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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



PF JOHNSTON

The Golden State Warriors' proposed 18,500-seat arena on San Francisco's waterfront will be part of a 2.5-million-square-foot complex that would include stores, parking, 125 condominiums and a hotel with 200 rooms across the Embarcadero from Pier 30-32 where the arena will be built.

## Warriors move a knockout plan

PF Johnston brought his push for the Golden State Warriors' planned move to San Francisco to the Rotary Club of Pleasanton last week, drawing loud applause and plenty of questions to his bid for support of the \$1 billion project. Thanks to Johnston, a former press secretary to San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and now a crisis management specialist with his own firm, the Warriors' plans earned praise from Chronicle columnists Phillip Matier and Andrew Ross as "one of the best-scripted political plays (San Francisco) City Hall has seen in some time."

Johnston's skilled strategic communications efforts have not subsided. He's been talking up the Warriors for the last three years ever since Peter Guber, co-executive chairman of the Warriors, took a look with San Francisco leaders at the dilapidated 13-acre pier that's falling into the Bay and agreed to a massive redevelopment plan that would give his basketball team a new home.

The Pleasanton Rotary Club was no doubt one of his easier audiences. He's taken his rallying cry to city, county, legislative and environmental groups, and more recently has faced the wrath of organized opposition on both sides of the Bay. While East Bay/Oakland leaders have been mourning the potential loss of the Warriors, not everyone across the Bay is thrilled either. No-growth advocates are fighting plans for high density housing and tall buildings, including a large parking garage across the Embarcadero from Pier 30-32 where the Warriors' new arena would be built.

Their protests may be ill-timed since San Francisco officials are seeking ways to add housing sites in a city that's woefully short of accommodations for the thousands of new job holders coming to town.

That effort by city leaders and a major story in this week's Wall Street Journal about the growth of technology companies in the city and the shortfall in housing helps Johnston as he and the Warriors move through a multitude of approval channels.

Johnston said the Warriors plan to build a state-of-the-art arena on the waterfront in time for the 2017 season, although permits from various agencies and a sign-off by the state Legislature are still more than a year away. He said an application to the state Environmental Quality Act agency is just starting the review process although it's been before the agency since early last year. Still to come are reviews and needed approvals from other agencies that get involved in any development on, near or involving the Bay, the ocean or California's waterfront. And that's OK, Johnston said, because in the end they all will be saying they've guarded the public trust, which is what the Warriors want.

A look at the video and slides Johnston showed Rotary make this the country's newest basketball arena a complex to behold. The 18,500-seat arena will be part of a 2.5-million-square-foot complex that would include 34,000 square feet of stores, parking for as many as 200 cars, 125 condominiums and a hotel with 200 rooms. The rebuilt pier will include a movie theater, grass areas and water elements, kayak docking areas, trails and even a new port for large cruise ships on its eastern side.

The arena will have moveable seats at one end of the court with a wall of glass to allow views of the Bay. During the off-season and at times when the Warriors are traveling, seating arrangements can be adjusted to concerts, cultural events, conventions and possibly even rodeos, Johnston said.

No wonder Rotarians cheered as Johnston ended another presentation to keep the Warriors move momentum going. ■

## About the Cover

Foothill High's Haley Lucas hands off the baton to Adria Revell in a relay race. Lucas says her time on the track helped her develop the skills she needed to play soccer for UC Berkeley next year. Photo courtesy Jorge Quero. Cover design by Rosanna Leung.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

**Now that the holiday season is behind us, how are you feeling with everything being back to normal?**



**Rebecca Gallaher**  
*Bartender*

I feel really good about it, especially at work because things are familiar again. So many of the "regulars" are coming in again, regularly, and I like that because I find it comforting to be in a routine and to know what to expect most of the time.

**Paul Weiss**  
*Retired*

I'm really relieved and happy to have things back to normal. I like not having to worry anymore about all those extra holiday commitments. Plus I have so many exciting things to look forward to in the new year, including an upcoming sea adventure tour in South Africa that I'm preparing for right now.



**Angie Rohr**  
*Marketing*

I feel great about it. Now that the new year has started, everything is fresh and bright and exciting again.

**Jeffrey Kamprecos**  
*Banker*

I wouldn't mind dialing the clock back to the end of November. I really enjoyed the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Things were quiet at work, and the kids were home from college. Now that they're back in school, I really miss them. And of course things are very busy again at work.



**Jane Park**  
*Bookkeeper*

I am happy to have things back to normal, except I got a little carried away during the holidays and am paying for it now. I have a date with the gym tomorrow, and the day after that, and the day after that. Ugh.

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## DIGEST

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Grants typically range between \$25,000 and \$65,000. Proposals requesting more funding are considered based on anticipated impacts. For more information, visit [www.stopwaste.org/nprgrants](http://www.stopwaste.org/nprgrants) or contact Meri Soll at [msoll@stopwaste.org](mailto:msoll@stopwaste.org). Application deadline is 5 p.m. March 17.

One past recipient was Camp Arroyo, which received a grant for scholarships for underserved youths to learn more about the 4 Rs — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover — at an environmental education camp.

### Eyewitness to 1906 quake

Museum on Main will present "An Evening with Hugh Liang: Eyewitness to the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Chinatown resident Hugh Liang is portrayed by Bay Area Chinese Historian Charlie Chin.

The 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and subsequent fire destroyed nearly all of Chinatown, and unknown numbers of its 14,000 residents were killed and displaced from their homes. Chin, as Liang, will tell the audience about the events he experienced in San Francisco before, during and in the aftermath of the earthquake and fire.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors, \$5 members, and \$3 students/teachers. Purchase tickets at the museum, 603 Main St., or by calling 462-2766. For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series, telephone or visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

### Blood bank volunteering

The American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region will be holding volunteer orientations at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

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The Pleasanton Blood Donation Center is located at 5556-B Springfield Ave.

## School board looks at locations for new elementaries

Members suggest bond measure may be needed

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

With the need for two new elementary schools and hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs to existing facilities, the Pleasanton School Board is once again talking about a bond measure.

At its meeting Tuesday night, the board heard a demographer's report calling for one new school on the city's north side to accommodate overcrowding in existing schools.

The district wants each elementary school to have between 600 and 700 students. Donlon, Fairlands, Walnut Grove and Valley View elementaries are already above 700 students.

A 10th elementary in north Pleasanton would be filled to capacity by 2018, and future growth on the city's east side means that an 11th elementary will be needed by the early 2020s, according to Davis Demographics and Planning.

Previous estimates from the district put the cost of building a new school at about \$37 million, not counting the land and site prepara-

tions.

That's in addition to an estimated \$92 million needed for immediate repairs to facilities, and other medium- and long-term needs that total nearly \$400 million.

"We have many, many projects that have not gone away," Boardmember Joan Laursen said. "I think it's time for us to start talking about a bond."

Of seven scenarios presented, two were the most viable, according to Isaac Jones, project manager at Davis Demographics, although boardmembers added a third scenario to the discussion.

All three call for a new school in north Pleasanton and all three call for an 11th school to be built in east Pleasanton, with one scenario using property on Vineyard Avenue already owned by the district known as the Neal School site.

At their meeting Tuesday night, board members seemed hesitant to commit to any of the

three plans deemed most workable.

"In looking at these documents, one thing that becomes abundantly clear is we're looking at adding two new schools," said Boardmember Jeff Bowser. "Regardless of the cost, we have a duty to house those students appropriately."

But boardmembers are still weighing options that include moving the district offices to somewhere in the Hacienda Business Park and selling the land that houses the district's administrative offices, a maintenance facility, Village High School and an adjacent ball field.

Boardmembers also want to consider new uses for the Neal School property, which could also involve a land swap. Laursen questioned whether the district could swap land for other property, something that Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares said would require hiring a professional for negotiations.

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City Manager Nelson Fialho (left to right), Ben Fernandez and Brad Hirst are in front row of packed, standing-room-only Pleasanton Senior Center for services last Sunday for the late Mayor Ken Mercer, who died Jan. 21.

## 500 turn out to remember former Mayor Ken Mercer

Tributes include his devotion to family, city of Pleasanton

By JEB BING

A capacity crowd filled the Pleasanton Senior Center last Saturday to hear family and friends of the late Mayor Ken Mercer praise his service on behalf of Pleasanton.

Speakers included former Mayor Bob Philcox, who led the proceedings, City Manager Nelson Fialho and former City Manager Deborah McKeenan, Brad Hirst, Ben Fernandez and Tony Macchiano.

His two children, son Chuck and daughter Shelley Despotakis talked about his love as a father and his passion for all of their activities as they grew up, including youth sports. That passion continued as his grandchildren, who also were at the service, played school and club sports.

Mr. Mercer, 71, died Jan. 21. He was first elected to the City Council in 1976 and was

re-elected twice to four-year terms, and then as mayor in 1986, winning re-election to that post in 1988, 1990 and then stepping down in 1992.

Prior to 1986, the term of mayor in Pleasanton was assigned on a rotational basis by the City Council and Mr. Mercer served in that capacity a number of times before becoming the city's first directly elected mayor.

He was remembered for his strong support of the development of Hacienda Business Park and Stoneridge Shopping Center, Pleasanton Sports Park and large-scale infrastructure improvements.

An American flag that was hoisted over the Sports Park the day Mr. Mercer died was placed in a special display box and presented by Fialho to the family at the end of the service. ■

## Jon Vranesh appointed 'itinerant principal'

Former Walnut Grove Principal Jon Vranesh is not out of a job, but it remains unclear what he'll be doing in his new position.

The school board voted last month to hire a new principal at Walnut Grove and left Vranesh on paid leave.

That changed Tuesday night. However, the change in title and responsibilities might have slipped through the cracks if not noticed by Sharrell Michelotti, one of Vranesh's supporters and a family friend. It was in a personnel document and included as part of the board's consent agenda, in which a list of items is voted on as a whole and without discussion. Vranesh's name was listed in the document as a personnel change from K-5 principal to "itinerant principal."

The personnel document, which is only a part of the consent agenda and lists several items, was removed from the consent agenda at the request of Boardmember Valerie Arkin. Arkin voted against approval of the personnel document Tuesday because it included a change in Vranesh's job title.

"We collectively felt, based on the recommendation of Superintendent (Parvin) Ahmadi, that we find a role where he could contribute to the district and be successful," said Boardmember Chris Grant.

Michelotti, who spotted the change in Vranesh's job title, asked the board what that meant.

"It would be helpful to the public to understand what 'itinerant' means," said Michelotti. "This position is a completely new position."

Ahmadi was unable to specify what Vranesh's new responsibilities would be, saying they'd be generally the same as any other principal. His new responsibilities, she said, would include "working with different departments in the district." She could not be reached for additional details.

Bill Faraghan, assistant superintendent of human resources, described the job of an itinerant principal as "doing a variety of tasks in a

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## Police arrest suspect for firing shots in downtown Pleasanton restaurant

Pleasanton man charged with shooting that injured Red Coats patron

JEB BING

Police arrested a 21-year-old Pleasanton man Sunday just hours after a lone gunman fired shots into the ceiling at Red Coats British Pub & Restaurant at 336 St. Mary St. shortly after midnight that day.

Jason Landes-Caballero has been charged with negligent discharge of a deadly weapon in connection with the shooting and was booked into Santa Rita Jail for assault.

During his arrest, Landes-Caballero was in possession of methamphetamine and also charged with possession of a controlled substance.

The shooting occurred in the popular night spot shortly after midnight Sunday. Although the shots were fired into the ceiling of the restaurant, one bullet struck a patron, who did not immediately know he was struck until a friend saw he was bleeding. The victim was transported to Eden Medical Center where he was treated for a non-life-threatening wound.

Pleasanton Police Lieutenant Scott Rohovit reported that patrons of Red Coats saw the suspect pacing and acting strange just before the shooting began. They heard popping sounds

and saw the lone suspect with a silver handgun shooting into the ceiling of the main bar area from a stairwell at the rear of the business. The suspect then fled out a back door.

However, information leading to the timely arrest of Landes-Caballero is credited to those who provided valuable leads that led police to Landes-Caballero's home where police said they found evidence of the shooting.

Anyone with more information related to this incident is encouraged to call the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100. ■

## VRANESH

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number of different school sites instead of just one."

Michelotti also questioned how much having an itinerant principal would cost the district.

"What is the fiscal impact of that, and how is it going to play out in the future?" she asked. "It has to affect the finances in the district."

Late Wednesday the district confirmed that Vranesh would receive the same pay as itinerant principal that he did at Walnut Grove.

Vranesh's attorney, Paul Kondrick, said he was not told Vranesh was up for discussion by the school district.

"We were unaware of any agenda

item. We received no notice of the school board agenda," Kondrick said. "We'd always received a written notice under the ed (education) code of any action taken about him."

Kondrick is also unsure of what Vranesh's new job would be.

"I think I've heard of itinerant farmers before," Kondrick said. "I don't think that position existed beforehand."

But, Kondrick said, Vranesh "is going to go there and he's going to do what he's told to do."

Arkin was the lone vote opposing Vranesh's removal as principal of Walnut Grove. He was placed on administrative leave Oct. 25 for allegedly creating a hostile work environment. Documents obtained by the Pleasanton Weekly indicate

complaints against him include that he used expletives referring to female employees and that he created a hostile work environment.

Kondrick has said that Vranesh, under penalty of perjury, has denied those claims.

A permanent replacement for Vranesh has yet to be named at Walnut Grove, although the district posted the new position last month at the request of the board.

Counting Vranesh, seven principals have left the district's 16 schools over the last year, including principals at Walnut Grove, Donlon and Mohr elementary schools, all three high schools, and Pleasanton Middle School. ■

— Glenn Wohltmann

## ELEMENTARIES

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The district has also floated the idea that the developers of homes in the East Pleasanton Specific Plan set aside land, and possibly build a school in the area.

While the board considers the alternatives, Boardmember Chris Grant suggested the district reach out to the city.

"I would see this as a tight collaborative effort," Grant said, pointing out that Pleasanton would need to be involved in infrastructure, such as roads, and the district needs to "impress upon the city that this 10th site is really necessary."

He also called for a discussion on funding.

"I think we would be remiss if we go about planning a new school or two new schools without having a longterm funding strategy," he said.

A discussion of the budget brought out about a dozen parents and three speakers to ask for class-size reductions. Gov. Jerry Brown has pushed for smaller class sizes from transitional kindergarten to third grade, with a goal of 24 students per class by 2021. Parents want the district to move more quickly than that.

"Parents in Pleasanton have suffered through a lot of large class sizes and 30 to one just doesn't work," said parent Delia Cooper. "There's classroom chaos."

Cooper said classes with 30 students are noisy and that "teachers

are focusing on crowd control."

Parents successfully lobbied last year for smaller class sizes for first grade, which the district plans to continue at an annual cost of \$552,500 a year for a 25-1 ratio.

Each successive class would cost an equal ongoing amount and the district has several options: gradually changing the ratios for all classes, changing the ratio for each grade level over time or reducing class sizes across the board all at once at a cost of \$2.2 million for 25-1 or \$2.6 million for 24-1.

"We pride ourselves on high quality education, and that does equal lower class sizes so the teacher has the time to concentrate on each student," Cooper said.

Boardmember Valerie Arkin asked Cazares to look into potential state grants to alleviate overcrowding.

The budget discussion also included good news — an additional \$2 million in locally controlled funds. That totals \$5 million for the upcoming year, and the money can be used in a variety of ways, everything from building maintenance to reducing class sizes. The district has created an advisory committee to make suggestions about how the money should be spent.

Boardmembers split on a request from Bowser to donate \$5,000 a year to Leadership Pleasanton, which teaches local residents and business owners the inner workings of local government. The leadership program has traditionally included two staff members from the school

district at no cost.

Joyce Shapiro, program coordinator for Leadership Pleasanton, pointed out that chartering a bus for the yearlong, once-a-month program costs \$1,000, and lunch runs about \$600.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi suggested the district back the program.

"For me, as a new member of the community, it was the best thing that I did," Ahmadi told the board.

Bowser said the program could be viewed as an advertisement for the school district and that it has the added benefit of bringing in potential new volunteers and connections in the business community.

But other boardmembers balked at spending \$5,000 a year. Board President Jamie Hintzke suggested that the district pay for the day Leadership Pleasanton classes spend touring the district and pay the cost of sending employees to the program in the future.

Grant, Arkin and Laursen were hesitant to commit to a specific. Arkin noted that the board voted down an increase in stipends for itself, and Laursen said the board already faces difficult spending choices.

"I would like to support the program," Laursen said, "but it's just a little bit difficult when we're looking at the budget and we have groups coming to us and asking that we restore their programs and we have people coming to us and looking for a raise." ■

## Family, friends, colleagues attend funeral of fallen officer

Funeral draws police from across California

BART police Det. Sgt. Thomas Smith Jr., who was killed in the line of duty last week, was remembered Wednesday as a dedicated officer who was devoted to his wife and their 6-year-old daughter.

More than 2,000 people, including police officers who traveled from as far away as Massachusetts, attended the service for Smith, 42, at the Neighborhood Church of Castro Valley.

Smith, a San Ramon resident, worked for BART for more than two decades and was known as "Tommy."

He was accidentally shot and killed by a fellow BART officer, Det. Michael Maes, when they were among a group of officers conducting a probation search at a robbery suspect's apartment at 6450 Dougherty Road in Dublin at about 2 p.m. on Jan. 21.

Newark police Officer Patrick Smith, one of Smith's older brothers, said Smith loved his wife Kellie, who is also a BART police officer, "more than life itself" and said the birth of their daughter Summer "was his greatest achievement."

Patrick Smith remembered his brother as "a quick-witted personality" and said "his life ended far too early and his early departure has cheated all of us."

California Attorney General Kamala Harris told Summer, "Your dad is a hero and that is how the state of California

thinks of him and will always remember him."

BART police Chief Kenton Rainey said Smith joined the transit agency's police force as a cadet at the age of 18 and spent his entire career there. Smith is the first BART officer to be killed in the line of duty in the agency's 42-year history.

Officers from throughout the Bay Area and California as well as from other states attended Smith's

Lt. Michael Rae of the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority said he and four colleagues from the Boston-based agency "came out of respect for our brother in uniform O Sgt. Smith and his colleagues are in our hearts and we grieve for them," Rae said.

Contributions can be made to Smith's family by donating to the Tommy Smith Memorial fund at any Wells Fargo bank branch. Donors should reference account #5148561086 under the name of Kellie Smith.

Donations can also be mailed to the Tommy Smith Memorial Fund c/o Wells Fargo, 11020 Bollinger Canyon Road, Suite 1, San Ramon, CA, 94582

— Bay City News



Tom Smith

## Endorsements keep coming for DeSaulnier

State senator gets early backing from dozens of federal, state and local officials

BY JEREMY WALSH

State Sen. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) continues to rake in support for his second congressional bid.

To date, the second-term senator has received endorsements from five sitting U.S. representatives from California, more than two-dozen state officials and nearly 40 local elected reps, including the mayors of Danville, Walnut Creek, Antioch, Clayton, El Cerrito, Dublin, Pittsburg and Martinez.

The 61-year-old seeks to fill the 11th Congressional District seat of longtime U.S. Rep. George Miller (D-Martinez), who announced Jan. 13 that he would retire after his current term — his 20th in Congress.

DeSaulnier represents Pleasanton in the California State

Senate, but the congressional district for which he is running only extends as far south as Danville. Pleasanton is part of the 15th District, represented by Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin).

No other Democrats have announced their candidacy for Miller's seat. Retired Immigration Judge Tue Q. Phan, a Danville resident, is the lone Republican to enter the race thus far.

DeSaulnier tried to earn a spot in Congress in 2009, running in the old 10th District — prior to redistricting — after former U.S. Rep. Ellen Tauscher resigned to join the U.S. State Department. He lost in the special primary election to fellow Democrat John Garamendi, who eventually won the seat. ■

## Equestrian Center owner named to Fair board

Chuck Moore joins 25 other Alameda County Fair directors

Chuck Moore, owner of Pacific Coast Well & Pump and Grace-land Equestrian Center in Castro Valley, has been appointed to the board of the Alameda County Fair.

The 26-member board oversees the operations of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, which attracts over 3 million visitors each year.

"The Alameda County Fair Board of Directors welcomes the knowledge and expertise that Chuck Moore of Castro Valley brings to the board," Janet Lockhart, the board's president, said. "The agriculture, community service commitment, and enthusiasm he offers will be an asset to the Fair and community."

Moore's community involvement includes work with the Fair, the U.S. Equestrian Federation, Eden Area Livability Initiative blue ribbon steering committee

and the National Hot Rod Association.

"Alameda County has a rich agricultural heritage, and my wife Peggy and I have always been actively involved in agriculture," Moore said on his appointment. "My goal is to promote agriculture in our community."

The Alameda County Fair, which will be held from June 18 through July 6 this year, is ranked as one of the top 50 fairs in the U.S. and has won numerous awards both nationally and internationally.

The Fairgrounds also hosts more than 300 events annually. ■



Chuck Moore

## Hockey fans alert: S.F. Bulls call it quits

Refunds available through Feb. 28 for ticket holders

The San Francisco Bulls professional hockey team, an upstart team that gained some popularity during last year's National Hockey League strike, called it quits this week after no buyer was found.

The team ended its effort to become a viable part of national hockey after a season and a half since the first game was played at the Cow Palace in October 2012.

"We want to thank all of our fans for your support and loyalty over the last two seasons," said Pat Curcio, president and head coach of the Bulls. "It's been a memorable time, and we've especially appreciated all of your positive feedback over the past week."

The team was hoping to secure new ownership, however the terms of an updated deal were unable to be finalized.

"We had a great opportunity come to us that would've kept the Bulls in San Francisco at least through the end of the 2014 season, with potential for future seasons, but we ran out of time to complete all ends of the deal," Curcio said.

"At this point, the best thing to do financially is to reluctantly end the season. We will miss playing here, miss our fans, and miss this city."

The Bulls finish the season at 15-20-5 with 32 games left un-played in the season. Having made the playoffs in their first season, they were still in the running to make it again in 2014.

"Bringing hockey to San Francisco was a dream," Curcio said. "We have great talent on our team, and had a great vision for what the team could be. Things didn't pan out the way we had hoped. It's sad, and disconcerting, but we're unfortunately left with no other choice at this point."

The Bulls had an unofficial relationship with the San Jose Sharks, and several Sharks players also played with the Bulls.

For fans that have already purchased tickets to upcoming games, the Bulls' staff will take requests for refunds up until Feb. 28 via email only at admin@sfbulls.com

— Jeb Bing

## Hacienda saw 3rd year of growth in 2013

New projects, construction activity underway in new year

By JEB BING

Hacienda Business Park saw another year of continued overall vacancy reduction in 2013 with several new project approvals and construction activities underway.

"This marks the third consecutive year of positive growth in Hacienda," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Once again, good tenants in some of our strongest clusters came to Hacienda over the course of the year, and 2014 will also see some exciting developments as the roots of new activity took hold in 2013 as well."

Over 400,000 square feet of tenant activity occurred in Hacienda during 2013, Paxson said, with net tenant absorption totaling approximately 66,500 square feet. The park is the largest mixed-use development of its kind in Northern California.

Major transactions last year involved companies in a variety of business segments, including BioRad (biomedical), Iron Planet's relocation (online retailer), Pleasanton Bilingual Montessori Preschool (Chinese bilingual preschool), Safari Kid (academic heritage school), Schneider Electric (energy management), Spigit Inc. (social innovation software), YP's relocation (search and advertising company), Zenith's relocation (insurance services) and Zoho (online business services).

Paxson said Pleasanton and the surrounding communities have seen amazing growth in entrepreneurialism over the last decade. In fact, the Tri-Valley is one of a few emerging centers of innovation and entrepreneurialism that have developed in this period, with numerous trade delegations traveling here to learn more about what makes this region so impressive.

The emergence of the Tri-Valley as an innovation economy has come as a result of the special features found in the area, Paxson explained. The Tri-Valley has typically attracted and cultivated a talented labor pool that has been sustained for generations through high educational standards for the families that have made the area their home. Recent reports indicate that 43% of Tri-Valley residents have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to the California average of 27% and the U.S. average of 24%.

As an additional testament to the special qualities of the area, the Tri-Valley has a patent filing rate per 100,000 residents, which is five times higher than in similar areas of the country. The Tri-Valley also boasts of assets that include attractive investment opportunities for venture capital, a major research institution, a high quality of life, and consistently first-rate infrastructure and amenities, Paxson said.

According to Paxson the key demographic traits of the area that attract businesses include:

- Alameda County, home to the University of California at Berkeley as well as several other fine educational institutions, has an educated population as well. Over 65% of

residents have attended college.

- Alameda County's household income figures reflect a broad spectrum of jobs and economic opportunities. Over 60% of the population reports household incomes of over \$50,000.

- Nearly 20% of Alameda County residents are between the ages of 20 and 34, perfect for meeting the personnel needs of the area's growing businesses.

Moreover, Paxson pointed out, the strong relationships with other key institutions in the area, primar-

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As an example of how innovation is strengthened through these relationships, programs have been developed in the area aimed at strengthening ties with the labs through improved public-private partnerships. This means that the pure research done by the labs can easily flow to the marketplace in the forms of new business and products.

"Because the Tri-Valley has arrived at this exciting destination point as a high-quality, innovation economy, it has fostered an important business trait: competitive advantage," Paxson said. "Simply put, businesses that establish here have a higher level of opportunity to interact with the best and the brightest and, in turn, increase their chances of success. These same best and brightest are what you will find at Hacienda and businesses that add their address to these others to find themselves in truly good company."

Key demographic traits include:

- The workforce in Pleasanton is among the most educated in the country, with nearly 80% of resi-

dents having attended college. Over 60% have a college or professional degree.

- Pleasanton's household income is high as well. Nearly 65% of households report an income of over \$75,000 annually.

- Pleasanton is a young community. Nearly 30% of the population is under 19 years of age, and over 45% is in the prime career years of 20 to 54.

- Pleasanton has paid ample attention to developing a thriving business center. Careful planning has

taken place to provide businesses with the resources needed to be successful. A well-developed street network means access to and from the major arterials and interstates that connect Pleasanton with the area and region.

- In addition to road networks, Pleasanton has supported important transit connections which further help support mobility. North Pleasanton, Hacienda's home, is particularly well situated to take advantage of these resources.

- Other key pieces of infrastructure including power, telecommunications, water and wastewater services, have all been amply provided for so as to help foster the development of a variety of business opportunities right within the city limits.

- The city also boasts an active business community that works directly with civic leaders and city administrators to make sure business needs are addressed. In addition, a wide variety of business resource services that provide access to everything from job training, to investment opportunities, to business advocacy and more are readily available to any Hacienda business. ■

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Investigation leads to guns, drugs in Hayward

Pleasanton police arrested two Hayward residents on gun and drug counts after serving a search warrant on a home in the 21700 block of Foothill Boulevard in Hayward, according to police reports.

Evan Michael Pimental, 23, and Ariel Levy, a 62-year-old woman, were arrested at about 4:48 a.m. Jan. 24. after police found a cache of guns and drugs.

Pimental was arrested on multiple felony firearm counts: possession of a machine gun, possession of an assault weapon, possession of a multi-burst trigger activator — a device that increases the rate of fire of a firearm — and possession of drugs while armed.

He was also arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, misdemeanor paraphernalia possession and probation violations.

“We began an investigation later in 2013,” said Sgt. Ted Young of the Pleasanton Police Department’s Special Enforcement Unit. “It basically led us to him in Hayward.”

Young said a confidential informant helped out in the case against Pimental, and that the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has stepped in, which, he said, will lead to a federal prosecution.

Levy was arrested for a single misdemeanor

count of paraphernalia possession.

Pimental was ordered held in Santa Rita Jail in lieu of \$250,000 bond.

#### In other police reports:

- Two men were arrested in separate incidents over recent days on felony counts of failing to register as sex offenders.

Kevin Dale Burton, 47, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 11:59 p.m. Jan. 23 in the 6100 block of Evergalde Court on a felony warrant from Pleasanton.

John Levell Lightfoot, 43, of San Leandro was arrested at about 9:55 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road on a felony count of failing to register as a sex offender. Lightfoot was arrested after a complaint from the Shell gas station about someone loitering on the property.

- Michael John Povlsen, 64, of Pleasanton was arrested at about 9:56 p.m. Jan. 22 for possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, paraphernalia possession and a probation violation. A probation check led to a search, which turned up 12.5 grams of methamphetamine in two separate containers.

- James Paul McGough, 65, a transient was arrested at about 2:01 a.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive for felony possession of tear gas after a traffic stop. A passenger in the vehicle was on probation, leading to a search, which in turn led to the tear gas. A prior conviction banned McGough from possessing weapons.

- Rebecca Kathleen Anderson, 46, of Pleasanton

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## TAKE US ALONG



**Bienvenue et bonjour:** Chip and June Junghans enjoyed the sun and beautiful harbor view with the Pleasanton Weekly in Cassis, France, which is right along the Mediterranean.



**Queens of the castle:** Charlene Atkin and Rosa Watson shared their reign of Edinburgh Castle, Scotland with the Pleasanton Weekly and readers back home.

## Kaiser Permanente earns top clinic-quality award

Clinical care receives 4 stars for multiple services, treatments

By JEB BING

For the sixth year in a row, Kaiser Permanente is the only health plan in California to earn a 4-star rating, the highest possible, for overall quality of care in the annual Health-care Quality Report Card from California’s Office of the Patient Advocate (OPA).

Kaiser Permanente operates a clinic in Pleasanton and has other clinics and medical centers in Northern and Southern California.

The medical group also received four stars in the “Patients Rate their HMO” category, which measures members’ satisfaction with their care and service.

The 2014 report card ([http://www.opa.ca.gov/report\\_card/](http://www.opa.ca.gov/report_card/)) provides California consumers with side-by-side comparisons of the largest health plans in the state. It ranks the health plans on national standard-of-care measures that involve treatment and prevention of a range of conditions that have significant implications for personal health.

Of the 10 HMOs and six PPOs compared in the report card, Kaiser Permanente alone had the top rating for overall clinical-care measures.

“Kaiser Permanente Northern California is transforming health care with its integrated care model, a system in which each member’s team of care providers works in concert to ensure the best possible care and outcomes,” said Gregory A. Adams, group and regional president of Kaiser Foundation Hospitals/Health Plan Inc., in Northern California.

“We also understand that good health extends beyond the doctor’s office and the hospital,” he added. “For more than 60 years, we have been committed to helping people lead healthy lives and improving the health of the communities we serve.”

This year, Kaiser Permanente in Northern California earned four stars in eight of the nine report-card categories for clinical care, including asthma and lung care, cancer screening, diabetes care, heart care, maternity care and “getting the right care” for both adults and children.

“Today, Kaiser Permanente is the leader in quality and service and a model for health care in this country,” said Dr. Robert Pearl, executive director and CEO of the Permanente Medical Group.

“By attracting the best physicians and providing them with cutting edge technology, our patients receive the best and most convenient care possible,” he added. “As health-care reform shifts the emphasis from quantity of care to quality of care, Permanente medicine is the model that physician groups across the nation are increasingly trying to emulate.”

Since 2012, the National Committee for Quality Assurance, the premier organization measuring the performance of health-care providers in the U.S., has been a partner with the OPA in developing the annual report card in California.

The 2014 OPA ratings follow several other recent honors received by Kaiser Permanente:

- Kaiser Permanente’s Medicare plans in California received a 5-star rating for 2014, the only health plan in the state to get the top rating, and one of only 11 plans in the nation to get a 5-star rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. More than 430 plans were rated, and 2013 was the third straight year Kaiser Permanente in California has received 5 stars.

- Kaiser Permanente Northern California was ranked the top commercial health plan in the state, and 7th in the Committee for Quality Assurance’s 2013 survey of health plans in the U.S. In the same survey, Kaiser Permanente Northern California’s Medicare plan was ranked 2nd-best in the nation of the more than 400 plans surveyed.

- Ten Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Northern California were named Top Hospitals in 2013 by the Leapfrog Group. Only 90 hospitals in the nation, out of more than 1,300 surveyed, received this honor.

- Twenty Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Northern California received “A” grades in the Leapfrog Group’s 2013 Safety Scores.

- Fourteen Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Northern California were ranked as Top Performers in 2013 by The Joint Commission.

- Kaiser Permanente members rated the organization’s health plan highest in member satisfaction in California for the sixth consecutive year in the 2013 U.S. Member Health Plan study by J.D. Power and Associates. ■

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### 1942: A pivotal year



JEB BING

These stately Victorians and other pre-1942 architectural styles will be preserved as part of new regulations approved by the Pleasanton City Council.

Few in Pleasanton remember the dark days of 1942 as America struggled in the early months of World War II. The war changed the country forever. In Pleasanton, boys in the graduating Class of 1942 at Amador (the city's only high school) went off to war. Remarkably and gratefully, they all came back after the war and some still gather for their class reunion.

It turns out that 1942 was also a pivotal year for home architecture, and the year has become a key part of a new Historic Preservation measure approved last week by the Pleasanton City Council. A survey will soon get underway to look at homes built before 1942 to see if they should be registered as historic and become part of the new measure's regulations. That date was chosen because architectural styles and home sizes, along with lifestyles, changed significantly after World War II with few homes built in Pleasanton during the war years.

Not all homes built before 1942 will be designated as historic. But most will be surveyed by city-hired consultants to determine if they meet the criteria for eligibility on the California Register of Historic Places.

Selecting the year of 1942 actually is less restrictive than what the city and state currently use, which is a rolling 50-year period, explained Brian Dolan, Pleasanton's director of Community Development. Wisely, the council nixed a proposal that would have kept the 50-year period in place, which would have meant homes built in 1963 could be designated "historic," and then continuing year after year.

According to Dolan, here's the criteria for designation as a historic home:

- Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history or the cultural heritage of California or the U.S.

- Associated with the lives of persons important to local, California or national history.
- Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values.
- Has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California or the nation.

The focus of the Historic Preservation measure is to preserve the looks of Pleasanton homes in the downtown district, a fairly large area that extends from Third Street on the east to the Alameda County Fairgrounds on the west, and from Bernal Avenue on the south to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Old Stanley Boulevard to the north. Many of those homes, mostly west of Main Street and built in the 1930s and 1940s, already have been renovated with little attention paid to their original style and long before the city government and quasi-public organizations became concerned about preserving old houses. The focus in those years was preserving the looks of the commercial building in downtown Pleasanton, particularly on Main Street.

Under the new regulations, owners of the historic-designated homes can still modernize, renovate and even tear down homes, but any demolition would require keeping the look of the front facade of the older home to a depth of 10 feet. The plan calls for keeping the street appearance the same, although the rest of the house could be altered.

"We have to strike a balance," City Manager Nelson Fialho said. "We can't create a situation where young families buy a home that's historic and then can't make changes as their families grow. Under these new guidelines, they can still make additions, modernize the interiors."

Any new construction or major renovations would also have to keep with the architectural styles already prevalent in the downtown district, including the stately Victorians. Other styles to be allowed include Gothic Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne, Bay Tradition, Craftsman, Prairie, Mission Revival, Spanish Colonial Revival and Mediterranean.

Changes to downtown homes may include granite counters, energy-efficient windows, new roofs, even solar, but from the street they'll still look historic to preserve the face of Pleasanton. ■

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## 3 reasons to get started on education planning in 2014

Economics of higher education today are more complex than ever

By GARY ALT

Education planning for your children or grandchildren is one of the most important financial goals you could plan for in 2014.

The economics of higher education today are more complex than ever. Not only are college costs soaring everywhere, but the promise of getting a good-paying job right out of college isn't always the case today. Consequently, education debt is now the biggest financial problem in our country, with over \$1 trillion in loans outstanding. Careful planning can help them thrive in a changing world and avoid burdensome debt.

Here are three reasons to get started on an education plan in 2014:

1. Choosing a career is trickier today. It's still important to choose a college major that your students are passionate about, but they have to think about opportunity and cost more than ever before.

2. For some fields of study, the economics are completely out of whack with the opportunity. The

American Veterinary Medical Association reports that starting salaries in 2013 averaged \$45,575, with average debt at graduation of \$151,672. The crux of the problem is a glut of new vets and falling rates of pet owner-

ship. Your daughter may be an animal lover, but that's an awfully expensive way for her to express her love.

3. 2013 research by the Georgetown Policy Institute found unemployment rates among recent grads that ranged from 4.8% to a whopping 14.7%, depending on their major.

Here are the best and the worst:

- Majors with lowest unemployment:
  - Nursing, 4.8%
  - Elementary Education, 5%
  - Physical Fitness, Parks & Rec, 5.2%
  - Chemistry, 5.8%
  - Finance, 5.9%
- Majors with highest unemployment:
  - Information Systems, 14.7%
  - Architecture, 12.8%
  - Anthropology, 12.60%
  - Film, Video & Photography Arts, 11.4%
  - Political Science, 11.1%

Other fields with strong employment today are marketing, finance, hospitality management, math, chemistry and some engineering. Of course, your grandson wouldn't choose a career based solely on potential unemployment rates, but being blind to economics can lead to financial hardship — the very thing education is intended to help avoid.

The 529 savings plans are flexible and easy. This plan is the best way to save for col-

lege. Here are some highlights:

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The money grows tax-free, but the contribution itself isn't deductible in California, although it is in some states. If used for qualifying education expenses, the withdrawals are tax-free, including interest and gains from the investments.

Qualifying expenses are tuition, room and board, mandatory fees, books, supplies and required equipment, including computers.

The 529 plans are sponsored by states, but you can use any state's plan regardless of where your student attends school. Morningstar Research gives its gold rating to just four states: Alaska, Maryland, Nevada and Utah.

California's plan earns a silver rating. A search on the Internet will quickly find websites for any of those states where you can sign up directly. This is one of the easiest financial choices to make.

Each plan offers easy ways to select a diversified portfolio from a menu, making it nearly foolproof.

The 529 funds can be used at many uni-

versities, colleges and vocational schools, including trade schools for cosmetology, auto mechanics, integrative health, acupuncture and even golf academies.

Even after earning a degree, 529 plan funds can be used to take a few classes to add new skills, even if it doesn't lead to an advanced degree. To qualify, a school must be eligible to participate in federal student aid programs. Schools can be found on the [faisa.ed.gov](http://faisa.ed.gov) website.

Education never ends. No longer can your son or daughter end their education with a bachelor's degree and expect to thrive throughout their career. Nowadays I hear a term used often: "lifetime learning." Continually adding new skills and expertise is the reality today. Whether it's to further their expertise in their current field or to re-launch a second career, they should expect a lifetime of learning.

The rapid pace of change in the economy will quicken, and our children and grandchildren face global competition for jobs. New opportunities will be created which will require new skills and expertise. Helping them plan and pay for a lifetime of learning in our dynamic economy is the most valuable assistance you can provide.

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## POLICE BULLETIN

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ton was arrested at about 8:47 a.m. in the 1900 block of Brooktree Way on a Pleasanton felony warrant for grand theft.

- Cindy Dawn Beaver, 50, of San Ramon was arrested at about 7:39 p.m. Jan. 23 at Macy's Women's in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road for misdemeanor shoplifting and an added felony charge for having three prior theft convictions. Beaver was arrested in possession of three purses valued at about \$550.

- A \$300 safe, \$3,000 cash, a \$700 camcorder and documents were among the items stolen in a Jan. 26 residential burglary in the 4200 block of Wells Street. The burglary took place between 2 and 3 p.m.; a lock was bypassed, providing access.

- In a Jan. 23 residential burglary at a home in the 5700 block of Owens Drive, a screen was removed from an unlocked window and a \$100 strongbox was stolen between noon and 7:10 p.m. Inside the box were earrings valued at \$3,000, an \$800 watch, \$411 worth of euros and \$100 in Canadian dollars.

- A bicycle valued at \$1,000 was reported stolen from a home in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive between 6 p.m. Jan. 24 and 9:30 p.m. Jan. 25.

- A resident of the 1200 block of Bordeaux Street reported someone had used his credit card to purchase a \$781 tablet computer. The identity theft was reported at about 11:20 a.m. Jan. 25.

- A lost wallet at Stoneridge Shopping Center led to a short shopping spree with six charges made before the card was blocked. At least \$236 was charged in the incident, reported at about 11:09 a.m. Jan. 23.

- A commercial burglary at Golden Chopsticks in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road netted about \$100 in cash. The call originally came in as a vandalism complaint at about 8:37 a.m. Jan. 25 after someone noticed the front door had been smashed in.

- Nothing was taken, but a door sustained \$300 in damage in a commercial burglary attempt at Foxy Hair and Nails early Jan. 25. The front door was smashed at about 4:45 a.m.

- A resident of the 4700 block of Corwin Street reported three fraudulent charges were made on her card — one for \$187, another for \$8 and another for \$67 in a report filed at about 10:07 a.m. Jan. 23.

- Blooming Beauty Supplies in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road reported at about 11:12 a.m. Jan. 27 that it had received a counterfeit \$100 bill.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Jan. 22

#### Fraud

- 10:23 a.m. in the 6400 block of Arlington Drive

#### Auto burglary

- 8 a.m. in the 1000 block of Rutledge Place

#### Battery

- 9:16 a.m. in the 8200 block of Arroyo Drive

#### Vandalism

- 7:51 a.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
- 9:19 a.m. in the 3800 block of Hopyard Road; graffiti

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 9:55 p.m. in the 1400 block of Kolln Street; possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, paraphernalia possession

### Jan. 23

#### Robbery

- 8:04 p.m. in the 5900 block of Owens Drive

#### Theft

- 10:07 a.m. in the 4700 block of Corwin Street; fraud
- 11:09 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 8:29 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:04 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; shoplifting

#### Auto burglary

- 6:57 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Brandishing a firearm

- 5:38 p.m. in the 4200 block of Wells Street

### Jan. 24

#### Theft

- 9:15 a.m. in the 100 block of Birch Street Terrace
- 10:19 a.m. in the 5400 block of Black Avenue
- 12:51 p.m. in the 1000 block of Gray Fox Circle; fraud
- 3:48 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 4:32 p.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

#### Weapons violations

- 4:48 a.m. in the 21700 block of Foothill Boulevard, Hayward

#### Graffiti

- 8:21 a.m. in the 4500 block of First Street
- 2:10 p.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

### Jan. 25

#### Child abuse

- 2:04 p.m. in the first block of Peters Avenue

#### Theft

- 11:20 a.m. in the 1200 block of Bordeaux Street; fraud
- 2:06 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:11 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Auto burglary

- 2:26 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Commercial burglary

- 4:49 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:37 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

- 2:42 p.m. in the 2100 block of Alexander Way
- 7:34 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

#### Public drunkenness

- 4:19 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Koll Center Parkway

### Jan. 26

#### Child abuse

- 1:41 p.m. in the 3400 block of Isle Royal Court

#### Theft

- 11:15 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; bicycle theft
- 11:23 a.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; shoplifting
- 3:34 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Residential burglary

- 8:54 p.m. in the 4200 block of Wells Street

#### Auto burglary

- 11:13 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Battery

- 12:54 a.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

### Jan. 27

#### Failure to register as a sex offender

- 9:55 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft

- 11:09 a.m. in the 1200 block of Hearst Drive; fraud
- 11:12 a.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 1:19 p.m. in the first block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

## OBITUARIES

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### Kyle Vincent Field

Oct. 17, 1990-Dec. 20, 2013

Kyle Field was born at Valley Care hospital in Livermore on Oct. 17, 1990. He was raised in Pleasanton and attended Vintage Hills Elementary, Pleasanton Middle School and Amador Valley High School where he graduated in 2009. Kyle loved sports and was a lettered Varsity Football player at Amador. After graduating from high school Kyle served for a year in the Air Force.

Kyle was outgoing and gregarious, had a great sense of humor, and was a loving, supportive and loyal friend to many. He had great empathy and was a good listener. He had a real fondness for cars and driving. His outdoor passion was downhill mountain biking, especially in Lake Tahoe.

Kyle was a natural writer and communicator. He had a special ability to connect with people with his great smile and endearing personality. He most recently enjoyed success selling automobiles in Dublin. He expressed a desire to someday work with young people with anxiety disorders in a youth camp setting.

Kyle died on Dec. 20, 2013 at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley from complications following a catastrophic epileptic seizure. Kyle is survived by his mother and father, Deborah and Gregory, his brother and sister-in-law, Damon and Sara, as well as his two nieces, Ella and Quinn, and future nephew.

A memorial service celebrating Kyle's life was held at Valley Community church on Dec. 24, 2013.

Donations are welcome in his name to the Epilepsy Foundation of Northern California at [www.epilepsynorcal.org](http://www.epilepsynorcal.org), [ericscorner.org](http://ericscorner.org) or goods donations to "Savers" in Dublin.



### Kimberley Ann Brooks

Sept. 11, 1962-Jan. 21, 2014

Kimberly Ann Kayser Brooks of Pleasanton passed away peacefully on Jan. 21, 2014.

She was born in San Jose on Sept. 11, 1962 to Ken and Barbara Kayser. She graduated from Santa Teresa High School where she was a standout athlete, playing on the varsity volleyball and softball teams. She attended San Jose State University where she graduated with a degree in marketing and was a member of the outstanding Spartan volleyball teams of the early 1980's. Her teammates became life-long friends.

Kim excelled in the business world as well, recently retiring as Group Vice President of Marketing at Safeway where she worked for 25 years. She cherished the many close friendships she made during her career.

Kim was very active in charitable organizations and outreach and support for cancer patients. She was a fiercely loyal to her family and friends.

Kim was married for 17 years to her loving husband, Rich Brooks and had two children, Ariana and Colton whom she adored.

In addition to her husband and children, Kim is survived by her parents, Ken and Barbara Kayser, her brother, Steven Kayser (Lynn), sisters Karen Kottaridis (Chris) and Kathleen Rose (Pat), brother-in-law, Stephen Brooks (Julie) and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins).

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton, with a reception to follow. Details to be provided at the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Tri-Valley Socks / Bras for the Cause in Kim's name.



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Foothill's Adria Revell on the starting block at the James Logan meet.



Haley Lucas leads the way to the finish line at the Monte Vista meet, with Adria Revell and Natalie... a competitive nature, plus it helped her cross train for soccer.

# On track

*Sport teaches speed, strength and self-reliance*

By Cathy Jetter

**F**aster is better. Jorge Quero can't stress this enough.

"For the high school athlete looking to play a collegiate sport, faster is always going to be better," explains Quero, who has been track and field coach at Foothill High for six years. "Baseball, football, basketball — all of these sports want speed, but they don't teach their players how to get faster."

The answer, says Quero, is track, the unsung hero of high school sports. Quero believes track is an underutilized key to reaching the lofty goals these high school athletes envision for themselves.

"The clubs like Ballistic and Rage, they teach the best athletes how to play soccer. But the college coaches, they want to know who is fast," he says. "College coaches know how to teach skills to their players, but they don't have time to teach speed. The kids who are fast? College will make them good players."

The techniques Quero engrains in his athletes have been around for many years, basic building blocks for creating a strong foundation in almost any sport. But other sports don't focus on posture and correct running form, little things, Queros says, that make the difference between being good and becoming exceptional.

It's not just the sprinters who benefit.

"In track and field, we teach how to move correctly, how to jump higher, how to improve reaction time," Quero notes. "If you move faster than the other guy on the soccer field, you're ahead. If you can jump higher than the other guys on the court, you're ahead. If you're the first off the line in football, you get more yards. You have three seconds to get from first to second base or you're out. Track can teach you that kind of speed."

Quero points to Griffith Gates, a 2013 Foothill graduate now playing football for the University of Pennsylvania, as an example of a good athlete using track to improve during his primary sport's off-season.

"Griff is playing his freshman year of college football in a position he's never played in high school. Because he's athletic, the (University of Pennsylvania coaches) knew Griff would learn to play any position. But because he came out in the spring and worked to develop his skills, he got fast and that's what those coaches were looking for."

Gates agrees that his seasons of training with the track team gave him an edge in the college playing field.

"Speed is everything in college,"



Griffith Gates, a 2013 Foothill grad who now plays football for the University of Pennsylvania, used track in high school to improve his football skills.

Gates says, echoing his former coach's mantra. "College football is completely different from high school football. At U Penn, I watch some of the other freshmen strug-

gling to learn the techniques they are teaching — things I understand because of track."

Gates began training with Quero in the spring of his junior year, after

a summer of football evaluations convinced him that more time on the gridiron simply wasn't going to help improve the areas that were holding him back.



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Reichenbach just behind her. Lucas says track is a natural draw for anyone with



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Coach Jorge Quero at the Golden State Invitational with Haley Lucas, Natalie Reichenbach, Adria Revell and Emily Topielski. Quero explains that track also benefits its athletes by helping them to perform better in other sports.

“They told me I was too tight, I couldn’t move my hips, I needed more flexibility,” Gates recalls. “I had a great mental grasp of the game, but I needed more speed.”

All those “problems” had solutions built right into the track program.

“Running track made me stretch, got me flexible, and built explosiveness for getting off the line and making those first few seconds count,” says Gates. “No other sport can do that without risking injury. Basketball is physical, I tore a ligament playing baseball, I dislocated my shoulder wrestling. Track is low risk.”

Quero agrees with this assessment, pointing out that much of what is taught and practiced in the track program actually helps to prevent injuries in other sports.

“When you learn the correct form, when you learn to stretch correctly, and when you don’t allow yourself to get out of shape sitting around playing video games, you’re going to go back to soccer, or football or basketball better prepared to play,” he says.

And faster, of course. Faster made the difference for Haley Lucas, a graduating senior who credits her time on the track as a primary reason she will be playing soccer for UC Berkeley next year.

“Speed was definitely important

in the recruiting process,” Lucas emphasizes. “They liked my fitness and athleticism. Track keeps me in shape, it’s the perfect way to cross train.”

A true athlete who qualified for multiple North Coast Section events during each of the first three years of her high school career, Lucas sees track as a natural draw for anyone with a competitive nature.

**“I don’t believe we are competing for an athlete’s time, I believe we are working together to help an athlete realize their full potential. We just want to teach them what they need to be as good as they can be, as fast as they can be, in whatever sport they choose.”**

**Track Coach Jorge Quero**

“I love to run, I love the races. It’s an individual sport; it’s all about challenging yourself to get better throughout the season. When you’re out there it’s just you, your lane and the clock,” she says.

Across town at Amador Valley, coach Peter Scarpelli expands on Lucas’ assessment, noting that while track will definitely develop skills and speed, its life lessons are what ultimately make track valuable to athletes.

“I am certainly a proponent of continuing growth in strength and speed; every coach is looking for speed. But what I tell people is track teaches self-reliance.”

Scarpelli points out that team sports allow players to take a play off, hide behind others, find excuses for why things went wrong. But in track and field, it’s all about the individual’s performance, just like in the real world.

“Every day you have to get up and decide how you’re going to perform,” Scarpelli says. “Are you going to give 100% or are you going to give excuses? You either get the job done, or you let life affect you during practice and on game day. When you put yourself out there for everyone to judge, that takes courage.”

Scarpelli coaches perhaps a dozen athletes who have the potential to play a sport at the collegiate level, and track is what keeps them committed to staying in shape.

“Only a couple of athletes at the most elite level are known for arduous training off season,” he observes. “Kids and families have great intentions, thinking they will train themselves, but it’s hard to be a self starter.”

He finds it frustrating, too, to see high school athletes working with private trainers when so much is available to them right on campus.

“I see people spending a lot of money on personal trainers,” Scarpelli says, “when track and field offers so much more. You will certainly get faster, you may find a

hidden talent, you get to represent your school while gaining all these skills, plus learn life lessons that will benefit you long after your athletic career is over.”

Quero agrees, pointing out that life as an athlete reaches the finish line long before most young people realize.

“If you’re lucky you get to play college sports after high school. After college, only a few sports offer opportunities to continue as professional athletes and any individual’s chances of getting to that point are so small. And most of those athletes are going to be done by their 30s. There’s a lot of living left after that.”

Which is why, Quero says, college has to come before the sport. He’s speaking from experience, having turned down the opportunity to play professional soccer for Mexico, choosing instead to earn a degree in mechanical engineering. Not willing to give up his life as an athlete, Quero joined the Monterrey Institute of Technology’s track team expecting his talent to be welcomed.

“I was the fastest kid in Mexico City. Everyone told me I was great. I thought I was great,” he remembers. “After five days of tryouts, I realized I was one of the slowest there. I made the team, but I was 20th on the team. That’s what happens in college. That’s why you have to keep ahead.”

Both high school coaches understand that many of their athletes use track as a cross training tool, and they welcome the opportunity to help them realize their full potential. Quero is sometimes frustrated by the resistance he feels from coaches of other sports, as though training with the track team could hamper an

athlete’s future, though Haley Lucas, Griffith Gates and plenty of other collegiate athletes who embraced track have proved otherwise.

“I don’t believe we are competing for an athlete’s time, I believe we are working together to help an athlete realize their full potential,” Quero says.

Conflicts with other sports will always be worked out, he assures.

“We just want to teach them what they need to be as good as they can be, as fast as they can be, in whatever sport they choose.”

Because faster is always better. ■

### Fast Facts: Track and Field

– Foothill High School Coach: Jorge Quero

– Amador Valley High School Coach: Peter Scarpelli

Track has something for everyone. There is more to track than just sprinting and jumping hurdles. Other events include shot put, pole vault, long jump, triple jump and discus.

Besides regular season league meets, track and field athletes can participate in East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) Championships, North Coast Section (NCS) Championships, Meet of Champions and State Meet, depending upon qualifying times.

This year’s track season officially begins Feb. 10; any preseason workouts prior to that are not mandatory. All athletes planning to participate in Track and Field need to complete their school’s sports packet, including a sports physical, before that date. Athletes may not participate in practice until they are cleared by the school.

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## Clubs

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

**LIONESS CLUB** The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly

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## Events

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** Donate blood and save a life! The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from 9 a.m.--2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3 at Patelco Credit Union, 5050 Hopyard Road. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (Sponsor Code: PATELCO) to schedule an appointment.

**BIRTHDAY BRUNCH IN LIVERMORE** The Widows and Widowers of

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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## Last chance to enjoy 'Drowsy'

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is wrapping up its production of "The Drowsy Chaperone," the most celebrated musical of the 2006 Broadway season, tomorrow, Feb. 1, at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. tomorrow. For tickets, call 373-6800 or visit [www.mylpac.com](http://www.mylpac.com). Starring in the show are Meghan Ihle as Kitty, Jeff Seaberg as Feldzieg, Catherine Williamson as Janet van de Graffe, Justin Isla as Gangster No. 1 and Daniel Quezada as Gangster No. 2.

Northern California invite you to a Birthday Brunch at noon on Sunday, Feb. 9 at Campo di Bocce in Livermore. Cost is \$29.95 for all drinks and food. RSVP to Harriett by Feb. 3 at 447-8229 or [hskoog@comcast.net](mailto:hskoog@comcast.net).

**BUNJO'S COMEDY ALL STAR SHOW** Come to Bunjo's Comedy All Star Show at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1 at The Winemakers Pourhouse, 2241 First St., Livermore. The show will feature some of the best comedians from the Bay Area and beyond. Tickets are \$10, and available at [www.bunjoscmedy.com](http://www.bunjoscmedy.com).

**GNON AT PANS ON FIRE** Join Girls Night Out Networking for a fabulous evening of networking and fun, from 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at Pans on Fire. Check out their great kitchenware! Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Prepay and RSVP by Feb. 3 at <http://gnon.org/rsvp.html>.

**LUNCH IN LIVERMORE** The Widows and Widowers of Northern California invite you to lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Mountain Mike's, 1472 North Vasco Road, Livermore. RSVP to Janet by Feb. 8 at 443-3317 or [hskoog@comcast.net](mailto:hskoog@comcast.net).

**TRI-VALLEY HAVEN PRESENTS 'THE GOOD BODY'** Tri-Valley Haven presents "The Good Body," a play by Eve Ensler, at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9 Las Positas' Mertes Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for students. Proceeds benefit TVH. Call 667-2707 or go to <http://thegoodbody.brownpapertickets.com>.

**VFW BENEFIT TEA DANCE** The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 presents the Mellotones jazz combo in a Wednesday afternoon tea dance from 1-3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Veterans Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. Cost is \$10. Contact 443-2224 or [joephylb@att.net](mailto:joephylb@att.net).

## Exhibits

**'JUST ADD WATER' -- 'BLACK ON WHITE'** The Harrington Gallery at 4444 Railroad Ave. presents two new exhibits, "Just Add Water," featuring water color works and "Black on White," featuring works in charcoal, ink and welding, running from Jan. 22-Feb. 22.

## Fundraisers

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

**FOOTHILL BAND CRAB FEED AND AUCTION** Come enjoy good friends, great food and fabulous music by Foothill's award winning Jazz Band, from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Tickets are \$47. All proceeds go toward supporting the music program at Foothill High. Contact [ilocate@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ilocate@sbcglobal.net) or go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/fhs-band-crab-feed-and-auction-2014-tickets-9646682487>.

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

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**KIDS VALENTINE'S COOKIE DECORATING** Stop by with your kids and let them express their artistic talent icing delicious heart shaped cookies, from noon-2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9 at New Leaf Markets. Free! Call 621-7660, ext. 120 or go to [www.newleaf.com](http://www.newleaf.com).

**MONARCH MADNESS** What is the life of a Monarch butterfly like? Learn about the habits, habitats, and migration patterns of these beautiful creatures at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Ages 5-11. Cost is \$3 for residents, \$5 for non-residents. Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) using code 56840.

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

**STAR PARTY!** Take in the beauty of the night sky from 7:30-9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Pleasanton's naturalist will share some astronomical stories and we'll take a look at the wonders above! Ages 6-12. Cost is \$12 for residents, \$15 for non-residents, parents free! Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) using code 56837.

## Lectures/ Workshops

**COOKING CLASS: SWEETHEARTS MEAL** Give your loved ones the gift of a gourmet meal for Valentine's Day. At this demo-style class you'll learn from Nutritional Educator and Holistic Chef Suzanne Aziz how to cook a special seasonal, gluten and dairy-free meal, from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at New Leaf Markets. Enjoy recipes which you can take and recreate at home! Free. Call 621-7660 ext. 120 or go to [www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com](http://www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com).

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

**LOSE WEIGHT ON A GLUTEN-FREE DIET** Coach Kim Rice will share how to optimize the benefits of

a gluten-free diet and achieve a healthy body weight for you from 6:30-7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6 at New Leaf Markets. Free! Preregistration required. Call 621-7660 ext. 120 or go to [www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com](http://www.newleafpleasanton.eventbrite.com).

**MERVYN DANKER: JEWISH DIASPORA** Mervyn Danker, Director of the American Jewish Committee's San Francisco office, is a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker who will discuss Israel's position on the turmoil in the Middle East and the effect of these troubling events on the Jewish diaspora, from 7:39-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Cost is \$10. Call 931-1055.

## Live Music

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

## Miscellaneous

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ONLINE BOOK SALE** Did you know you could buy books from the Friends of the Library at Amazon.com? The Friends have a year round magazine and paperback book sale in the library and have two major book sales a year. To buy books, visit [www.amazon.com/shops/ptwnfriends](http://www.amazon.com/shops/ptwnfriends) or call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.

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

**WORLD WALK TO WELLNESS** Pleasanton's World Walk to Wellness group meets at 9 a.m. each Saturday to chat and explore while getting exercise. Most walks last 90 minutes; all are free. To be on the list to receive information each Thursday about that week's walk, email [walks@worldwalktowellness.org](mailto:walks@worldwalktowellness.org).

## On Stage

**'A CHORUS LINE' AT FIREHOUSE ARTS CENTER** Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre presents a new production of the musical theater classic "A Chorus Line," at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Jan. 24-Feb. 9 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$17-\$38. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**'KISSIN' THE CHOCOLATE BLUES'** See "Kissin' The Chocolate Blues," an on stage valentine to Dr. Maya Angelou starring Faith Alpher, Sandra Kay and Jessica Reaber. The show will be on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$12. Go to [www.FirehouseArts.org](http://www.FirehouseArts.org), or <http://www.SheSaysWithASmile.blogspot.com>.

**'THE DROWSY CHAPERONE'** Come see "The Drowsy Chaperone" at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 18-Feb. 1 at the Bankhead Theatre, 2400 First St., Livermore. Cost is \$28-\$38. Call 373-6800 or go to [www.mylvpac.com](http://www.mylvpac.com).

## Scholarships

**AMADOR VALLEY SCHOLARSHIPS, INC.** Scholarships available for graduating seniors at Village, Foothill and Amador High School, from now through Mar. 21. Guidelines and application now available on the web site [www.amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org](http://www.amadorvalleyscholarshipsinc.org).

## Seniors

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

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

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

**WORDS IN BLOOM** Words in Bloom is a writers workshop for seniors from 9 a.m.-noon on the first and third Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Everyone has a story, come and share yours. Share your legacy with your loved ones, and learn to create a new story from your imagination along the way. Cost is \$1.75 for residents, \$2.25 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 or go to [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

## Spiritual

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

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

**WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**

## PET OF THE WEEK

### Keyboard companion

Vladimir, a 5-year-old domestic short-hair male, might be called a personal assistant. He loves keyboards, computer screens and desks — after he demonstrates his typing, he might take a nap right on the keyboard. Actually he's not a workaholic, he just wants to be close to his person. Meet Vladimir at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center located at 4651 Gleason Drive. Visit [www.eastbayspca.org](http://www.eastbayspca.org) to see more adoptable animals or call 479-9670.



EAST BAY SPCA

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

## Support Groups

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

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)** NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets twice a month for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets from 7-9 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 114,

Pleasanton. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. For more information contact Suzi Glorioso at 443-1797 or email [glorios4@comcast.net](mailto:glorios4@comcast.net).

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

**WIDOW'S CONNECTION** Join this faith based community group for widows, dedicated to discussing and sharing the cares and concerns that pertain to the group, providing opportunities for social activities and connection, and making a difference by serving and reaching out to those in the community and beyond. For more information, or if you know someone who's interested, call Lone Galat at 523-3037.

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

## 'Songs of Longing and Belonging'

**Mother-son duo offering a unique musical experience**

**BY DOLORES FOX  
CIARDELLI**



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Classical harpist Dominique Piana and tenor Greg Allen Friedman will perform songs both well-known and unusual at the Firehouse Arts Center on Feb. 15.

In a program sure to delight the ears of music lovers, classical harpist Dominique Piana and tenor Greg Allen Friedman will perform songs both well-known and unusual at the Firehouse Arts Center in two weeks. The concert is titled "Songs of Longing and Belonging, a Unique Art Song Experience."

The Cantabella Honors Choir, directed by Eileen Chang, will be featured as an opening act with works by Mendelssohn, Britten, Bárdos and Shin. Then, Piana and Friedman have chosen beloved classics of the lied and mélodie repertoire, normally for voice and piano, offset by original works with harp accompaniment that Piana has rediscovered and republished.

Dominique Piana grew up outside of Brussels, Belgium, the oldest of six children in a musical family where singing was loved above all. She studied piano as a girl, then majored in harp at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Brussels.

In an earlier interview she said she believes classical music is God's gift to the world.

"It's how he teaches us about beauty, goodness and aspirations to the highest of human values, such as love," she said.

What appealed to her most about play-

ing the harp was the idea of touching the strings directly.

"With the harp, you do it all yourself with your fingertips," she explained.

"It's hard to get respect for the harp as a classical instrument that has something to say," she added. "It can express as much as a piano, a violin or a cello about the feelings and values of the human experience."

In the United States, Piana was invited to study with master teacher Susann McDonald in Los Angeles, earned her M.A. at Claremont Graduate University, and taught as Adjunct Professor of Harp at the University of Redlands until 2001. She has toured her poetic program, "The Romantic Spirit," throughout the Western states.

After moving to Pleasanton in 2001, Dominique founded the Pleasanton Chamber Players with the help of the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and joined the faculty at Holy Names University. She has released three CDs, writes musicological articles, edits and publishes music through her company Harpiana Publications and has been listed in the International Who's Who in Music since 1990.

Tenor Greg Allen Friedman, Piana's son, started taking singing lessons with Pleas-

anton voice teacher Sarah Franklin while at Foothill High School. He went on to earn music performance degrees at San Francisco State University and from the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University, where he performed the role of Icarus/Young Boy in the Chicago premiere of Daron Hagen's 2010 opera, "Amelia."

Friedman is currently training with master teacher Cesar Ulloa in San Francisco, and coaches with Erie Mills whenever possible. Greg began transitioning from baritone to tenor three years ago, and his wide ranged and expressive voice is uniquely suited to the subtleties of art song.

Among the classics on the program are Schubert's folk song-like Heidenröslein, Schumann's beloved Widmung, Dvorak's haunting "Songs My Mother Taught Me," and the luscious wedding song Morgen Richard Strauss dedicated to his wife.

Schumann wrote a set of Byron Lieder (or Hebrew Songs) for the harp, and at the end of the classical era, when the popularity of the harp equaled the piano's, many songs were written "for piano or harp." A prime example from that period is the dramatic ...Élégie by Reichardt, a Kapellmeister to three Prussian kings who

was one of the first lieder composers.

These are the types of music that Piana excels at uncovering and presenting to other music lovers. She believes that among musical instruments, none is more personal than the human voice, and this intimate and unique art song concert promises a full program with perspectives from the personal to the universal. ■

### *Art-song experience*

**WHAT:** "Songs of Longing and Belonging"

**WHO:** Greg Allen Friedman, tenor, and Dominique Piana, harp, with Cantabella Honors Choir

**WHEN:** 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15

**WHERE:** Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

**TICKETS:** \$12-\$20; call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)

# Assisting with clothing and books

Shopping spree gets kids set for school year

Assistance League of Amador Valley once again stepped up last fall to help Tri-Valley families struggling to make ends meet, by taking their children shopping for clothes in a program called Operation School Bell.

The children were identified by their schools as those that could use some help, and this year the 76 Assistance League members helped out 354 youngsters, shopping at Kohl's and Pay Less Shoes.

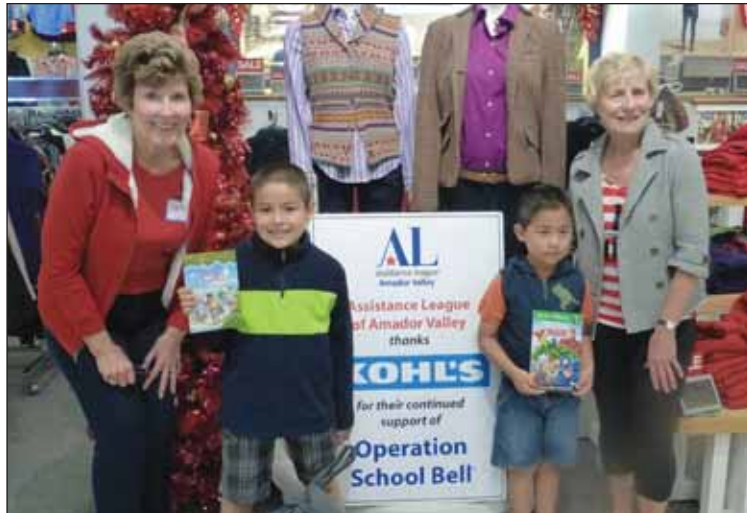
The program is led by Nancy Carter and Carol Sum.

"The thousands of dollars were very well-spent," Carter said.

"One little boy couldn't believe he was receiving something new, having always had used clothes," Sum added.

They noted that when children feel better about the way they look, they have higher self-esteem and perform better in school.

This year, there was a book-raising event in conjunction with Operation School Bell, leading up to Make a Difference Day on Oct. 26, a national day of community service. So many books were accumulated that there were enough



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Sandra Warren, Sapna and Ram Mahey, and Dolores Griffith are pleased with the results of Operation School Bell in the fall.

to hand out to each child during the month after they received the clothing.

"In some cases, this was their first book, and it helped add smiles on their faces," said Sandra Warren, committee chairwoman.

"Most of the children were very

pleased they were receiving a free book they could choose themselves, and a first-grader was so thrilled with his choice that he proceeded to read it to me right there," added committee member Clare Carlson.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Foothill High DECA students won 25 awards at the Northern California DECA District Conference earlier this month. They compete Feb. 6-9 at the state level in Anaheim.

# Foothill DECA takes home regional wins

Students move on to compete at state level

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

Twenty-one DECA students from Foothill High picked up 25 awards at the Northern California DECA District Conference earlier this month.

DECA is an international association of students and teachers focusing on marketing, and management in business, finance, hospitality, and marketing sales and service. Foothill students presented business plans and delivered presentations to various industry professionals who volunteered as judges.

Crystal Tang picked up first- and third-place awards for apparel and accessories marketing and international business plan. She was one of a handful of double award winners from Foothill.

Other first-place finishers were Byron Lo for food marketing, and Pierrick Genard for hotel and lodging management. Priya Gambhir and Priyanka Walimbe both took first place for travel and tourism team-

decision making.

Second-place winners were Shivi Bhatnagar, automotive services marketing; Ashwin Kumar, sports and entertainment marketing; Ardin Lo, food marketing; Andrew Nam, retail marketing; and Luka Qin, restaurant and food service management. Kate Oh and Christine Oh both won second place for marketing communications team-decision making.

"This is Foothill DECA's best showing by far, and it is largely due to the excellent training implemented by this year's outstanding team of chapter officers," said Tami Raaker, Foothill DECA Advisor. "I couldn't be more proud."

Members from Foothill DECA will be traveling Feb. 6-9 to compete at the state level in Anaheim. If they're successful, Foothill's DECA members will get the chance to compete at the International Career Development Conference set for May 2-7 in Atlanta. ■

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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council

Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: P13-2458, City of Pleasanton – (1) Consider introduction of Ordinance to amend Chapter 18.88 (Off-Street Parking Facilities) of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to modify parking requirements in exchange for fulfilling objectives of the Downtown Specific Plan; and (2) the Negative Declaration prepared for the proposed code amendment
- Review and approval of the Elements and Design for the Oak Woodland Area of the Bernal Property
- Review and accept the results of the FM3 Citizen Satisfaction Survey and the Proposed Performance Evaluation Metrics
- Review and accept the Long-Term Fiscal Impact Analysis of the General Plan and Housing Element Update

### Civic Arts Commission

Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Presentation on Commissioner's Application Review using ZoomGrants: An Online Grant Application Software Program

### Human Services Commission

Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of FY 2013/14 Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSB) Semi-Annual Reports
- Discuss Evaluation Process and Meeting Format for FY 2013/14 Housing and Human Services Grant Program Review

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### Commission Vacancies Recruitment

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

#### Housing Commission

#### Economic Vitality Committee

1 Member from each of the following categories:  
Green Economy/Environmental Industry  
Medical Technology  
Residential Real Estate Developer  
Applications are available at the City Clerk's Office,  
123 Main Street, or on the City's website at  
<http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/pdf/CommissionApplication2.pdf>

For additional information,  
Contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PUBLIC COMMENT IS WELCOME**

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## Coach Costello inducted into Chabot College Athletics Hall of Fame

Pleasanton man makes an impact on basketball community

BY MARK KREIDLER AND  
COLLEEN COSTELLO-KREIDLER

The reach and impact of longtime college basketball coach Tony Costello's stellar career continues to be felt.

On an evening filled with laughter, tears and heartfelt remembrances, Costello was posthumously inducted into the Chabot College Athletics Hall of Fame during a moving ceremony on Jan. 8. The honor was bestowed less than five months after Costello, a longtime Pleasanton resident and Amador Valley High basketball player and graduate, died in August of pancreatic cancer at age 57.

Fittingly, Costello's induction was announced at halftime of a traditional-rivalry game between Chabot College and Las Positas College, the two schools at which he coached for more than two decades. Costello sent dozens of basketball players from both schools on to scholarships at four-year universities, inspiring both individual and team successes along the way.

"Something more important than winning took place on this special night," Jeff Drouin, the athletic director at Chabot, said in an email about Costello's induction. "We honored a lost colleague, who spent nearly 25 years of his life dedicated to student-athletes and basketball at both campuses."

Among those present at the Jan. 8 cer-



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emony were Costello's wife, Liane Genoni; his children Kelsey and Aaron Costello and Kyle Genoni; his parents, Anthony and Joan Costello of Pleasanton; his brothers and sisters, and dozens of members of the Costello and Genoni's extended family.

The induction also was attended by several members of the Chabot Community College District board of trustees, members of Chabot's athletics and basketball staff, fellow coaches and, in an appropriate tribute, a fellow member of the Chabot Athletics Hall of Fame: Tony's nephew, E.J. Costello, the former Foothill High star who went on to play for his uncle at Chabot.

Accepting the induction plaque from Athletic Director Drouin on behalf of the Costello family was Tom Costello, Tony's youngest of seven siblings and a fellow coach. Tom Costello, a former Amador Valley High star who also played for Tony at Chabot, is the head coach at Dublin High School.

"A brother coach-and-player combo seemed kind of weird at first, but it was

during that time I could witness first-hand what a man of character truly looks like," Tom Costello said. "He taught us (players) so many life lessons without even knowing and with such humility. It was just Tony's way of doing things. He treated everyone with respect.

"Whether you were a starter, the last guy coming off the bench, a fellow colleague here at school, or a parent, you always got Tony's best," he continued. "He always made time for you. He was a true teacher in every sense of the word. He didn't just tell us how to act, but he showed us how to act. People, not just players, mattered to him most."

In 14 years at Chabot beginning in 1992, Tony Costello's teams piled up 250 victories, qualified 12 times for the community college playoffs, and reached the Sweet 16 in the state tournament on three occasions. Moving on to Las Positas and starting the basketball program from scratch in 2005, Costello added another 100 victories in his first six years on campus. Las Positas reached the state tourney's Sweet 16 for the first time in its history in 2012.

But Costello was equally revered for his dedicated service to his players and the schools' athletics programs, each of which received the benefit of his abundant energy. Wrangling living quarters for transfers, finding part-time jobs for players, even lo-

**"He was a true teacher in every sense of the word. He didn't just tell us how to act, but he showed us how to act. People, not just players, mattered to him most."**

**Tom Costello**

ating the right size pair of donated shoes for a big-footed center — all were routine parts of Costello's approach to his job.

As friends and colleagues recalled, Costello was passionate about his players' educations, and he often went to great lengths to find or create a study environment that could work with their schedules. His 1997 Chabot team won the State Scholar Award with a cumulative overall grade point average of 3.3.

Held in high regard by his coaching peers, Costello was named president of the California Community College Men's Basketball Coaches Association, a position he held from 2003 to 2005.

The induction ceremony also served as a money-raiser for the Coach Tony Costello Scholarship at Las Positas College, with Chabot's athletic department donating all of the evening's gate proceeds to the fund. The final tally was well above the \$1,500 that Drouin had set as a goal.

"It goes to prove that when it comes to honoring someone who was so dedicated to our students' futures, we put our differences aside and come together in these moments," Drouin said. "I am sincerely grateful." ■



JEFFERY BENNETT

Tony Costello coaches his community college players during a timeout. He was posthumously inducted into the Chabot College Athletics Hall of Fame.



LEANN BIASATTI

## Tommy Yozzo: wrestling champ

Tommy Yozzo of Amador Valley High, who was undefeated and all Tourney at the Don Duals and Redwood Duals, takes a shot at a recent wrestling match. He also won the Green and Gold Tourney and was named MVP. He placed fifth at the Reno Tourney of Champions "Toughest Tourney in the West," has won both duals and placed second at the prestigious Five Counties Tourney in Huntington Beach on Jan. 16-17. Despite being unseeded, Tommy won five matches in a row to get to the Championship Match. He lost to the No. 1-ranked wrestler in California by decision. He is 25-2 on the year with his other loss against a two-time Colorado State Champion. Tommy is a two-time California State Qualifier narrowly missing a state placing last year.

## TV30: Basketball is back

Boys and girls events will air this season

Tri-Valley TV30 is bringing viewers the excitement of high school basketball for the third year, recording five basketball games this season. The games will be tape delayed and may be viewed on Comcast TV Channel 30 and AT&T U-verse via Channel 99 as well as streaming on the TV30 website at [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org).

"Viewers have asked us to increase our high school sports coverage," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director of Tri-Valley TV. "All together TV30 will broadcast over 10 sporting events this academic year. Additionally, we are happy to announce that we will be highlighting two girls basketball games this season."

Play by play and color announcing will include TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew, George Dr. "B" Baljevich and Tim Sbranti. Interviews during the game will include coaches, principals, players, students and more.

Matchups scheduled to be broadcast are:

- Amador Valley at Foothill — boys
- Redwood Christian at Valley Christian — girls
- Alhambra at Dublin — girls
- Alhambra at Dublin — boys
- Granada at Livermore — boys

The games will air multiple times including every Saturday night at 7 p.m. starting Feb. 1. For complete air dates and times, visit the Tri-Valley TV website at [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org) or watch when it's convenient by going to [tv30.org](http://tv30.org) and using the free Video on Demand service. DVDs of the games also may be purchased at the website.

"None of this programming is possible without the financial support of the community and the TV30 Foundation," Tench-Stevens added. "We are thankful to those who help us support high school sports in this manner." ■



COURTESY TV30

The crosstown rivalry boys basketball game was aired last year on TV30.



Play by play announcing will be done for TV30 by (l-r) Ian Bartholomew, Tim Sbranti and George Dr. "B" Baljevich.

## PREP LINE-UP

### Jan. 31

- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador vs. California, home
- Girls' Basketball: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. California, home
- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, home

### Feb. 1

- Amador Wrestling: 7 a.m., Puma Classic Tournament, Maria Carrillo High School

### Feb. 2

- Foothill Wrestling: 9:30 a.m., Oakland Winter Classic Tournament, Castlemont High School

### Feb. 4

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

### Feb. 5

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

### Feb. 6

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

### Feb. 7

- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador

vs. De La Salle, home

- Girls' Basketball: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Carondelet, away
- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, away

### Feb. 11

- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, home
- Girls' Basketball: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away
- Boys' Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. California, away
- Girls' Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. California, home
- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, home
- Girls' Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Boys' Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, home

### Feb. 12

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

### Feb. 13

- Boys' Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill, home
- Girls' Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill, away
- Girls' Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, home
- Boys' Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, away

### Feb. 14

- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, away
- Girls' Basketball: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, home
- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, away

### Feb. 18

- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley, away
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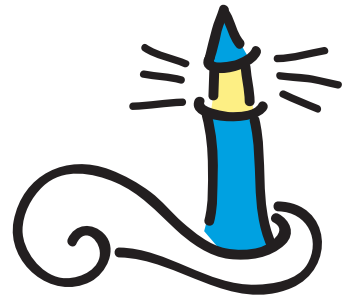
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## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

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File No.: 486303

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KUA THAI  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 486746

The following person(s) doing business as: KUA THAI, 610 MAIN ST. SUITE G, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Karite Upuia Ahkiang, 456 Amaral Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/10/2014. Signature of Registrant: Karite Upuia Ahkiang. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/10/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21; 2014)

LIZUSH  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 486610

The following person(s) doing business as: LIZUSH, 8005 REGENCY DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aliza Siman-Tov, 8005 Regency Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/03/2014. Signature of Registrant: Aliza Siman-Tov. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/07/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21; 2014)

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## New-home sales up 16.4% in 2013

December sales fell 7% due to cold weather back east

By JEB BING

Sales of newly built, single-family homes fell 7% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 414,000 units in December but were up 16.4% across the country in 2013.

Newly released figures from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Census Bureau also reported that mortgage rates are still favorable despite some increases last year.

"December's decline in new-home sales follows elevated levels in the previous two months and means the fourth quarter was still much stronger than the third," said Rick Judson, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Charlotte, N.C. "While we expect sales to gain strength in 2014, builders still face considerable constraints, including tight credit conditions for home buyers,

and a limited supply of labor and buildable lots."

NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe agreed.

"Consumers are getting used to more realistic mortgage rates, which still remain favorable on a historical basis," he said. "As household formations and pent-up demand continue to emerge, we anticipate that 2014 will be a strong year for housing."

Regionally, new-home sales activity fell 36.4% in the weather-battered Northeast, 7.3% in the South and 8.8% in the West. The Midwest posted a gain of 17.6%.

The inventory of new homes fell to 171,000 units in February, which is a five-month supply at the current sales pace. Although this is an increase over the previous month, it is due to the slower sales pace in December. ■

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Danville

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**236 Gamay Court** **\$995,000**  
Sat 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

### Livermore

#### 2 BEDROOMS

**342 Chris Common #104** **\$287,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 367-7414

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**1247 De Paul Way** **\$695,000**  
Sat 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

**2714 Silverado Lane** **\$1,145,000**  
Sat 10-1 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

### Pleasanton

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**4379 Diavila Ave.** **\$749,000**  
Sat 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

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

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**3623 Cameron Ave.** **\$1,625,000**  
Sun 1-4 BHG Tri-Valley Realty 463-9500

**871 Gray Fox Circle** **\$1,498,000**  
Sun 1-3 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

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#### 2 BEDROOMS

**2644 Shadow Mountain Drive** **\$569,950**  
Sat 1-4 Denise Ivaldi (510) 325-7997

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**3101 Lakemont Drive** **\$570,000**  
Sat 2-4 Joyce Jones 998-3398

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## SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Dec. 20-27)

Total sales reported: 12

Lowest sale reported: \$285,000

Highest sale reported: \$2,680,000

Average sales reported: \$1,089,667

Source: California REsource

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 20-Jan. 8

### Pleasanton

**2125 Arroyo Court #2** D. & J. Smith to P. Gupta for \$285,000

**5719 Belleza Drive** L. Sayami to T. & J. Yoon for \$575,000

**3003 Briggs Court** Milam Trust to Marjanovic Trust for \$1,516,000

**2830 Cupflower Court** R. Clune to B. & S. Bollini for \$784,000

**4444 Foothill Road** F. & S. Schommer to J. & L. Hoban for \$1,140,000

**2966 Liberty Drive** Berger Trust to N. & L. Titangos for \$570,000

**3729 Marlboro Way** K. Nakamura to T. Mai for \$378,000

**567 Montori Court** J. & C. Sanchez to C. Min for \$960,000

**6861 Paseo Santa Cruz** S. & K. Lund to Z. Zhao for \$948,000

**2424 West Ruby Hill Drive** T. & A. Vardell to Y. Liang for \$2,680,000

**2996 West Ruby Hill Drive** Felts Trust to J. & M. Parker for \$2,200,000

**1532 Whispering Oak Way** Bayani Trust to N. & C. Jain for \$1,040,000

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# HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

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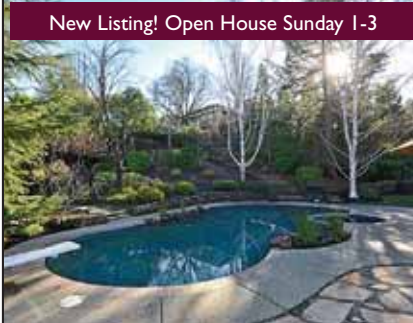


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