

"It could be destructive, it could be they're acting very low-energy, always sleeping, showing signs of depression. All of a sudden they don't want to take baths or showers or they're taking more frequent baths or showers," she said. "For kids in middle school, sometimes they may not want to be undressing in a locker room situation. They might become uncomfortable."

Richardson said those changes could also include a sudden loss of interest in an activity that used to interest them.

Other changes could include an inability to control anger or making excuses not to be around their abuser, Dulka said, or "precocious knowledge of sex or more interest in it."

"Getting overstimulated around sexual issues could be a red flag," she said.

The issue poses a unique problem because some of the families involved in the golf program come from cultures that may hesitate to discuss issues they perceive as shameful and an "it can't happen here" mentality in the area, Dulka and Richardson said.

Dulka said worries about "stranger danger" are small compared to the numbers of those abused by someone they know.

"An estimated 95% of abuse occurs by someone fairly well known to the child, either related to the child or in close proximity: family members, friends, neighbors,

coaches, people that the kids and the families trust," Dulka said. "In the case of the golf coach, families said they were shocked, that they would trust him with their own lives, they were that close to him."

Richardson said typically, sexual predators begin by getting to know the entire family.

"The beginning of the grooming process starts out very innocent, engaging in everyday activities," she added. "Predators will see where they can go, hanging out, giving gifts. It can be a slow process where they are ingratiating themselves in the family. It's pretty common for the adult to prefer relationships with kids and kind of shy away from adult relationships."

Often, a child will describe himself and his abuser as "best friends."

"That makes it really hard for the child to disclose," Dulka said, "because they feel that they are betraying the perpetrator that they've learned to love and care for and they're not going to be believed because the parents care for the perpetrator."

Nisbet's felony charges include both sexual assault and sexual abuse. Sexual assault is a physical act, while sexual abuse includes acts such as exposing an underage person to pornography. Charges against Nisbet included oral copulation by force, oral copulation of a person under the age of 16, oral copulation of a person under age 18, lewd and lascivious acts with a child age 14 or 15 years, distribution or exhibition of lewd material to a minor, and arranging a meeting with a minor for the purpose of engaging in lewd and lascivious behavior.

Nisbet was recruited in 2006 after working as golf pro at a Birmingham, Ala., country club and at Beech Woods Golf Course in Southfield, Mich., where a website said he'd coached 3,500 young golfers.

His arrest came a day after the PGA's Northern California Section announced that it gave him its 2013 Junior Golf Leader Award "for his dedication and leadership in developing a wealth of exciting and educational golf programs for juniors."

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

Nisbet has been permanently expelled by the PGA of America and has been fired from the golf course in Livermore where he held the GRIP Academy. He remains held without bond in Santa Rita Jail and is set to enter a plea on Jan. 14.

A second set of forums, focused on preventing sexual abuse, is set for later this month, although the dates have not yet been finalized. ■

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two unions said was intended by all parties to be part of the pact.

The new agreement doesn't include paid family medical leave but does expand paid time off

for bereavement leave to include deaths of grandchildren or step-parents of a spouse or domestic partner.

The tentative pact also calls for the construction of break rooms in the Daly City, Millbrae and West

Oakland stations.

The agreement also allows qualifying employees more flexibility in how they pay for the costs of their family medical leave.

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Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 7:30 am
Conference Room, 157 Main Street

- Development of 2014 Economic Vitality Committee Priorities

Commission Vacancies Recruitment

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

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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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What If Your Car Gets Toted?

'Gap' insurance may be worth it

By JASON ALDERMAN

Each year, auto insurance companies declare millions of vehicles to be "totaled," meaning it's not worth the cost to repair them. It doesn't matter whether the car was damaged in a collision, during a flood or after a thief's joyride went bad.

It's hard to argue with such an assessment if your car was wrapped around a telephone pole or the gas tank exploded. But what if the damage was more cosmetic, such as major dents on the roof and hood from a hailstorm?

A vehicle is considered a total loss if the insurance company determines that the total cost to repair your car to pre-accident condition, plus fees for storage, salvage and a replacement rental car (if included in your policy), is

more than a certain percentage of the car's retail value. Insurers set their own allowable percentage, within state-mandated guidelines (typically around 60 to 75%), and use their own formulas to determine a car's value and estimated repair costs.

Thus, if your \$4,500-valued 2002 Honda Civic sustains \$1,800 worth of damage — moderate bodywork and repainting these days — it might be deemed totaled, even though the engine still runs fine.



Jason Alderman

On the other hand, a late-model Mercedes could sustain far greater damage and still be considered salvageable.

What's worse, if the accident was your fault, or you must otherwise tap your own insurance (e.g., it was caused by an uninsured driver), you would only receive that \$4,500 minus your deductible. Good luck finding a comparable car for that amount.

Other big losers when a car is totaled are people still paying off their auto loan. Since the lender technically owns the car, they'll get first crack at any insurance payment; and you'll still be responsible for paying off the loan balance.

As a preventative measure, you may want to purchase gap insurance if you owe more than the car's retail value, or if you rolled past debt into the new car loan. It will pay the outstanding loan balance

if your car is totaled or stolen. Most insurers will let you add gap insurance at any time.

Here are a few additional points you should know about when and why a car is declared totaled, and precautions you can take ahead of time to lessen the impact:

- Make sure the insurance appraisal includes the value of all extra features and aftermarket accessories, like heated seats, custom wheels or an upgraded audio system.
- Be prepared to show documentation of any major repairs or upgrades you made that might boost the car's value — say you recently replaced the engine or bought new tires.
- Do your own research. Use independent pricing sites like Kelly Blue Book or Edmunds to determine your car's worth, factoring in its mileage, added features and overall condition before the accident.

• If your estimate is far off from the proposed settlement, ask whether your policy includes the right to hire your own appraiser for a second opinion. Most states have a procedure for settling such disputes. Understand, however, that no matter the arbitration outcome, you'll still have to pay your appraiser, and likely, a portion of arbitration costs.

• Make sure the insurer's totaled car value includes estimated sales tax to replace the car, as well as registration and title costs, since you wouldn't have incurred these costs if you didn't need to replace the car.

Let's hope your car is never totaled, but it pays to know in advance what to do if it is.

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The recruiter will help with resume writing, finding employment websites, learning how to search for a job on the web, and

getting help with online applications. The library also has support materials available to assist job seekers.

Those interested should sign up at the Reference Desk for a 20-minute consultation. Appointments are

available on selected Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. For appointments and more information, call the Reference Desk at 931-3400, ext. 4.

The library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave. ■

County agency earns AAA rating on taxes

1st in state with top credit score

Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor's ratings services have both assigned a triple A rating, the highest-possible rating, to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (CTC) sales tax.

"This top rating affirms Alameda CTC's high-quality financial management of Measure B, the county's transportation sales tax measure," said Tess Lengyel, deputy director of Planning and Policy.

"This AAA credit rating comes just months after independent auditors and the independent Citizens Watchdog Committee publicly reported Alameda CTC's 11th consecutive year of 100% clean audits and full compliance on the delivery of voter-approved programs and projects funded by Measure B for countywide transportation improvements," she added.

Alameda CTC is now the first transportation agency of its kind in the state with a credit rating of AAA on a sales tax revenue bond issuance from both Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor's Rating Services. These ratings have the potential to significantly reduce the interest cost

over the life of the bonds.

According to Lengyel, the AAA credit rating means:

- Early delivery of transportation projects including the BART Warm Springs Extension, BART Oakland Airport Connector (to open this fall), Route 84 Interchange and I-580 Corridor Improvement projects, including carpool and express lanes.
- Jobs created in construction and supporting industries to complete these projects.
- Expanded transportation choices for fast, safe and reliable travel.
- Reduced costs for project delivery.

"This is a testament to the agency's strong leadership, supported by highly experienced and qualified staff, providing excellent financial management and a stellar track record of delivering projects," said Alameda CTC chairman and County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

"The Alameda County economy is supported by a diverse and sustainable business base, and the investments funded with the bonds will deliver transportation solutions, create jobs and support continued

economic growth," he added.

The AAA rating was assigned for the Alameda CTC sales tax revenue bonds of approximately \$145.8 million expected to be sold around the second week of February 2014 and to be repaid within eight years with current sales tax revenues to fund voter-approved projects.

"This AAA rating is further proof of the exceptional value Alameda CTC provides to the voters of Alameda County, which is supported by our strict accountability and management practices," said Art Dao, CTC's executive director. "It demonstrates the rating agencies' confidence in our financial strength and our delivery of the Measure B voter-approved Transportation Expenditure Plan."

Over the past 12 years, since voters approved Measure B, the CTC has funded projects on a pay-as-you-go basis. With these bond funds, the agency will complete delivery of some of the largest projects included in the detailed Measure B expenditure plan, delivering them earlier than previously possible, Dao said. ■



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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Thanks for contributing to the Holiday Fund

The Pleasanton Weekly's 2013 Holiday Fund campaign wrapped up this week with donations just short of the \$70,000 mark. By month's end, with contributions continuing to come in, it's likely the final tally will show even more. That's good because the 10 nonprofits that will share in these generous contributions urgently need these funds to meet their ever-rising financial obligations.

Disbursements of the 2013 Holiday Fund contributions will take place once a full accounting has been completed by Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The Holiday Fund is a donor advised fund of this foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions made to the Holiday Fund are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

As before, the Pleasanton Weekly has handled all costs of the campaign. That means that every dollar you contributed will go directly to this year's beneficiaries, with all administrative expenses being handled by the SVCF and the Pleasanton Weekly.

A total of 75% of all dollars raised will go in equal amounts to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System. Another 25% of the contributions will go to Hope Hospice, Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council, REACH, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

It's been a robust campaign as we carried our message about the Holiday Fund to the Pleasanton City Council, service clubs, real estate organizations, business groups, and in interviews and public service announcements on Tri-Valley Television, our community public broadcast system. Despite a modest economic recovery in the Tri-Valley, the agencies we have targeted for assistance have found that they had fewer dollars coming in from their regular donors in 2013 because of ongoing financial, employment and health care challenges and uncertainties, yet were faced with more to serve, numbers that are already rising in 2014.

We saw a drop in contributions to the Holiday Fund as well, and for many of the same reasons. Some regular donors cut their contributions in half, at times with an apology that they couldn't give more in a year that saw them struggling with financial difficulties of their own. Others stepped to the plate to help make a difference, including the Valley Real Estate Network that dedicated the receipts of its annual holiday party after expenses to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. Still, it was those who contributed \$25 and \$50 for the first time who also helped us near our \$70,000 goal.

Although the 2013 campaign has ended, contributions will still be accepted through February and will be acknowledged now and recorded as receipts in our 2014 campaign that will start on Thanksgiving week in November. These donations should be directed to: Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund c/o Silicon Valley Community Foundation 2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300 Mountain View, California 94040 Checks should be made payable to Silicon Valley Community Foundation. ■



LETTERS

Lioness Club serves Pleasanton, too

Dear Editor,

I saw your great "Serving Pleasanton" article (Jan 3, cover story) about some local service clubs. I wondered if you could mention the good works of the local Lioness Club?

The Lionesses are affiliated with, but separate from the Lions Club.

The Tri Valley Lioness Club helps many worthy causes in our community. Lioness's main focus are women, children and family issues, in addition to helping the blind.

The Tri Valley Lioness Club welcomes new members at their regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

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

Shocking paradox: Wealthy America is home to much **hunger**

Open Heart Kitchen hosting free screening
of film on U.S. hunger



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Hunger is not only omnipresent across the nation, it's right here in the Tri-Valley.

To raise awareness of the problem, Open Heart Kitchen, whose hardworking volunteers serve more than 260,000 free meals each year in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, is showing the documentary, "A Place at the Table: One Nation. Underfed.," at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The award-winning film will be screened at the Firehouse Arts Center and followed by an overview of hunger in the Tri-Valley presented by Open Heart Kitchen Director Linda McKeever, and a question-and-answer session with the audience.

"I've always felt that no one should be hungry in America," said Joanne Hall, a board member of Open Heart Kitchen. "Here we are, the wealthiest nation in the world, and we have a lot of hungry people — even in the Tri-Valley."

"A Place at the Table" examines the paradox of hunger amid wealth through the stories of three Americans who face food insecurity daily, and it shows how hunger poses serious economic, social and cultural implications for the nation.

The film includes insights from experts, such as hunger activist and actor Jeff Bridges, author Raj Patel and Tom Colicchio, of "Top Chef." The musical score features original music by Grammy-award winning indie folk duo The Civil Wars and Grammy and Oscar winning producer/composer T Bone Burnett.

Although the presentation is free of charge, there will be donation boxes.

"We won't charge because it's about attracting as many people as we can and about being educated," Hall said. "It is a great opportunity for our high school students and high school clubs and leadership looking for nonprofits to support. They can learn how to do volunteer service."

An education table about Open Heart Kitchen will be in the lobby, with board members available to offer more information.

The group will also introduce a new fundraising plan, the Birthday Box. The idea is that when people invite friends to a party to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other occasion, they can have a beautifully decorated box on hand to receive donations to Open Heart Kitchen in lieu of gifts.

"I'm going to be 60 next summer and will have a big party, probably, but I

don't need presents," Hall said, giving herself as an example. But friends who want to do something for her can instead put donations into a Birthday Box.

Open Heart Kitchen feeds anyone who walks in the doors at its serving sites, with no pre-screening necessary. Meals can also be taken to go. It works in cooperation with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, more than a dozen local food pantries and various Tri-Valley nonprofit groups whose mission is to promote nutrition and hunger relief.

"Linda Seever is going to talk about the need in the Tri-Valley — it's really surprising," Hall said. "It shows how important it is to have safety nets like Open Heart Kitchen and the Alameda County Food Bank. She'll also talk about how students and other people can get involved."

Meals are offered each weekday, rotating among sites in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. For more details, visit www.openheartkitchen.org. Open Heart Kitchen always needs volunteers, Hall said. As a board member, she sometimes gets an emergency call to help out in the kitchen.

"We have slots to fill every day," she noted.

Last time she was called, they handed her a bucket of onions to chop.

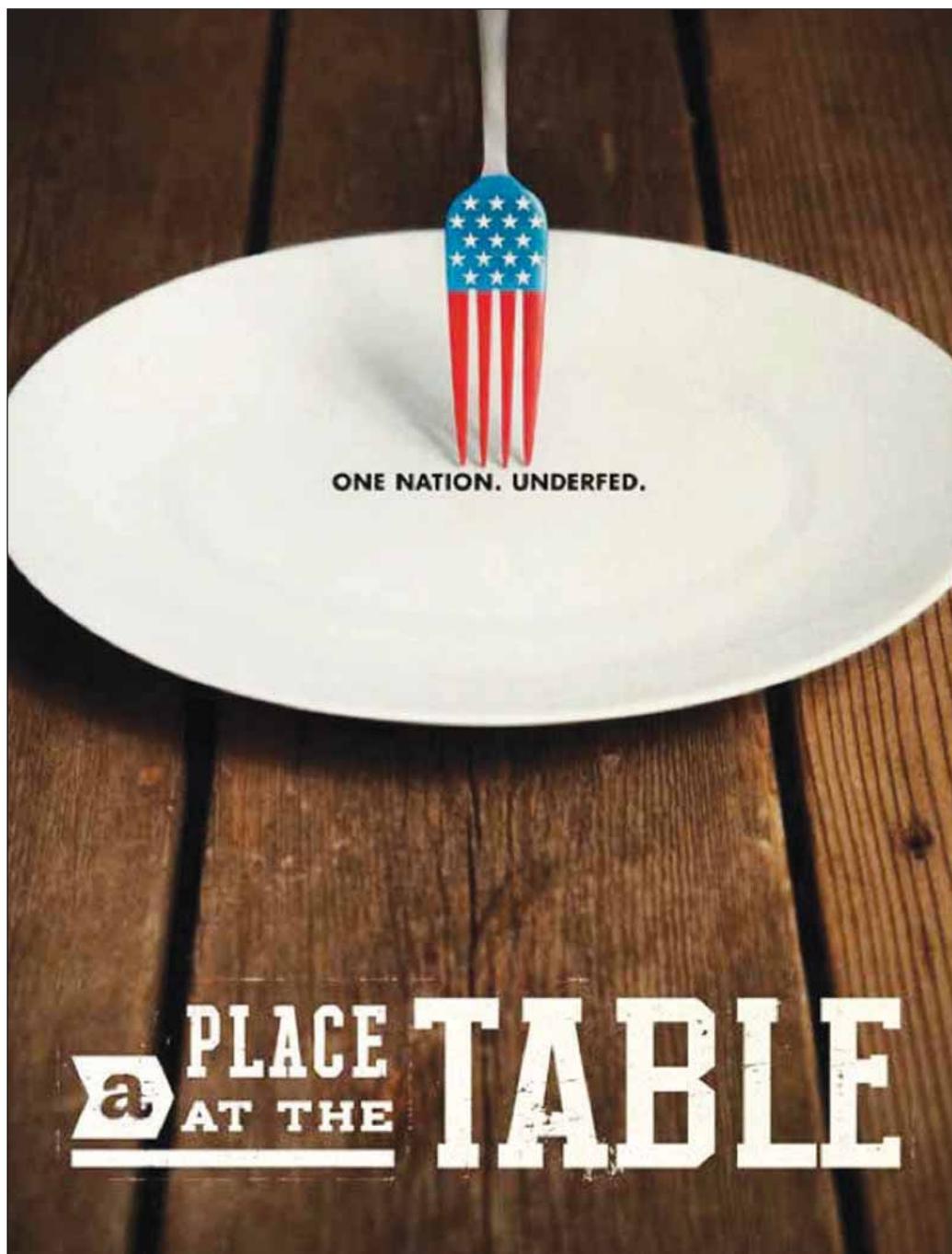
"Whenever I volunteer I bring goggles in case I'm cutting onions," she said with a laugh.

Meals are planned weeks ahead of time by a nutritionist, each with protein, starch, vegetable, green salad, fruit salad, bread, milk, coffee, tea or juice and dessert. Volunteers prepare the food, including all the shopping, cooking, serving and cleanup. They must also be prepared to switch gears at a moment's notice as sites can serve anywhere from 200 to 700 meals per day. Large donations of perishables can change the menu at the last minute.

Guests include low-income families struggling to make ends meet, the unemployed and underemployed, seniors on fixed incomes, and the homeless.

"We're predominately a volunteer organization and we're very, very community friendly," McKeever said in an interview last year. "A lot of people in the community are involved on the volunteer side and helping us do anything."

Thursday's event is co-sponsored by the city of Pleasanton and the Dublin Rotary Club. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton. ■



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Open Heart Kitchen, whose hardworking volunteers serve more than 260,000 free meals each year in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, is showing the documentary, "A Place at the Table: One Nation Underfed," to raise awareness of the hunger problem.

POLICE BULLETIN

Two arsons, a day apart

A San Francisco man was arrested for felony arson in recent days, while police investigate another arson that occurred the next day.

Anthony Torrienert, 29, a transient from San Francisco, was arrested at about 2:23 a.m. Dec. 31. Police were called to the Shell gas station in the 4200 block of First Street and found Torrienert standing next to a gas pump; questioned by police, he said he started a fire about 20 feet from gas pumps in a stack of wood for sale at the front door to stay warm.

The next day, a tenant of Ridgeway Commons in the 5300 block of Case Avenue reported someone tried to light her apartment door on fire. Police found a pile of ash outside the door but have no suspects

in the incident, reported at about 10:39 a.m. Jan. 1.

In other police reports:

- Steve Steve, 54, of San Jose was arrested at about 11:55 a.m. Jan 3 on a felony count of possessing a fake driver's license and misdemeanor counts of giving false identification to police and driving without a license.

The arrest took place after police saw a vehicle partially blocking the road. While officers were on scene, a man came out of a home's garage and told them he was putting notes on vehicles he hoped to buy and was inside the garage leaving a note there.

The homeowner said nothing was missing, but a search of Steve and his car turned up a number of IDs with different names and dates of birth.

- Daniel Albert Sotomayor, 25, a

transient, was arrested at about 3:10 p.m. Dec. 31 in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road for felony attempted auto theft and misdemeanor loitering. Sotomayor was seen jiggling vehicle door handles at the mall and was seen the day before and earlier the same day doing the same thing.

- Damon M. Jefferson, 22, of Oakland was arrested at about 2:01 p.m. Jan. 4 at Victoria's Secret in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road on a felony count of receiving stolen property.

- Two exercise bikes, one worth \$2,399 and another worth \$1,799, were stolen from Precor Home Fitness in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; a front window was smashed for entry in the incident, reported at about 9:53 a.m. Jan. 3.

- An iPad worth \$599, a \$500 laptop and various jewelry worth about \$765 were stolen from an apartment in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, along with a

\$100 set of earbuds. The incident was reported at about 6:25 p.m. Dec. 30; the resident was unable to determine how the culprits entered her apartment.

- Nordstrom, in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, reported at 5:05 p.m. Dec. 30 the embezzlement of \$1,910 through fraudulent returns.

- A secret shopper scam netted \$1,900 in money orders from a 29-year-old resident of the 500 block of San Gabriel Court between Dec. 30 and Jan. 3.

- The Verizon Wireless store in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive was hit by grab-and-run thieves twice in less than a week. In the first case, at about 4:54 p.m. Dec. 30, two iPhones worth \$649 and \$549 were taken. In the latest, \$179 speakers and a \$79 battery pack were taken.

- A gym member at 24 Hour Fitness in the 4700 block of Willow Road reported at about 8:21 p.m. Jan. 4 that a cellphone and Blu-

etooth headset worth about \$998 were stolen from his duffel bag in about 10 minutes.

- A resident of the 5700 block of Owens Drive told police at around 4:05 p.m. Dec. 31 that someone had tried to open a credit card in his name, requesting an \$8,500 loan. The loan was denied.

- A credit check led to a resident of the 3600 block of Touriga Drive discovering that someone had used her identification to try to get an apartment in Wisconsin, in an incident reported at about 4:20 p.m. Dec. 31.

- A visit from friends led to the theft of a \$200 laptop from a home in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue in an incident reported at about 11:23 a.m. Jan. 6.

- A counterfeit \$5 bill was received by 7-Eleven in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road in an incident reported at about 1:32 p.m. Jan. 5.

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

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Dec. 30

Theft

- 3:36 p.m. in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft
- 4:26 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 4:54 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 5:05 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; embezzlement
- 9:17 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Residential burglary

- 6:25 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 8:20 a.m. in the 5300 block of Brookside Court
- 3:34 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 6:54 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; DUI
- 12:10 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness
- 7:08 p.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive; public drunkenness, paraphernalia possession
- 8:27 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Highland Oaks Drive; DUI

Dec. 31

Theft

- 1:22 a.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 3:10 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 4:05 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; fraud
- 4:20 p.m. in the 3600 block of Touriga Drive; fraud

Graffiti

- 3:54 p.m. at the intersection of Sutter Gate and Jones Gate avenues

Alcohol violations

- 5:09 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; public drunkenness
- 9:30 p.m. in the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive; DUI

Jan. 1

Arson

- 10:39 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Theft

- 7:38 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

- 3:03 p.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive; stolen property

Vandalism

- 10:30 a.m. in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court
- 1:57 p.m. in the 3900 block of First Street

Public drunkenness

- 12:39 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road
- 5:01 p.m. in the 100 block of Division Street

Jan. 2

Theft

- 11:14 a.m. in the 3400 block of Norton Way
- 12:35 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 12:43 p.m. in the 3100 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 1:29 p.m. in the 9500 block of MacDonald Court
- 6:20 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vehicle tampering

- 1:28 p.m. in the 4100 block of Francisco Street

Public drunkenness

- 12:17 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Koll Center Parkway

Jan. 3

Robbery

- 12:15 p.m. in the 4000 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 11:11 a.m. in the 5500 block of San Juan Way; fraud
- 5:15 p.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue; shoplifting

Residential burglary

- 6:41 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive

Auto burglary

- 10:12 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Public drunkenness

- 1:50 a.m. in the 2400 block of Crestline Road

Jan. 4

Theft

- 9:51 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; bicycle theft
- 11:38 a.m. in the 500 block of San Gabriel Court
- 12:47 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2:24 p.m. in the 1300 block of

Stoneridge Mall Road; stolen property

- 3:12 p.m. in the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

- 4:48 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

- 5:56 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 8:21 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

Commercial burglary

- 9:53 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Drug/alcohol violations

- 3:36 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; public drunkenness
- 6:12 p.m. at the intersection of Foothill Road and Old Foothill Road; DUI
- 9:35 p.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia
- 10:40 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia

Jan. 5

Child abuse

- 10:26 p.m. in the 3000 block of Yuma Way

Theft

- 12:29 p.m. in the 9400 block of Blessing Drive
- 1:32 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road; fraud

Graffiti

- 8:36 a.m. in the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

DUI

- 7:32 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Jan. 6

Theft

- 11:23 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure
- 12:50 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- 1:32 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; bicycle theft
- 2:32 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:48 p.m. at the intersection of Hansen Drive and Valley Avenue; stolen property

Graffiti

- 12:05 p.m. at the intersection of Del Valle Parkway and Main Street

Same man may be responsible for third holdup attempt

Pleasanton police say a robbery attempt last Friday at Baskin-Robbins at 4001 Santa Rita Road was likely the work of the same man involved in two other recent robberies.

A man entered the ice cream shop around 12:05 p.m. and handed a demand note to store employees, police said. The workers refused and the suspect ran away.

Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuder said the man's physical description and method of operation match those of the man involved in a Dec. 17 strong-arm robbery at Behind the Door Beauty Boutique on Hopyard Avenue and a Dec. 23 robbery at the UPS Store on Pimlico Drive.

In both those cases, the man presented a note, a clerk complied, and he left with cash.

The man in Friday's robbery attempt was described as white, mid-30s, about 6 feet tall and 200 to 220 pounds. He had facial stubble and was last seen wearing a gray beanie, short dark gray pea coat, blue acid-wash jeans and gray sunglasses with oval frames.

In the two other holdups, the man was described as roughly similar in height and weight. In those cases, he was said to have been wearing a leather-like jacket and an Oakland Raiders beanie-style cap. In the two prior robberies, the man also wore dark black sunglasses, black leather jacket and gloves.

Schlehuder said police will review video surveillance to determine if the same man was involved in the latest holdup.

While some are dubbing the suspect in the local robberies the Beanie Bandit, he's not alone.

A similar beanie-wearing holdup man was arrested in October in connection with a string of South Bay bank robberies, and another beanie bandit was sentenced in November to 321 years to life on Tuesday for a string of robberies in Ontario, Fontana, Redlands and Montclair, Calif.

Coincidentally, both men were similar in age and physical description to the local strong-arm robber.

Anyone with information about any of the Pleasanton robberies is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100. ■

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Pleasanton 2014: Looking good

Economic anchors attracting talented employees

By Jeb Bing

A study just completed by the city's Economic Vitality Committee shows Pleasanton nurturing a strong local economy going into 2014 with 91% of business executives who were surveyed saying the city is a good location for doing business.

Economic strengths cited in the "Pleasanton Economic Assets" study and accompanying brochure show strong job growth opportunities here in a highly-competitive employment base, with projected long-term growth outpacing both the Tri-Valley and the East Bay.

"Pleasanton's economy features high-technology industry sectors that draw highly-educated workers and form an innovation-based economy," said Pamela Ott, the city's economic development director, who also serves as staff liaison to the Economic Vitality Committee (EVC). "Pleasanton's largest employers reflect the city's major industry sectors and are economic anchors that attract talented employees and additional business activity."

The EVC's Economic Development Strategic Plan, which has been

approved by the City Council, is a policy document that will guide the city's economic priorities and activities over the next three to five years. The new plan updates the 2007 plan and addresses changing conditions since then, including the national recession and recovery.

In terms of economic assets, the study notes that "Pleasanton is home to thriving businesses of all sizes and types, from start-ups to Fortune 500 firms, with especially robust industry clusters in information technology, computer engineering, biomedical, and professional and technical services.

"Almost 80% of the executives surveyed indicated they expected their businesses to be in Pleasanton five years from now," Ott states in the "Economic Assets" report. "Simply put, Pleasanton is an exceptional place to locate and achieve business success."

Starting with location, executives find Pleasanton to be a well-connected Northern California location, with convenient access to all major markets and well-positioned for access to multiple transporta-



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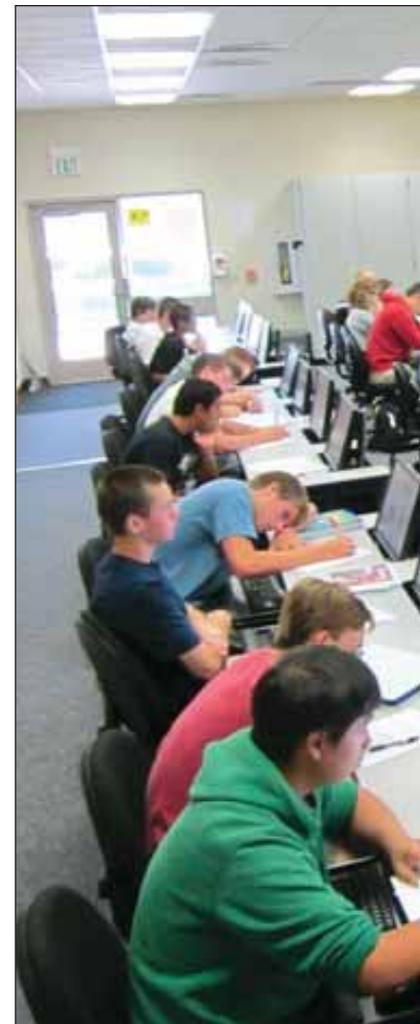
Some of Workday's 1,600 employees head back to their offices at the software company's expanded headquarters building on Stoneridge Mall Road. This fast-growing company expects to employ 4,000 over time.

tion modes which help facilitate the movement of goods and people throughout the region. Ideally situated at the intersection of I-580 and I-680, they like the fact that Pleasanton is less than an hour drive time from San Francisco, Silicon Valley and the Central Valley, and only 90 minutes from the state capitol in Sacramento.

It helps, too, that Pleasanton is near three major international airports, San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland, with an FAA-operated

nearby in Livermore. Manufacturers here also cite as a Pleasanton asset the key U.S. port operations in nearby San Francisco, Oakland and Stockton.

As a hub for the San Francisco East Bay's key industry sectors, Pleasanton is a highly competitive employment center, with an environment that fosters business success, Ott and the EVC say in their report. Consider that Pleasanton's long-term growth of 63% outpaced the East Bay region's 20%



Students at Amador Valley High School in the Pleasanton school district.

growth over a 14-year period, and that Pleasanton companies demonstrated growth of more than 25% across all business sizes.

While the city is home to a diversity of business sectors, Pleasanton's economy is particularly specialized in innovation and knowledge-based industry clusters including information technology, computer engineering, biomedical technology and devices, and professional and technical services. Indicative of this innovation culture, collectively Pleasanton companies have been the top recipient of venture capital investment in the East Bay, surpassing the larger cities of Fremont and Oakland, and since 2006 have received more than \$1.3 billion in venture capital funding.

Complementing this local innovation climate, the report notes that the East Bay is the only region in the country with three national laboratories: Lawrence Livermore and Sandia National Laboratories are only 12 miles from Pleasanton and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is 35 miles to the north.

"This proximity to cutting-edge research and development, and the network of companies it cultivates, makes Pleasanton an excellent location for entrepreneurs and start-ups that are bringing lab-developed ideas and products to the commercial market," Ott said.

Businesses of all sizes, from small offices to regional operations centers to large company headquarters, position the city as a regional employment center with more than 53,000 jobs. This breadth and diversity of companies adds to the strength of Pleasanton's economy by building a local supply chain



STONERIDGE SHOPPING CENTER/SIMON

Spacious seating area is a popular meeting center at Stoneridge Shopping Center, a 1.3-million-square-foot upscale regional mall that opened in Pleasanton Sept. 4, 1980.



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use computers as part of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) pathways program implemented by the Pleas-



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Home to the University of San Francisco East Bay campus just off Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton campus offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

and robust business-to-business activity. Some of the Bay Area's largest firms that have a strong presence in Pleasanton include Kaiser Permanente, Safeway, Workday, Clorox, Oracle, Roche Molecular Systems, Life Technologies, Thoratec, Veeva Systems and Gap.com.

As Pleasanton's largest business center, Hacienda Business Park covers 875 acres and comprises nearly 60% of Pleasanton's office and flex building inventory. Hacienda combines 7.5 million square feet of office and flex space with nearly 900,000 square feet of retail serving workers and residents alike.

The economic study also showed that Pleasanton offers high value, cost competitive commercial space, with a variety of commercial real estate offerings. These meet the needs of a mixture of established and emergent industry clusters, conveniently located near freeways, BART and ACE transit systems. Premium office space is cost competitive compared to other Bay Area locations, such as San Francisco, downtown Oakland or San Jose, as well as within the Tri-Valley region, making Pleasanton a high-value location.

High-speed Internet and other infrastructure are in place to support the needs of businesses. Substantial investment in Hacienda's fiber optics allows tenants access to connectivity while a free municipal wi-fi network covers Pleasanton's downtown district. Hacienda's electrical service is ranked highly in reliability statewide.

For business travelers coming to Pleasanton, the city offers an inventory of 1,800 hotel rooms, including a number of extended stay properties for longer-term lodging. Larger

corporate events, including company gatherings, trade shows, festivals and the nationally popular Good Guys classic autos shows are held regularly at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, a 267-acre site located in the heart of Pleasanton.

According to the "Economic Assets" report, Pleasanton's central location also enables businesses to draw from the Bay Area's large and diverse labor pool. Pleasanton companies have access to the highly educated, highly skilled workers desired by the innovative and sustaining industry clusters in the community, attracting workers from the Tri-Valley, the East Bay, Silicon Valley and beyond. In addition to two freeways that pass through Pleasanton, the city also offers commuter rail and bus transit systems.

In terms of education, the economic study reports that the city's well-educated and skilled talent is a hallmark of Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, with 56% of the residents having a bachelor's or advanced degree.

"Employees and their families are drawn to Pleasanton for the great schools we have here," Ott said.

The Pleasanton Unified School District serves approximately 14,800 students across 15 school sites with one of the highest Academic Performance Index (API) scores in California. Last year, 95% of the district's high school graduates continued on to higher education.

With STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) accounting for 7 out of 10 jobs, the school district has implemented new STEM pathways, partnering with Project Lead the Way to offer classes in en-

gineering and biomedical sciences for developing critical-reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Pleasanton is also home to the University of San Francisco East Bay campus, which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs with courses specifically designed for today's workforce.

In describing Pleasanton's economic assets, Ott and the EVC also reported on quality of life attributes that attract businesses and their employees to Pleasanton.

These include Stoneridge Shopping Center, a historic downtown district, recreational activities, and arts and cultural events.

"Pleasanton maintains 42 parks throughout the city, and an additional 24 miles of trails available for recreational use by residents and company employees alike," Ott said.

These include the Augustin Bernal Park, a 237-acre natural jewel along the ridgeline in the middle of the East Bay Regional park system, Alviso Adobe Park with its interpretive

history center, the Firehouse Arts Center, and award-winning Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

"To all this, add festivals, parades, a weekly farmers market, and an outdoor summertime concert series and you'll see that Pleasanton has a unique charm that is welcoming to all," Ott said. "It's this small town ambiance combined with a sophisticated metropolitan edge that makes Pleasanton an exceptional place to locate and achieve business success." ■



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Pleasanton's historic downtown offers good dining as well as a free municipal Wi-Fi network.



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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.

Concerts

'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.

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WYRICK CHAMBER PLAYERS PERFORM The acclaimed Wyrick family chamber players will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12 at the Firehouse Arts Center. The program includes Beethoven's A Major and Schubert's C Maj string quintets with guest Nancy Ellis. Tickets are \$10-\$20. Call 931-4848 or go to <http://www.firehousearts.org>.

Events

BUNJO'S COMEDY ALL STAR SHOW Come to Bunjo's Comedy All Star Show from 8:30-10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Vito's Express, 4060 Grafton St., Dublin. Featuring some of the best comedians from

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HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON The Widows and Widowers of Northern California invite you to Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16 at the Sheraton Hotel. RSVP to Marge by Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 828-5124 or hskoog@comcast.net.

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>.

LUNCH IN PLEASANTON The Widows and Widowers of Northern California invite you to lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19 at Mangia Mi, 234-B Main St. RSVP to Athene by Thursday, Jan. 16 at 846-0111 or hskoog@comcast.net.

OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH MY FRIENDS Share your latest poem, excerpt from your novel, or perform an acoustic musical composition with a supportive audience from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13 at the Pleasanton Library. Free and open to the public. Some material may not be appropriate for ages under 16. Sign up 6-6:15 p.m. for your 5 minute slot. Call 931-3400, ext. 4.

Film

FREE SCREENING OF 'A PLACE AT THE TABLE' Open Heart Kitchen will host a free screening of the award-winning documentary "A Place At The Table: One Nation Underfed," a look at the shocking paradox of hunger in the wealthiest nation on Earth, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 16 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Go to www.openheartkitchen.org.

Fundraisers

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Wyrick Chamber Players, the widely respected Bay Area classical music family, will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., in a program to include Beethoven's string quintet in A Major and the epic quintet in C Major by Franz Schubert. Special guest artist will be long-time collaborator violist Nancy Ellis. Reserved seating tickets are \$20, \$15 and \$10, and can be purchased at www.firehousearts.org or by calling 931-4848. Youth ticket pricing is available for this concert.

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 7984875 or go to www.broadwaychorus.org.

COLIN QUINN: UNCONSTITUTIONAL Emmy nominated SNL comic Colin Quinn tackles 226 years of American history in a new solo show at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17 at the Firehouse Arts Center. From predator drones to Kardashians, he will be pulling no punches. Tickets are \$30-\$40. Call 931-4848 or go to <http://www.firehousearts.org>.

Seniors

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.

SMART PHONE AND TABLET Q&A Did you get a new Smart Phone or Tablet over the holidays? Not sure where to start with learning how to use your new gadget? Bring your questions and your gadgets to the upcoming session lead by Senior Center computer tutor Tom Medina at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$1.75 for residents, \$2.25 for

non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Spiritual

'NO DEBT, NO SWEAT' SEMINAR Join Steve Diggs' "No Debt, No Sweat" Seminar from 9-11:15 a.m.; 3:30-7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12, and from 7-8:15 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 13 at Pleasant View Church of Christ, 11300 Dublin Canyon Road. Steve will be here to present his seminar on Biblical principles for managing personal finances. Call 784-5014.

ISLAMIC SCHOLAR TO SPEAK ON JESUS The public is invited to attend a lecture on "Jesus in Islam" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church. The lecture will be given by Ali Ataia, a teacher at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. Call 846-0221 or go to www.lynnwood.org.

Support Groups

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

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Alumni soccer games raise another \$5,000 in memory of Ryan Gordon

Foothill women, Amador men prevail on the field in annual contests

By **CURT GORDON**

Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School Soccer Alumni met for the 11th year last Saturday at Foothill for the Ryan Gordon Alumni Games. Gordon was a 2003 graduate of Foothill killed in a jet ski accident shortly after graduation. He had planned on attending Santa Barbara City College and playing soccer there.

The games were played under bright, sunny skies before an excited, supportive crowd. The games featured men and women players from the '70s, '80s, '90s, 2000s and 2010s. This year featured 59 players — 33 men and 26 women — many of them returnees from prior years.

All monies raised were donated to the men's and women's soccer programs at the two Pleasanton high schools. This year's games raised \$5,000, bringing the total since 2003 to nearly \$65,000.

In the first game the Foothill women continued their winning ways. The final score was 3-1. Foothill has now won eight of the 11 games. Current Foothill player Julia Densmore scored all three goals for the winners. She was supported by Maggy Kelly (1990), Allie Cefalo (2004), Nina Cefalo (2007), Kirstie Rodrigues (2007), Jillian Sweetnam (2006) and Danielle Sweeney (2006). Also return-

ing for Foothill this year was Alicia Diaz, who has played in all 11 games since 2003.

Amador's goal was scored by Sandi Page (1994) and assisted by Patty Bingham (1992). Ann Peterson (1981), Aimee Ose (1990), Holly Patubo (1990), Ashley Kenitzer (1994), Carolyn Sanchez (1990), Kristina Demarest (1990) and Tiffany Rose (1990) played well while keeping Amador close.

The men's side saw Amador getting by Foothill, 3-0. Amador dominates the series, having won eight of the 11 games played so far.

Dane Shaffar (2012) opened up the scoring with an unassisted goal early in the game. Josh Cordiero (1996) scored a short time later on a goal assisted by Bryan Ignacio (2004). Cordiero closed out the scoring late in the game with his second goal. Mark Lowrey (1980), Steven Volking (1986), Steve Morgan (2013), Nandor Krause (2012), George Mayer (2009), Adam Sloustcher (2005), Kevin Crow (1979) and Rob Gillian (1987) supported the winners.

The Foothill side saw many returning players. Chris Luxford (2003), Dan Sweetnam (2003), Jeremy Colwell (2003), Boomer Cruz (2006), Craig Caponigro (1988), Scott Sweetnam (2008), Demar-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Foothill High School and Amador Valley High School soccer alumni met for the 11th year last Saturday at Foothill for the Ryan Gordon Alumni Games.

Williams (1994) and David Boiteux played well in the losing effort. Sean Lemoine (1988) and Dion Hock (1978) also returned, having now played in all 11 games.

Those seen around town the next day with various limps and bruises included Anna Almy (2008), Chrissy Berretta (1996), Ailsa Smith (2009), Shelly Walker (1992), Summer Eichenberger (1993), KC Nissen (1994), Scott Schwartz (2005), Scott Berglin (1987), Nick Rodrigues (2003), Troy Stetson (2011), Nico Lecco (2009), Seth Niermeyer (2012),

Brad Alani (2001), Nicholas Navari (2009), Dag Norton (2009) and Bryan Kail (2007).

Volunteers manned the snack bar, collected tickets, announced the action and refereed the games.

The Hop Yard Alehouse and All Star Sports both contributed to the cause.

Each winning team is provided with a trophy that travels back and forth to each year's winning high school. Next year's games will be at Amador Valley as the venue changes from Amador to Foothill and back each year. ■

PREP LINE-UP

Jan. 10

- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Livermore, home
- Girls' Basketball: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Livermore, away
- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. De La Salle, away
- Girls' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Carondelet, home

Jan. 12

- Foothill Wrestling: 9 a.m., Jim Briggs Tournament, Kimball High School
- Foothill Wrestling: TBD, San Ramon Valley High Tournament, San Ramon Valley High School

Jan. 14

- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador vs. De La Salle, away
- Girls' Basketball: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Carondelet, home
- Boys' Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, home
- Girls' Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, away
- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, home
- Girls' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, away
- Girls' Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, away
- Boys' Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, home

Jan. 15

- Amador Wrestling: 5 p.m., Livermore Dual Meet, Amador High School

Jan. 16

- Boys' Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. California, home
- Girls' Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. California, away
- Girls' Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, home
- Boys' Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Foothill Wrestling: 7 p.m., San Ramon Valley Dual Meet, Foothill High School

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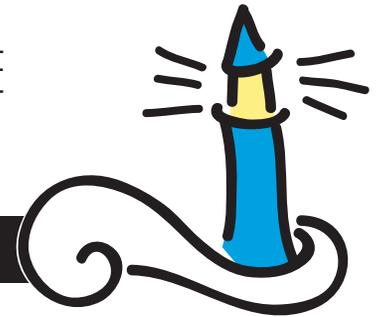


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Housing markets continue to improve

By JEB BING

Markets in 56 out of the approximately 350 metro areas nationwide returned to or exceeded their last normal levels of economic and housing activity, according to the National Association of Home Builders/First American Leading Markets Index (LMI), released this week.

This represents a net gain from the previous month. The index's nationwide score of .86 indicates that, based on current permits, prices and employment data, the nationwide average is running at 86% of normal economic and housing activity.

"More markets are slowly returning to normal levels and we expect this upward trend to continue as an improving economy and pent-up demand brings more home buyers back into the marketplace," said NAHB chairman Rick Judson, a home builder from Charlotte, N.C. "Policymakers must be careful to avoid actions that would harm consumer confidence and impede the ongoing recovery."

"Forty-five percent of metro areas are recovering at a faster pace than the nation as a whole, with smaller markets leading the way," said David Crowe, NAHB chief economist.

"Of the 56 markets that are at or above normal levels, 48 of them have populations that are less than 500,000, and many of these local metros are fueled by a strong energy sector, which is producing solid job and economic growth," he added.

"More than 35% of all the markets on this month's LMI are operating at a capacity of 90% or better of previous norms, which is

a good sign that the housing recovery will continue to pick up steam in 2014," said Kurt Pfothenauer, vice chairman of First American Title Insurance Co., which co-sponsors the LMI report.

Baton Rouge, La., tops the list of major metros on the LMI, with a score of 1.42, or 42% better than its last normal market level. Other major metros at the top of the list include Honolulu, Oklahoma City, Austin and Houston, as well as Harrisburg, Pa., and Pittsburgh, all of whose LMI scores indicate that their market activity now exceeds previous norms.

The LMI shifts the focus from identifying markets that have recently begun to recover, which was the aim of a previous gauge known as the Improving Markets Index, to identifying those areas that are now approaching and exceeding their previous normal levels of economic and housing activity.

More than 350 metro areas are scored by taking their average permit, price and employment levels for the past 12 months and dividing each by their annual average over the last period of normal growth. For single-family permits and home prices, 2000-2003 is used as the last normal period, and for employment, 2007 is the base comparison.

The three components are then averaged to provide an overall score for each market; a national score is calculated based on national measures of the three metrics. An index value above one indicates that a market has advanced beyond its previous normal level of economic activity. ■

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417 Silver Chief Way, Danville

Represented Buyers

Fabulous location in the Danville Station neighborhood. This 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is situated on .30 acres, with a separate 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom granny unit. This is a short sale. **OFFERED AT \$820,000**



RECENTLY SOLD



4251 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton
Charming Craftsman home downtown. This 4 bed, 3 bath home has 2312 sq. ft. of living space. **Represented buyers. SOLD FOR \$1,030,000**



4990 Monaco Dr, Pleasanton
This 4 bed, 3 bath, 3180 sq. ft. home sits on a 9426 sq. ft. lot with a large pool, spa, and views of the Ridge. **SOLD FOR \$1,225,000**



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—Nancy Chang, 2013

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12 DEER OAKS DRIVE
COMING SOON! GATED COMMUNITY \$1,753,000
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FREMONT

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HISTORIC NILES HOME \$899,000
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LIVERMORE

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

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CENTRAL LOCATION! \$525,000
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Andrea Rozran

1619 Cindy Way – Pleasanton – \$1,350,000
 This 4 bedroom, 3 full bath home is located in beautiful downtown Pleasanton. A desirable single level design built in mid 2012, it features over 2700 sq ft on a large lot. This home has been customized with over \$200,000 in upgrades throughout including wood floors, stainless steel appliances, wainscoting, plus a masonry fireplace with backyard dining area.



Open Sat & Sun 11-4

Gina Piper

4667 Whiting Street – Pleasanton – \$920,000
 Enjoy downtown living in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath gem, located just a few blocks away from downtown. This newly remodeled and expanded home is the perfect mix of modern luxury and craftsman style.



Open Sat & Sun 1-4

Gina Piper

3632 Cameron Avenue – Pleasanton – \$1,675,000
 This is luxury living with a country feel. This amazing 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3,410 sq ft home is newly renovated and sits on a flat, park-like 39,900 sq ft lot in Mohr Estates.



Open Sat & Sun 1-4

Julia Korpi

4720 Audrey Drive – Castro Valley – \$449,000
 This charming 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with 1,091 sq ft has an updated kitchen with tile counters and a Bosch dishwasher and features a partial bay view from the kitchen and living room. This gem boasts gleaming wide plank floors that are freshly refinished with fresh interior paint as well. The back yard is in need of some TLC from its new owner, but the retaining wall has already been reinforced on this 5,100 sq ft lot.



Cindy Gee

15 Stone Creek Place – Alamo – \$1,249,000
 This is a gorgeous, updated home with a spacious great room open to the gourmet kitchen with a HUGE granite island, stainless appliances, and breakfast nook! This home features 4 bedrooms plus a huge bonus room, hardwood floors and an office. The .42 acre gorgeous park-like backyard boasts a sparkling pool and peaceful creek setting. Move-In!



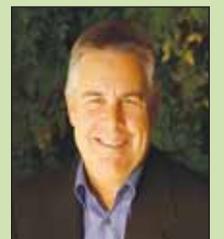
Carol Beck

865 Corrie Place – Pleasant Hill – \$549,000
 This exceptional townhome with neutral décor features a living area that overlooks a beautifully landscaped backyard with multiple levels of decking and a hot tub and fire pit. With over 1,900 sq ft and a functional kitchen complete with a Jenn Air Stove and dishwasher, this home also boasts a large master bedroom with a sitting area.

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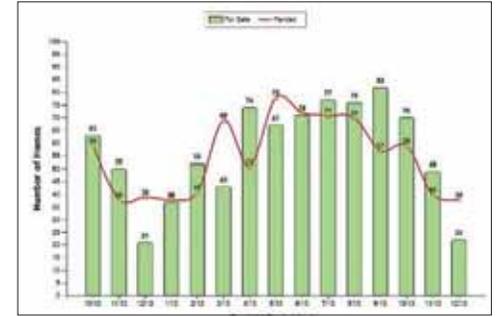
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Pleasanton Market Update: Back to the Past

The Pleasanton real estate market at the end of December looked remarkably like it did one year ago, with historically low inventory, and sales paying the price. Just when it looked like the inventory of single family detached homes priced under \$1 million couldn't go much lower, it was cut in half in December. There were only six such homes on the market at the end of December. The rest of the market didn't fare any better, with inventory falling 55% to a near record low of 22 homes. Only December 2012's 21 actively listed properties was lower.



Sales, for the time being were fairly stable, falling only slightly but that is not likely to last with this few homes available. Overall, as mentioned, inventory fell 55% to 22 homes at the end of December. That is just over one quarter the available homes here just a few months ago (82 at the end of September). 38 sales went pending during December, two fewer than in November and one less than a year ago. There is just over two weeks of inventory available relative to sales that went pending in December, compared to 1.3 months at the end of November.

The inventory of homes priced under \$1 million fell from 12 at the end of November to six at the end of December. 24 sales went pending during December, down five (17%) from November's 29. >>Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



PENDING SALE!

Twin Creeks

Remodeled 5 BR, 2 1/2 BTH with granite kitchen, 1/4 Acre lot, 3 car garage, & more!
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JUST SOLD!

Oak Tree Farms

Custom one story with 4 BR plus office, 4 BTHS, 3/4 Acre lot, and more!
 \$1,610,000



JUST SOLD!

Laguna Oaks

Fabulous 5 BR, 3 1/2 BTH, granite kitchen, pool, 1/2 Acre cul-de-sac lot, 4 car garage
 \$1,562,000

Recent Sales:

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

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LIVERMORE

Located on the East side of Livermore it's a little doll home. This 3 bed/ 1 bath has a remodeled kitchen with granite counter tops. This home also features a newer bath, dual pane windows, large lot and a two car garage. Walk to schools and shopping. **Offered at \$429,000**
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PENDING!

3703 DUBLIN BLVD., DUBLIN

The Villas at Dublin Ranch...3 story condo with 2 car garage as first floor. 2nd floor has nice living area with fireplace, kitchen with granite and SS appliances, laundry room with washer n dryer, 1/2 bath n patio, 3rd floor has master suite w/patio, guest bedroom & bath. Short Sale/complex in litigation with builder. **\$405,000**
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COMING SOON!

CRISTY WAY, CASTRO VALLEY

Live in the Upper Valley District of Castro Valley. Tri level home has new carpet, new paint, and some updating. Three bedrooms, two baths, approx. 1921 sq. ft. of living space. Price to be determined.
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COMING SOON!

1120 CANYON GREEN DR., SAN RAMON

Fabulous location at the end of a cul de sac, situated on the 13th green of Canyon Lakes golf course. Five bedrooms three baths with approx. 3068 sq. ft. on a 9750 sq. ft. lot. The private yard is perfect for outdoor entertaining. 3-car garage, gated community with pool and tennis courts. Call for price and details.
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SOLD IN ONE WEEKEND!

1921 FIORIO CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Wonderful duet home has 3 beds, 2 1/2 baths with an open floor plan, remodeled and in perfect condition, beautiful hardwood floors, granite gas fireplace, granite kitchen, SS Profile appliances. Large backyard for entertaining has Heavenly Greens grass, solar lights and a large fountain. **\$675,000**
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SOLD!

7784 TUSCANY DR., DUBLIN

Enjoy outdoor recreation in Alamo Creek Park – a 2 minute walk from this home. 2 beds, 2 full baths with an upstairs loft, perfect for home office. **Sold in 4 days, over asking price, for \$481,000.** Call for a free Market Analysis of your home! Inventory is low and buyers are still out there!
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OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4

5680 SAN ANTONIO ST., PLEASANTON

Just listed! Fantastic Mission Park home on a great corner lot! Nicely updated 4 bedroom and 2 full baths, with approx. 1877 sq. ft. Formal living room, open family room dining area, and a sparkling pool. New paint inside and out, new carpet. **\$810,000**
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COMING SOON!

94 ECHO PARK CT., MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Mountain House Palace in Altamont! 4 bed, 3 bath home w/ full bed and bath downstairs, granite slab counters and elegant double-sided fireplace. Kitchen has large center island. Huge master suite w/ extra large closet, separate tub & shower. Loft area upstairs. 3 car gar. **Offered at \$525,000.**
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PENDING IN 3 DAYS!

5602 AMBERGLEN ST., DUBLIN

Great location at the end of the cul-de-sac. 4 bed, 2.5 bath, 2180 sq. ft. home on a 4343 sq. ft. lot. Central heat and A/C, 2-car garage, office/bonus room downstairs, gas fireplace in family room, gas stove and eat-in kitchen. **Offered at \$775,000**
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DAN GAMACHE BY APPT



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

SAM GULLAPALLI BY APPT



DANVILLE \$879,000
4bd/2.5ba, 2,460+/-sf, bright rooms, plantation shutters, custom built-ins, low maintenance backyard, walk to top rated schools and more! 72 PLUMERIA COURT

MOXLEY TEAM OPEN SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$855,000
Nestled next to a park and offering 4 bedrooms in a 1,909 sq ft home. Indoor laundry, formal dining and living room, a spacious family room, crown molding throughout are a few of the special features of this home. 2487 TANAGER DRIVE

LINDA FUTRAL SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$695,000
Great, quiet location resides this custom home with so upgrades. Plenty of space in this kitchen to entertain and delight your family/friends. Huge lot hosts "Olympic style" pool with custom deck. 1247 DEPAUL WAY

TOM DUGGAN BY APPT



CONCORD \$499,000
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SCOTT CORRALEJO BY APPT



DISCOVERY BAY \$499,000
Beautiful home, open floor plan, move-in ready, sparkling pool, stamped concrete waterfalls, no HOA dues, 1bd/1ba downstairs, gigantic walk-in closets and more! 141 CARDINAL LN

TIMOTHY MCGUIRE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



SAN RAMON \$479,000
2 Master suites and 2 bathrooms, 1,165+/-sq.ft in Sunny Glen Retirement Community, updated kitchen, newer windows, private backyard with hot tub, new 2-car garage door. 15 NEPTUNE COURT

KELLY KING BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$469,000
Absolutely stunning remodel! 3bd/2ba, granite kitchen, ss appliances, gorgeous landscaping situated on a huge lot. 2075 PONDEROSA DR

JOHN LEDAHL SAT&SUN 1-4



DUBLIN \$400,000
High ceilings, lots of sunlight, 2bd/1.5ba, attached garage, fireplace, washer, dryer, all appliances stay, near shopping, restaurants and freeway. Great schools and more! 11836 KILCULLIN CT

"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning."

~ T.S. Eliot

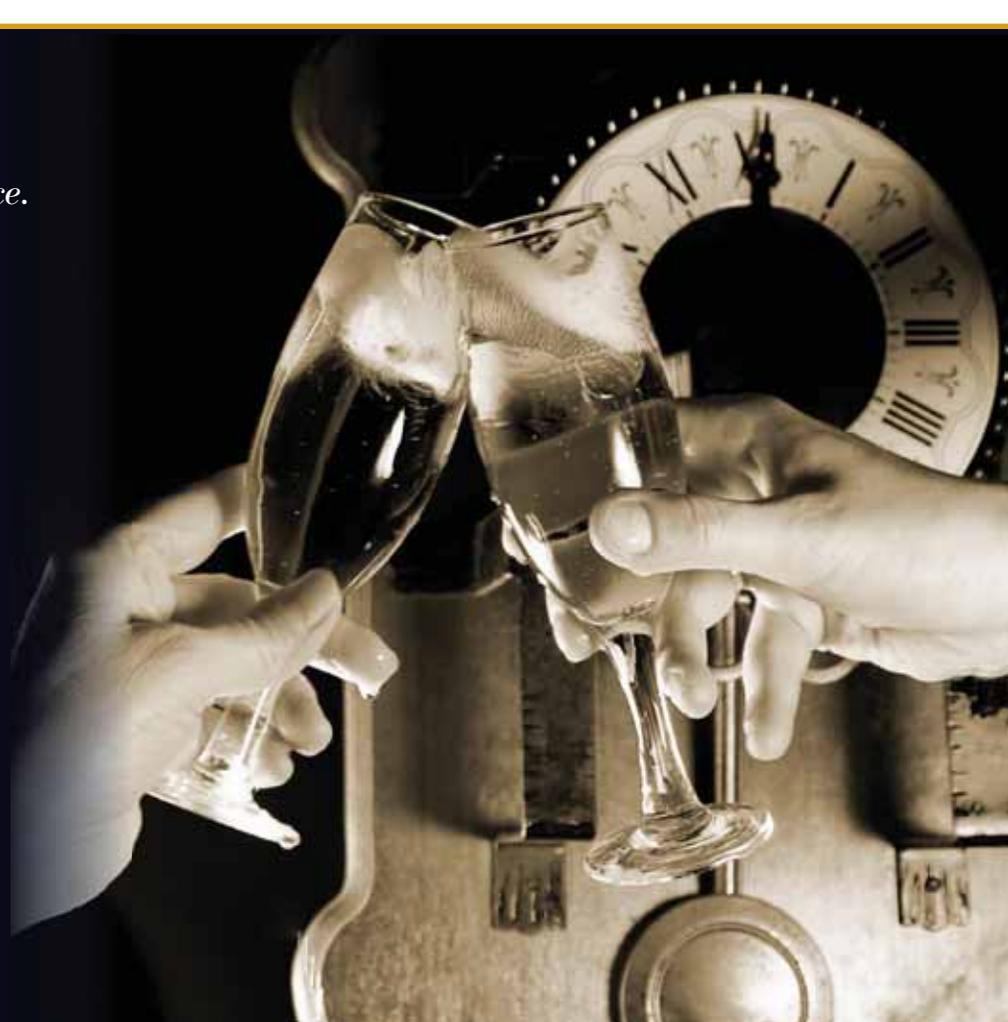
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