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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Back to Chicago

For the hundreds, probably thousands of us in the Tri-Valley who have lived, worked or have relatives in Chicago, I can report with enthusiasm that the Windy City is as robust as ever, although somewhat changed. My wife Jan and I were there last week to visit relatives and friends.

We found that State Street, "that Great Street," has lost its luster. Macy's acquired Marshall Field's, a Chicago landmark that opened in 1881. All that remains of the store Chicagoans cherished are bronze plaques outside with the Marshall Field & Company name and a pair of well-known outdoor clocks, which served as symbols of the store. Next door, the former Carson Pirie Scott store is a Target, about the same as those across the country. Also gone are Wieboldt's, Goldblatt's and the Fair department stores. Sears, which anchors the south end of downtown Chicago, plans to close this summer.

Fortunately, there's North Michigan Avenue, which is now Chicago's largest shopping district, with mid-range and high-end shops, restaurants and hotels, including several of the country's tallest buildings, such as Hancock Center and Trump Tower. This "Magnificent Mile" starts at Tribune Tower, a neo-Gothic building that's home to the Chicago Tribune, where I worked as a reporter and editor for 13 years, and extends north to the historic Drake Hotel, a Gold Coast landmark since 1920.

A bit less prestigious but a favorite hangout where I joined my colleagues on newsroom breaks (and reporters still do) is the legendary Billy Goat Tavern, a subterranean



JEB BING

Sanctuary of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, an 1886 parish in Chicago.

hangout on Lower Michigan Avenue at the basement level of the Wrigley Building. Immortalized by John Belushi on "Saturday Night Live," it's still the same as when it opened there in 1964. It's the place "to be seen" in Chicago, although perhaps not for long. Construction is expected to start soon on another huge, expensive new tower for Michigan Avenue that may displace Billy Goat's, so plan a visit the next time you're back in Chicago.

As part of last week's trip, we drove through Bridgeport, an aging blue collar neighborhood that once was home to recently arrived Irish Catholics on one side of 31st Street and German Lutherans on the other. Brick and frame homes there are mostly 100+ years old, some of them built close together with only a few feet in between.

One stop was at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church at 31st Place and Racine Avenue (pictured above), the church home to four generations of my wife's family. With its Gothic architecture similar to old big city cathedrals in the U.S. and Europe, it has a commanding presence on the neighborhood it has served since 1886. At one time, more than 3,000 worshipped at Holy Cross, which now, like so many churches in old city neighborhoods, has fewer than 50 at Sunday services.

In the church basement, we found records of parishioners dating back to the church's dedication with pictures of my wife's family from the 1880s forward. The church, its hand-carved altar and the meticulous record-keeping that continues today made history come alive for us, a visit we cherished at a parish that may be nearing the end of its mission. ■



JAN BING

Outside the legendary Billy Goat Tavern in Chicago, a news reporter's hangout.

About the Cover

Jill Zollinger of Pleasanton holds the banner of the Jose Maria Amador Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution during the city's last Veterans Day Parade. Photo by Sherry Wiggins. Cover design by Shannon Corey.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Now that the baseball season is in full swing, who are you rooting for?



Kristi Bispo

Nurse

I'm an Oakland A's fan. I grew up rooting for the A's and enjoy taking my little girls to the games just as much as my own parents used to enjoy taking me. It's a great family tradition and I like to keep it going.



Aidan Bohan

Elementary school student

I always root for the Giants because I have so much fun going to the games with my family, and orange is my favorite color. Go Giants!



Nasir Sohel

Contractor

Well, I'm a native New Yorker. So of course I root for the Mets, even though I live now in the Bay Area.



Miranda and Wyatt Bohan

Elementary school students

We always root for the San Francisco Giants. We have season tickets so we get to go to a lot of games. The whole experience is just much more fun when the Giants win.



Leslie Holzman

Health care administrator

The San Francisco Giants, of course! I can't understand why anyone in the Bay Area would root for anyone else.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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BEAR scholarships

The Bay East Association of Realtors Foundation will offer scholarships for students who are or will be attending junior colleges or four-year colleges or universities for the 2014-15 school year.

Scholarships are available to students whose primary residence is in Alameda County, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and are attending a qualified educational institution with programs acceptable for credit toward a bachelor's degree or higher in a field of study related to real estate.

Applications are available at www.bayeast.org/membership/programs/foundation. Applicants should submit the scholarship application along with transcripts, two letters of recommendation and essay to mariec@bayeast.org by noon May 5.

For information, call contact Marie Cruz at 730-3273 or mariec@bayeast.org.

LGBT youth well-being

The Amador Valley High School library will host an educational session April 30 at 7 p.m. to provide parents with information about enhancing the self-esteem and well-being of their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) children as well as how to help protect their kids from health risks such as suicide, homelessness, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and bullying.

The session will be led by clinical social worker Dr. Caitlin Ryan, director of the Family Acceptance Project at San Francisco State University.

The event will offer research-based information, guidance and support for parents, foster parents and families who have a wide range of reactions to their LGBT children.

Blue Star Moms

The fourth annual Blue Star Moms charity golf event is being held at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton on April 25.

Organizers plan to have a Huey helicopter land at the course, and a military cannon will be fired at the start of the event, which benefits the Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 and Gold Star Families.

Entry is \$200 per player and includes a tee prize, lunch, dinner, raffle tickets and a free round of golf for a future weekday. Check-in will begin at 10 a.m. and a shotgun start will follow at 12:30 p.m.

Registrations are due 5 p.m. April 18. For more information, contact Mike Ash at 426-6666, ext. 17 or mash@playcallippe.com.

Pleasanton nonprofit leader named to college post

Arnoldo Avalos to serve on state community college board

By JEB BING

Arnoldo Avalos, the founder and CEO of the Pleasanton-based Avalos Foundation, has been appointed to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Avalos, 43, and wife Alma Ruth, who live in Pleasanton, launched the Avalos Foundation last December as a private, family nonprofit with a focus on helping Latinos. Its primary mission is to provide financial support for students who lack the resources to succeed.

Avalos was head of compensation and global compensation manager at Facebook from 2008 to 2013 and senior global compensation manager for Google from 2006 to 2008.

He also held multiple positions at Cisco Sys-

tems from 1999 to 2006, including compensation manager, corporate recruiter and manager of business operations. He was a system consultant at Andersen Consulting from 1996 to 1999 and farm manager for Avalos Farms from 1989 to 1996.

Avalos is a member of the Latino Community Foundation Board of Trustees and a founding member of Hermanos Unidos.

If confirmed by the State Senate, Avalos, who is a Democrat, will earn \$100 a day when attending Community Colleges board meetings.

Avalos immigrated from Juchitlan Jalisco to Gridley, Calif. as the youngest of seven siblings. He and his family worked as migrant farm workers toiling in the peach, prune, and cherry orchards. During the summers, the family traveled to Oregon, Washington and Montana, following the seasonal fruit harvest.

Determined to leave the arduous migrant lifestyle, Avalos gained admission to UC Berkeley after graduating from Gridley High School, ultimately graduating with honors to earn a

bachelor's degree in history. He then received a master's degree in government from Harvard University, after which he moved back to California where he began a career at Cisco Systems. He later accepted management positions at Google, and then at Facebook.

His wife, Alma Ruth Gutierrez-Avalos, also earned a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, and later a master's degree in education from Cal State East Bay. She now teaches a dual immersion class in Spanish and English at Alisal Elementary School in Pleasanton.

"Education has been the greatest equalizer in our lives," Arnoldo Avalos said in talking about the new foundation. "The U.S. gave us many opportunities to create a better future for ourselves and our families. We want to ensure that young Latino students have the support that they need to do the same."

The Avalos Foundation will be funding 10 scholarships a year, with the potential for annual renewal to reach a goal of funding 40 students every year, he said. ■



Arnoldo Avalos



Cynthia Howard (left) and Tuesdai Powers were the winners of the 2013 Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest, held annually by the Pleasanton Weekly. Send your submissions for this year's race to contest@pleasantonweekly.com.

Weekly opens Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest

Submissions must be received via email by 6 a.m. April 24

With Mother's Day right around the corner, the Pleasanton Weekly is launching its annual Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest. First-place prizes are four tickets to the Alameda County Fair and \$50 cash, and second-place prizes are two fair tickets and \$25 cash.

Send digital photos only to contest@pleasantonweekly.com by 6 a.m. April 24. The

photo must be attached to an email in JPG format, at least 300 dpi. Include the names of the mother and daughter(s) and the ages of children. Photos entered in previous contests are not eligible.

Weekly staff will choose the finalists, which will be posted at www.Pleasanton-Weekly.com for readers to vote online for which mother and daughter in Pleasanton look most alike.

Photos of the winners will be published in the May 9 print edition of the Pleasanton Weekly. ■

7 last-minute tips for those yet to file taxes

Remember to pay estimated tax due if filing for extension

With just five days to the April 15 income tax filing deadline, the Internal Revenue Service offers seven quick tax tips to taxpayers.

Raphael Tulino, who handles media relations for the IRS in the Bay Area, Southern California and Nevada, said those who need more time to complete their returns should submit their requests for an automatic extension electronically or by paper on Form 4868 by next Tuesday.

"Ninety percent of tax returns are e-filed and most are using direct deposit for their refund," he said. "For those who have not filed, avoid common errors and hit 'Enter' to e-file."

Seven quick reminders for taxpayers to consider as the deadline nears:

- Get Extra Time to File: An automatic six-month extension to file through Oct. 15 provides taxpayers with an extra six months to file but not to pay. Those who owe should make their payments on or before April 15 to avoid any potential penalties and/or interest.

- Use IRS E-file or Free-File: E-file is safe, accurate, less time-consuming and popular. More than 90% of all returns into the IRS thus far in 2014 are e-filed. In addition, the IRS Free-File program is available to everyone and direct deposit is the quickest way to a tax refund.

- Free Help: Low-to-moderate income taxpayers and seniors can get free tax return preparation at dozens of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites located throughout the Bay Area until April 15. Simple returns and income less than \$52,000 normally qualifies for VITA services. Find site locations by calling the IRS VITA toll-free number at 800-906-9887 or by

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calling 211.

• **Don't Miss Out:** Be sure to not overlook any applicable tax benefit, credit or deduction. Tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, the "Saver's" Credit, and the Child and Dependent Care Credit often fly under the radar.

• **Watch out for Tax Scams:** The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers through email nor does it make phone calls demanding payment for taxes owed on a pre-paid debit card.

• **Consider Payment Options:** Taxpayers who cannot fully pay a balance due have options such as an installment agreement plan or an offer-in-compromise. The IRS urges those who cannot fully pay their taxes to file a return, pay what they can and let the agency know. IRS has the flexibility to help.

• **Get Social with IRS for Tax Information:** Several social media tools are available to help taxpayers get the latest tax information and check on tax refund status. These tools include the "IRS2Go" smartphone app, YouTube, Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr. ■

—Jeb Bing

Shoppers alert: Walnut Creek doubles downtown parking rates

Meters now operating
7 days a week

Parking meter rates in downtown Walnut Creek jumped from \$1 to \$2 per hour Monday as the city also moved to a seven-day-a-week metering system in an attempt to free up street parking downtown.

Meters will now be enforced from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week. Drivers previously only had to pay the meter from 9 a.m.

to 6 p.m., with Sundays off.

At the same time, the city is offering a free hour of parking for the first hour at city garages.

"The goal is to free up more metered parking, make more spaces available, while at the same time encouraging parking in the city garages," said Matt Huffaker, assistant to the city manager.

The garages at Broadway and at North Locust Street, next to the Leshner Center, will continue to charge 50 cents an hour after the

first free hour.

The rate at the city garage at South Locust Street will increase from 50 cents per hour to \$1 an hour, with the first hour free.

Drivers can also purchase a new \$25 per month parking pass for city garages at www.lazparking.com.

Walnut Creek's metered parking outside of downtown will now cost \$1 per hour, up from the previous rate of 50 cents per hour.

—Bay City News Service

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Registration underway for teen leadership program

Application deadline is April 18

BY JEB BING

Registration is now underway for the Pleasanton-sponsored leadership training program for students who will be in high school starting next August.

The program, scheduled from June 17-20, is being sponsored by the city's Community Services Department and will offer comprehensive training and placement in volunteer positions to work closely with city staff.

The Leadership in Training (LIT)

Program is for students entering grades 9 through 12 this fall. It will provide teens with the opportunity to develop job skills and prepare for future employment through training, hands-on experience and evaluation. There is limited space in the program.

To qualify for volunteer opportunities, teens must enroll in this mandatory training program. Training leaders will cover job skills, customer service, leadership and interviewing. Students who com-

plete the training will be placed in a volunteer position and work closely with city staff in a number of departments, including Community Services (sports, aquatics, drama/summer camps or at the Firehouse Arts Center), the Operations Service Center, police department or the library.

Applications are available at Gingerbread Preschool, located at 4333 Black Ave., and online at www.ptownlife.org. The application deadline is Friday, April 18. ■

Public art walk tomorrow in downtown Pleasanton

Tour led by art contributors Nancy and Gary Harrington

Public art contributors Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead a free public art walk along the south end of downtown Pleasanton starting at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The walking tour will start at the Pleasanton Civic Center parking lot, 200 Old Bernal Ave., and proceed through the public library plaza, Civic Park, Centennial Park

and into downtown Pleasanton south of Neal Street. Free art walk brochures will be distributed.

This southern art walk will be repeated in June with a walk along northern downtown streets planned for May.

The Harringtons will also discuss the history of their Harrington Art Partnership and how citizens, businesses

and organizations can assist in bringing more public art to Pleasanton.

For more information, call 846-9757 or visit www.harringtonart-partnership.org or www.publicart-archive.org/pleasanton. Walkers should allow about two hours for these events, which are held on the second Saturdays of the month. ■

—Jeb Bing

TAKE US ALONG



Weekly at sea:

Mary Gordon recently spent seven days seeing wildlife and fauna on a cruise aboard the National Geographic ship "The Sea Lion." She experienced Panama and Costa Rica with her two sisters, brother-in-law and, of course, the Pleasanton Weekly.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

Holocaust Remembrance Day event set at Beth Emek



Rabbi Larry Milder (left) at Congregation Beth Emek celebration. JEB BING

Ruth Gasten to speak at Pleasanton congregation's Yom HaShoah program

On a night in November 1938, Ruth Gasten — now of Livermore — was only 5 years old when gangs of SS Storm Troopers smashed windows and buildings of Jewish families in the tiny German village of Nieder-Ohmenand and left fear and destruction in their wake.

"My parents and I walked to the small synagogue in the morning and saw the desecrated Torah scroll and remnants of burned prayer books covered with broken glass and scattered on the street," Gasten remembers. "I felt my parents' fear and shock. What was going to happen to us now?"

On April 27, Gasten will be

the featured speaker at the annual Yom HaShoah event (Holocaust Remembrance Day), to be held at Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the pogrom carried out against Jews across Germany and Austria known as Kristallnacht ("Crystal Night," or "Night of Broken Glass"), a turning point in Jewish history, according to Rabbi Larry Milder of Beth Emek.

"Kristallnacht represents the last of a long history of pogroms against European Jews, and the first act of organized violence against Jews perpetrated by the Nazis," he added.

Other survivors of the Holo-

caust and children of survivors will participate in the ceremonies. The event will also feature a sanctuary with images from Kristallnacht, displays of survivors and a Holocaust timeline to which participants will be able to add personal information.

The focus of the program, however, will be honoring the memory of those whose lives were lost or shattered on Kristallnacht.

The last shreds of normalcy of Jewish life in Nazi Germany came to an abrupt end that night with a series of state-sanctioned and coordinated riots and massacres against Jews. The pogrom was instigated by Nazi officials and carried out by the Nazi Storm Troopers, Hitler Youth and civilians.

At least 91 Jews were killed and 30,000 Jewish men were

sent to concentration camps. As many as 7,500 Jewish businesses were destroyed and more than 1,000 synagogues were burned. Within a week after Kristallnacht, the Nazis barred Jewish businesses from reopening and Jewish children from attending school.

The events of Kristallnacht are considered a crucial turning point in Nazi policies to eliminate Jews from German life, and ultimately in the attempt to annihilate European Jews altogether as part of Hitler's "Final Solution."

The Yom HaShoah ceremonies will take place at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.bethemek.org. ■

—Jeb Bing

Traveling abroad? Get 2 measles doses 28 days apart

Most measles cases here afflicting international travelers

Health officials are advising people planning international travel to take precautions against measles due to a high incidence of the disease in California this year.

As of last Friday, there were 51 confirmed measles cases reported in California in 2014. There had only been four reported cases by the same time last year, according to the California Department of Public Health.

Four of the reported cases were in San Mateo County, four in Contra Costa County, two in Alameda County and one in Santa Clara County. The rest of the cases occurred in Southern California.

Most of the California measles

cases have been contracted by people who were exposed to the disease while traveling internationally, including to the Philippines, India and Vietnam, or by those who came into contact with international visitors, according to the Monterey County Health Department.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a travel notice for the Philippines in March due to more than 15,000 suspected cases of measles, including 23 deaths, in that country between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15.

The CDC advises adults and children over 12 months of age who plan to visit the Philippines to get two doses of the measles

vaccine 28 days apart for optimal protection.

Infants between the ages of 6 and 11 months should get one dose of the measles vaccine before travel, according to the CDC. However, they will still need to get two doses of the vaccine when they are older.

Two doses of the measles vaccine provides nearly 100% protection from measles, according to the CDC. Complications of measles include pneumonia, permanent hearing loss and death.

International travelers can check the specific CDC recommendations for their destination by visiting www.cdc.gov/travel.

—Drew Himmelstein, Bay City News

Dublin Rotary to host 'Top Chef' event

Annual fundraiser comes to expanded Mercedes-Benz showroom in Pleasanton

The Rotary Club of Dublin will host its popular "Top Chef" charity event again this year, from 5-8 p.m. April 27 at the Mercedes-Benz dealership in Pleasanton.

The annual event draws more than 300 people to sample wine and food from the Tri-Valley. The region's top wineries and breweries team with local restaurants and chefs to create food and drink pairings.

Wineries taking part in this year's event include Singing Wine Maker, Bent Creek, Bodegas Aguirre, McGrail, Rodrigue Molyneaux, Pat Paulsen Vineyards, Thomas Coyne, Ehrenberg Cel-

lars and Nottingham. Breweries participating will be Eight Bridges, Working Man, Altamont Beer Works and Jack's Brewery.

Restaurants and chefs taking part include Coco Cabana, Chef Kerry, Elephant Bar, Garré Cafe, Handles, Eddie Papas, A Taste of Affair, Posada and Stacey's Cafe. Cinfu Delight and Nothing Bundt Cakes also will have their bakery goods at the event.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the event website, www.topchefdublinrotary.org, or from members of the Dublin Rotary Club. Single ticket prices are \$45 per person or \$350

for table of eight.

In addition to the food and wine pairings, local breweries and dessert companies will be sampling throughout the evening. Musical entertainment will be provided by Better Days, a local classic and alternative rock cover band. Silent and live auctions also will be held.

Funds raised from this event will benefit Hope Hospice and the Dublin Rotary Club. Sponsors for this year's event include Mercedes-Benz of Pleasanton, El Monte RV and California Custom Carpets.

—Jeb Bing



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State returns \$27.6 million in security deposits to 5,000 businesses

Eliminates automatic security requirement to obtain retailer's permit

By JEB BING

The California Board of Equalization began returning approximately \$27.6 million in cash deposits to more than 5,000 businesses in California and out-of-state this week.

Betty T. Yee, First District member of the BOE, said her staff is now issuing checks and will continue to do so for the next few weeks.

The board voted in December to release more than \$95 million in security deposits to its taxpayers who have good report-

ing and payment histories. However, state law requires that the BOE continue to collect security deposits from its non-retail licensees who sell cigarettes and tobacco products, regardless of payment history.

The board's December action also eliminated the automatic security requirement upon registration for a seller's permit. The former policy required a minimum deposit of \$2,000 in cash, bonds, or guaranties up to a maximum of \$50,000 which had to be sent to the BOE within 30 days from

the date the application for a seller's permit was submitted.

The BOE released approximately \$40.2 million in bonds and guaranties earlier this year.

"These steps put much-needed money back in the hands of business owners at an important time in our economic recovery," Yee said.

Despite the Board's general policy change, the BOE may still require taxpayers with a history of late payments or delinquencies with the BOE to post a security deposit. ■

BUSINESS NEWS

Patelco names Makris as senior vice president

20+ years of experience in HR, employee development

Pleasanton-based Patelco Credit Union has hired Susan Makris as senior vice president and chief human resources officer.

Makris joins Patelco with more than 20 years of experience in the human resources and employee development field. She most recently served as vice president of Human Resources at CoreLogic, where she was responsible for leading the global Human Resources function supporting the data and analytics business segment, corporate information technology, and the global sales, marketing and client strategy.

Prior to CoreLogic, she was a vice president with Fifth Third Bank, where she led the human resources team.

In her role at Patelco, Makris will oversee enterprise-wide human resources.

Makris has a Bachelor of Science in business administration from UCLA. She is relocating here from Irvine.

Patelco, which has its corporate headquarters at 5050 Hopyard Road, is one of California's largest credit unions with more than \$4 billion in assets. ■

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Compost Now for a Summer Garden

With spring right around the corner and a summer garden on your mind, here are some tips for composting like a pro!

1. Save your kitchen scraps and add them to the compost pile, they are typically high in nitrogen. Egg shells, coffee grounds, fruits and vegetable peels and scraps are all outstanding materials to add to your bin.
2. Keep your compost aerated! If you are composting with a tumbling composter, make sure you turn it whenever you add new materials. If you use a non-tumbling compost bin, be sure to mix up the contents so that the pile gets oxygen and can break down effectively.
3. If you are composting with a compost pile, bigger is often better because heat builds up with a big pile. You don't want to exceed more than about 3 feet by 3 feet though.
4. Don't let the compost completely dry out. A compost pile needs moisture to keep the composting process active.
5. Don't let compost get too wet so that it gets soggy and smelly. Just as too dry is bad, too wet is also something to avoid.
6. Too much of any one material will slow down the composting process. In general, it's good to keep a mix of green and brown material when composting.

—Compostguide.com



Golden Gate Bridge toll rates rise

Motorists are paying one more dollar to drive across the Golden Gate Bridge as new toll rates went into effect Monday.

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's board of directors approved the toll hike on Feb. 28 as the district faces a \$142 million deficit over the next five years.

The FasTrak rate went up from \$5 to \$6, and the pay-by-plate rate increased from \$6 to \$7. The car-pool rate, which requires FasTrak, went up from \$3 to \$4.

Tolls will gradually rise by 25 cents in July 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. By July 2018, the FasTrak rate will be \$7 and pay-by-plate rate will be \$8.

The toll hikes are estimated to raise \$138 million for the district over the next five years.

—Jamey Padojino, Bay City News

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: P14-0001, City of Pleasanton – Consider introduction of an ordinance to amend Title 17 and Title 18 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to implement the Climate Action Plan by requiring dedicated parking spaces for alternative vehicles and by providing a transit incentive
- Public Hearing: P14-0002, City of Pleasanton – Consider introduction of an ordinance to amend Title 19 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to implement the Climate Action Plan by requiring that new cul-de-sac streets enable through-access for pedestrians and bicyclists where feasible
- Public Hearing: Hearing to receive protests related to the annual Weed Abatement Program and to order abatement of public nuisances
- Presentation regarding the City of Pleasanton Mobile Citizen App
- Public Hearing: PUD-84, Frank Berlogar – Consider introduction of an Ordinance approving the PUD Development Plan to subdivide an approximately 37.4-acre site located at 88 Silver Oaks Court into three single-family residential lots: two lots measuring approximately 1.2 acres and 1.9 acres for custom homes; and one lot measuring approximately 34.3 acres for the existing dwelling and accessory structures
- Consider establishment of an Economic Development Zone Program and initiation of a Pilot Economic Development Zone

Housing Commission

Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Appointment of Tenant Representatives for Ridge View Commons and Kottinger Place
- Update Regarding Status of the 2015-23 Housing Element
- Discussion of Housing Commission Work Plan for 2014

Economic Vitality Committee

Wednesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Presentation and discussion with i-GATE and Innovation Tri-Valley

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made this information available.

March 24

Theft

- 8:27 a.m. in the 5700 block of San Antonio Street; theft from auto
- 2:54 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive; auto theft
- 5:41 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 9:20 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue
- 3:29 p.m. in the 6400 block of Owens Drive

Battery

- 1:30 p.m. in the 4600 block of Valley Avenue

DUI

- 10:27 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

March 25

Trespassing

- 8:11 a.m. in the 2900 block of Stoneridge Drive

Vandalism

- 9:02 a.m. in the 600 block of Junipero Street
- 10:38 a.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue; graffiti
- 4:41 p.m. in the 300 block of Mission Drive

Theft

- 11:49 a.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 12:37 p.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; bicycle theft
- 3:50 p.m. in the 7600 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto

Battery

- 1:12 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street

Fraud

- 6:39 p.m. in the 2300 block of E. Ruby Hill Drive

March 26

Battery

- 2:34 a.m. in the 7200 block of Valley Trails Drive
- 10:58 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 1:10 p.m. in the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

Theft

- 7:32 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vine Street
- 9:43 a.m. in the 1300 block of Montrose Place
- 12:33 p.m. in the 7000 block of Corte Del Mar
- 7:52 p.m. in the 600 block of Rose Avenue; bicycle theft

Fraud

- 9:36 a.m. in the 2000 block of Eilene Drive
- 4:43 p.m. in the 6400 block of Paseo Santa Maria
- 9:19 p.m. in the 400 block of Sycamore Road

Drug violation

- 3:01 p.m. at the intersection of First Street and Vineyard Avenue

DUI

- 11:03 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

March 27

Theft

- 7:11 a.m. in the 6700 block of Singletree Way; auto theft
- 1:47 p.m. in the 2100 block of

- Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:19 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft

Graffiti

- 10:14 a.m. in the 200 block of Kottinger Drive
- 10:58 a.m. Street information not disclosed.
- 2:06 p.m. at the intersection of Happy Valley Road and Sunol Boulevard

Weapons violation

- 11:49 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

Drug violation

- 3:20 p.m. at the intersection of Stanley Boulevard and Reflections Drive

Alcohol violation

- 11:41 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

March 28

Burglary

- 9:01 a.m. in the 4100 block of Morganfield Court

Theft

- 4:06 a.m. in the 4700 block of Holland Drive; theft from auto
- 6:51 p.m. in the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

- 9:21 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 2:05 p.m. in the 6700 block of Paseo Catalina

Vandalism

- 12:19 p.m. in the 1500 block of Whispering Oaks Way

Drug violation

- 6:59 p.m. in the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 7:44 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 8:42 p.m. in the 6800 block of Pimlico Drive

March 29

DUI

- 1:55 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Bernal Avenue
- 5:35 p.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Quarry Lane

Theft

- 1:20 p.m. in the 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 3:29 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

March 30

Theft

- 4:49 a.m. in the 200 block of Main Street; auto theft
- 10:42 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto
- 2:01 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; auto theft
- 6:10 p.m. in the 3300 block of Morgan Court; theft from structure

Alcohol violation

- 1:58 a.m. at the intersection of Main and St. John streets; DUI
- 4:33 p.m. in the 500 block of Main Street

Vandalism

- 9:42 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

Residential burglary

- 1:16 p.m. in the 6000 block of Kolb Ranch Drive

March 31

Theft

- 10:15 a.m. in the 6600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 2:03 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street; theft from structure
- 4:14 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from structure

Vandalism

- 9:38 a.m. in the 5100 block of Genovesio Drive
- 1:42 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Commercial burglary

- 9:18 a.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

- 12:55 p.m. at the intersection of Paseo Santa Cruz and Calle Altamira

April 1

Theft

- 9:16 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 9:52 p.m. in the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

DUI

- 1:47 a.m. at the intersection of St. Mary and Main streets

Residential burglary

- 8:57 a.m. in the 2400 block of Via De Los Milagros

April 2

Theft

- 9:21 a.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft
- 2:21 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:09 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6:30 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 6:46 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard; shoplifting

Fraud

- 9:24 a.m. in the 1800 block of Tanglewood Way
- 1:37 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

Residential burglary

- 1:24 p.m. in the 400 block of Abbie Street

April 3

Embezzlement

- 5:39 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Theft

- 3:26 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

Drug violation

- 1:40 p.m. in the 6300 block of Hansen Drive

DUI

- 11:26 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

April 4

Sex offense

- 12:38 a.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 3:36 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
- 3:06 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Vandalism

- 7:20 a.m. in the 3200 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:24 a.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

Drug violation

- 7:57 a.m. at the intersection of Owens Court and Chabot Drive

Theft

- 4:40 p.m. in the 3300 block of Smoketree Commons

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EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Science fair sees 'explosive growth' at county fairgrounds

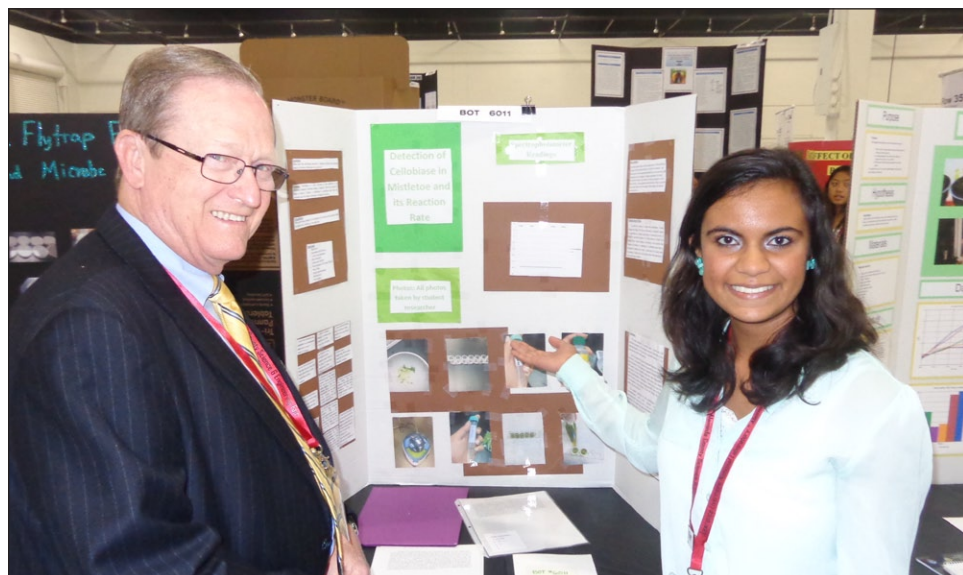
Congratulations to the four winners and 646 other student participants at the recent Science and Engineering Fair at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Hosted by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the fair drew several thousand to the fairgrounds to see science, technology, engineering and mathematics presentations by students at 72 participating schools.

This was the third annual fair sponsored by the Livermore Lab and by far the largest. Students, teachers, parents, judges, volunteers and others filled the cavernous space of Building A to see more than 480 separate projects submitted by high school and middle school students from across Alameda County. Elected officials also spending a Sunday at the fair included Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), State Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo), Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, mayors Jerry Thorne of Pleasanton and John Marchand of Livermore, school superintendents Parvin Ahmadi of Pleasanton and Kelly Bowers of Livermore, and Alameda County Board of Education member Joaquin Rivera.

The four grand prize winners who are now eligible to compete in this year's Intel Science Fair in Los Angeles are:

- Amador Valley High School's Janel Jihyeon Lee, for a project titled, "An Enhanced Method for Fusing Multiple Exposure Images for High Dynamic Range Scenes."
- Dublin High School's Kumaran Ratnam, for a project titled, "A Novel Energy Harvesting System with a Piezo Element to Power a Visual Prosthesis System."
- Mission San Jose High School's Vaishnavi Shrivastava, for a project titled, "Progressing Targeted Cancer Therapy and Diagnosis Analyzing the Role of MicroRNA Target Interactions and Expression Signatures of Glioblastoma Progression."
- Mission San Jose High School's Ragu Dara for a project titled, "Achieving Net Gain Nuclear Fusion in Nanocapsules by Coupling Sonoluminescence and Magnetic Confinement."

If the titles of these and the other projects weren't impressive enough, the multiple panels of graphs, diagrams, visuals and working experiments surely were. They ranged from the effect of wastewater on the electricity generated from a microbial fuel cell, by Ivan Man of Valley Christian Middle School, to the



Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne congratulates Amador Valley High School senior Niyati Rodricks at her exhibit at the Livermore Lab Science Fair.

differentiation among ethnicities regarding facial characteristics, a presentation by Harshita Kaushal of Foothill High School.

During the year, the Lab provides a forum for stimulating student interest in science and help to educators to fulfill the new Common Core Standards. Grade 6-12 students educated within Alameda County from home school, charter, public, private and parochial schools also are eligible to participate in the annual fair.

The Lab and the Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair are affiliated with the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, the world's largest pre-college gathering of high school science competition, and the California State Science Fair, which is the state's most elite science competition for middle and high school student projects. The international competition focuses on energy, engineering and environmental projects.

Jim Bono, the Livermore Lab's public affairs director, said the science fair has seen "explosive growth," with 79% of this year's entries being first-time science fair competitors. That tracks the mission of the fair, which is to stimulate interest and passion for science and engineering among students for 6th-12th

grade. As such, it plays an important role, encouraging the interaction of students, parents and teachers, building memorable moments and traditions in education.

Countywide participation also allows greater diversity and opportunity for students to experience hands-on science research and the rewards it can bring. Last year, fair organizers worked to bring 30 under-served students and their teachers from San Leandro's Bancroft Middle School Boys & Girls Club to the science fair as observers. To enhance this goal, the Alameda County science fair was selected along with three other California regional science fairs to participate in the Broadcom Junior Varsity program to engage middle school youth in science fairs. The national Broadcom Masters competition caters to the top 10% of middle school research projects from each affiliated fair throughout the country.

With its mission in mind, the Lab and the ACSEF association has set its sights on building upon the accomplishments of the first three years with a goal of increasing participation in the under-represented demographic areas of student participation at its Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair next year. ■

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Proud HERITAGE



Daughters of the American Revolution trace roots back to 1776

Story by Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Cindi Simmons Newbold, who was adopted as a baby in 1954, grew up feeling adrift not knowing her heritage. But in her search during the last 29 years, she has discovered not only her parents but ancestors dating back to the American Revolution, and beyond.

"Seven brothers came as indentured servants," Newbold said her research showed, including her ancestor, James Cornett. "Their port of entry was Jamestown, Va."

His son, James Jr., is listed as part of the Virginia Militia and in the roster for the Revolutionary War for Montgomery County in Virginia,

which made her eligible for Daughters of the American Revolution. Last fall she contacted the local chapter, knowing that its members shared her interest in genealogy.

"It's definitely wonderful being part of a group where people have similar passions, not only knowing their heritage but wanting to preserve it and to find such pride in it," Newbold said.

Applicants must prove their bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. Documentation must be given for each generation going back to the

The Jose Maria Amador Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution march during the last Veterans Day Parade in Pleasanton. Photo by Sherry Wiggins.

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COURTESY DAR



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

TOP: At the DAR Christmas luncheon at the Oasis Grille, local DAR Regent Diane Groome (at right) and Chaplain Kathy Revak swear in new member Debbie Janes (center), with 2nd Vice Regent Nancy Wilhelm (left).

BOTTOM: Registrar Carole Vercellino wears bars that represent the patriots she has found in her family line. DAR members can purchase pins for serving on committees at the local, district, state and national level as well as at commemorative events.

and the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, and singing "The Star-Spangled Banner," in accordance with the DAR's mission to promote patriotism and respect for the flag.

Groome reported to the membership on the 106th California State Conference for the DAR, which she had just attended in Los Angeles with six other chapter members.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded 123 years ago, in October 1890, by women who wanted to express their patriotic feelings but were excluded from men's clubs. It now has a membership of 177,049, and a record 13,906 new members were welcomed last year.

The Jose Maria Amador Chapter has about 60 members. Many work with veterans at the Veterans Affairs facility in Livermore, and they also hold two annual essay contests — one on American history for grades 5-8, and another on Christopher Columbus for high school students. Members also work at the East Bay Stand Down, a four-day event held at the Fairgrounds each year to assist homeless veterans with medical, dental and legal services, and more.

"One of the goals of the new president general is to get DAR out in the community," Groome told the members.

The women are perhaps most visible in Pleasanton as they march each year in the Veterans Day Parade on Main Street, led by the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps. They also join the ceremonies afterward at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Jill Zollinger, a Pleasanton resident who can trace her family's roots back to the 1400s, was sworn in to DAR at the meeting by chapter chaplain Kathy Revak. Groome also announced that Newbold had just been approved for membership and would be sworn in the following month.

After the business meeting, the DAR members watched a presentation by Jennifer Amiel, the museum's director of education, who

focused on the group's namesake, early settler Jose Maria Amador.

Nancy Wilhelm, a Pleasanton resident who is originally from Louisiana, has been a DAR member for one year and is now 2nd vice regent.

"You can't buy into it, you have to be born into it," she said. "My granddad from the south always told us, 'You're a Daughter of the American Revolution.'"

She finally pursued the matter, noting that even with the advent of the Internet, the ancestral search requires tenacity.

Ann Narciso, a past regent, said she is amazed that people managed to do their genealogies back to the Revolutionary War before the Internet. This was particularly challenging on the West Coast; DAR headquarters in Washington, D.C., has a huge research library, she noted, as does the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus

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patriot ancestor, as well as for the Revolutionary War service of the patriot.

"Our ancestor drove one of the wagons to get supplies to Gen. Washington," said Diane Groome, regent of the Jose Maria Amador Chapter, which is based in Pleasanton and was chartered in 1973.

Besides monthly meetings, the group has workshops to help prospective members trace their ancestors, Groome said. This casual setting is a good chance for women to bring what information they have on their ancestors and find out what a search might entail.

"We also have luncheons in December and in May," Groome said. "We don't actively meet during the summer, but we try to get together and meet with prospectives."

Carole Vercellino, chapter registrar, works with prospectives to get their documents together and then sends in the application back to the national headquarters.

The Jose Maria Amador Chapter held its March meeting at the Museum on Main, with about 30 in attendance. The gathering began with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the American Creed

'You can't buy into it, you have to be born into it.'

Nancy Wilhelm,
DAR 2nd vice regent



DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Cindi Simmons Newbold, the latest member of the local DAR chapter, has taken her grandchildren to Washington, D.C., to teach them about their country and the role their ancestors played in its history.

Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City.

"You must have one patriot who gave service during the Revolutionary War but you may have multiple people," said Narciso, a San Ramon resident. "Mine was a female in the Revolutionary War, but Mom has been able to find seven ancestors. My grandfather started our genealogy, and Mom picked it up from that."

Newbold said she had very little to go on when she began to search for her birth mother. After working long and hard to find her, she figured she might as well continue her research into her family background. Now, almost three decades after she began, she likens the quest to a treasure hunt.

"Probably one of the most incredible gifts as a result of finding

'For a black man to have an obituary on the front page — he died a landowner and well respected — to do that in one's lifetime, I can't even imagine the determination.'

Cindi Simmons Newbold, DAR member

who my birth mother is, was that I found out I am one of five sisters," she said. "My eldest sister has a love of family history as well. She actually lives in Southern California. She was the first person I met from my family."

Together they began their journey backward in time, laboriously climbing the family tree and even making several field trips to Virginia, where they stood on the Cornett land and saw their ancestors' graves. They found that James Cornett Jr. had a son named John Cornutt, who was a slave owner, attorney and abolitionist.

"He had three boys and one girl from a slave woman named Rebecca," Newbold said. "He was married to Mourning Bedwell, and they had no children. He and Rebecca had four children, and they all lived together."

She has a newspaper article that tells about a mob of vigilantes who tied John Cornutt to a tree and whipped him because of his abolitionist views. He, in turn, sued them.

"John Cornutt took all of the slaves to Ohio and freed them," Newbold said. "He stayed in Virginia."

One son, Tate Cornute, fought in the Civil War for the north. It was this branch of the family that leads to Newbold and her sisters.

"He was very well respected in his community in Ohio, according to newspaper clippings," Newbold said. "For a black man to have an obituary on the front page — he died a landowner and well respected — to do that in one's lifetime, I

can't even imagine the determination. It totally changed the destiny of his life."

She also found relatives taking part in more recent history.

"My grandmother was Louise Walker Perkins, and she was instrumental in growing the Operation Breadbasket membership with Rev. Jesse Jackson through building the Youth Choir, which was paramount to the achievements of the civil rights movement in Chicago during the 1960s," Newbold said.

Her aunt Lovana "Lou" Jones was an Illinois state representative, who helped mentor a young Illinois state senator named Barack Obama.

"When I think back, here we are, descendants of a slave, and I'll bet he couldn't even imagine he would have a granddaughter who would be sitting with a future president," Newbold reflected. "We all are stewards of each other's destiny."

Newbold has three daughters and 17 grandchildren.

"It is so rich for them to be able to grow up and know that their family contributed to this country. To know that when you are young is an amazing gift," she said. "One of things I've done as well is take my grandchildren to Washington, D.C., and teach them about this country and show them monuments that have our ancestors' names on them."

"I'm very excited to be a daughter," she said, "not only a Daughter of the American Revolution but to be a daughter of James, John, Tate and all those behind him."

"Not only have I gained four wonderful sisters," she added, "but also these wonderful sisters in DAR." ■



SHERRY WIGGINS

Nancy Wilhelm carries the banner of the Jose Maria Amador Chapter of the DAR during the Veterans Day Parade.

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Civic Meetings

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

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

Classes

MICROSOFT EXCEL 7 CLASSES Microsoft Excel is one of the hottest skills needed for job advancement. Gain skills for career advancement, learn formatting and more. Intermediate will be Thursday, April 17; Advanced will be at the Pleasanton Library. Call 931-3400. Free and open to all.

Clubs

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Guest speaker Thom Atkins combines a love of beads with fabric to create embellished quilts as his medium of expression. Thom's work may be seen in many shows across the nation. Come enjoy his presentation at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Go to www.amadorvalleyquilters.org.

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

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

LIVERMORE BRIDGE CLUB The Livermore Bridge Club meets from 10 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at IOOF Hall, 2160 First St., Livermore, offering duplicate bridge games sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League. Duplicate bridge takes away the luck of which cards you get. Cost is \$5. Call 699-1858 or go to livermorebridge.com.

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

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Spencers: Theater of Illusion

Husband and wife team Kevin and Cindy Spencer will put on a one-night-only, interactive, mind-bending, eye-popping magic performance at 8 p.m. tonight (April 11) at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The illusionists are internationally acclaimed, six-time Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year recipients, as well as winners of one of magic's highest honors: the Merlin Award for International Magicians of the Year. Reserved seating tickets are \$28-\$38, available at www.firehousearts.org, at the center's box office or by calling 931-4848.

NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at the Hilton Hotel, 7050 Johnson Drive. Call 556-2333 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

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

Concerts

OL' BLUE EYES AND FRIENDS: A SALUTE TO FRANK SINATRA AND HIS RAT PACK This nationally acclaimed show will feature Jonathan Poretz and guest star Suzanna Smith with the best-loved songs made famous by Frank, Dean, Sammy, Bobby and Tony. The show will be from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$12-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to <http://www.firehousearts.org>.

Events

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Donate blood and save a life from 1-7 p.m. on Friday, April 18 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: ASBURY925) to schedule an appointment.

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

FREE ANNUAL COMMUNITY E-WASTE COLLECTION Free Community E-Waste Collection from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, April 18 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 at the City's Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road. Free to Pleasanton residents who should be prepared to show identification to confirm their residency. Call (866) 335-3373. For a list of accepted items, go to <http://noewaste.com/calendar.php>.

GNON'S SPRING FLING TRADE SHOW! GNON and Lois Cox of Prudential California Realty invite all women to come to this fabulous event from 5-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23 at Prudential California Realty, 4725 First St., Suite 150. Shop at 14 booths! Bring business cards and friends, and enjoy a glass of wine from White Crane Winery. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. RSVP and prepay required by April 21. Visit www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html.

HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you for Happy Hour at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 17 at the Sheraton Hotel. RSVP to Marge by April 15 at 828-5124 or hskoog@comcast.net.

LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

Event Author Jim Hamilton will be launching his book, "In Pursuit of Love" at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Jim will share readings throughout the afternoon and will be available to chat and sign books. Go to www.librarytalespublishing.com.

OPEN MIC NIGHT WITH MY FRIENDS

Celebrate National Poetry Month! Share your latest poem, excerpt from your novel, or perform an acoustic musical composition with a supportive audience from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, April 14 at the Pleasanton Library. Go to <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library/programs-events-adult.html>.

PLEASANTON SENIOR VIP CLUB HAT DAY

It time for Hat Day, Beautiful Hat, Oldest Hat, Unusual Hat and Crazy Hat, from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 11 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Sign up for lunch for \$3.50. Call 931 - 5385

PLEASANTON SENIOR VIP CLUB

SENIOR SAFETY The Pleasanton VIP Club presents Senior Safety by Charlotte Hargrave from 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Lunch will be served for \$3.50. Call 931-5385.

SPRING CELEBRATION AT ALVISO

ADOBE COMMUNITY PARK Come to the Spring Celebration from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Children ages 4 and up can dye eggs, explore the park in an egg fact search, compete in an egg drop, and visit with rabbits hosted by Abbie 4-H Club. Cost is \$20 for residents, \$23 for non-residents. Call 931-3485 or go to www.pleasantonfun.com.

STOP HUNGER NOW MEAL

PACKAGING EVENT Help package 10,000 meals for hungry people around the world with Stop Hunger Now and Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 19 at 4444 Black Ave. Volunteers of all ages needed. Call 846-0221 or go to www.lynnewood.org or www.stophunger-now.org.

Exhibits

'1000 WORDS' AT HARRINGTON

ART GALLERY This new installation focuses on story-telling through a variety of media, including printmaking, mixed media, photography, painting, and assemblage sculpture, featuring 7 diverse artists. The exhibit runs March 8-April 19. Call 931-4849.

'IMAGINATION EXPRESSED 2014'

The Pleasanton Art League and Museum On Main proudly present "Imagination Expressed 2014" from March 12-May 4. Call 462-2766.

Fundraisers

25TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE The Valley Pregnancy Center will hold

its annual Walk-a-thon with the goal of raising \$100,000 to support their free services in the Tri Valley from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 3 at the Amador Recreation Center. There will be a live band, Carl's Jr. sponsored BBQ, Kid Zone activities, client testimonies, raffle prizes, bake sale and much more! Call 425-0414 or go to <http://www.ministrsync.com/event/?e=7438>.

6TH ANNUAL WINE TASTER

Join a relaxing afternoon of wine tasting and a silent auction to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, from noon-4 p.m. on Sunday, April 13 at Purple Orchid Wine Country Inn and Spa, 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. Blood cancers affect us all, your support will save lives! Special music performance by The Playthings. Tickets are \$35. Call 413-7788 or go to Winehike2014.ticketleap.com.

BE STRONG SWIM-A-THON

The first Annual Be Strong and Give Back Happiness Swim-a-thon will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, April 27 at Pleasanton Valley Swim Club, 5140 Golden Road. Proceeds benefit Children's Hospital and Research Center Oakland. Reserve your lane today by visiting www.bestrongswimathon.eventbrite.com

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!

BLUE STAR MOM 4TH CHARITY

GOLF TOURNAMENT Join in supporting Blue Star Moms at their Charity Golf Tournament from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Friday, April 25 at Callippe Golf Course. Entry fee is \$200 and includes a Mobile Pro Shop, green fee and Cart, lunch and dinner, and much more. Call 426-6666 or go to www.playcallippe.com.

MAGICAL EVENING AT CASTLEWOOD

COUNTRY CLUB Join a magical evening to benefit the Tri-Valley YMCA at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 24 at Castlewood Country Club. With wine tasting, live and silent auctions, dinner, music and fun all for a great cause! Tickets are \$50. Contact Kelly Frye at 263-4444 or kfrye@ymcaeastbay.org.

PLEASANTON CAVALIERS RUGBY

DINNER The Lady Cavaliers are hosting a dinner and silent auction to raise money to attend the National Championships in Massachusetts. Join at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at Handles Gastropub. Tickets are \$30. Go to www.pleasantonrugbyclub.com.

PRIMAVERA DINNER DANCE

Branch #285 of the Italian Catholic Federation will host its annual Primavera Dinner Dance starting at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at St Michael's Church, 372 Maple St., Livermore. Dance to the live music of The Mellotones. Raffle and prizes. Tickets are \$35, reservations required by May 1.

Proceeds go to Tri-Valley scholarship program and other charities. Call Anna at 484-1523.

VFW BENEFIT DANCE The VFW presents a holiday dance featuring the Mellotones Band playing a variety of dance music from the 30's, 40's and 50's. Join the fun from 1-3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at the War Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$10. Proceeds benefit veterans and their families. Call 443-2224.

YOURS HUMANLY COMEDY NIGHT WITH JAY PHAROAH Get ready for an evening of laughs to support a good cause. Join a comedy night with SNL comedian Jay Pharoah at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 at Tommy T's. Proceeds go to Yours Humanly, which helps empower underprivileged children around the world through education. Tickets are \$25, and must be purchased through Yours Humanly. Contact 680-9700 or info@yourshumanly.org. Go to www.yourshumanly.org.

Health

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

Holiday

PASSOVER WITHOUT MIRACLES COMMUNITY SEDER This progressive secular potluck seder will feature English-language haggadah with lots of music from the Jewish and Civil Rights traditions, followed by a non-kosher-for-Passover potluck dinner, from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 at the Bothwell Center, 2466 8th St. Livermore. Cost is \$15 for non-members plus potluck contribution. Reservations required. Contact (510) 888-1404 or reservations@Tri-ValleyCulturalJews.org.

Kids & Teens

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

FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY Ages 9-14. Explore the basic techniques of field archaeology using tools of the trade from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 12 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$13 for non-residents. Learn more and register at www.pleasantonfun.com using code 56871.

SHAKE YOUR SILLIES OUT Shake out those sillies at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday mornings

at the Golden Apple Learning Store, 4807 Hopyard Road. If you're 2 to 5 years old and want to sing, dance, and hear a story, come join the fun! Weekly themes with crafts or games included. Call 460-5163.

Lectures/ Workshops

MASTER GARDENER GARDEN TALK Local Master Gardeners are on site to answer questions at the Demo Garden from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month with a Garden Talk on a seasonal appropriate topic at 10 a.m. April 12 will discuss gardening with California natives; May 10 will discuss the management of citrus; June 14 will discuss habitat garden how tos. Contact mgalameda@ucdavis.edu.

Miscellaneous

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

FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT AT NEW LEAF Bring in your kids for this family fun activity any time from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday, April 18 at New Leaf Markets, 3550 Bernal Ave. Answer three questions correctly about organic and natural foods and win a golden egg with a prize inside. Hint: You can ask New Leaf team members for help!

ORGANIC WINE TASTING Enjoy great wine, a bite to eat and live music from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, April 11 at New Leaf Markets, 3550 Bernal Ave. Join Katelyn Robertson of Mountain Peoples Wines to sample several excellent organic wines. Mountain Peoples Wine Distributing is celebrating over 18 years as the leading organic wine/beer distributor in CA.

VETERANS FOR PEACE The new East Bay Chapter, No. 162, of Veterans for Peace meets at 10 a.m. the second Saturday of each month at 6501 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. All veterans are welcome. To learn more about the monthly meetings, call Fred at 462-7495.

On Stage

BROADWAY'S NEXT HIT MUSICAL New York City's award-winning, improvised, musical comedy awards show, complete with the original stellar cast of improv super-stars, hits the Firehouse Arts Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. Tickets are \$20-\$32. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

THE SPENCERS: THEATER OF ILLUSION Internationally acclaimed husband and wife team Kevin and Cindy Spencer put on a one-night-

only, interactive, mind-bending, eye-popping magic performance at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 11 at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$28-\$38. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

Recreation

PLEASANTON RUN FOR EDUCATION Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Pleasanton Run for Education from 7:30-10 a.m. on Sunday, April 13. Races include a half marathon, 5K, and Kid's Challenge all starting and finishing at the Alameda County Fair Grounds. Cost is \$66 for half marathon, \$26 for 5K. Proceeds benefit Pleasanton Partners in Education programs. Contact Jeff at ppie.jeff@gmail.com.

Seniors

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

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

FRESH BITES Join nutrition educators for a fun and interactive cooking class at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, now through October, at the Pleasanton Senior Center. This class will focus on tasty, easy, and fast recipes that require minimal ingredients and are adapted for 1-2 people. To register call 931-5383. Space is limited.

HAWAIIAN HULA DANCE Capture the Aloha spirit by learning to hula every Friday at the Dublin Senior Center. Start with a few basic steps, finish with an easy-to-follow choreographed dance. All levels welcome! Wear comfortable clothing. Cost is \$3 per month. Contact seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

INTRODUCTION TO SMART PHONES AND TABLETS Do you own a Smart Phone or Tablet? Need help learning the basics so you can make calls, take pictures, send texts, send emails or connect to the internet? Bring your questions and gadgets to the upcoming session at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 14 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$1.75 for residents, \$2.25 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

TRANSCRIBING FOR YOU Transcribing for You has volunteers that will transcribe and print

your letters to be sent. The service is located at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$1.50. Call 556-4511 for an appointment or email seniorctr@ci.dublin.us.

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 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. Go to www.lynnewood.org.

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

WOMEN'S FAITH GROUP BIBLE STUDY Women's Faith Group meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Faith Chapel Assembly of God, 6656 Alisal St., for a time of bible study and fellowship. There is no charge. Bring a friend or come make one. Call 846-8650 or go to fcpleasanton.org.

Sports

BUSC RECREATIONAL SOCCER INFO NIGHT Ballistic United will be hosting an info night for parents with sons new to recreational soccer and those who are looking to learn more about the rec soccer program at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16 at their Club Office, 275 Rose Ave., Suite 209. They will cover the club, the program, schedule, fields, coaching, costs, and registration. Call 463-6313 or go to busc.org.

Support Groups

CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP This is a safe place to speak openly about your experience of pain and to learn ways of coping with it. Meetings are 12:30-1:30 p.m. the first and third Mondays monthly at Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Call 447-1950.

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environ-

PET OF THE WEEK



Portrait of a dog

Picasso is an adult male Chihuahua mix just waiting for that special someone to find him and take him home forever. He's already neutered and vaccinated, and will be microchipped when he's sent home with his new family. Meet Picasso and other adoptable animals at the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin, 4595 Gleason Drive.

ment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. For more information, view their blog at www.eastbayet.com or call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

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

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

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

1st Wednesday Street Parties...

Where the community comes together!

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is excited to announce some big changes for our 2014 1st Wednesday Street Parties. Our goal has always been for the community to enjoy gathering and celebrating at our downtown events. After listening to feedback from many people and in an effort to keep 1st Wednesdays a wonderful, family friendly event we are pleased to announce the following changes for this season!

NEW ENTERTAINMENT GARDEN – We have decided to no longer serve beer and wine during 1st Wednesdays. Instead we will turn the parking lot located at 530 Main Street into our family and pet friendly Entertainment Garden! We will feature an awesome band each month and have ample seating where you can kick back, relax, eat and have fun! If you are in the mood for a cocktail or adult beverage, we will have a list of places in Downtown offering great 1st Wednesday beverage deals!

EXPANDED FARMERS MARKET – You have told us how much you love having a Farmers Market at 1st

Wednesdays so we are expanding the market & moving it closer to the heart of the event. You can now find our certified Farmers Market on St. Mary Street from 6-9pm during each 1st Wednesday!

ARTBLOCK – We will continue to host incredible artists and artisans at our growing ArtBlock located on E. Angela Street. Stroll the street and discover a wealth of talent from painters, sculptors, jewelers and more! Plus there will be live music each month!

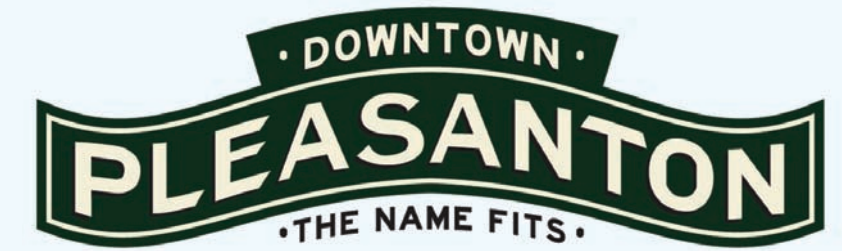
MUSIC, MUSIC & MUSIC – In addition to the featured band in the Entertainment Garden we will be welcoming musicians throughout 1st Wednesdays! Local bands, youth groups & others will be featured in various locations during the event season.

1st Wednesdays are where we can all gather, celebrate and enjoy the heart of our community! We invite you to come downtown and rediscover 1st Wednesdays!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Farmers' Market, Every Saturday 9am-1pm
- Concerts in the Park (June 6-August 29)
- First Wednesday Street Parties (May 7-September 3)
- Summer Wine Stroll (July 12)
- Antique Faires (May 25 & October 12)

For a full calendar of events visit pleasantondowntown.net



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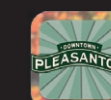
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Electronic expressions

Teen hits right notes
in musical compositions



MARIANNE BURNS

Danny Burns, a prolific composer of electronica, says that his Asperger's Syndrome gives him challenges in many areas but may be an asset with his music.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

We've all been there. We press the number sequence for the department or person we need, and we hear, "Please hold."

Then it begins — music that we like, or hate, or somewhere in between.

Enter Danny Burns, a senior at Amador Valley High who has been composing electronic music since he was 10. Two years ago he got a gig from TiVo, the digital recording service where his dad Matt works, to write songs for its customers to hear while they are on hold.

"It was kind of a challenge for me but I worked a couple of themes out — calming, soothing, upbeat — and they were really happy with that," Danny said. "After a while they were saying no one was complaining about the hold music."

TiVo had some specific instructions, Matt Burns noted: "Don't make it repetitive, make it light. People on hold are frustrated."

TiVo is still using the four pieces written by Danny and is considering hiring him to do more.

"Composing comes very easily to me," Danny said. "I hear that some composers stare at computers trying to think of a tune."

Danny has Asperger's Syndrome, which means that although he's smart, he faces everyday challenges, from socializing effectively to attention and organization skills.

"But one area where he has always excelled is music. He has been obsessed with music since he was a toddler," Matt Burns said. "At age 4 he could tell you the specific three notes that make up the harmonics of many different train whistles he had heard in the train videos he was also obsessed with at the time."

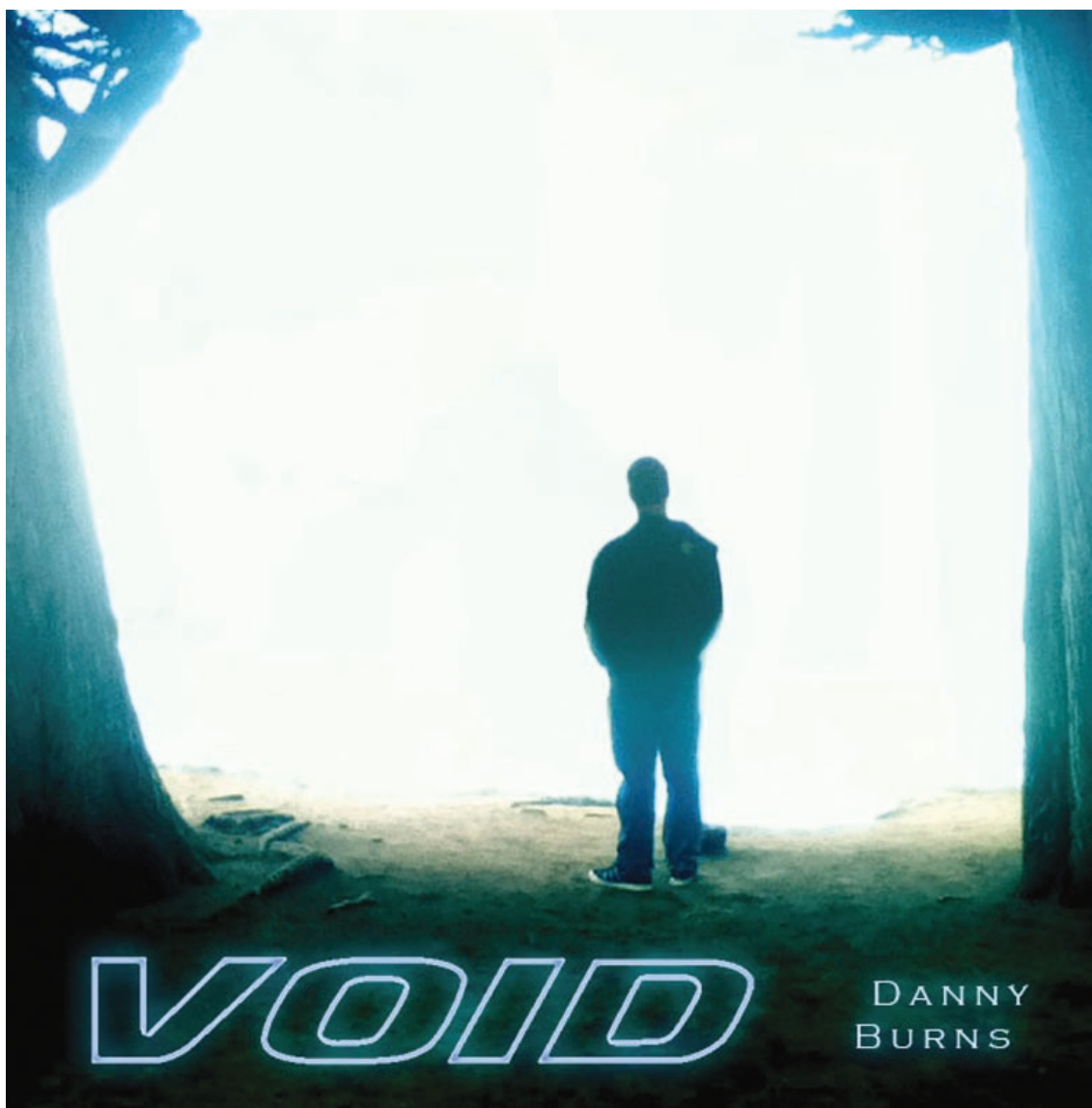
His Asperger's is an asset with his music, Danny said.

"Socially it gives me difficulty, with auditory processing, paying attention and knowing what people are feeling at certain times," he said. "But in another sense, it helps me with getting more detail into my music. I have a heightened sense for certain parts of the music and song."

Often he thinks of songs during the day but can't get to them until he is home and his homework is finished. Then he sits at his laptop to get down the musical notation for the parts he remembers, and the rest follows. Next, he must find the right instruments in his library to record the music, and then he combines the individual tracks to deliver the right sound.

"I don't want it to be the same tune over and over," he said.

As Danny honed his electronica skills, he acquired more



MARIANNE BURNS

Danny Burns' newest album, "Void," includes his first vocal, "Artificial World."

See **ELECTRONIC** on Page 19

Sing out, ring out

Take a free musical journey this weekend

Weaving together the lyrical sounds of voices and handbells, Tapestry, the Bay Area's only combined ensemble, is presenting "Timeless and Timely" tomorrow evening in Pleasanton.

Under the direction of Cindy Krausgrill, this musical journey will feature well-loved music, from Rodgers & Hammerstein to The Beatles, perfect for all ages.

Tapestry was formed in 2006 when Heartsong Women's Chamber Chorus merged with Canto Bello Handbell Ensemble to raise funds for good causes while providing audiences with high-quality entertainment.

Locally, its charities have included Shepherd's Gate in Liv-



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Tapestry, the Bay Area's only combined vocal and handbell ensemble, will perform "Timeless and Timely" tomorrow night in Pleasanton.

ermore, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties, and the George Mark Children's House in San Leandro. In 2007, Tapestry toured England, raising money to support an HIV/AIDS

orphanage in Zambia.

This weekend's concert will begin at 7 p.m. this Saturday at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. The performance is free and open to the public

but a freewill donation will be accepted in support of the Bay Area Chapter of Philanthropic Education Organization, an international organization that promotes educational opportunities

for women.

For more information about Tapestry and its spring concert season, visit www.TapestryRingersandSingers.org.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

ELECTRONIC

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than a hundred instruments, called motifs, and found more and more outlets.

He composed the music for a production in Oregon of a post-apocalyptic "MacBeth" in which his grandfather portrayed Duncan.

"It's 12 years after the apocalypse. Everybody's forming tribes and all the 'MacBeth' characters are in these tribes," explained Danny, who traveled to Oregon for a performance. "They introduced me because I was in the audience, and after the play everybody was saying, like, it made the show."

He has also worked on music for the video game MacBrickout.

"The challenge was to make it go with the mood of the level and

not have it be repetitive or annoying in any way," Danny said.

Video game music is a genre he has embraced.

"I've gone to a couple of live performances of Video Games Live, an organization that tours around the world playing video game music in live symphony," he said, noting the San Francisco Symphony as one example.

Electronic music is also used extensively in movies and TV shows, Matt pointed out.

"He's so prolific, we feel this is something he could crank out," Matt said.

Although Danny enjoys it all, he said, "I mostly like composing soundtrack music — epic, exciting, adventurous."

"I definitely plan to go into the soundtrack industry," he added.

But first he will go to Las

Positas College, then he plans to attend the Academy of Art University in San Francisco to pursue a bachelor of fine arts in music production and sound design for visual media.

Danny's website, technocinema.com, includes his soundtracks for "MacBeth" and MacBrickout as well as "Evening with Friends," jazz music he composed for a production of "Art" at the Columbia Center for the Arts in Hood River, Ore.

An album called "Danger and Destiny" features 26 tracks of cinematic music he describes as "action, adventure, suspense and joy." And his latest recording, "Void," has many styles, including chill, dance and rock, plus his vocal single, "Artificial World."

Or, if you want to hear his music, you could just call TiVo and get put on hold. ■



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Percussionists beat all

The Amador Valley High School winter percussion team took first place in the Northern California Percussion Association (NCPA) championships at James Logan High School in Union City on April 5. The team won in the percussion scholastic open class.

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50th anniversary — Plato

Longtime Pleasanton residents Arthur (Bud) and Peggy Plato celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 28. They were married in 1964 at the former Presbyterian church on Neal Street.

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Eagle Scout JP Johnson

JP Johnson of Troop 908 in Pleasanton was presented his Eagle Scout Badge, the Boy Scouts of America's highest award, at an Eagle Court of Honor on March 23 in Pleasanton.

Johnson, 16, a junior at Valley Christian High School, has earned 28 merit badges with a Bronze Palm. His scouting included weeklong camping trips to Catalina Island, Camp Wente in Willits and Camp Marin Sierra, and he served in the troop as senior patrol leader, patrol leader and quartermaster. For his Eagle project, JP planned, organized and directed the installation of irrigation, plants and bark mulch for planting beds at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton.

In addition to scouting, Johnson received the Principal's Award for a GPA above 4.0 and was recently nominated for the National Honors Society. He currently serves on Student Council as treasurer. He also plays varsity baseball and soccer at Valley Christian, where he has received a CIF Scholar Athlete Award the last three years for his work in the classroom and on the field. Johnson also volunteers at his local church, where he works in leadership with fifth-grade students.

Little help from new friends



CAROLYN ZALEWSKI

Challengers Angel Harry Tsai (center) plays shortstop with help from Amador Valley High's Connor Casperson (left) and Zach Lander on Opening Day March 23.



CAROLYN ZALEWSKI

Dons pitcher Alex Zwingle helps Angels batter Julia Steenman connect for a base hit.

Challengers Angels open baseball season with AVHS varsity squad

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Challengers Angels baseball team started its season in a special way late last month, as Amador Valley High varsity players and coaches were on hand to mentor and assist the boys and girls as Opening Day ambassadors.

"It was just a great kickoff to our 2014," Angels coach Diane Berry said. "It was an opportunity to mingle and play with uniformed players that were 'the big guys.' They very well could have been major league players as far as our teams

were concerned."

The Angels, sponsored by the Pleasanton Foothill Little League and the Pleasanton American Little League, opened their season with the Livermore National Little League Challengers team March 23 in Dublin. The Little League Challenger Program offers mentally and physically challenged boys and girls the opportunity to play organized baseball in an environment geared to their abilities.

This year marked the first time the Amador varsity team participated in the Angels'



CAROLYN ZALEWSKI

Kira Welsh walks through an Amador tunnel during starting lineup introductions.

Opening Day. Every Dons player and coach attended the event.

"High school athletes get very busy and focused and can easily forget how very lucky they really are. This was an opportunity for them to feel grateful for what they have and to give back to the community," Amador coach Lou Cesario said.

The Dons split up and paired with players from both Challengers teams, providing help when needed in the field, at the plate and on the base paths.

"The (Amador) boys made great connections with every

member of the challenger team, and the day was very special for everyone involved," Cesario added.

Taking part in Opening Day was perhaps most special for Amador's Keegan Sheehan, who played in the Challenger program as a child.

"Keegan has been our inspirational leader for two years now. Keegan was very proud that day," Cesario said.

Berry said she hopes the collaboration with Amador baseball

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- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, away
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Las Lomas, home
- Baseball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, away
- Foothill Track and Field: 9 a.m., Arcadia Invitational
- Swimming: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away
- Diving: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, home

April 12

- Foothill Track and Field: 9 a.m., Arcadia Invitational

April 14

- Girls Lacrosse: 5:30 p.m., Amador vs. Los Alamitos, home
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Bellarmine, home

April 15

- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., Amador vs. Granada
- Boys Lacrosse: 5 p.m., Amador vs. Marin Catholic, away
- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. De La Salle, home
- Boys Volleyball: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill, away
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, home
- Softball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, home
- Boys Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Granada, away
- Softball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill, away

April 16

- Baseball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador, home

April 17

- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, home
- Softball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. California, home
- Foothill Track and Field: 4 p.m., Livermore Dual (EBAL)
- Amador Track and Field: 3:30 p.m., Granada
- Softball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Boys Golf: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore

April 18

- Baseball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley, home
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, home
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, home
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. Dublin, away
- Baseball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. California, home

April 19

- Foothill Track and Field: 9 a.m., Woody Wilson Invitational
- Swimming: 9 a.m., Tom Wilson Invitational Swimming Meet

April 21

- Boys Volleyball: 6 p.m., Amador vs. San Ramon Valley, home
- Boys Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, home

April 22

- Boys Golf: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. California
- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Livermore, home
- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. Monte Vista, away
- Boys Volleyball: 6 p.m., Amador vs. Livermore, away
- Boys Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, home
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- Softball: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. San Ramon Valley, away
- Boys Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Livermore, away
- Boys Golf: 3:30 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista

April 23

- Girls Lacrosse: 7 p.m., Amador vs. Sacred Heart Prep, home
- Diving: 4 p.m., Amador vs. California, home
- Softball: 4 p.m., Amador vs. Granada, away

April 24

- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., Amador vs. Foothill
- Boys Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador vs. California, away
- Boys Tennis: 4 p.m., Foothill vs. Monte Vista, home
- Boys Golf: 3:15 p.m., Foothill vs. Amador



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Blessed by a rainbow

The varsity and JV softball teams of Amador Valley High School kicked off their 2014 East Bay Athletic League season in the rain March 25 with their fifth annual Breast Cancer Awareness games, but the weather did not dampen their spirits. In addition to raising money for cancer research, the teams honored several survivors, friends and family members of players from both Amador and San Ramon Valley High. They also recognized Angie Okumura to whom the AVHS varsity softball field is dedicated. Both Amador varsity and JV won their home openers.

Services to be held Saturday for Coach Brian Chinn

Coached Pleasanton Little League for last 16 years

By JEB BING

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday for popular Little League baseball coach Brian Chinn, who died March 26. He was 57 years old.

Mr. Chinn coached hundreds in various youth sports in Pleasanton over the past 16 years, including coaching the Pleasanton National Little League last year and umpiring for the PNLL for the last four years.

“He was one of those rare individuals that gave of his time, all the time, to help the kids of Pleasanton have a coach and learn about sportsmanship and sports,” said fellow coach and close friend Bruce Torquemada.

“Brian touched so many of our lives with his patient, thoughtful and giving personality,” Torquemada added. “We will always remember him as the person always there to assist with managing, coaching,

umpiring and refereeing.”

Torquemada said Mr. Chinn played an important role in helping in the development of children, teaching them the importance of sportsmanship and sports. It didn't matter what sport; he was always involved at some level, be it basketball, soccer or baseball.

“I had the pleasure of coaching with Brian for seven years and all of us who knew him would surely agree he was one of the very special people always there to help,” Torquemada said.

Mr. Chinn is also remembered as having carnations ready for players he coached to give to their mothers on Mother's Day.

He leaves behind his wife Eleanor and three sons: Michael, Jared and Griffin.

The memorial service will be held at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Rd. ■



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Longtime youth coach Brian Chinn, who died late last month.



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Rugby ladies headed for nationals

The Pleasanton Lady Cavaliers got an invitation to the Women's Rugby Nationals in Pittsfield, Mass., on May 16-19, after earning a No. 7 ranking in the United States. The 30-member team is now raising money to pay its way, including selling baked goods at the Farmers Market, and a dinner and silent auction this Saturday (April 12) starting at 7:30 p.m. at Handles Gastropub on Main Street.

In late 2011, one girl went to the Cavaliers rugby camp to learn the sport, but soon word spread and more girls began to show up. As the new year came around, the executive team of the Pleasanton rugby club announced a girls' coach, and the Lady Cavaliers were born. The new team rose in the league rankings and took first place in the Silver League in its first year. Now it has moved up to the Elite Gold League in Northern California and has become a national contender. For more information, visit www.Pleasantonrugbyclub.com.



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becomes an Opening Day tradition.

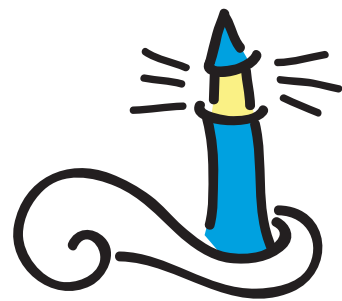
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 489086
The following person(s) doing business as: HOPYARD AUTO SERVICE, 2991 HOPYARD ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Felipe Chua, 1970 Southwest Expressway, Apt. #4, San Jose, CA 95126. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Felipe Chua. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/12/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 21, 28, April 11, 11; 2014)

GOING AMERICAN FAB
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 489183
The following person(s) doing business as: GOING AMERICAN FAB, 11582 MANZANITA LANE, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leroy Richardson, 11582 Manzanita Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Leroy Richardson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/14/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 28, April 11, 11, 18; 2014)

HAPPY ACRE FARM
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 489258
The following person(s) doing business as: HAPPY ACRE FARM, 505 PALOMA WAY, SUNOL, CA 94586, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Helen Tuman, 957 Sunnyhills Road, Oakland, CA 94610; Matthew Sylvester, 3631 Virden Avenue, Oakland, CA 94619. This business is conducted by a General partnership. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Helen Tuman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/17/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 11, 11, 18, 25; 2014)

ELDER BUDDY OF THE TRI-VALLEY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 489376
The following person(s) doing business as: ELDER BUDDY OF THE TRI-VALLEY, 4636 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ray E. Zarodney, 4636 2nd Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Ray E. Zarodney. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/19/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 11, 11, 18, 25; 2014)

CASE CONSULTING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 489153
The following person(s) doing business as: CASE CONSULTING, 3679 CENTRAL PARKWAY, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mark A. Case, 3679 Central Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568; Barbara J. Case, 3679 Central Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Mark A. Case. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/13/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 11, 11, 18, 25; 2014)

ZWIRL SPORTS, INC.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 489504
The following person(s) doing business as: ZWIRL SPORTS, INC., 2371 GLORIA COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): RENWIN Corporation, 2371 Gloria Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 03/01/2014 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/21/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 11, 18, 25, May 2; 2014)

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Prudential California Realty's Pearson Properties expands with new acquisition

'Extremely optimistic about housing market,' CEO says

By JEB BING

Prudential California Realty, a Pearson Properties company based in San Ramon with an office in Pleasanton, has acquired another real estate brokerage with the same Prudential name that has offices in Benicia, Fairfield and the Central Valley.

The acquired real estate firm is an eight-office business with 170 agents in the Central Valley and North Bay that transacted over \$360 million of property sales and nearly 1,600 units in 2013.

Gretchen Pearson will continue to lead the operation as the president/CEO. Craig C. Lewis, former CEO of PCR, will serve as president of the Pruden-

tial Commercial Real Estate division.

With the acquisition, Prudential California Realty, Pearson Properties now has 28 office locations, with nearly 800 real estate sales professionals who produced approximately \$1.70 billion sales volume in 2013.

"We are extremely optimistic about the housing market and we believe that the positive real estate trends of the past year will continue in 2014," Pearson said. "The sales professionals at Prudential California Realty have a tremendous reputation for providing exceptional and professional real estate service, and have an in depth expertise in the local markets. We are proud to have them join

with our Prudential Realtors in the greater Bay Area and Sacramento markets."

PCR was founded as Stone Real Estate in 1965 in Modesto. Under the Lewis' leadership, the company joined the Prudential Real Estate Network in 1989. Lewis, who has been a broker for more than 30 years, focuses on Stanislaus County.

"Bringing these two Prudential real estate operations together allows Prudential California Realty to provide enhanced services to both consumers and associated Realtors throughout Northern California," Lewis said.

Pearson Properties PCR office in Pleasanton office is located at 4725 First St. ■

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Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 837-4100

Brentwood

3 BEDROOMS
8180 Byron Highway \$825,500
Sun 11-2 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

Castro Valley

3 BEDROOMS
3629 Lorena Ave. \$659,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

Danville

5 BEDROOMS
10 Roberts Court \$1,549,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 934-1111

25 Macomber Road \$2,475,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS
7405 Brigadoon Way \$525,000
Sat 1:30-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS
2755 First St. #1502 \$429,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 397-4326

3 BEDROOMS
303 Garden Common Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457

4 BEDROOMS
1127 Aberdeen Ave. \$619,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

523 Bernal Ave. \$470,000
Sun 1-4 Nancy Valett 251-2536

5 BEDROOMS
2324 Wedgewood Way \$1,474,950
Sun 1-4 Jim Tropp 621-4042

4063 Sonia St. \$839,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
7580-G Canyon Meadows Circle \$399,000
Sun 1-4 George McKean 998-1798

3372 Smoketree Commons \$410,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Karen Neuer 858-0246

3 BEDROOMS
4758 Sutter Gate Ave. \$749,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Futral 980-3561

524 Gerard Court \$789,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Mike Carey 963-0569

210 E. Angela St. \$889,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Mike Carey 963-0569

1343 Kolln St. Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 Joel and Cindy Engel 580-5106

7523 Homewood Court \$575,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

7413 Aspen Court \$749,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

4 BEDROOMS
6106 Kavala Court \$1,395,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

725 Crystal Lane \$1,348,000
Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 872-1416

4231 Mirador Drive \$1,049,000
Sat/Sun 2-5 Tiffany Rose 200-4723

3036 Chardonnay Drive \$874,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Dorian Glanville 600-0006

3207 Arbor Drive \$1,099,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema 260-2220

996 Riesling Drive \$839,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

1934 Nicosia Way \$1,390,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

526 Montori Court \$1,290,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

4158 Fargo Court Call for price
Sun 1-3 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4116 Creekwood Court \$1,275,000
Sun 1-4 Tom Fox 872-1275

3881 Foothill Road \$1,675,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

1375 Briones Court \$1,395,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

593 Del Sol Ave. \$1,105,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

1541 Whispering Oaks Way \$1,229,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 Sonali Sethna 525-2569

5 BEDROOMS
3750 Smallwood Court \$1,829,000
Sun 2-5 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

1210 Hearst Drive \$1,498,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 872-1416

12 Dear Oaks Drive \$1,698,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

6 BEDROOMS
688 Varese Court \$2,650,000
Sun 1-4 Mike Carey 963-0569

4625 Second St. Call for price
Sat 10-1/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS
612 Rosinross Court \$1,295,000
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

1103 Canyon Hills Road \$899,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-Valley 397-4200

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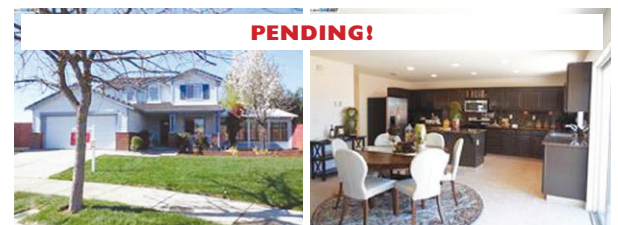
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New Construction 1-story on 5 acres! Brand-New approx. 2550 sq. ft. 4br, 3ba top-quality construction home with 3 car attached garage, side access, and giant covered deck in private, peaceful Kilkare Canyon location. Pleasanton schools. Minutes to Hwy 680. **\$1,396,000**

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 7-21

Dublin

- 4750 Calcagno Court** D R Horton to S. Radhakrishnan for \$1,199,500
 - 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #325** C. Thomas to J. Freund for \$246,000
 - 7603 Donohue Drive** Marcellini Trust to J. & W. Demello for \$625,000
 - 7534 Ironwood Court** Lecheminant Trust to R. & W. Jayasinghe for \$655,000
 - 7446 Oxford Circle #64 A.** Pannu to Maidenhair Limited for \$456,500
 - 7779 Peppertree Road** Antoine Trust to D. Liu for \$651,000
 - 4769 Perugia Street** O. Kearns to S. Lerschen for \$575,000
 - 4895 Sequoia Avenue** Spofforth Trust to A. & R. Sharma for \$820,000
 - 7020 Stagecoach Road #C** A. Rose to A. Ford-Gilbert for \$309,000
- Livermore
- 4782 Aries Court** K. Banks to K. & G. Hui for \$440,000
 - 2930 Basil Common** M. & K. Trant to K. Marciel for \$665,000
 - 4174 Bristlecone Way** E. & C. Ables to W. & J. Lane for \$475,000
 - 2278 Buckskin Road** T. & D. Abrams to V. Vo for \$494,000
 - 1283 Central Avenue** E. Johnson to D. & T. Fike for \$639,000
 - 1369 Daisy Lane** Abbott Trust to D. Inori for \$465,000

- 1247 De Paul Way** Gonzales Trust to M. & M. Thompson for \$690,000
 - 560 Dovecote Lane #4 J.** Cheek to R. Aloe for \$600,000
 - 6162 Forget Me Not** L. Miller to Jardin Trust for \$451,000
 - 6616 Forget Me Not** A. Rafie to M. Aly for \$310,000
 - 1133 Geneva Street** F. Phelps to J. & B. Steiger for \$675,000
 - 207 Heligan Lane #4 A.** Quintana to K. Williams-Arac for \$447,000
 - 1037 Lambaren Avenue J.** Mullikin to S. & K. Hughes for \$411,000
 - 928 Lisbon Avenue** R. Luther to I. Singh for \$450,000
 - 2441 Merlot Lane** Balazs Trust to R. & J. Waffle for \$1,055,000
 - 5532 Oakmont Circle** Altamont Enterprises to M. & L. Nehse for \$450,000
 - 1845 Paseo Laguna Seco** A. Saintclair to B. Qualls for \$303,000
 - 2853 Quarry Hill Avenue #3** Shea Homes to V. & L. Chow for \$643,000
 - 2853 Quarry Hill Avenue #4** Shea Homes to Chan Trust for \$670,000
 - 187 Selby Lane #7** M. Mattos to M. Garguilo for \$480,000
- Pleasanton
- 3571 Ballantyne Drive** A. & D. Dyson to A. Elliott for \$828,000
 - 436 Bonita Avenue** C. Wilson to C. & Y. Liu for \$700,000
 - 2602 Calle Morelia** S. & A. Stokoe to M. & L. Hall for \$920,000
 - 7710 Canyon Meadow Circle #C** Detre Trust to C. Weiss for \$310,000

- 7782 Creekside Drive** Ragsdale Trust to V. Rijhwani for \$632,000
 - 3221 East Ruby Hill Drive** C. Chung to V. Hwang for \$2,110,000
 - 4372 Fairlands Drive** R. Chambers to R. Stanley for \$627,000
 - 4156 Georgis Place** Weber Trust to A. Singh for \$470,000
 - 3884 Mesa Verde Court** RC Fine Homes to N. Cowles for \$760,000
 - 5481 Ridgevale Road** Sandvig Trust to R. & E. Kiehle for \$818,000
 - 5432 San Juan Way** S. & E. Naleway to S. Bae for \$710,000
 - 1001 Shotwell Court** Toll California XIX to R. Yenepalli for \$1,460,500
 - 6065 Sterling Greens Circle** B. Laffer to R. & P. Maniktala for \$1,190,000
 - 7355 Stonedale Drive** R. Lam to B. Gai for \$515,000
 - 1342 Stony Brook Lane** Quinton Trust to A. Chien for \$1,325,000
 - 1950 West Lagoon Road** B. & S. Shin to Bhalotra Trust for \$1,230,000
 - 3502 Wind Cave Court** Mcdaniel Trust to T. Schall for \$760,000
- San Ramon
- 2904 Biddleford Drive** Eis Trust to L. Cheng for \$718,000
 - 600 Burney Creek Place** D. Carroll to H. & J. Sanchez for \$725,000
 - 400 Camberly Court** D. & B. Benning to K. & C. Tsang for \$1,657,500

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**Downtown
Pleasanton**
with wonderful
upgrades
and a pool.

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2602 Calle Morelia, Pleasanton
4 bed, 2.5 bath on a 8343 sq.ft. lot.
SOLD FOR \$920,000
\$41,000 OVER ASKING PRICE WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS



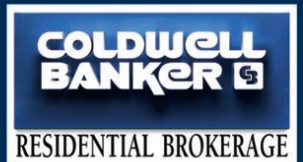
5766 Corte Libre, Pleasanton
5 bedroom, 3 bath country fair home with huge back yard, pool/spa & sport court.
REPRESENTED BUYERS SOLD FOR \$1,400,000



3502 Wind Cave Court, Pleasanton
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THE TERRACES! \$475,000
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Romar De Claro, CalBRE #01341138 925.847.2200

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4 BR 3.5 BA Plus off/library, upgrades throughout, loft, downstairs suite, pool/ spa, 2gazeebos, outdoor kit
Mary Anne Rozsa, CalBRE #00783003 925.847.2200

Open SAT 1 - 4
IMPECCABLE HOME! \$1,159,000
912 MEDOLLA COURT
4 BR 3 BA Gardeners delight! 4 car tandem garage, highly upgraded, court location, lrg lot, open flr plan
Lori Kriens, CalBRE #01899795 925.847.2200

MOUNTAIN HOUSE

A MUST SEE! \$595,000
79 N MENLO PARK ST.
4 BR 3.5 BA Spacious mstr w/large walk-in closets, Bcktyrd w/outdoor kitchen, BBQ, fire pit, play structure
Barbara Clemons, CalBRE #01794889 925.847.2200

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Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4
STUNNING HOME! \$1,698,000
12 DEER OAKS DR
5 BR 3.5 BA 2 Mstr Suites, Upg Kit. Granite Counters w/SS Appl, waterfall & gazebo
Nancy Sutorius, CalBRE #00628232 925.847.2200

BEAUTIFULLY ENHANCED! \$1,149,000
6365 PASEO SANTA MARIA
4 BR 3 BA Remodeled granite kitchen, Brazilian walnut floors, Milgard windows, new carpet, bonus room
Larry & Kathleen Waelde, CalBRE #00473360/0085285 925.847.2200

Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4
BEAUTIFUL HOME! \$839,000
996 RIESLING DRIVE
4 BR 3 BA Formal dining, hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, recently painted, 1 BD downstairs
Nancy Sutorius, CalBRE #00628232 925.847.2200

SAN LEANDRO

BAY AND HILL VIEWS! \$699,000
2882 MARINEVIEW DRIVE
3 BR 2 BA Super sharp home, single story, hardwood flrs, SS appliances, granite counters, 2 fireplaces
Laurie Pfohl, CalBRE #00866660 925.847.2200

SAN RAMON

GREAT CITY AND HILL VIEWS! \$1,699,000
381 BRIDLE COURT
4 BR 3.5 BA Upgraded home w/detached casita. Single story w/views, stone frplces & gorgeous cabinetry
Tae Terry Kim, CalBRE #01363454 925.847.2200

VICTORIA MODEL HOME! \$1,199,000
5935 LANTANA WAY
4 BR 3 BA 3 car grge, formal living, dine & flmy rms, office w/ french doors, walk to Elementary School
Tae Terry Kim, CalBRE #01363454 925.847.2200



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NEW LISTING

3881 FOOTHILL ROAD, PLEASANTON

Highly Upgraded Custom Home in Desirable Foothill Road Area with Over \$250K in Recent Upgrades, Filtered Ridge & Valley Views from this Private Secluded Half Acre Plus Lot. Mature Tree Studded Landscaping and Private Backyard with Solar Heated Pool Makes this Home Perfect for Entertaining.

Includes Four Bedrooms (1 Downstairs), Private Custom Office, Three Remodeled Bathrooms, Spacious Gourmet Kitchen with Granite Countertops & Stainless Steel Appliances and Approx. 4000 Square Feet. Custom Upgrades Include: Extensive Custom Wainscoting, Crown Molding & Plantation Shutters Throughout. Conveniently Located to Schools, 680/580 Access, Stoneridge Mall and Castlewood Country Club. Don't miss it!

OFFERED AT \$1,675,000

3750 SMALLWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON

Beautiful panoramic views of Mt. Diablo & the Pleasanton Valley! This custom home built by Westbrook Homes is located on an 18,084 square foot private, elevated lot. This well designed, open floor plan offers a formal Dining Room, formal Living Room, as well as a full bedroom, adjacent bathroom & bonus room on the first floor. The remodeled gourmet kitchen offers stainless steel appliances, granite counters & a custom tile backsplash.

5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms total, this 4,748 square foot home also has 3 remodeled bathrooms & other upgrades throughout including, crown molding & new carpet! The expansive rear yard includes an in-group pool/spa, outdoor BBQ entertainment area & large patio & lawn area.

Great home for entertaining! Neighborhood Community Center! Walk to Vintage Hills Elementary & Downtown!

OFFERED AT \$1,795,000

OPEN SUNDAY 2-5



PRICE REDUCED

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



NEW LISTING

7413 ASPEN COURT, PLEASANTON

Beautifully Upgraded Home on Quiet Court In The Foothill Area ("Oak Hill")

Three Bedrooms, Two Bathrooms, Upgraded Kitchen, Formal Dining Room Approximately 1879 Square Feet, Lot Size-6876 Square Feet, Dual Pane Windows, New Carpet, Central A/C, New Interior and Exterior Paint, Upgraded Light Fixtures, 6 Panel Doors, New Flooring in Laundry Room and Main Bath, RV Access. Walking Distance to Great Schools, Neighborhood Amenities Include Pool, Clubhouse and Green Belts!

OFFERED AT \$749,000

803 BONDE COURT, PLEASANTON

Upgraded and Remodeled Throughout! Panoramic views! Countless improvements have been made to this property since just 2012! The beautiful 11,220 square foot lot offers a backyard that has been upgraded with new stone walkways and professionally landscaped with Pinot Noir vineyard. The interior of this four bedroom, two bathroom, 2,056 square foot house, has been upgraded with custom hardwood floors (refinished in 2014), crown molding, upgraded baseboards and it is freshly painted! Remodeled kitchen and bathrooms! Master bathroom in 2014 with Travertine natural stone shower & floors, custom cabinetry, new sinks & hardware, etc. Quality upgrades with no detail spared in this premium location near Downtown with easy access to southbound 680 commute and just a short walk to Main Street!

OFFERED AT \$1,019,000



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DOWNTOWN 4625 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON

This Expanded Remodeled Custom Victorian Home on a Double Lot Provides a Unique Opportunity to Both Own and Enjoy Classic Queen Anne Architecture on Historic Tree Lined Second Street, and still be able to enjoy the Conveniences of a Large Remodeled Modernized Family Home in the Heart of Downtown Pleasanton

- Expanded Remodeled Victorian Home (\$600k in 2004)
- Premium Downtown Location (1 1/2 blocks off Main)
- Double Corner Lot (Corner Half Purchased in 1996)
- Large Historic Custom Pleasanton Residence
- Queen Anne Architecture
- Current Design By Famed Architect Charles Huff
- Design & Attention to Detail Supervised by Theresa Aimar
- Classic Large Wrap Around Porch & Turret
- Approximately 5,650 Square Feet*
- Six Bedrooms
- Plus Den/Office (Nursery/Guest-Off Master)
- Five Full Bathrooms
- Powder Room & Utility Room Off Kitchen
- Three Fireplaces
- Large Modern Gourmet Kitchen (Main)
- Full Basement Area (846 Sq. Ft.)
- Wine Cellar Room (Terracota Cooling Sleeves)
- Root & Utility Cellar
- Expansive 2nd Story Entertainment Deck (900 Sq. Ft.)
- Views of Pleasanton Ridge
- Private Rear Yard
- Four Car Garage Parking (Finished 3-Car & Separate 1 Car)
- RV Parking - Optional In-Laws/Guest/Au Pair Quarters
- Walk to Schools K-12!

*(846 Sq. Ft. Basement is included in total square footage, but not official GLA-gross living area)

Offered at \$2,575,000

Call for more information

PLEASANTON 900 Main Street



JUST LISTED • OPEN HOUSE



OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4 **1210 Hearst Drive, Kottinger Ranch**
 Exceptional totally customized and upgraded single level Pleasanton home with generous, flat and private .40 acre lot. 5 bedrooms plus Game Room! Guest Suite with Bath. **Listed At \$1,498,000**



OPEN SUN 1-4 **725 Crystal Lane, Diamond Collection**
 Open and Bright, Contemporary style with amazing, brand new Kitchen, Master on main level. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 3030 sq.ft. Wide plank hardwood flooring throughout. Great location overlooking Mission Hills Park, walk to Downtown! **Listed At \$1,348,000**

SOLD & PENDING • NEW NEIGHBORS



5339 Springdale Ave, Pleasanton **SOLD \$651,500**
 4 Bedroom 2 Bathroom +/-1,884 square feet



59 Summer Hill Court, Danville **SOLD \$755,000**
 3 Bedroom 2 Bathroom +/-1,633 square feet



910 Sherman Way, Pleasanton **PENDING \$1,348,000**
 4 Bedroom 3.5 Bathroom +/-3,016 square feet

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773 ROLLING HILLS LN.
 PLEASANTON

Located in the Chateau - 5 BD, 4.5BA, Office, 4,952 Sq.Ft. w/ 812 Sq.Ft. Carriage House - 1 BD, 1BA w/ full kitchen. Main level offers an elegant entry, office just off the entry and a Bedroom with full bath. Private yard with amazing views of the surrounding hills - elegant pool w/ waterfall, spa, private courtyard & spacious grass area.
OFFERED AT \$2,195,000



733 VINEYARD TERR.
 PLEASANTON

Located in Vineyard Terrace - 5 BD, 5 BA, 4,000 Sq.Ft. Custom, single level nestled at the end of a private road & offering incredible views of the valley. Chef inspired kitchen offers granite counters, custom built cabinets and a farm sink. Master suite offers vaulted ceilings, views of the yard and a large his/her walk-in closets.
OFFERED AT \$1,750,000



1375 BRIONES CT.
 PLEASANTON

Located in Ironwood Estates - 4BD, 3BA, 3,182 Sq.Ft. on a 9,200 Sq.Ft. lot. Single Level built in 2005. Open design with top of the line finishes. Private courtyard entry, granite counters, tile flooring, wood flooring... Kitchen w/ 3 ovens, island and large breakfast bar. Move in Ready!
OFFERED AT \$1,395,000



593 DEL SOL AVE.
 PLEASANTON

4 BD, 3.5 BA, 2,169 Sq.Ft on a 10,659 Sq.Ft. lot. Main level offers a Bedroom and Full Bath, Formal living, dining and family room plus a bonus / media room/office. Large 2 level deck off kitchen/family room overlooking large grass area and offering amazing views. Open design, modern amenities and wood flooring throughout main level.
OFFERED AT \$1,105,000



2018 FOXSWALLOW RD.
 PLEASANTON

Located in Birdland Neighborhood 4 BD, 2 BA, 1,923 Sq.Ft. on a 7,214 Sq.Ft. lot. Formal living, dining and family room. Kitchen offers a large breakfast nook, recessed lighting and opens to dining room. Master suite offers a large retreat, access to back yard, 2 closets & remodeled bath w/ large walk-in shower.
OFFERED AT \$875,000



437 AMADOR CT.
 PLEASANTON

Located close to Downtown - 4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2,012 Sq.Ft. plus detached 400 Sq.Ft. +/- detached in-law unit, on a 14,414 Sq.Ft. lot. Large & private yard w/ creek! Main living area offers a family room w/ "open beam" vaulted ceilings and access to a large redwood deck overlooking the yard.
OFFERED AT \$820,000



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3 Bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, approx. 1957 sq. ft., Updated home with expanded family room, breakfast nook, office with built-ins. Available to view on April 12. Call Lois Cox for more details.
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REDUCED
890 JEFFERSON AVE., LIVERMORE
Single story, detached, on a great corner location. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, approx. 1300 sq. ft., 2-car garage, hardwood floors, A/C, Walk to School & Shopping. Includes fridge & washer/dryer. Offered at \$554,500
KARLA BROWN 925-200-1909
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OPEN SUN 1-4
6950 VIA QUITO, PLEASANTON
Lovely Del Prado Single Story, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Full Baths, open floor plan with large family room. Kitchen with Corian counter tops, Nook area, Master suite. Formal living area off tile entry. Nicely landscaped with deck & Spa. Walk to Cabana club with pool.
Offered at \$799,000
JOANN SCHREIBER 925-200-1454
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6824 CORTE DE FLORES, PLEASANTON
Beautifully updated Ponderosa home with pool. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths all have been elegantly updated. The kitchen with beautiful cabinets, granite, stainless steel appliances and tile flooring. All new windows with lifetime warranty, 2006 roof, Shutters, crown molding....Shows like a model home.
Offered at \$879,900
SHARON ROBINSON 925-301-3728
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7950 KEMPER CT., PLEASANTON
Golden Eagle Farm, single story 3 bedrooms/one used as den with built-ins, 3 full baths, approx. 2489 sq.ft. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, updated kitchen with granite counters. Hard wood floors in kitchen and family room. Double-sided gas fireplace Living room/Family room. Offered at \$1,100,000
PAM SILLIMAN 925-998-1522
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OPEN 4/12 & 13
3372 SMOKETREE CMNS., PLEASANTON
Location, location, location...Coming soon near downtown Pleasanton...cute 2bed/2bath condo in the Smoketree Common Complex. Updated kitchen and bathrooms, split level model approx.. 863 sq. ft., with a 1 car garage! Great location in complex near the pool. Offered at \$410,000
KAREN NEUER 925-858-0246
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9025 ALCOSTA BLVD #233, SAN RAMON
No Stairs! Ground level, 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit in San Ramon. Has fireplace in living room, and a dining area. Tile flooring in living room, dining area and kitchen, new carpet in bedrooms. Fresh paint throughout. Convenient patio area and community pool. Offered at \$295,000
VARSHA UPADHYE 925-339-8090
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638 ABBIE ST., PLEASANTON
Downtown Beauty! Must see this charming Old Towne Home with hardwood floors in entry, living & dining, updated kitchen with granite, walk in pantry, trash compactor, and sunken family room with fireplace. Winding staircase leads you up to 4 spacious Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths. Offered at \$1,259,000
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Highly desirable single level San Sebastian model. Light and bright. End unit. Hardwood floors, and plush carpeting. Spacious and large living area. Granite counters. New stainless appliances. Freshly painted interior. Upgraded baths. Walk-in closets. Abundant HOA amenities and resort style living. A 10+



Two Gorgeous New Listings at the Terraces!



3240 MAGUIRE, UNIT #126
Gorgeous! 3 bedroom, 2 bath. End unit. Large balcony, plenty of natural light. Move-in condition. Stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, neutral colors. Steps away from park, and community facilities. Don't miss it!



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PLEASANTON \$2,575,000
Expanded remodeled custom victorian home on a double lot! Unique opportunity of modern and downtown convenience meet in the heart of Pleasanton! 4625 2ND STREET

CAROLINE BARNES BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,695,000
Stunning ~ open living concept, massive kitchen, great room, 5bd,5ba, 4,480+/-sf, new backyard, swimspa, firepit and more! Full Au Pair suite, own entrance, outstanding finish work! 727 VINEYARD TERRACE

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PLEASANTON \$1,675,000
Highly upgraded custom home situated on private Heritage Oak studded lot. 4 bedrooms + private office, 3 remodeled bathrooms. Gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances, sparkling solar pool! 3881 FOOTHILL ROAD

JANNA CHESTNUT BY APPT



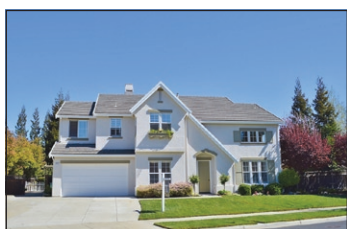
PLEASANTON \$1,650,000
Stunning Laguna Oaks Home! 6bd+office/3.5ba, beautiful inside and out! Tropical paradise for a backyard, pool, spa and outdoor BBQ area. Side yard access and more! 8161 REGENCY

JIM TROPP SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$1,474,950
Executive Custom 5 bedroom, plus Den, 4150+ sq ft home in one of Livermore's finest neighborhoods. 2324 WEDGEWOOD WAY

LINDA FUTRAL BY APPT



LIVERMORE \$1,275,000
South Livermore in the coveted Oaks Development. Huge 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms ~3400 sq on large private lot with phenomenal backyard oasis w/pool, side yard, etc. 2422 LAKESIDE CIR

TIFFANY ROSE SAT&SUN 2:00-5:00



PLEASANTON \$1,049,000
Unbelievable Pleasanton Heights Dream Home! turn-key, totally remodeled top to bottom, highest quality material and craftsmanship throughout. 2,400+/-sf, 4 bd, 2.5 ba. This house is a Must See! 4231 MIRADOR DR

DORIAN GLANVILLE SAT&SUN 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$874,000
Resort living in desirable Vintage Hills in an impeccable 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3-car garage home on a large, forested lot with a lovely pool, patio, and lawn. 3036 CHARDONNAY DRIVE

LINDA FUTRAL BROKER SAT&SUN 1-4



PLEASANTON \$749,950
Best schools, best neighborhood. Well maintained single story w/many upgrades including hardwood floors. Quiet location on tree lined street near park yet convenient for commuting. Will not last long! 4758 SUTTER GATE AVE

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PLEASANTON \$749,000
Beautifully upgraded 3bd/2ba, upgraded kitchen, new carpet, central A/C, new paint inside and out, RV access, walking distance to great schools, neighborhood amenities include pool, clubhouse & greenbelt. 7413 ASPEN COURT

 74th Annual Pleasanton Rose Show

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Pleasanton Senior Center
5353 Sunol Boulevard

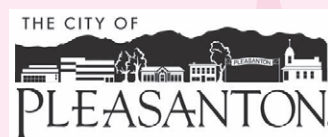
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Judging	10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Open to Public	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
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