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# AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

## Dog park needed, but where?

Dog parks have been on the city government's wish list for years and now a second one, or possibly a third, may be built. Up to now, a narrow fenced-in section of Muirwood Park has served for more than a decade as Pleasanton's lone place for dogs to run off-leash, although most of us wouldn't know that by walking around town. Go to any public park and you have to be careful where you walk. Even though most dog owners carry pooper-scooper bags as they walk their dogs, enough don't so that it's a concern, especially of sports groups who have to play on messy fields.

Last week, Mayor Jerry Thorne, with the support of fellow council members, asked city staff to recommend sites for more dog parks. Most thought that at least one would be built at Bernal Community Park, a largely vacant parcel of land where there are now lighted baseball fields and where another section will soon be developed with more sports fields and a spacious wooded park, with trails and even a flowing creek. A small corner of the new section is set aside for a dog park, but that's now caused a ruckus.

It seems that when plans for developing Bernal Park went to voters for approval in November 2006, all sorts of possible uses were listed, including a 4-H demonstration area, youth and cultural arts centers, but no dog park. To build one there could mean having to go back to voters, a time-consuming and costly process no one wants to undertake. That's a clarification Thorne is seeking after dog lovers, along with many city and civic leaders, said they want a dog park there.

According to Dogtime Magazine, dog parks are the fastest-growing segment of urban park improvements, with more than 600 off-leash parks in the country's 100 largest cities for pooches to putter around and play. Bonita Springs in Florida just spent \$400,000 for a dog park that will include asphalt walkways, a shaded pavilion and picnic tables. Dog Wood Park in Jacksonville, Fla. charges \$11 per dog for its new park, but maybe it's worth it. You get 42 acres of open space, agility courses, 10 acres of nature trails, three lighted acres for use until 10 p.m. and access for you and your pup to Lake Bow-



Heather Smalley holds her dog Lily, a Pomapoo, at the off-leash dog park located at the far end of Muirwood Community Park alongside I-680.

Wow, a 2-acre swimming lake.

Seattle has 11 off-leash parks within the city limits, including 9-acre Magnuson Dog Park that has access to a freshwater beach. Millie Bush Bark Park in Houston, named for the English Springer Spaniel that shared the White House with George and Barbara Bush, is a sprawling 13-acre dog park with three ponds, water fountains and wash stations. Pilgrim Bark Park in Provincetown, Mass., consistently makes Dogtime Magazine's cut as the top dog park in America, and here's why. It's filled with wonderful structures, painted benches and tall sculptures by the surrounding artists of Cape Cod.

Closer to home, Point Isabel in Richmond is a one-of-a-kind, landscaped park offering 23 acres of off-leash freedom for dogs. It even has its own dog bath vendor, Mudpuddy's Tub & Scrub, and a gourmet cafe for people called Sit and Stay. Half a million dogs visit Point Isabel each year, Dogtime Magazine writer Pamela Abramson reports.

I don't know how much it would cost to fence off a couple of acres for a dog run on Bernal, but probably nowhere close to Bonita Springs' \$400,000. Most of us just want something a bit bigger and more park-like than the narrow strip alongside I-680 in Muirwood Park. Surely, Bernal Community Park with its 318 acres centrally located in Pleasanton is the best spot for at least one more dog park and a place that would persuade dog owners to let their pets run free other than in the city's other public parks where we often see them running now. ■

## About the Cover

Evie Moller, who turns 100 today, has saved two ornate Valentines she received 90 years ago from two young admirers. "I wonder what ever happened to them," she mused. Photo by Dolores Fox Ciardelli. Cover design by Rosanna Leung.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

**What is the best piece of advice you would be able to give someone in just two words?**



**Michelle O'Grady**

*Technical consultant*

Don't Worry. It has taken me more than 50 years to learn that lesson, but it's a really good lesson. Worrying accomplishes nothing at all and just wastes a lot of time and energy. It's actually a very counter-productive emotion.



**Amir Desai**

*Elementary school student*

Try Hard. When you try hard, and practice, you can get good at things, like sports, and win!



**Keysur Desai**

*Consultant*

Help Others. I feel like so many bad things happen in the world, but fewer bad things will happen, and more good things will happen, if you help others whenever and wherever you are able to.



**Claire Smith**

*Advertising executive*

I think it would have to be "Be Kind." When I'm kind to others, no matter what the context is, I just feel good. And since kindness toward other people makes them feel good too, everyone wins.



**Taylor Laporte**

*Food services*

Work Hard. No matter what you are doing, if you work hard, you can always make something good come out of it.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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# Newsfront

## DIGEST

### Rockin' cause

Local alternative rock band Ten Car Train is set to perform at Handles Gastropub next weekend to benefit the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation.

"We all have strong ties with Pleasanton and doing this as a benefit for PPIE makes the show even better for us," said Chris Zaballos, guitarist and vocalist for the band.

Tickets cost \$10 at the door, with all proceeds going to the PPIE. Additionally, Handles will donate 10% of dinner sales that evening to the foundation.

The concert is scheduled for Feb. 22 at 9 p.m. at the restaurant and bar, 855 Main St.

### Meat recalled

Petaluma-based Rancho Feeding Corp. last weekend recalled more than 8.7 million pounds of meat deemed unfit for human consumption, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

FSIS officials determined the company "processed diseased and unsound animals and carried out these activities without the benefit or full benefit of federal inspection."

The meat in question — produced between Jan. 1, 2013 and Jan. 7, 2014 — included items such as beef tongue, beef carcasses and veal cuts, according to federal officials.

The products were reportedly shipped from Petaluma to distributors and retailers located in California, Florida, Illinois and Texas.

For more information about the recall, visit [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov).

### Teacher awards

The California Retired Teachers Association has given out its annual \$150 stipends to 15 active local teachers to support a specific project to benefit their students. The association received 153 applications from teachers, according to communications chairwoman Cathe Norman.

This year's awards were as follows: Pleasanton — Tony Battilega et al, Emely Correia, Carol Kato, Renee Ogle and Abbie Rockwell; Dublin — Kate Deloache, Shaun Martins, Lu Middleton and Jonathan Ulrich; and Livermore — Janet Bacchus, K. Barcelona/P. Baker, Ann Brown, Katelyn Medina, Karen Shepard and Lindsay Milligan.

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## CEO Marcy Feit exits ValleyCare Health System

Feit, 70, is facing her own health challenges, son says

BY JEB BING

Marcy Feit, ValleyCare Health System's president and CEO since 1997, quit her post suddenly last week.

John Sensiba, chairman of the ValleyCare board of directors, said Feit's departure occurred at the board's meeting Feb. 4 and was announced to the ValleyCare medical and support staff the next day. He said the reasons for Feit's departure would be explained later.

The board immediately named as interim ValleyCare CEO Scott Gregerson, who is the health system's vice president of Strategic Partnerships.

Sensiba said he couldn't talk about Feit's departure "at this time," but a message he is sending to the supporters of the system indicates Feit's departure may not have been voluntary.

"Health care in general and at ValleyCare specifically are going through tremendous changes

to adapt to the new health care environment," Sensiba said in his message about Feit's departure. "In recent years we have partnered with numerous organizations and individuals to increase our strength in the market place, including the formation of a medical foundation and our physician network. We are continuing to look at additional partners and affiliations that can help us to preserve and enhance our services to the community."

Sensiba said that the board and its management team are "implementing short-term and long-term strategies to ensure the fiscal health of the organization."

"You can be assured that any decisions we make will be based on our mission that is fo-

cused on patient care, safety and quality," he added. "We have a number of strategic decisions in front of us that we will continue to explore and implement."

Sensiba said he and others on the volunteer board of directors will continue to devote the time required to keep ValleyCare "moving forward."

Feit was appointed president and CEO of ValleyCare Health System in July 1997. She is a board member of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine in stem cell research, and has served on a state strategic planning committee for nursing, the Medical/Auxiliary Advisory Committee for Chabot College and the board of directors for Hope Hospice.

She is currently a member of the Tri-Valley Business Council and serves as a member of



Marcy Feit

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JEREMY WALSH

A group of Hearst Elementary School first-graders pet Tuna, a 10-month-old domestic long-haired cat, while learning about the East Bay SPCA and making Valentines to be displayed at the organization's Dublin facility. East Bay SPCA humane education manager Joelle Cook (back) visited Julia Driver's first-grade class Tuesday afternoon to teach the young students about pet care and animal awareness. The class raised \$113 to support the local SPCA.

## No charges in case of beaten man

DA cites 'lack of sufficient evidence;' police close investigation

No charges will be filed against the teens involved in an altercation that left a Pleasanton man bleeding and unconscious outside his Middleton Place home last September.

"The Alameda County District Attorney has chosen not to pursue criminal charges citing lack of sufficient evidence to conclude a public offense was committed," police Sgt. Maria Munayer said last Friday.

David Lamont was struck outside his home early Sept. 21 after confronting teens about making noise in the quiet cul-de-sac where he lived. He was found lying in the street, bleeding and comatose, when he didn't return inside following the altercation.

Lamont was moved to a rehab center after a lengthy stay at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley. He continues what a family friend described as a long period of rehabilitation, learning to talk and walk again.

In the weeks that followed, police said they had what they described as "credible leads,"

and narrowed the investigation to three local teens — "people who are high school age," Munayer said early in the investigation. One, an 18-year-old from outside the area, was described as a "person of interest."

During the investigation, Pleasanton police detectives worked in collaboration with the Alameda County DA's Office and kept prosecutors informed of developments and leads in the case.

Then last Friday, Munayer said, "The case has been closed and no further investigation is pending."

Last month, Lamont's wife, Agnes, talked about the family's ordeal in an open letter.

"Dave was left for dead but thanks to a wonderful miracle and outstanding medi-

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David Lamont

## PUSD eyes job restorations, smaller classes

Spending plan would bring back assistant principals, custodians

BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

After years of paring down its budget, the Pleasanton School Board is considering bringing back some jobs permanently and restoring others for a year.

The board is also looking at several plans that could lower class sizes for kindergarten through third grade.

Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares told the board Tuesday night that "there have been no significant changes to the governor's budget" since last month. Based on those figures, Cazares has recommended restoring about \$2.9 million — \$1.8 million in staff and programs on an ongoing basis and another \$1.1 million in one-time restorations for the next school year.

Permanent restorations include \$180,000 for assistant principals "to allow for a half-time assistant principal at every one of our elementary schools," Cazares told the board.

Under the proposed spending plan, she said, "every school would have an additional half-time custodian." The total cost for custodians would be about \$315,000, with a mix of ongoing and temporary restorations. It would put staffing close to where it was before years of budget cuts.

Cazares' plan would also put \$550,000 toward maintenance that's been put off for years.

The district will also have to pay for two school nurses. ValleyCare Medical Center has paid for those nurses for the last two years, but has told the district it can no longer do so. Budgeting \$160,000 to restore those nurses, Cazares said, would "maintain our status quo."

Other proposed restorations include:

- \$640,000 for instructional coaches in literacy, math and technology, and \$24,000 for an assessment coordinator.
- \$408,000 to bring back counselors at elementary, middle and high schools.
- \$400,000 for a physical education specialist once a week for first- through fifth-grade students.

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## Alameda County ranks 4th in median income

Trails Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara in statewide report

By JEB BING

The statewide median income for all 2012 individual tax returns was \$35,910, an increase of 3.5% over 2011's median income amount, according to a report issued this week by the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB).

For joint returns, the statewide median income was \$70,938, an increase of 4.1% over 2011, the board's report showed.

"Median income" is the point where one half of the tax returns is above and one half is below the midpoint of the range of values. Median income represents the income reported by a typical California individual or couple.

California taxpayers filed nearly 16 million state income tax returns in 2012, reporting almost \$1.5 trillion of adjusted gross income. This is an increase of 27.7% from the tax year 2011 figure of \$1.1 trillion. Adjusted gross income is a tax term that means the total income increased or reduced by specific adjustments, before taking the standard or itemized deduction.

Over the past 40 years, the Bay Area counties of Marin, San Mateo,

Santa Clara and Alameda have consistently reported the highest median incomes. Marin County still has the highest median income for joint returns, reporting \$127,471 — an increase of 6.1% over 2011.

Here are the top 10 counties by rank with their median income for joint returns:

1. Marin - \$127,471
2. San Mateo - \$109,827
3. Santa Clara - \$109,309
4. Alameda - \$93,557
5. Contra Costa - \$93,367
6. San Francisco - \$87,446
7. Placer - \$83,869
8. El Dorado - \$82,706
9. Orange - \$78,108
10. Ventura - \$77,340

Los Angeles County taxpayers filed more than a quarter (26.6%) of all 2012 income tax returns in California. It reported median incomes of \$31,144 for all individual returns, and \$60,939 for joint returns, ranking 36th and 25th, respectively.

The largest percentage gain in median income for all counties was 6%, reported in Contra Costa County. For joint filed returns, the largest increase was in San Francisco County with a 7.7% increase. ■

## Judges extend deadline for California prison reduction

In exchange, state agrees not to appeal any more orders or seek future extensions

A federal three-judge panel Monday gave Gov. Jerry Brown's administration a two-year extension of a deadline for reducing the number of inmates in the state's overcrowded prisons.

The judges said they were reluctant to extend the deadline, but were doing so because the state has now proposed a plan for a long-term, sustainable solution to overcrowding.

"Resolving the conditions in California prisons for the long run, and not merely for the next few months, is of paramount importance to this court as well as to the people of this state," the panel said.

The court order was made in two long-running civil rights lawsuits in which the judges had previously ruled that the only way to correct constitutionally inadequate medical care in the prison system was to reduce the number of inmates.

The deadline is now Feb. 28, 2016, for the state to reduce the population of its 34 adult prisons to 137.5% of the capacity they were designed to hold.

Corrections and Rehabilitation Department spokesman Jeffrey Cal-lison said that would require a reduction of 5,470 inmates from the current population of 117,634.

The inmate numbers were previously reduced by about 25,000 as

a result of the state's realignment policy, which shifts low-level offenders to county jails.

The extension comes with strict conditions agreed to by state officials. The administration, which has repeatedly appealed orders by the three-judge panel in the past, agreed not to appeal further or to seek additional extensions, according to Monday's order.

The court will appoint a compliance officer, and if benchmarks for reducing the population are not met, the officer will have the power to order the release of prisoners.

The state also agreed to increase credits for non-violent, second-strike offenders, expand parole for elderly and medically infirm inmates, and consider establishing a commission to recommend sentencing law reforms.

The state was also ordered not to send more than the current number of 8,900 inmates to out-of-state prisons.

Brown issued a statement Monday saying, "It is encouraging that the three-judge court has agreed to a two-year extension.

"The state now has the time and resources necessary to help inmates become productive members of society and make our communities safer," the governor said. ■

— Bay City News Service

## Funding questions loom over new high-speed rail plan

Rail authority seeks funds for first stretch of \$68 billion line

By GENNADY SHEYNER

Seeking to comply with a legislative requirement, the agency charged with building California's high-speed rail system released an updated business plan on Monday that offers upgraded ridership projections, revised construction plans and very few answers on the critical question of how the system will be funded.

The business plan, which was a requirement of the appropriation bill the state legislature passed in 2012, serves as an update to a plan the rail authority submitted two years ago.

Though the 2012 plan alleviated some concerns in Palo Alto and along the Peninsula by scrapping the highly contentious proposal for a four-track system (with Caltrain on the outside tracks and high-speed rail inside) in favor of a more palatable two-track system (in which the two agencies share the same tracks on the Peninsula), the document was criticized by local officials, watchdogs and one Sacramento County judge for failing to disclose how the authority plans to pay for the first usable stretch of the \$68 billion line.

Known as the "initial operating section," this portion of the line would stretch from Merced to the San Fernando Valley and would cost about \$31 billion, according to the authority's new estimate.

The new plan, like the prior ones, leaves open the question of how to pay for this segment. Though it keeps the price estimate for the full line at \$68 billion, the same as in the 2012 plan, and introduces a new funding mechanism supported by Gov. Jerry Brown, it fails to account for more than \$20 billion in funding the first segment needs and doesn't yet have.

So far, the rail authority has roughly \$6 billion committed to constructing the first portion of



the line, a 29-mile stretch between Madera and Fresno that would not have any actual trains.

The agency's failure to identify funding sources for the usable segment prompted Judge Michael Kenny to conclude in November that the rail authority acted in violation of Proposition 1A, the \$9.95 billion bond voters approved for the rail system in 2008. Kenny ordered that the authority rescind its business plan.

In a separate ruling, he also denied the authority's request to validate \$8 billion in bond expenditures, saying in his ruling that he was not convinced by the process in which state officials vetted the authority's request for funding.

The rail authority's business plan is unlikely to satisfy Kenny's concern. Though it includes upgraded methodology for calculating ridership and revenue projections and remains as optimistic as ever about the rail line's financial viability, it provides only the faintest indication of where the \$20 billion would come from.

The agency, which in late January appealed Kenny's ruling, is preparing to use \$3.3 billion in committed federal funds and about \$7 billion in Proposition 1A funds, of which \$4.2 million has already been allocated. This leaves a \$21 billion budget hole that the authority hopes to fill with private investments that have yet to materialize and proceeds from the state's cap-and-trade program, which are included in Brown's proposed budget

but have yet to be approved by the Legislature.

The rail authority also expects this new funding source to bring in private investment, a key component of all prior business plans. The new business plan contends the commitment of state funding will "allow the Authority to leverage both public and private financing and, depending on the level of commitment, potentially finance the completion of the IOS."

The 2014 business plan also includes an expanded section on risk and new methodology for calculating risk through a simulation tool called the Monte Carlo risk analysis.

The result, however, is pretty much the same. Once again, the business plan argues that the system will be financially viable and "will not require an operating subsidy, consistent with other systems around the world."

The ridership forecast estimates that 10.4 million passengers will ride the rail system in 2025 under the "medium" scenario and that the number will gradually increase over the years, reaching 38.5 million riders in 2060.

Projected farebox revenues follow a similarly upward track, gradually rising from \$801 million in 2025 to \$7.9 billion in 2050.

In a statement, rail authority CEO Jeff Morales said the new plan maintains the "core elements" of the 2012 version, "a better, faster and cheaper high-speed rail that forms the backbone of a statewide rail modernization program." ■

## JOBS

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- \$176,850 for library assistants at elementary, middle and high schools.
- \$135,000 to bring back technology specialists at elementary and middle schools, and \$45,000 for a technology trainer on a one-time basis.

Board members are in the process of tweaking Cazares' recommendations to avoid issuing pink-slip warnings to staff.

"One thing that jumps out at me that I'd really like to take a look at is vice principals," Board President Jamie Hintzke said. She suggested that vice principals be assigned to schools with more special needs students and higher student populations.

The board is also considering several scenarios to cut class sizes at elementary schools.

Cazares has suggested a plan

that would keep the 25-1 student-to-teacher ratio for first grade and reduce second-grade class sizes from 30-1 to 25-1 in the coming school year. Third-grade classes would go to 25-1 in the 2015-16 school year, with kindergarten classes dropping to 25-1 the following year.

Class sizes could also change based on fundraising by Pleasanton Partnerships In Education. If PPIE raises another \$65,000, that could cut class sizes in third grade from 30-1 to 28-1, and if it raises \$175,000, that could cut third-grade class sizes to 27-1.

Gov. Jerry Brown is calling for a 24-1 ratio of students to teachers by 2021. Districts must show progress each year unless they negotiate a different arrangement with the state.

Board Member Chris Grant suggested the district consider dropping all class-size ratios to 25-1 for the upcoming year, and maintain-

ing that ratio until 2021, while Board Member Valerie Arkin suggested a plan that would cut all class sizes gradually.

Both proposals brought applause from the 20 or so parents in the audience.

Three of those parents spoke, thanking the board for working on creating smaller classes for early elementary school students and asking that kindergarten be considered for class-size reductions next school year.

"I'd like someone to explain the second-rate standing of kindergarteners for class-size reductions," said speaker Samantha Riegels.

Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said the district planned to change class sizes for kindergartners last because those students aren't required to attend school a full day and most schools have staggered days that allow for smaller kindergarten classes for part of the day. ■

# Valentine's Day gifts for patients from Donlon students

Fifth-grade project sends festive blankets to Children's Hospital

BY JEB BING

A group of young patients at Children's Hospital in Oakland will celebrate Valentine's Day today with warm, festive, decorated blankets made by students in the fifth grade at Pleasanton's Donlon Elementary School.

About 100 students in the school's four fifth-grade classes participated in the project planned by Britni Miller — one of the fifth-grade teachers — while she was on maternity leave last year after the birth of her daughter Aubrey, now 6 months old. She and her husband, Mark, also have a second daughter, Peyton, who will be 3 in April.

Scanning the website [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org), an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need, Miller signed up for its blanket project. Over the Christmas holidays, she got word that her project had been approved and funded. Instructions and materials for making 16 fleece blankets were on their way, along with cut-outs of "kitty cats," trucks and starry-nights images.

Working with the three other fifth-grade teachers, Miller assembled the participating students in the school library Friday afternoons to cut the material, tie it together to make a blanket, affix the decorative images, write Valentine's cards for the patients and also write thank-



BRITNI MILLER

Above: Donlon fifth-grade girls (from left) Lauren Graham, Olivia Brice, Elena Bolt, Emma Chang and Emma Docto show the blanket they made for patients at Children's Hospital.

Right: Fifth-graders (from left) Ashton Giacomini, Daniel Beranek and Dylan Naval work on their blanket with teacher Britni Miller.



you notes to those who donated funds for the project. Those cards will be sent to donors by [DonorsChoose.org](http://DonorsChoose.org).

This is Miller's seventh year as a teacher, including three years as a resource specialist in special education at Donlon. Born in Pleasanton, she attended Walnut Grove Elementary, Harvest Park

Middle School and graduated from Foothill High School in 2003.

"I planned this project to give students an opportunity to learn the importance of 'giving back,' not just 'receiving,' while also learning new skills in making something that will help others," Miller said. ■

seven children, said that what she liked least about her job as CEO at ValleyCare was "trying to keep an organization financially stable in a very difficult environment."

In answer to a question about what she considered her biggest missed opportunity, Feit responded, "I had an opportunity to do more international work and haven't been able to make that work because this is a local community hospital that demands a great deal of my attention."

In an email to the Pleasanton Weekly, Feit's son, Scott C. Treff, praised his mother's work both at ValleyCare and as a nurse. His message follows:

"For the last 40+ years my family and I have shared my mother (Marcy Feit) with ValleyCare and the community as a whole. What started off as a nurse's aide working the graveyard shift blossomed into a lifelong career devoted to patient care.

"Her tireless work and contribu-

tions were not only realized in the Tri-Valley, but internationally as well. My mother's list of accomplishments is long, but her most prized possession is without a doubt her designation as RN.

"Having passion and compassion for patient care is not something you can buy. It doesn't come with a degree, and you can't get it by being elected to a board. Only the chosen few are born with it. That kind of passion is bound to resurface, it always does.

"Words can't describe how proud I am of my mother. Her journey is one that is largely unmatched in any industry. Now 70 years old and facing her own health challenges, I look forward to helping my mother transition into the next phase of her life. I know it's going to be great, because she deserves it. She did it the old-fashioned way ... she earned it." ■

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the East Bay Hospital Council. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for Cooperative Hospitals, Inc., VHA West Coast and Sigma Theta Tau, International.

She also earned a number of recognitions, including Contra Costa County's 1998 Women of Achievement, the 2004 San Francisco Business Times Top 100 Business Women of the Year and in 2005, being named among Tri-Valley Magazine's Ten Most Powerful Women.

In 2004, the ValleyCare board dedicated its new nursing center as Mertes-Feit Chabot Las Positas ValleyCare Education Center, in her honor as well as to recognize the achievements of longtime ValleyCare board member and past chairman David Mertes.

In a 2007 interview with the East Bay Business Journal, Marcy Feit, who with her husband James has

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cal care, he is now on a journey towards significant recovery," she said in an email statement. "Multiple surgeries and intense rehabilitation have taken their toll, but Dave's innate strength and extraordinary work ethic are propelling him through important milestones

like breathing independently, relearning to walk and being able to swallow again."

She also thanked the people who donated to the family in a fundraising effort initiated by Craig Mullins. To date, more than \$24,000 has been raised.

The Lamont family has requested that no further media attention be given to the case and

that they not be contacted for comment as they would simply like to put the incident behind them and continue to focus on healing," police said Friday.

The Pleasanton Weekly will update this story as details become available. ■

— Glenn Wohltmann

# Acclaimed jazz vocalist comes to Firehouse

Clairdee to perform in downtown Pleasanton for Valentine's Day

The Firehouse Arts Center is recognizing Valentine's Day with a special performance tonight by internationally acclaimed vocalist Clairdee, accompanied by a musical trio led by pianist Ken French.

The concert, entitled "A Time for Love," will feature a blend of jazz, pop and R&B, and is a part of the Pleasanton venue's "Cabaret Series at the Firehouse."

Known for her vocal prowess and impassioned live performances, Clairdee has headlined a number of top-tier locations, including the Monterey Jazz Festival, Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York and the Edinburgh Jazz Festival in Scotland. Her most recent album was recorded live in concert at Yoshi's San Francisco.

She is also working to give

back to the music community, serving as a teaching artist with SFJAZZ and the San Francisco Symphony education departments, where her master's classes are offered.

Internationally recognized vocalist Clairdee is set for a Valentine's Day performance tonight at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The concert tonight begins at 8 p.m. For more information, visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org) or call 931-4848. ■



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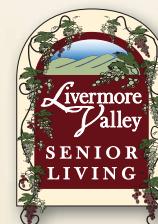
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# Business News

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## Should you buy pet insurance?

Policies share many features with human health insurance

By JASON ALDERMAN

One topic I've learned to avoid with new acquaintances until I know them better (along with politics and religion) is where they stand on the treatment of pets. Some people, when their dog gets sick or badly injured, say, "It's an animal, that's just part of the circle of life." Others consider Rover a close family member and would take out a second mortgage to save its life.

Pet owners from both camps probably see the barrage of ads for pet insurance and wonder whether it's worth the expense, which might be several thousand dollars over the life of your pet. I did some research and the best answer I can come up with is, it depends.

First, ask yourself: Do you regard pet insurance as a financial investment, where you expect to get back more in benefits than you paid out in premiums over the pet's life? Or, is it more like auto or homeowner's insurance, where you hope nothing ever goes seriously wrong, but you want coverage in case there's a catastrophe?

Either way, here are some basic facts about pet insurance that may help you decide whether it's right for you:

Pet insurance shares many features with human health insurance: Policies typically have annual deductibles, co-payments and exclusions, and some limit which veterinarians, clinics and hospitals you can use.

But there are numerous differences as well. For example, pet insurers are allowed to refuse coverage for preexisting conditions and to set annual and lifetime payout limits. Among the many other restrictions you should watch for when comparing plans are:

- Premiums vary greatly depending on where you live and may increase based on your pet's age, breed, veterinary cost inflation and other factors.
- Typically you must pay the vet or hospital bill out of pocket and get reimbursed later.
- Many plans deny or restrict coverage for congenital or hereditary conditions (such as hip dysplasia in dogs or kidney failure in cats) and preventable conditions like periodontal disease.
- Along with annual and lifetime maximums on benefits paid out, there may be a limit on how much it will pay for treatment of an individual illness or accident.
- If your pet suffers a particular disorder one year, don't be surprised if that condition is excluded at renewal — or if you're required to pay an additional fee for future coverage.
- Pets over certain age limits frequently are denied coverage.



**Jason Alderman**

• Certain breeds are often excluded or only eligible for restricted coverage.

• Some carriers let you augment your accident and illness policy with optional "wellness care" coverage for things like spaying and neutering, annual physicals, vaccines and routine tests. Make sure the additional premium is worth the extra cost.

Perhaps the biggest challenge when choosing pet insurance is trying to compare plans, apples to apples. There are about a dozen carriers in the U.S. Each offers a variety of plans with varying deductible, copayment and maximum coverage amounts, as well as different covered benefits and exclusions.

You can go directly to their websites for plan details and to request a quote, or use an independent comparison website to pull quotes from multiple carriers. I'd recommend creating a spreadsheet to compare benefits and costs side by side, just as you would when shopping for auto insurance.

Bottom line: If you decide pet insurance isn't right for you, at least be sure you're setting money aside to cover expected and unexpected expenses.

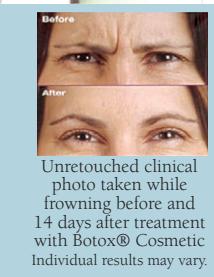
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## Homebuilders cheer Senate passage of flood insurance bill

Long-sought changes now go to House for OK

Representatives of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) last week praised the U.S. Senate's passage of the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, federal legislation that would provide relief from soaring flood insurance premium rates for countless homeowners across the country.

"The bill will resolve some of the costly and unintended consequences of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, including huge premium spikes and impacts on the sale, construction and remodeling of homes," said NAHB chairman Rick Judson, a home builder from Charlotte, N.C.

The bill also contains an amendment by Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) that is critical to the health of the remodeling industry, according to NAHB officials.

The Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act would:

- Delay insurance rate increases for all primary residences until an affordability study is completed.
- Require that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) take into account all local flood-control structures while mapping.
- Allow consumers to appeal FEMA's mapping decisions and to be reimbursed for their appeal expenses.
- Reinstate an exemption in 53 communities nationwide for basements that are built a certain way.

Blunt's amendment also would return the "substantial improvement threshold" that triggers a higher flood insurance rate to the historic 50% level of a structure's fair market value, which is important for many remodelers.

When the threshold was low-

ered to 30% under the Biggert-Waters Act, it acted as a potential disincentive for homeowners to hire remodelers, as even the simplest of remodeling jobs — such as installing new appliances or updating bathrooms or kitchens — could have resulted in many homes reaching the 30% percent threshold and triggering higher premium rates. NAHB estimates that returning the threshold to 50% could preserve as much as \$8.5 billion in annual remodeling economic activity.

"These provisions will help prevent undue hardship in the recovering housing market, help current and future policyholders keep their premiums affordable, protect home values and make the National Flood Insurance Program more effective," Judson said. "We urge the House to act on a companion bill soon." ■

## Malatesta new president of Downtown Association

Joins new officers, board members at downtown event



JEB BING

New officers and board members of the Pleasanton Downtown Association are installed by Mayor Jerry Thorne at a reception Tuesday at Redcoats British Pub & Restaurant. They are (from left) Jim DeMersman, Museum on Main; Vic Malatesta, Vic's All Star Kitchen; Mari Kennard, Redcoats (back row); Thorne; Bernie Billen, Valley Community Bank (back row); Chris Beratlis Jr., downtown property owner; Mike Peel, Keller Williams; Dirk Christiansen, Studio 7; and Mark Tanis, California Business Technology, Inc. Beratlis also won the Pleasanton Weekly's prize of a free quarter-page ad.

Vic Malatesta, owner of Vic's All Star Kitchen on Main Street, was installed Tuesday as the new president of the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

He succeeds Pleasanton attorney Michael Hosterman, who held the post for the last two years.

Other PDA officers installed for this year were Janet Yarbrough, a certified public accountant, as treasurer; Bernie Billen, of Valley Community Bank, as secretary; and Jim DeMersman, executive director of the Museum on Main, as president-elect.

PDA board members for the year are Chris Beratlis and Bryan Bowers, both downtown property owners; Dirk Christiansen, Studio 7 Fine Arts; Mari Kennard, Redcoats British Pub & Restaurant; Dean Mancini, Murphy's Paw; Angel Moore, Alameda County Fairgrounds Association; Michael O'Callaghan, MCT Development & Construction; Mike Peel, Keller Williams Tri-Valley Real Estate; and Mark Tanis, California Business Technology, Inc.

As last year's president, Hosterman will also serve on the board for one year.

"We are incredibly fortunate as a downtown to have such a talented and dedicated group of individuals leading our organization," said PDA executive director Laura Olson. "Our board of director members are active, engaged and care deeply about the present and future of downtown."

The annual board installation and awards mixer was held at Redcoats.

Olson said the mission of the PDA is to promote the economic vitality and hometown character of downtown Pleasanton.

"The PDA is a strong downtown community of dedicated individuals and business owners who, by cooperative efforts, community events and activities, work to make the downtown a richly rewarding place to visit and shop," Olson added.

For more information, go to the organization's website at [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net). ■

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Recycled water to the rescue

After more than a decade of resistance, recycled water is coming to Pleasanton. Purple pipes to carry the treated water already are in the ground along the newly extended section of Stoneridge Drive, with recycled water purchased from Livermore — a long-time user of recycled water — now being used to irrigate Stoneridge Creek Park and nearby public land.

Purple pipes were also installed when Alisal Street was rebuilt to better serve city-owned Callippe Preserve Golf Course. Now, operations director Daniel Smith and his crew at the city's water division are working with the Dublin San Ramon Services District to build connection pipes from that facility's recycle treatment plant in order to use recycled water, instead of potable drinking water, to irrigate Callippe.

The move to bring recycled water to Pleasanton comes after years of protests from some in the community who believe tertiary water could pollute underground aquifers, which Pleasanton has in abundance and has long carefully guarded.

Some may recall a City Council meeting when newly elected state Assemblyman Tom Torlakson (now California's superintendent of public instruction) was forced to give his remarks next to a battery-powered flushing toilet, placed there by a roomful of residents there to protest a recycling water plan. The plan was defeated.

Now with the California drought causing water shortage concerns in Pleasanton and throughout the state, recycled water may spare us from a severe shortage, if not this year then the next unless a series of Pineapple Expresses such as the one we had last weekend keep coming.

At Smith's urging, the City Council adopted a resolution Feb. 4 declaring a water shortage in Pleasanton and implemented a "Stage 1" contingency plan by requesting everyone to voluntarily reduce water usage by 20%. That amounts to roughly 50 gallons a day from the city's calculated baseline of 244 gallons per person per day. It's still too early to know how this will affect water flow from the Zone 7 Water Agency, where Pleasanton receives 80% of its water — with another 20% coming from city-owned and operated groundwater wells.

Some cities are already imposing water-saving measures. Santa Cruz is barring restaurants from serving water with meals except when requested by diners.

Sacramento residents are now prohibited from using sprinklers on weekdays or washing cars with a hose. According to the Wall Street Journal, city workers and neighborhood watch groups are patrolling Sacramento streets looking for scofflaws.

Suffering the most are farmers whose limited water allocations will mean more fallow fields and earlier-to-the-slaughterhouse cattle stock, which will mean beef shortages and higher prices in the not-too-distant future.

While last weekend's rainfall was less than needed in the Tri-Valley, it was heavier to the north with sizable snowfall in the Sierra Nevada. The weeks ahead will determine just how extensive drought conditions will remain.

In the meantime, we need to do our part in cutting usage as Pleasanton finally gets serious about using recycled water for public land irrigation, and even for our fire hydrants as Livermore does. When we see purple pipes and water-main covers, that means progress is being made. ■



JEB BING

Purple water-main covers mark Pleasanton's new recycled water distribution lines for irrigation systems at Stoneridge Creek Community Park and other nearby public areas. The water is being purchased from Livermore's recycling water plant.

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# POLICE BULLETIN

## Van, drugs, cameras stolen in break-in

A 2006 Chrysler Town and Country minivan and miscellaneous items were taken in a residential burglary and auto theft sometime between 8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 10:15 a.m. Feb. 8.

The van was taken from the garage of a home in the 2200 block of Tanager Drive. Inside the vehicle were a \$1,200 camera, fentanyl lozenges valued at \$1,000, a \$700 camera and tools worth about \$400.

In other police reports:

- Police are investigating a report that \$1,000 cash was stolen by a former Macy's Men's employee between 4:40 and 5:30 p.m. Feb. 6.

According to police reports, the former employee entered the store in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road, took the money from two cash registers and left the scene.

- The theft of a pickup truck also netted tools worth about \$6,500. Among the items stolen were a \$3,000 electronic scanner, a \$2,000 set of sockets and wrenches, and a toolbox attached to the truck bed. The theft occurred between 3 and 8:30 a.m. Feb. 9. The truck was parked in front of the victim's home in the 4700 block of Harrison Street.

- A resident of the 1500 block of East Gate Way reported someone charged \$918 on his credit card after a collection call. In looking over his records, the victim discovered another \$2,773 had been charged. The incident was reported at about 4:24

p.m. Feb. 9.

- A burglary from a home in the 8000 block of Mountain View Drive netted a toolbox and tools valued at \$1,800. The home's garage was unlocked when the theft occurred, sometime between 10 p.m. Feb. 7 and 10 a.m. Feb. 8.

- Police are looking into a small arson fire reported at about 5:44 p.m. Feb. 7 at Pleasanton Middle School. A pile of burnt papers was found on a concrete area at the school in the 5000 block of Case Avenue.

- Police are not releasing any information about threats reported at about 11:12 p.m. Feb. 7 in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue.

- A resident of the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive reported at about 9:07 a.m. Feb. 4 that someone opened a credit card account in her name, which she discovered receiving a \$1,200 bill.

- Residents of the 600 block of Sycamore Road reported at about 10:11 a.m. Feb. 4 that two fraudulent transactions totaling \$191 were made on their credit card.

- Nothing was taken in a residential burglary reported at about 10:56 a.m. Feb. 10 at a home in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue.

- A resident of the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue reported someone opened a credit card account using his information; no charges were made in the incident, reported at about 3:06 p.m. Feb. 5.

- A resident of the 4200 block of Diavila Avenue reported someone attempted to open a Best Buy account but no charges were made in the incident, reported at about 10:21 a.m. Feb. 10.

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

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Feb. 4

#### Theft

- 9:07 a.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; fraud
- 10:11 a.m. in the 600 block of Sycamore Road; fraud
- 10:56 a.m. in the 4100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; theft from structure
- 11:15 a.m. in the 1500 block of East Gate Way; bicycle theft
- 2:53 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street; shoplifting
- 3:56 p.m. in the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:44 p.m. in the 4000 block of Fallwood Court

#### Auto burglary

- 10:43 a.m. in the 600 block of Division Street

#### Threats

- 9:04 a.m. in the 2400 block of Minivet Court

#### Graffiti

- 10:05 a.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 4:38 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; under the influence of drugs
- 3:30 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; public drunkenness

### Feb. 5

#### Theft

- 11:56 a.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 12:06 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:06 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting
- 7:13 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting

#### DUI

- 5:10 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

### Feb. 6

#### Theft

- 1:50 p.m. in the 5200 block of

#### Hopyard Road

- 3:05 p.m. in the 1400 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting
- 3:28 p.m. in the 700 block of Main Street; theft from structure

#### Auto burglary

- 4:48 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Threats

- 9:48 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 9:52 p.m. in the 3600 block of Nevada Street; confidential drug investigation
- 10:37 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road; DUI

### Feb. 7

#### Auto burglary

- 1:32 a.m. in the 4500 block of Sierrawood Lane
- 2:17 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Confidential drug investigation

- 9:58 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

### Feb. 8

#### Theft

- 9:51 a.m. in the 3400 block of Stacey Way; fraud
- 11:35 a.m. in the 2500 block of Santa Rita Road; auto theft
- 5:48 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:54 p.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting
- 8:24 p.m. in the 400 block of Vineyard Avenue; auto theft

#### Auto burglary

- 4:24 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 8:44 a.m. in the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue
- 12:58 p.m. in the 2500 block of Santa Rita Road
- 3:33 p.m. in the 2500 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Drug/alcohol violations

- 1:18 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Interstate 580; possession of marijuana
- 2:10 a.m. at the intersection of Newton Way and Stoneridge Drive;

#### DUI

- 11:44 p.m. at the intersection of Owens and Andrews drives; DUI

### Feb. 9

#### Theft

- 9:22 a.m. in the 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Court; auto theft
- 4:27 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 4:54 p.m. in the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

#### Auto burglary

- 11:12 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 2:01 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

#### Vandalism

- 1:33 p.m. in the 5900 block of Sterling Greens Circle
- 9:28 p.m. at the intersection of Mission and Sonoma drives

#### Alcohol violations

- 1:45 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road; public drunkenness
- 1:50 a.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive; DUI

### Feb. 10

#### Theft

- 9:43 a.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; fraud
- 10:10 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue
- 12:50 p.m. in the 5200 block of Ridgevale Way
- 1:23 p.m. in the 5600 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- 10:54 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; fraud

#### Residential burglary

- 10:56 a.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

#### Auto burglary

- 2:35 p.m. in the 2500 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

- 6:54 p.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Public drunkenness

- 6:32 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

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Federation branch 285. He also belonged to Saint Augustine's Church where throughout the past 40 years he has given his time and talent to the church choir, the parish council and the Knights of Columbus.

Anyone who knew Rudy described him as an incredibly kind man who would make time for anyone. He enjoyed just taking the time to sit and visit and would entertain his family and friends for hours with his talent for telling a story.

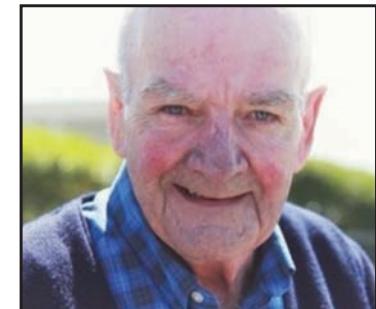
Rudy loved to read, watch movies and cook. Whenever possible he loved to travel. Rudy especially enjoyed visiting Hawaii and had an impressive Hawaiian shirt collection. With his five grandchildren close by he spent many hours on the soccer field, in the stands at football games and at music and ballet recitals and was his grandchildren's biggest fan. When you sat with Rudy to talk for a while he would tell you he had a wonderful childhood. That he was blessed with a wonderful wife and daughters and that his grandchildren were his pride and joy He would say it was a wonderful life.

In 1966 Rudy married Joyce Komlo. After a honeymoon in Miami, Florida they started their lives together in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As their family began to grow Rudy started a career in auto marketing and finance that would last 40 years. Job opportunities would take them across the country to Delaware, Idaho and California. Together they raised two daughters. Rudy and Joyce were happily married and the envy of all who knew them for 47 years.

Rudy was an active member and past president of the Italian Catholic

life reception will follow for family and guests.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California,



1060 La Avenida St., Mountain View, CA 94024, or by calling, (650) 962-8111. Tom was a care giver for his wife Kathy and believed in the educational programs of the association.

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## Clubs

**TRI-VALLEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB PRESENTS STATE SENATOR MARK DESAULNIER** Tri-Valley Democratic Club Presents State Senator Mark DeSaulnier candidate for Congress at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17 at IBEW 595 Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Discussion, Q&A and refreshments. Call 831-8355 or go to [www.TriValleyDems.com](http://www.TriValleyDems.com).

## Concerts

**'SOME ENCHANTED EVENING'** Enjoy a romantic night of entertainment with Broadway stars Dale Kristien and Bill Hutton as they perform favorite hits from Broadway musicals and other love songs, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14 at Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$36-\$55. Call 373-6800 or go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

**NOEL CATURA JAZZ GROUP AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY** Local jazzman Noel Catura will play a free concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Pleasanton Library. Don't miss this chance to groove to the music of a preeminent sax player. Call 931-3405. To sample Noel's music, go to <http://www.noelcatura.com>.

**'SONGS OF LONGING AND BELONGING'** Tenor Greg Allen Friedman and harpist Dominique Piana will present a unique art song program at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Featuring works by Schubert, Strauss, Reidhardt and

more, and accompanied by the Cantabella Honors Choir. Tickets are \$15-\$20. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Events

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Donate blood and save a life! The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from 1-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 at Asbury United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (Sponsor Code: ASBURY925) to schedule an appointment.

### BNI TRI-VALLEY WINNER'S CIRCLE

**3RD YEAR ANNIVERSARY** All are welcome to celebrate this 3rd year anniversary party, from 8:30-10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 at On The Border Mexican Grill in Dublin. Open Memberships Applications will be accepted, and coffee and pastries will be provided. The Tri-Valley Winner's Circle is a chapter of BNI comprised of local businesses serving the Tri-Valley and East Bay areas. Call 484-2324.

### HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON

The Widows and Widowers of Northern California invite you to Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Sheraton Hotel. RSVP to Marge by Feb. 18 at 828-5124 or [hskoog@comcast.net](mailto:hskoog@comcast.net).

### SUNDAY BRUNCH IN LIVERMORE

The Widows and Widowers of Northern California invite you to Brunch at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23 at Porter's Restaurant at Poppy Ridge, 4280 Greenville Road, Livermore.

RSVP to Ruby by Feb. 20 at 462-9636 or [hskoog@comcast.net](mailto:hskoog@comcast.net).

### THE ANTI-VALENTINES DAY COMEDY

**BASH** Featuring some of the best comedians from the Bay Area and Beyond, singles and couples are welcome to come and help mock others who fall victim to this commercial holiday. Join this hilarious evening from 8:30-10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14 at Vito's Express, 4060 Grafton St., Dublin. Tickets are \$10. Call 264-4413 or go to [www.bunjoscumedy.com](http://www.bunjoscumedy.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).

## Film

### 'ZEITGEIST: THE MOVIE'

This is the first "Zeitgeist" film of the trilogy which explores and critiques religions, 9-11 theories, our government, banks, seeking to show our enslavement to false stories and ideologies. Meet and greet starts at 6:30 p.m., film at 7 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 22 at IBEW Hall,

6250 Village Parkway, Dublin, and a discussion will follow the film. Free, \$3 donation suggested. Call 462-3459.

### FREE TEEN MOVIE AT PLEASANTON

**LIBRARY** Teens ages 13 and up are invited to join Free Film after hours from 6:30-9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Pleasanton Public Library. Free Popcorn, candy and drinks! Come early for 90's trailers, cartoons and trivia, movie starts at 7 p.m. Call 931-3404.

Maple St., Livermore. Tickets are \$10 and include one bingo packet. Pizza, snacks, beverages available for purchase. Dancing with DJ Joe Buonsante. Get reservations by Feb. 18, call Helen Wu at 462-3798.

### WINES AND VALENTINES FUNDRAISER

Come to Museum on Main's seventh annual Wines and Valentines Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle. Wines will be paired with a four-course gourmet dinner with a Garre Winery representative sharing information about the selections. Tickets are \$85, and available at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., or by calling 462-2766. Proceeds benefit the Museum.

## Fundraisers

**BINGO BASH** The Italian Catholic Federation Branch #258 will host its annual fundraiser Bingo Bash at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 at St. Michael's Parish Hall, 372

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### City Council

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: P13-2028, Anil and Divya Reddy - Consider an Appeal of a Planning Commission decision regarding a Design Review approval to evaluate the conformance of an existing single-family residence located at 3737 West Ruby Hill Drive in the Ruby Hill Development to the Ruby Hill Architectural Design Guidelines

### Housing Commission

Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of an Affordable Housing Plan for the SummerHill Apartment Development (5850 West Las Positas Blvd.)
- Presentation by MidPen Housing Regarding the Kottinger Gardens Redevelopment Project

### Commission Vacancies Recruitment

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#### Housing Commission

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The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.  
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# Our Valentine

Pleasanton resident celebrates  
100th birthday today

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

**E**vie Grace Moller enjoys her birthday being Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

"It was a blessing," she said in a recent interview in her home. "Everyone said, 'The 14th of February, that's Evie's birthday.' Everyone that knew me remembered."

This year it's even more special because she turns 100. Evie planned to celebrate for a few hours today and a few hours tomorrow to accommodate the schedules of her friends and family members. Plus, at 100, she gets tired after just a few hours of partying.

"My mother used to give me nice birthday parties," she recalled. "We had candy hearts with little sayings."

Evie was born in Berkeley and graduated from Berkeley High.

"It was a cute college town in those days," she said.

Her first memory is dancing at Edison Elementary with a wreath of poppies on her head. Evie burst into song at the recollection: "I love you, California, you're the greatest state of all. I love you in the winter, summer, spring and in the fall."

She graduated from Berkeley High in 1931.

"It was the deep Depression and I couldn't find a job," she said. "My father was a janitor at the lamp company. I remember the day he came home and said he had lost his job."

"He was 16 years older than my mother," she added. "My mother was the boss; she took care of him and my sister, Helen, and I."

She only had one grandparent, who lived in Colorado.

"Now I think of grandparents and how important they are," Evie said. She has three grandchildren, Mark, Wendy, Michael, and four great-grandchildren.

She lived in San Francisco for a year after high school, then married.

"I had a double wedding with my sister, who was five years older. My mother probably thought she could get rid of two of us," Evie said.

She and her husband moved to Walnut Creek, where they lived in Lakewood Estates.

"We built a house that cost \$5,000, on a quarter-acre," she recalled.

They had two children – a girl, Jan, and a boy, Jack – two years apart, and she would walk them to play in the lake. Although she liked her new home, the marriage didn't work out.

After a while, through mutual friends Evie met Lloyd Moller, one of three ranching brothers from an old Pleasanton family. The Moller Ranch luxury home development is on their former property on Foothill Road.

"He took me to meet his mother (they called her Birdie) and Pop Moller at a bar in Dublin," Evie recalled. "I was amazed to see them sitting at a bar."

She soon found out that the Moller family worked hard and played hard.

"When I was 40 I married Lloyd and came to Pleasanton as his wife," she said. "He took on me and two teenagers! They went to Amador."

The three moved into Lloyd's house on Walnut Drive, off Ray Street near downtown.

"He paid \$16,000," Evie said. "He bought it in 1954, and in 1955 we got married. When we moved in, it was all furnished."

Evie fit right in to Pleasanton social life.

"The block used to have lots

of families that liked to party," said her neighbor Joanie Fields, another Pleasanton native. "They always knew that after the Fair parade, the Mollers would have a party."

Walnut Drive was famous in town for transforming into



DOLORES FOX  
CIARDELLI

Evie Moller, who turns 100 today, keeps her mind sharp by listening to sports, game shows and books, and going to bridge once a month.

Candy Cane Lane during the holidays with lights and plywood cutouts, long before elaborate home displays became ubiquitous at Christmastime.

"When I moved here in 1955, Candy Cane Lane was going and you participated or else," Evie recalled. "We had a big Santa Claus."

Although her husband stayed busy on the family's three ranches, Evie only rode a horse once – and that was enough.

"I wasn't a cowgirl. I was scared to death of horses," she said.

But she fondly remembered the big roundups and the cooking and eating that went on.



"They drove the cattle down Main Street," she said.

She liked luxury automobiles although Lloyd had an old Dodge when she met him.

"I said he had to get rid of that car," she said with a laugh. "I ended up with a Cadillac but we also had a Chrysler and a Plymouth. They weren't car-conscious but I was. I've had three Cadillacs."

Eventually she began to travel, mostly with girlfriends because Lloyd was busy on the ranches.

"I've been flying with a bunch of gals. I traveled a lot," Evie said. "My husband didn't like to leave the ranch. I said, 'I'm going off with the girls.' He was good about it."

"He took a couple of cruises with me but I think he felt guilty about his brothers doing the work."

Lloyd died at age 89. "He had open heart surgery and lived another five years," Evie said.

Her children died when they were in their 60s. "They

were born two years apart, and they died two years apart," Evie noted.

She began to lose her eyesight, due to macular degeneration, at age 70.

"Around 70, I was still driving and busy. On my 90th birthday, I couldn't see," she said. "The last I saw was light and dark. The good part is it did it gradually. You adjust, I guess."

"I'm always saying, 'Is the sun shining?'"

Evie played tennis for years with her girlfriend Johnny in Walnut Creek.

"Johnny was going to celebrate her 100th on Nov. 19 then she died in October," Evie said. "Her name was Pansy Johnson, but she hated the name Pansy so went by Johnny. I taught her to play tennis, then she beat me. I played as long as I could see."

A year ago Evie began to depend on a wheelchair.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Top Left: Evie (right) and sister Helen were raised in Berkeley. "It was a cute college town in those days," Evie recalls.

Top Right: Evie and her husband Lloyd, a member of an old Pleasanton ranching family, get into the spirit of a Mexican cruise on one of his rare vacations.

Bottom: Evie and her older sister, Helen, pose with their mother about 90 years ago.

"In December 2012 I got off my exercise bicycle and fell and broke my ankle," she said. "Now I don't walk. It took a good six months to heal. My problem is I have knees that are not too dependable. When I'm say, 'I'm going,' I'm already gone. That has slowed me down quite a bit."

She follows sports, especially the 49ers, and watches game shows, including "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune."

"I don't listen to too much news, it's too depressing," she said.

When a friend comes over to watch a game together, they will listen to the radio commentators because they provide more details.

"I get just enough visitors," Evie said. "Mavis (Fiorio Williams) just planted over 100 tulip bulbs."

Mavis is from an old Pleasanton family. Her brother Jack owned a grocery and meat shop on Rose Avenue, and she recalls him purchasing from the Mollers' slaughterhouse on Foothill Road.

"My daughter-in-law thought we should do something special for 100," Mavis said. "My friends laughed because I pay somebody to work in my yard then I go over and work in Evelyn's, but she knows the flowers."

"My daughter-in-law got carried away and we planted 200 bulbs," she added. "The daffodils are blooming now, and the tulips are coming up."

Mavis met Evie when the newcomer began playing bridge, and Evie still enjoys her at the monthly games, which alternate among the homes of the members, who are in their 80s and 90s.

"I said, 'I don't think I'll like bridge,' but I love it," Evie said. "I played lots of card games."

"She still comes to bridge, as a social person," Mavis said, "and we always ask her, 'What's the score? What did they bid?'"

"They say I know more about what's going on than they do," Evie said.

Her friend Dottie Laird brings her audio books from the library.

"I do enjoy books – John Grisham, Danielle Steele, biographies."

Evie's caregiver, Dee, wheels her to a beauty parlor on Main Street to get her hair done every week, and for a manicure every few weeks. "I love to be out," Evie said.

Dee says that Evie clips coupons and keeps track of the household finances. "She knows how much she has. She knows how much is coming in, and how much is going out," Dee said.

Evie's one luxury is cashmere sweaters, which she has in many colors. "I don't put them on," she said. "I live in sweats."

She sleeps with the radio on, listening to weather, the traffic and sports. "At my age," she said, "I can do what I want when I want."

Evie said she has no idea how she has lived so long. "I ate and I drank and I partied," she said, adding, "Now I eat well."

She smoked lightly but quit when she was 41.

"When I was 17 all the high school girls would fly into the car and light up," she remembered. But eventually she asked herself, "What in heck am I smoking for?"

She said the biggest change she has seen in her 100 years is "all those electronic things."

"I've heard of computers and been told that they do everything," she said.

"It's hard to talk about now and then," Evie continued. "The passing of the years is unbelievable." If someone had told her she would live to be 100, she said she would have told them, "You've gotta be out of your mind."

"It's been enjoyable," she added. "I'm enjoying every minute." ■

# TriValley Life

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



Never too old for  
LOVE

He lost his heart to  
'the lady with the cane'

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Marian Mood, 94, and Mike LoDolce, 91, met for the first time in October 2011.

A gal in a short skirt may catch the eye of a young man, but Mike LoDolce, 91, says his heart skipped a beat when he spotted "the lady with the cane."

He was driving home from the pool-supply business on Sunol Boulevard in October 2011 when he noticed a bevy of older women on the sidewalk. Most of them were using walkers, but the one who caught his eye had a cane.

"She looked just like my wife," Mike recalled enthusiastically. "I made a U-turn."

The women were from the Parkview, an assisted-living residence on Valley Avenue.

"I pulled over so they would all walk in front of me," Mike continued. "When I got home, I called my daughter Sharon."

Sharon Lance was aware of Parkview, which she'd thought might someday provide a home for her dad. Her mother Grace had died the previous July, and she knew that since then her dad stayed away from his home all day, spending it at Las Positas Golf Course and meeting up with friends.

"Sharon went to Parkview and talked to (marketing director Aireen Tibon), who said, 'Come and have lunch,'" Mike recalled.

"It was a wonderful lunch," he said, and afterward Aireen brought them upstairs to see the public rooms, where residents were gathered and some were playing cards. "Sharon said, 'Daddy, there's a lady with a cane.'"

Mike stepped right up to make her acquaintance. Marian Mood, now 94, was widowed after 65 years of marriage to Alexander McFarlane Mood, a professor of statistics who ended his career at UC Irvine and died in 2009 at the age of 96. Mar-



Marian and Mike are a romantic fixture every day at Tully's on Main Street. "I feel like I got a second chance in life," he said.

ian moved to Pleasanton to be closer to one of her two daughters, who lives in Livermore.

"Then," Mike remembered, "my other daughter Carol from Southern California came up, and she said, 'Daddy, you've got to go see her.'"

So with his daughters' blessings, Mike went to Parkview and asked for Marian at the desk.

"He came knocking at my door, and I said, 'What do you want to see me for?'" Marian recalled.

They took a walk through the adjacent Centennial Park that first day, and Mike, a salesman with Nabisco for 44 years, sold himself to Marian.

"I began to see her every day," he said, and they quickly discovered a mutual love of watching golf.

She soon dropped her weekly bridge games at the senior center as they established a routine they still find mutually satisfying, seven days

a week. They begin with coffee at Tully's for an hour, where they are at a front table every day at 1 p.m.

"We sit there and like to see the children and the dogs," Marian said.

They've gathered a bit of a following, as other habitués notice Mike's solicitous ways. He is always holding Marian's hand, working around her cane as he did with his wife's.

"My wife's therapist would say, 'Don't hold her hand,'" Mike recalled, "and my wife would say, 'Please hold my hand.' So I would say, 'Heck with the therapist.'"

Then they go to Mike's house in Pleasanton where he cooks a platter of asparagus that they dip in sauce and enjoy while watching the Golf Channel.

They also share dinner, sometimes at Mexico Lindo but usually at The Habit Burger Grill on Bernal, where they share a hamburger off the bun.



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI  
Mike said he first spotted Marian while she was walking with a group on Sunol Boulevard. While most of the women were using walkers, Mike fixated on Marian, the only one using a cane.

"We pretend the hamburger is a steak," Mike joked.

The two families gathered for a celebration when Marian turned 94 in December and again when Mike turned 91 last week. They also get together for holidays with their families, a combined four children, 10 grandchildren and twice as many great-grandchildren.

Marian fondly reminisces about living in Irvine with her husband.

"We'd go out at 5 o'clock and watch the sun go down on the ocean," she said. She also remembers taking ballet lessons with Betty Ford growing up in Michigan.

Mike recalls meeting his wife while he was in the Navy, then convincing her to move to California from Ohio and marry him. Gregari-

ous by nature, he wanted to work as a bartender but Grace – as well as her father, a judge – did not see that as a suitable profession for her husband, so he went into sales.

Looking to the future, Mike tells Marian, "When I can't live alone, we'll get married and live together at Parkview."

"I want to see how you behave," she answered, then explained that while at The Habit recently he kept looking at a table of pretty girls.

"I said, 'Let's go,'" she said with a laugh. "The ladies like him, and he likes the ladies."

He might enjoy looking, but Mike is clearly smitten with Marian.

"I feel like I got a second chance in life," he said. "It's a miracle that we met. I love having her with me." ■

## Pleasanton Seahawks soar at sectionals

21 local swimmers qualified for winter meet in January



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The Pleasanton Seahawks had a number of high finishers at the recent Winter Sectional Championship in Southern California.

The Pleasanton Seahawks had great swims at the Winter Sectional Championship held Jan 16-22 in Southern California.

This meet requires qualifying times in order to enter, and the Seahawks sent 21 swimmers.

### Women's top 8 finishers

Iris Brand — Third place 100 freestyle, fifth place 50 freestyle  
Erika Brown — First place 100 backstroke, second place 200 backstroke, sixth place 200 freestyle, third place 50 freestyle  
Moriah Simonds — First place 500 freestyle and 1,000 freestyle, fifth place 200 freestyle

### Men's top 8 finishers

Kevin McLaughlin — eighth place 400 IM  
Maxime Rooney — first place 500 freestyle, fifth place 400 IM, and second place 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle and 1,650 freestyle  
Tony Shen — sixth place 200 freestyle  
Nick Silverthorn — second place 100 breaststroke and 200 breaststroke, eighth place 200 freestyle

### Men's Relays

Team of Silverthorn, Shen, RJ Scott and Rooney — first place 800 Free Relay, third place 400 Free Relay  
400 Medley Relay of Rooney, Silverthorn, McLaughlin and Shen — fifth place

### Women's Relays

Team of Brand, Brown, Simonds and Katie Woods — first place 800 Free Relay, third place 400 Free A Team Relay  
B Team Relay of Samantha How-

## High school basketball on TV30

Station's sports personalities to provide play-by-play, color commentary

By JEB BING

TV30 will broadcast yesterday's basketball games between Dublin and Alhambra high schools starting at 4 p.m. tomorrow and continuing through Feb. 21.

The boys and girls games may be viewed on Comcast TV Channel 30 and AT&T U-verse via Channel 99. DVDs of the games may also be purchased.

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

Times and days for the broadcasts of Dublin girls games:

- Saturday at 4 p.m.
- Sunday at 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m.

Times and days for the Dublin boys games:

- Saturday at 7 p.m.
- Monday (Presidents Day) at 7 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m.

The last basketball game of the season that TV30 will televise is a match-up between Granada and Livermore next Friday, Feb. 21. That game will start airing on TV30 on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. ■



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Play-by-play and color commentary during TV30 prep basketball broadcasts will be done by (l-r) Ian Bartholomew, Tim Sbranti and George "Dr. B" Baljevich.

## PREP LINE-UP

### 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
- Girls' Basketball: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Foot-hill, away
- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, away

p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley, home  
• Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. California, away

### Feb. 21

- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Foot-hill, home
- Girls' Basketball: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Foot-hill, away
- Boys' Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, away

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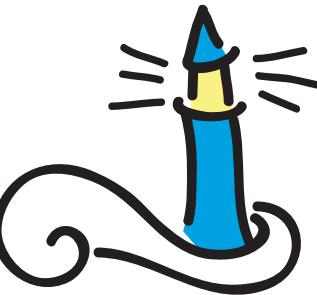
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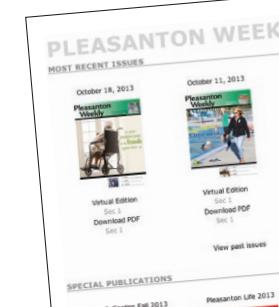
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 486746

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### 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)

### HOWELL SUPPORT SERVICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 487647

The following person(s) doing business as: HOWELL SUPPORT SERVICES, 1940 CHANNING WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94704, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Timothy Howell, 1940 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. This business is conducted

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## 997 All Other Legals SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW)

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# Real Estate

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## HOME SALE OF THE WEEK

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### SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during December 3108 (relisting is paragraph tag).

#### Dublin (Jan. 8-21)

**Total sales reported:** 16

**Lowest sale reported:** \$257,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,146,000

**Average sales reported:** \$601,719

#### Livermore (Jan. 8-21)

**Total sales reported:** 23

**Lowest sale reported:** \$231,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,475,000

**Average sales reported:** \$621,587

#### Pleasanton (Jan. 8-21)

**Total sales reported:** 18

**Lowest sale reported:** \$175,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$2,400,000

**Average sales reported:** \$915,194

#### San Ramon (Jan. 17-24)

**Total sales reported:** 7

**Lowest sale reported:** \$285,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$1,225,000

**Average sales reported:** \$747,929

#### Sunol (Jan. 8-21)

**Total sales reported:** 2

**Lowest sale reported:** \$150,000

**Highest sale reported:** \$480,000

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Residential Brokerage," said Lynn Gygax, manager of the company's Pleasanton office. "She brings a high level of energy, integrity and experience that make her among the best in the business. We're thrilled to have Alma join our team."

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<b>1468 Forenza Court</b>	<b>\$2,599,000</b>

Sun 1-4	Janet Cristiano
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<b>12 Deer Oaks Drive</b>	<b>\$1,753,000</b>
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Sunset Creek Lane  
Avocado Ct  
Athenour Ct  
Zenato Plance  
Oak Vista Way  
2548 Toltec Circle  
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## Market Remains Tight

January was not a particularly strong month for real estate in Pleasanton with sales activity continuing to be constrained by a lack of inventory. Sales (both closed and those that went pending) were lower than in December, as well as a year ago. The median sales price was 12% lower than in December but was still 13% above the price from a year ago. A little more positive was the number of days homes were on the market, which fell in January. After dropping pretty dramatically the past three months, inventory increased in January, with gains across all market price segments. But homes are selling fast, so the market velocity remains strong.

After climbing early in 2013, the median sales price was fairly flat through the remainder of 2013 but took a big drop in January. The median sales price in January was \$790,000, 12% (\$110,000) below December's \$900,000. That median price was, however, \$89,000 or 13% higher than a year ago (\$701,000). 30 sales closed in January, 15 fewer (33%) than in December and seven less (19%) than a year ago. As can be seen in the chart below, closed sales have fallen for three consecutive months.

The number of sales that went pending during January also dropped, from 38 in December to 34, an 11% decline. Inventory increased 55%, from 22 in December to 34 in January. January's inventory was still lower than a year ago.....

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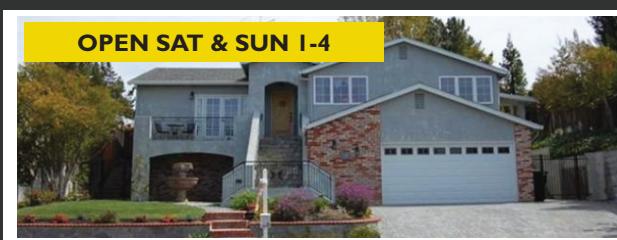
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# Builder confidence in 55+ housing market at record high

By JEB BING

Builder confidence in the 55-and-older housing market was up sharply for the fourth quarter of 2013, according to the latest National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) 55+ Housing Market Index, released last week.

All segments of the market — single-family homes, condominiums and multifamily rentals — registered strong increases compared to the same quarter a year ago. The single-family index increased 20 points to a level of 48, which is the highest fourth-quarter reading since the inception of the index in 2008 and the ninth consecutive quarter of year-over-year improvements.

"We are seeing continued improvement in the 55+ housing market because consumers have gained confidence in the economy and are able to sell their current homes and move into a new home or an apartment that fits the lifestyle they desire," said Robert Karen, chairman of NAHB's 50+ Housing Council and managing member of the Symphony Development Group. "We expect this optimism from

builders and developers to carry on into 2014."

There are separate 55+ indices for two segments of the 55+ housing market: single-family homes and multifamily condominiums. Each index measures builder sentiment based on a survey that asks if current sales, prospective buyer traffic and anticipated six-month sales for that market are good, fair or poor (high, average or low for traffic). An index number below 50 indicates that more builders view conditions as poor than as good.

All of the components of the 55+ single-family index showed significant growth from a year ago: present sales climbed 26 points to 53, expected sales for the next six months rose 24 points to 62 and traffic of prospective buyers increased 9 points to 33.

The 55+ multifamily condo index posted a gain of 16 points to 35, which is the highest fourth-quarter reading since the inception of the index.

All 55+ multifamily condo index components increased compared to a year ago. Pres-

ent sales increased 20 points to 37, expected sales for the next six months increased 15 points to 40 and traffic of prospective buyers increased 9 points to 30.

The 55+ multifamily rental index also showed strong gains in the fourth quarter. Present production increased 12 points to 43, expected future production rose 12 points to 46, current demand for existing units increased 16 points to 54 and future demand increased 16 points to 55.

"The 55+ segment of the housing market contains more discretionary purchases, so as expected it has taken longer for that segment to join the housing recovery," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "The 20 point year-over-year increase in 55+ for single-family homes matches earlier gains in the NAHB/Wells Fargo index for the overall single-family market and surpasses the more recent gains in the other housing segments."

For the full 55+ HMI tables, visit [www.nahb.org/55hmi/](http://www.nahb.org/55hmi/) ■

# Cristiano named honorary president of Pleasanton real estate firm

Holds 'Realtor of the Year' plus 'Leadership' awards

Janet Cristiano has been named honorary president of Better Homes and Gardens Mason-McDuffie Real Estate.

Cristiano is broker/owner of Better Homes and Gardens Tri-Valley Realty, with offices in Pleasanton and Livermore.

"Janet is one of the great real estate leaders in the Tri-Valley," said Ed Krafchow, CEO and chairman of the company.

"With a business partnership that spans more than 17 years, I have seen first-hand the high integrity she exhibits with agents and clients," he added. "I look forward to partnering with Janet for many years to come."

Cristiano started her career in 1974, obtaining her broker's license in 1977. She is a past president of the Bay East Association of Realtors and has earned numerous professional designations.

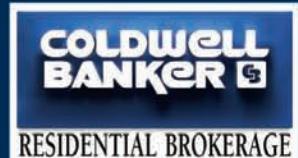
She was selected as "Realtor of the Year" by the Association of Realtors and for two consecutive years received the "Leadership Award" by the association in recognition of her extensive community activities and involvement.

She also is an arbitrator and mediator for the California Association of Realtors, regularly serves as an instructor for new and experienced sales associ-



ates, and has taught real estate classes at the community college level. She operated a professional tax practice for more than 20 years and is a Certified Financial Planner.

She lives in Pleasanton with her husband, Joe. They have six children and seven grandchildren, all living in the Tri-Valley area. ■



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