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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Detective, sign maker win deserving community awards

Two deserving city employees were presented with the Rotary Club of Pleasanton's annual Community Service Awards last week for what City Manager Nelson Fialho called their exemplary service.

The awards in the Public Safety and Non-Public Safety categories went to Gordon Cordova, who is the supervisor of the sign shop at the city's Operations Services Center, and Pleasanton Police Detective Matthew Lengel.

Cordova and his team produce all sorts of signage for Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. Over the years, he has worked his way up to supervisor of the now state-of-the-art computerized sign shop.

Cordova's commitment and dedication to his job and the community are indeed noteworthy. Through his efforts, the Streets Division sign shop has not only saved the city considerable money on production, but has expanded its capabilities considerably.

The sign shop now supports many programs in the city, from the public library's summer reading program to the production and activities at the Firehouse Arts Center. This support goes beyond the city department as Cordova and his team also provide materials needed by the school district, Alameda County Fair and the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Equally important are Cordova's volunteer activities. He's volunteered for the last 10 years as an assistant to the marching band at Amador Valley High School, Little League teams in Pleasanton and Livermore, serving as a volunteer for Hope Hospice in Dublin and Pleasanton, and in numerous services for the school district and the county fair.

As a qualified fly fisherman, Cordova has taught more than 500 Boy Scouts the art of tying flies, and also works with the Disabled American Veterans Fly Fishing program. He spends every Thanksgiving morning volunteering with the Open Heart Kitchen's holiday dinner for the needy, and he's also a coastal cleanup volunteer and provides help as needed in local cancer programs.

"Gordon has been a leader in the city's effort to inform and educate residents and businesses about the drought, dedicating whatever time it takes to make signs and banners



Pleasanton Police Detective Matthew Lengel and sign shop supervisor Gordon Cordova.

for water agencies in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin," Fialho said in presenting the award. "He's truly a team player."

Detective Lengel was recognized as the 2013 Pleasanton Police Officer of the Year, chosen for the award by his peers. He is currently the most experienced and senior member of the police department's Criminal Investigation Unit and has demonstrated the qualities that Fialho and Police Chief Dave Spiller said make him one of the most valued members of the department.

"His inquisitive mind, his attention to detail and unmatched work ethic, coupled with his experience, make him an excellent investigator," Fialho said in presenting the award.

Over the past year, Lengel has been involved with every major investigation the department has faced. He was the lead investigator in last summer's home invasion where a husband and wife were forced at gunpoint in their home to give the culprits more than \$40,000, which the husband had recently won in a local card room.

Over the ensuing two months, Lengel identified the suspects and coordinated with more than 100 officers from six different agencies to organize simultaneous search warrants at different locations, leading to the arrests of the suspects and recovery of evidence.

Besides his work as an investigator, Lengel also serves as an instructor and facilitator at the police department's Citizens Academy, Teen Academy and with various other community outreach programs. ■

About the Cover

Laura DeMott, a recent inductee into the International Skateboarding Hall of Fame, holds her vintage board and watches Logan Anderson and Justin Skolnick perform modern tricks at the Ken Mercer Sports Park skateboard track. Photo by Mike Sedlak (mike@digitalsight.com). Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What are you looking forward to doing over the summer?



Lisa Rottner
(with Lady Bird Benjamin)
Retired

I don't have any special plans, really. I'm just looking forward to living each day of the summer very fully and well.



Jackie Luu
Internal auditor

I hope to spend as much time outdoors as possible with my dog.



Paulina Frost
Middle school student

My friend Avery is coming to visit from Houston, Texas, where I used to live. We are going to go to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk together!



Larry Grossman
Chief financial officer

I am looking forward to a lot of cycling with my buddies and my family. We've mapped out a great route up and down the coast.



Madison Thorng
Middle school student

I am so excited for my cousins to come out all the way from the East Coast! I'm really looking forward to just spending time with them this summer. It doesn't even matter what we do.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Weather arrives

A climate researcher for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was interviewed for a piece on The Weather Channel on Monday — a long-distance interview that took place partially at the Tri-Valley Community Television studios in Pleasanton.

Benjamin Santer sat in the TV30 studio for the interview and answered questions posed by a reporter in Atlanta. Santer's specialty is statistical analysis of climate data sets and detection/attribution of climate change forcings.

More information about TV30 can be found online, at www.trivalleytv.org.

End-of-life forum

Hope Hospice of the Tri-Valley is offering a free forum on end-of-life discussions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. next Thursday (June 26) in the Dublin City Council Chambers at 100 Civic Plaza.

"Many people avoid end-of-life discussions, and taking proactive steps can help keep you and your loved ones from being blindsided when a medical emergency may occur," said Hope Hospice CEO Victoria Emmons. "The key is having these conversations when you are healthy enough to have them."

The evening event includes a screening of the documentary, "Consider the Conversation," followed by a panel discussion by medical and communication experts. The documentary highlights the American struggle with communication and preparation for the end of life.

To make a reservation for the forum, visit www.hopehospice.com or call 829-8770, ext. 252.

Host families needed

Edu-Culture Immersion is looking for Pleasanton families to host European teens this summer as part of the English Language Immersion Program.

The Spanish or French high school students, aged 15 or 16, will be in the area for two to four weeks in June, July and August to learn more about the U.S. and practice the English language.

Host families would provide a shared or private room, and meals. Edu-Culture interviews the host families before placing the visiting teens, and then provides chaperones and guides, and is available to help with any problem or emergency.

For more information, visit www.educulture.com or call program director Phyllis O'Neill at 596-1925.

Corrections

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

PUSD board approves new school calendar

Discussion includes parent survey results, feedback from trustees, community

BY AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton school board approved the modified "lite" school calendar starting in 2015-16 following a two-hour report and discussion on calendar options Tuesday night.

Board trustees also asked the staff to negotiate with the district's bargaining units to agree to use a slightly different calendar in the first year to create a longer summer, which will also be used as a transition period to the new adopted calendar.

The vote was 4-1 Tuesday, with trustee Valerie Arkin in dissent, asking that the decision be delayed for another year to gather more

data and feedback.

"I just don't see a compelling reason to do it for 2015-2016," she said.

The other four board members were in favor of the staff's suggested calendar option, finding it addresses the concerns of students' learning loss and stress levels, and achieves the primary objective of having the first semester ending at winter break.

Trustee Joan Laursen stated that learning loss affects all children and requires a significant amount of reteaching during the school year. "Starting early allows a longer window to teach students what they will be assessed on," she added.

The modified "lite" calendar would schedule school to begin early August and end late May. The calendar also includes a one-week break in October, the first semester ending before winter break and a nine-week summer break.

The current traditional calendar has school starting in late August and ending in mid-June, the first semester ending in January, and a 10-week summer break.

However, to allow for a more normal length summer break going into fall 2015, the board suggested the district negotiate with the bargaining units to schedule school to start the following week and have no October break in 2015-16.

Of the 3,000 parents who completed the school district's survey on calendar changes, 35% were in favor of the traditional schedule while 65% supported one of four new options on the table, according to district officials.

Fourteen parents and one high school student addressed the board with their opinions during the public comment session, with most in favor of the traditional calendar and two parents supporting modified lite or early start/finish calendars.

Most arguments against the modified calendar included:

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Runners finish the 5K race in the Rotary Club's Spirit Run on Father's Day.

JEB BING

2,000 turn out for Rotary Spirit Run

Dublin runner places first men's 10K; Walnut Creek resident wins women's 10K

BY JEB BING

Some 2,000 runners and their families turned out Sunday for the 21st annual Father's Day Spirit Run, an event hosted by the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Jason Noriega of Dublin placed first in the 10K run, finishing in 36 minutes and 44 seconds (36:44), followed only seconds later by Raymond Rodriguez of Los Banos, who ran the course in 36:53.

The two top female runners in the 10K were Anna Gunn of Walnut Creek, who completed the course in 41:59, followed by Robyn Royal of Pleasanton, finishing in 43:44.

In the 5K race, Conner McKinnon ran the course in 16 minutes, 53 seconds, trailed by Steve Sherman at 20 minutes, 42 seconds. Both are from Pleasanton.

In the women's 5K competition, Denny Madison of Fairfield finished at 19:44, followed by Sharlet Gilbert at 23:43.

The 10K run drew hundreds as the runners started out under the Arch on Main Street, followed 20 minutes later by the 5K run in the annual event set up and professionally timed by Mark Aiton of On Your Mark Events.

The courses wound through Pleasanton neighborhoods and on

trails along the Arroyo del Valle.

Three separate Kids' Challenge Races, for children ages 2-8, included a number of 100-yard dashes on Main Street, finishing right underneath the arch.

Trophies went to the top male and female finishers in designated age groups.

The Father's Day Spirit Run has been a popular annual event that serves as a fundraiser for college scholarships and community and international projects of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

For more information about the club, sign on to www.Pleasanton-Rotary.org. ■

Shows

• The Alley Cats: A high-energy, a cappella group that has performed at the White House and opened for Jay Leno's Las Vegas shows.

• Hypnotist: James Kellogg Jr. explores the minds of volunteer from the audience. The hypnotist's show has music, comedy and audience antics. Kellogg has appeared on television shows, such as "Conspiracy Theory" and "LA Ink."

• Roberto the Magnificent: This action-packed, cirque-style show features Roberto the Magnificent doing crazy comedic stunts such as riding a tall unicycle while juggling sharp objects.

"Arctic Olympic Games" Dive Show: Penguins, played by professional divers, put on a show about training for the Arctic Olympic Games. The penguins perform stunts such as an 80-foot high-dive and a "fire dive" through flames.

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DSRSD receives transparency award

Agency provides wastewater treatment for Pleasanton

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Special District Leadership Foundation, a nonprofit organization that promotes good governance and best practices among California's special districts, awarded Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) the "District Transparency Certificate of Excellence" at the DSRSD board meeting June 3.

"This award is a testament to DSRSD's commitment to open and transparent government," said Neil McCormick, program administrator for the foundation and CEO of the California Special Districts Association.

To receive the award, a special

district must complete eight essential governance transparency requirements, which include: conducting ethics training for all board members, properly conducting open and public meetings, and filing financial transactions and compensation reports with the state controller in a timely manner.

In addition to these requirements, DSRSD also completes 15 website requirements by providing readily available information to the public, such as board agendas, agenda packets, and minutes, the district's current budget and the most recent financial audit.

"While DSRSD has always been committed to openness and transparency," said DSRSD board president Georgan Vonheeder-Leopold, "we applaud the Special District Leadership Foundation because going through the transparency certification process identified additional steps we could take to improve what we believed were already transparent efforts."

DSRSD provides wastewater collection and treatment for approximately 138,000 people in Pleasanton, Dublin and southern San Ramon in addition to potable water service for Dublin and the Dougherty Valley. ■

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- the importance of a long summer break for families
- other school districts start mid-August and still have first semester ending at winter break
- extracurricular activities would be affected
- more research and conversations with parents need to be done
- hot weather during August.

In addition, Pleasanton parent Rodney Roloff claimed the information presented to the board was not truthful.

Pleasanton parent Sherry Wight agreed, saying, "The statistics (from the parent survey results) were presented on a deceptive side."

Parents Kelly French and Mary Machi said they favored the calendar modification, explaining that the change is what's best for all kids, not just the high school students — who were a part of the rationale for modifying the calendar.

"They may not be a high school student now, but all our kids will

eventually go through high school," French said.

In other business Tuesday night, the board unanimously approved the Local Control and Accountability Plan and the 2014-15 school district budget.

The board also adopted the "tentative agreement with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers", with trustee Jeff Bowser abstaining to vote, citing the public's concern of a conflict of interest due to his wife being a teacher and union official.

Also Tuesday, Arkin asked for a separate vote on a proposed updated contract for Luz T. Cazares, deputy superintendent and chief business official — an item originally on the consent agenda. The contract was subsequently approved 3-2, with Arkin and Hintzke voting "no."

Tuesday's closed session included the approval of extending Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi's contract by one year.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. in the district boardroom, 4665 Bernal Ave. ■

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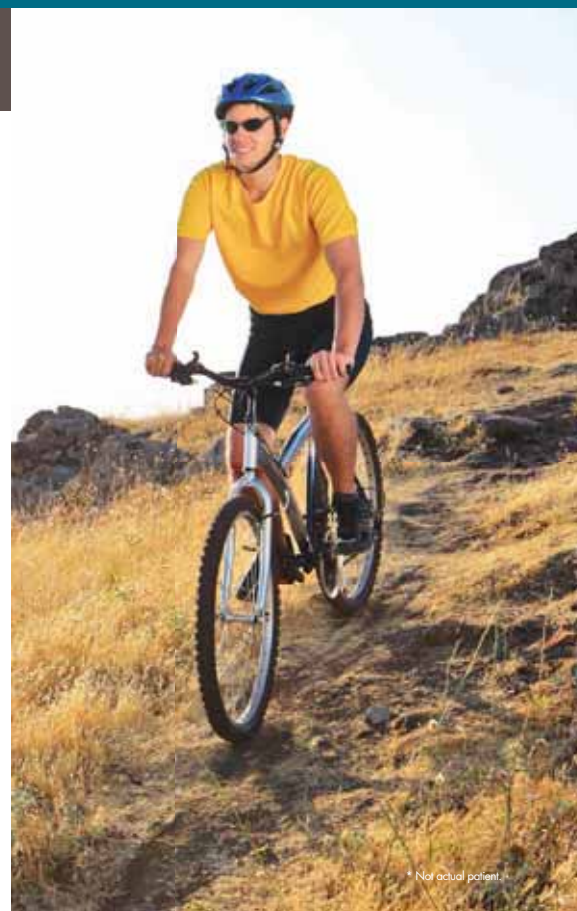
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Pleasanton reacts to teacher tenure ruling

Parents view judge's decision as a step in right direction

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton community is beginning to offer its reactions to last week's court ruling that found California's teacher tenure, dismissal and seniority laws unconstitutional for violating rights to equal treatment and a free public education.

"I think the decision is great because a revamping of the teacher tenure laws, which prioritize seniority over competence, is long overdue," said Pleasanton parent Nancy Davis.

"If proven bad teachers are protected by tenure, then that system is flawed and not beneficial to all," said a Pleasanton teacher who asked to remain anonymous.

The president and vice president of the Association of Pleasanton Teachers did not respond to requests for comment on the ruling,

issued by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Rolf Treu on June 10.

Nine students filed a lawsuit in 2012 stating the laws "impose a real and appreciable impact on students' fundamental right to equality of education and that they impose a disproportionate burden on poor and minority students," Treu wrote.

"Every single student, regardless of his/her unique circumstances including where he/she attends school, is entitled to the absolute best learning opportunities," said Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

Treu issued an injunction barring enforcement of the laws, but suspended it to give the state and two teachers' unions, Burlingame-based California Teacher's Association and Burbank-based California

Federation of Teachers, a chance to appeal.

The unions argued during the trial that eliminating teachers' rights make it harder for public schools to attract and retain good teachers.

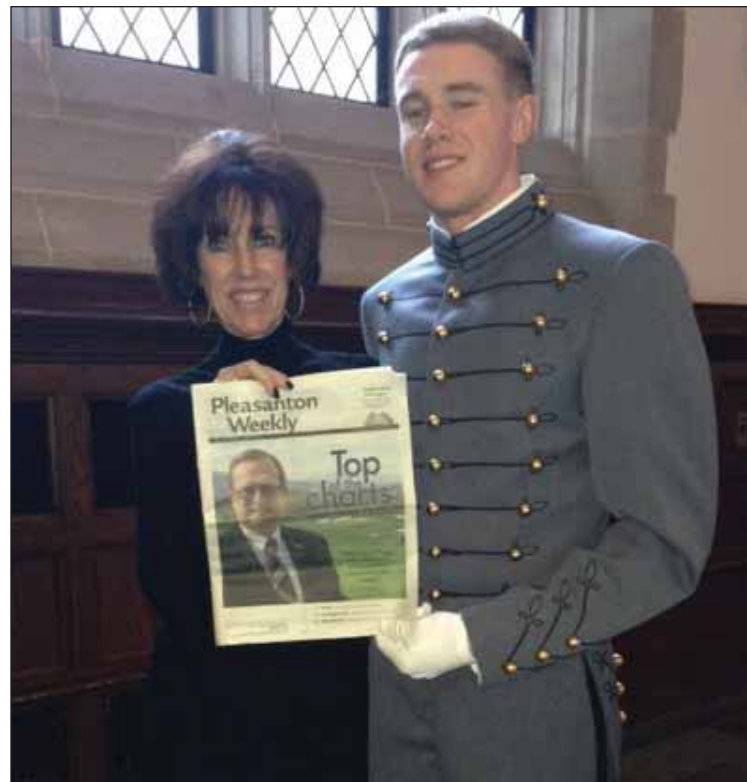
"The teachers union is too powerful and it has hurt the quality of teaching in California," said Pleasanton parent Peter Balas. "Fortunately our district attracts higher quality teachers, but we are not immune to poor performers."

The appeal process could take up to a year or longer. If the ruling is upheld, teacher tenure laws would be revamped.

"Supporting students takes everyone, parents, staff and the community, working together," Ahmadi said. ■

Information from the Bay City News Service was used in this report.

TAKE US ALONG



Pleasanton plebe: Rosanne Hoffman and her son, Cadet Joseph Mackenzie "Mac" Hoffman, grinned with the Pleasanton Weekly at Plebe Parent Weekend at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Mac is a longtime resident of Pleasanton and just completed his plebe (freshman) year at the academy. 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.

Summer Wine Stroll set for July 12

Pre-sale tickets available online now at substantial savings

The Pleasanton Downtown Association's annual Summer Wine Stroll will be held from 5-8 p.m. on July 12.

This year musicians will play along Main Street and Ray Street during the entire event. Patrons will have the opportunity to discover local businesses, listen to live music and taste a variety of wines and small bites at 25 locations.

In addition, each guest will receive a commemorative wine glass and event map.

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$35 online at www.Pleasanton-Downtown.net, and also at Studio Seven Arts, 400 Main St., and The

Rose Hotel, 807 Main St.

The week before the event, tickets will be available for \$40. If not sold out, remaining tickets will be available for purchase on the day of the event beginning at 4:30 p.m. for \$50 (cash only) at the event starting location, the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Tickets must be redeemed on July 12 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center.

A variety of wine will be offered by Boa Ventura de Caires Winery, Boisset Wine Living, Cellar Door, Chouinard Vineyards and Winery, Concannon Vineyard, Crooked Vine/Stony Ridge, Ehrenberg Cel-

lars, Elliston Vineyards, Fenestra Winery, Garre Vineyard & Winery, Little Valley Winery, Mitchell Katz Winery, Murrieta's Well, New Leaf Community Markets, Opolo Vineyards, Wentz Vineyards and White Crane Winery.

The PDA will be selling a limited number of designated driver tickets the night of the event for \$10.

The wine stroll will be held rain or shine. There are no refunds. The PDA is not responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen tickets.

For more information, contact Julie Vlahon at Events@Pleasanton-Downtown.net or 484-2199. ■

—Jeb Bing

Pleasanton Senior Center to close Saturday for repairs

Popular center, lunch program will reopen July 8

The popular Pleasanton Senior Center will close Saturday for a short period for routine maintenance, reopening July 8 with its regularly scheduled programs.

During the closure period, the lunch program offered at the center will be unavailable. However, the Senior Meal Program at Ridge View Commons will be open for dinner and seniors are encouraged to attend this program. For more information and to make a reservation, call 484-5131.

All of the regularly scheduled exercise classes held at the senior center will be offered at the Veter-

ans Memorial Building at 301 Main St. during the closure.

As part of the work, the senior center will be painted, get a deep cleaning, have the carpets cleaned, the lighting checked and other routine maintenance. Because the center also functions as a busy community center on weekends, such maintenance is regularly scheduled to keep it in good condition for all public use.

The Pleasanton Senior Center offers more than 25 classes each week, as well as the administration of the popular Pleasanton Paratransit Program, which provides

a door-to-door shared ride and a fixed route same-day transportation service for eligible Pleasanton and Sunol residents (70 years of age and older and those that are Americans With Disabilities Act certified).

On a monthly basis, the center also offers a variety of exercise classes including Zumba Gold, tai chi and yoga, free movies, a lecture series, tea time socials, an intergenerational reading program, a computer users group, a photo club, a Newcomer's Welcome, and games including contract bridge, bocce and mahjong. ■

—Jeb Bing

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Kids Park Shows

• Let's Pretend Pirate Show: Kids dress up like pirates and put on their own adventure show.

Attractions

• ZIP IT: Fly over the Alameda County Fairgrounds on a zip line.
• ZOOM: Roll around in your own giant hamster-like ball.

Kids Park Attractions

• Brad's World Reptiles: This attraction offers kids close encounters with rare and unusual reptiles and amphibians. Kids will learn about the creatures in a safe and educational setting. ■

—Amanda Aguilar

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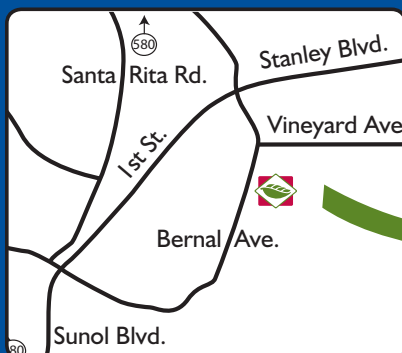
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Business News

Job search tips for new grads

Be persistent, tap all available resources

BY JASON ALDERMAN

To the roughly 1.6 million college graduates in the class of 2014: You have my heartiest congratulations, and my sympathies.

I graduated during the early 1990s recession when finding a decent job was very difficult, so I have an inkling of the challenges many of you now face.

Although the job-search technology available has changed considerably since then, as someone who is now on the other side of screening candidates, I can tell you many of the underlying principles for waging a successful search remain the same. Let me share a few.

Stand out from the crowd. You'll probably be competing with dozens, if not hundreds, of applicants for most jobs, so:

- Tailor your resume and cover letter to highlight education, skills and experience relevant to the position. Check out online resume resources for writing tips.
 - If your work history is brief, play up education highlights, volunteer or internship positions, awards, organizational memberships, etc.
 - Have strong references and make sure they're willing to speak or write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.
 - Proofread everything carefully and ask a trusted acquaintance to review.
- Before applying, research the company to make sure it's a good fit. If you do get called for an interview, kick it up a notch:
- Make sure you understand the company's products, services and customer base.
 - Examine their business structure



Jason Alderman

and how your potential department fits in.

- Research competitors so you understand the business environment in which they operate.
- Investigate their social media presence for clues on how they interact with customers.

Employers are forced to do more with fewer resources, so they seek employees who are focused, polished and willing to work hard. I've spoken to numerous hiring managers who say many candidates they see don't convey those qualities. A few tips:

- Google yourself. Review your social media footprint and remove photos or other materials that portray you unprofessionally.
- Show up on time for interviews dressed appropriately, with copies of your resume, work samples and any requested materials.
- Be prepared to answer a barrage of questions about yourself and how you'd react in different situations. (Monster has a great list of potential interview questions.)
- Make sure you can back up any claims made on your resume or during interviews.

Register with job search engines where you can apply for jobs and make yourself visible to potential employers and recruiters.

Landing a good job can take months or even years, so be persistent and tap all available resources. For example:

- Contact your school's career office to see which services are still available to you as a recent graduate. Many will help by reviewing your resume, conducting practice interviews and connecting you with alumni volunteers willing to meet for informational interviews.
- Build and maintain a profile on LinkedIn. Many employers and recruiters go there first when looking for suitable candidates. Also, join LinkedIn groups for your field of interest and partake in their discussions.
- Contact and join professional organizations in your field. Weddles.com provides links to thousands of professional organizations.
- Many companies use automated tracking systems to scan incoming resumes for skills and job-appropriate key words before a human will ever see them. Make sure your resume includes these key words, provided your experience is relevant, of course.

Bottom line: You worked hard to earn your degree. Unfortunately, you may have to work equally hard to get your career going, so take advantage of the available tools, and good luck. ■

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Help for the needy from a city that cares

Along with Pleasanton's municipal government approval in recent months of a number of multimillion-dollar housing and commercial development projects, the City Council also has worked with its Human Services Commission to make public funds available to help nonprofit programs and agencies serving the needy in the community.

Last month, the council committed a total of \$119,500 in lower-income housing funds and \$164,280 in general funds for housing and human services projects. Another \$87,975 was appropriated for arts, cultural and youth projects. Total funding for these programs, including federal sources, amounted to \$1,088,021, a sizeable amount for a city the size of Pleasanton.

Grants obtained through city resources support the Pleasanton Senior Center, Ride View Commons, Axis Community Health, women's shelters and crisis management programs in the Tri-Valley, and much more.

Each year, Pleasanton's Human Services Commission receives requests for several million dollars in grants from the nonprofits serving our community. Obviously, with limited funds through city appropriations, federal and state funds and other resources, only portions of the requests can be satisfied. Some agencies are left out.

Still, the list of those receiving help is a tribute to the careful needs-based analysis of the commission and city staff. They include Axis, East Bay Innovations for individual counseling services, Easter Seals of the Bay Area, Legal Assistance for Seniors, Open Heart Kitchen, the Sandra J Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, Tri-Valley Haven and the Tri-Valley YMCA.

The commission's considerations are difficult. Reductions in federal funding, while still coming, have been threatened in Congress for the past several years and would seriously impair these agencies' ability to serve our community if carried out.

The demand for human services has been increasing at the same time as resources are diminishing. Even though the recession has ended, charitable giving has not yet recovered. In addition, there is not enough affordable housing to meet the growing demand. In Pleasanton, particularly, housing prices and rents are continuing to increase, leaving many of those who need housing here left behind.

Two recent actions by the City Council promise to boost the help needed. The council has approved a multimillion-dollar rebuilding project for Pleasanton Gardens and Kottinger Place, aging complexes that will now be turned into modern, comfortable housing for low-income tenants.

Also, serving as the lead agency, the City Council has applied for a loan in the amount of \$1.25 million to provide funding for the improvement of a new clinic building acquired by Axis Community Health. This would more than double its capacity to serve low-income area residents and better meet the challenges of evolving health care needs.

These are welcome commitments from a city that cares. ■

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• P14-0566, Kitty Li/Massage Journey

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow up to ten massage technicians at any one time at an existing massage establishment (Massage Journey) located at 1530 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite F133.

• P14-0696, John Pinelli/The Dealership

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an online retail car dealership with limited on-site display as part of an existing retail car accessory business located at 3657 Old Santa Rita Road, Suite C.

• P14-0440, 2015-2023 Housing Element Update

Review of the 2015 - 2023 Preliminary Draft Housing Element update to the General Plan regarding the Housing Element Goals, Policies, and Programs, the Housing Element Background Report, and the Housing Sites Inventory.

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items.
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May 9, 1992-June 1, 2014

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PAID OBITUARY

Marlene Sandberg

December 10, 1935-June 9, 2014

Marlene Sandberg, 78, a 48 year resident of Pleasanton, died on June 9, 2014. She was born on December 10, 1935 in San Diego, CA. She spent most of her youth living in Oakland, Ca. She graduated from SF State with a BA in Education, and Stanford with a Masters in Education and Counseling. She was a beloved teacher to many children throughout her life, first and foremost to her children Anne and Kurt, and then to her students. Even when she wasn't a full time teacher, she loved sharing her passions with youth, volunteering as a docent at the East Bay Regional Parks, and with the Pleasanton Book-legger Library program. Her love of nature began when she worked in Yosemite Valley during college summers, and she never missed a year visiting Yosemite from then on. She cultivated an appreciation of God's creation in her family by planning many trips to beautiful places including an annual trip to Mammoth Lakes each summer. She loved hiking, cooking, reading, travelling, and being with family. Her positive attitude, generous nature, and kind heart touched many throughout her life. Her strong Christian faith and fellowship sustained her through her battle with Cancer the past two years. She is survived by her husband Ronald of Pleasanton, children Anne Bradford of Mountain View Ca, and Kurt Sandberg of Manteca, along with 6 grandchildren.



A memorial service will be held Sunday, June 22 at 3 p.m. at Lynwood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Avenue, Pleasanton.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sunol Park Docent Fund.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Dublin man arrested after purse snatching

A 40-year-old Dublin man was arrested June 14 on suspicion of possession of stolen property, thefts with prior convictions, and delaying or obstructing an officer in connection with a purse snatching from the day before.

Officers began searching for Derrick Fields after a woman reported on June 13 that her car was broken into while parked on Coronado Lane, according to police.

Police allege Fields smashed the driver's side window and stole the woman's purse.

The woman reportedly saw the thief with her purse and yelled at him, but she lost sight of him as he ran towards West Las Positas Boulevard.

The next day (June 14), officers were dispatched to an alarm call at Provident Bank on Gibraltar Drive.

Officers saw a man carrying a purse near the bank and attempted to contact him, but he ran from officers, police said.

The man allegedly attempted to discard the purse while running. Fields was ultimately caught at the Four Points Sheraton courtyard, police said.

After the investigation, officers also found items taken from an auto burglary in Fremont on Feb. 19. Fields was booked at Santa Rita Jail.

In other police reports:

- A 24-year-old Hayward man was arrested on suspicion of giving false identification to an officer and driving on a suspended license, police said.

On June 9, an officer made a traffic stop at Mimi's Cafe for an expired registration.

After contacting John Anthony Dumlaio, the officer discovered the man's license was suspended for driving under the influence, according to police.

In addition, Dumlaio allegedly presented the officer with a fake ID.

- A residential burglary on Bernal Avenue East resulted in more than \$4,000 worth of jewelry and clothes reportedly stolen.

The items included a gold necklace, a pair of gold hoop earrings, a faux fur and leather coat, and a Coach purse, according to police.

On June 11, the resident reported the missing items to police.

According to the police reports, the victim left a bedroom window slightly open, and the culprit was able to gain entry by using a pry tool on the window.

No arrests have been made.

- A routine patrol check on June 13 led to the arrest of Christina Kauai Hayes, 45, on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance, police said.

An officer saw a suspicious vehicle in the Foothill High School parking lot and contacted the woman.

According to the police reports, the officer could tell Hayes was under the influence.

The officer allegedly found methamphetamine in Hayes' possession, and she was arrested.

- A 32-year-old Union City woman was arrested on suspicion of possessing an opium pipe on June 14, according to police.

During a patrol check at the Home Depot parking lot on Johnson Drive, an officer saw Kim Krystal Otoole walking and discovered she was on probation and had a search clause, police said.

After searching Otoole, the officer allegedly found an opium pipe and she was arrested.

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

— Amanda Aguilar

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made this information available.

June 8

DUI

- 2:20 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue
- 11:36 p.m., intersection of Vineyard Avenue and Vineyard Place

Theft

- 11:23 a.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court; auto theft
- 8:16 p.m., intersection of Old Vineyard Avenue and Park Access Road; theft from auto

Drug violation

- 8:02 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 9:03 p.m., intersection of Old Vineyard Avenue and Park Access Road

Weapons violation

- 11:09 p.m., intersection of Lin Gate Street and Hartley Gate Court

June 9

Graffiti

- 8:50 a.m., intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

Theft

- 12:25 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 6 p.m., intersection of W. Angela and Main Streets; theft from auto

Battery

- 5:39 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Alcohol violation

- 6:55 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

June 10

Graffiti

- 7:30 a.m. in the 1000 block of Kottinger Drive

Theft

- 10:58 a.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 11:20 a.m. in the 7400 block of Ginger Court
- 6:12 p.m. in the 1400 block of Calle Enrique; theft from auto

Residential burglary

- 2:30 p.m. in the 4400 block of Sutter Gate Avenue

June 11

Vandalism

- 8:38 a.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

Residential burglary

- 7:27 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft from auto

- 8:06 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road

DUI

- 10:23 p.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

June 12

Battery

- 10:21 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

Alcohol violation

- 1:29 p.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 2:07 p.m. in the 4100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

- 10:35 p.m., intersection of Main Street and Old Bernal Avenue; DUI

Shoplifting

- 3:10 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:35 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 13

Fraud

- 12:12 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- 12:15 p.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road

Drug violation

- 11:33 a.m., intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Bernal Avenue:
- 8:17 p.m. in the 7400 block of Foothill Road

Theft

- 1:14 p.m. in the 5900 block of Coronado Lane; theft from auto
- 5:33 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

June 14

DUI

- 12:57 a.m. Street information not disclosed.
- 11:37 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

Theft

- 11:01 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:54 p.m. in the 5100 block of Muirwood Drive; theft from auto
- 7:51 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

- 8:11 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Sports



The Amador Valley High boys track and field team.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dons finish strong at state track meet

Individual performances follow Amador boys team success locally

Several Amador Valley High stars competed in individual event finals at the CIF State Track and Field Championships earlier this month, capping a season that also saw the Dons boys varsity team take first in local and regional year-end meets in May.

Senior Conner McKinnon led the way for the Dons, earning a third-place finish in the 800-meter race during the state meet in Clovis. His time of 1:51.64 was six-tenths of a second off the top pace.

McKinnon was also part of Amador's 4x400 relay team that took fifth place in the state finals. He and teammates Ja'Maun Charles, Chris Bayley and Ledre McCollough finished more than four seconds off the winning pace.

Individually, Charles qualified for the 100-meter final and placed

ninth in the event. He fell one spot away (0.03 seconds) from earning a spot in the 200-meter final, coming in 10th place during preliminaries.

In other state meet results, Amador girls hurdler Brookey Villanueva finished 22nd in preliminaries in the 300-meter event. Foothill High's Rachel Reichenbach also represented Pleasanton well, coming in seventh place during the high jump finals.

The Dons' success in Clovis followed strong showings in season-ending meets. The Amador boys took first in the East Bay Athletic League and North Coast Section Tri-Valley Area meets in May — both held at Amador's campus.

In the Meet of Champions in Berkeley at the end of May, Amador's boys varsity team came in second place, three points behind

winning Castro Valley High.

"We came up short of winning the MOC meet, but as I told the athletes, all we can do is tip our cap to a quality Castro Valley team. We performed well but in the end we came up just short, but not for a lack of trying," head coach Peter Scarpelli said.

Amador coaches pointed to the squad's training regimen among the top reasons for the team's stellar results during the season.

"It is a complete training package in many ways," assistant coach Barney Stocking said. "Playing sports is not just physical; it requires a fully-engaged mind and body. I believe this is the secret to our success." ■

Editor's note: This story was a collaboration between associate editor Jeremy Walsh and freelance writer Iza Fernandez.

Tri Valley Aquatics star in Nevada event

Two local swimmers take 1st overall in age groups

Nearly two-dozen Tri Valley Aquatics swimmers made the trek to Carson City, Nevada late last month for the annual Intermountain Classic meet.

Local swimmers Hunter Rohovit and Ryan Ridosko earned the highest number of points overall in their divisions by finishing in the Top 3 in every one of their races.

Rohovit, swimming in the 8-and-under group, broke team records in six of his eight races. In total, he notched seven victories and one second-place finish.

Ridosko, top in the 9-10 years old division, earned 10 Top 3 finishes, including six team records. His times also qualified him for the Far Western Championships in four events: 50 and 100 backstroke, and 50 and 100 butterfly.

Other local results included:

- Caroline Gjerde, age 12, swam the 100 backstroke in 1:17.75, breaking a team record set in 2008. She came in first in the 50 backstroke and second in the 100 backstroke.
- Caleb Bitting, 13, swam Junior Olympic-qualifying times in the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tri Valley Aquatics members Ryan Ridosko and Hunter Rohovit took first in their age groups during the recent Intermountain Classic in Carson City, Nevada.

200 back (2:37.85) and 200 fly (2:45.52).

* Patrick Ren, 14, swam the 100 fly in 1:01.32, qualifying him for the Junior Olympics.

* Grant Yap, 13, finished in the Top 3 in four of the eight events

in which he swam. He set a new team record in the 800 freestyle (10:02.89).

- Cole Reznick, 14, broke team records in the 400 free (4:44.03) and 200 individual medley (2:31.72) and qualified for the Junior Olympics in the 200 free (2:16.10) and 200 IM.

- Jordan Wagner, 14, finished third in the 1500 free, swimming it in 19:52.56, a new team record.

- Katherine Tsui, 16, came in first in the 200 breaststroke and second in the 100 breast.

- Wolfgang Lachance, 14, finished first in the 100 back (1:08.19) and 200 Back (2:29.35), and third in the 200 fly (2:39.79).

- Elizabeth Reimer was second in her age group (13-14) in the 100 free (1:05.86).

- Cole Reznick, 13, was a Top 2 finisher in four events: 400 free (4:44.03), 100 breast (1:15.72), 200 breast (2:45.26) and 200 IM (2:31.72).

- Farel Harimawan, 14, earned a second-place ribbon in the 100 breast (1:17.74). ■

— Jeremy Walsh

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Pleasanton resident Laura Turner DeMott receives an award during her induction into the International Skateboarding Hall of Fame at a ceremony last month in Southern California.

Pleasanton woman inducted into International Skateboarding Hall of Fame

By **CATRY JETTER**

Laura Turner DeMott remembers the early days of skateboarding in the 1960s, when youngsters who really wanted to be surfers were looking for ways to practice when the waves were down.

“When kids want to do something, they find a way,” the Pleasanton resident said, laughing.

For DeMott, that youthful ingenuity included splitting her metal roller skates and nailing them into a 2-by-4 piece of wood to make

her first skateboard.

“I just wanted a board,” she said, recalling her adventures with the sport she helped innovate.

It’s been almost 50 years since DeMott — then known as young Laurie Turner — spent her after-

noons taking the bus to the top of Berkeley’s Grizzly Peak Boulevard then flying down the roads to improve her skills, but those memories have been particularly fresh this year.

On May 15, DeMott was inducted into the International Skateboarding Hall of Fame in Southern California, cementing her place in the history of skateboarding.

“I’ve seen the whole history, been here the whole time. I can say that Laurie Turner is the first great female champion,” said skateboarding pioneer Cliff Coleman, a former teammate of DeMott’s who nominated her for Hall of Fame consideration. “She was determined, she didn’t quit; she was a role model for women. She was the greatest female skater of them all.”

Long before skate parks, Tony Hawk and the X Games, DeMott and her friends were “walking the board” and “hanging 10” whenever they had time.

They got good, and then they got noticed.

“A group of my guy friends became a team,” she recalled. “They called themselves the Topsiders, after the shoes. Someone asked the six of them to come to the Sports and Boat Show at the Cow Palace in San Francisco.”

The boys’ performance on the ramp was good enough to catch the attention of a newly formed skateboard company looking to

promote their so-called “sidewalk surfers.”

“Hobie and Vita Pakt juices had an agent at the show,” said DeMott, recounting how the two companies had recently teamed up to capitalize on the growing popularity of skateboarding. “They were putting a team together and (the agent) liked the boys. Then he asked if they knew any good girl skaters.”

DeMott and the boys formed the Northern California Hobie Super Surfer Skateboard Team, and the fun really started.

“They took us all over to promote the sale of their skateboards,” she said, spreading out yellowed newspaper clippings featuring the Super Surfer Team’s weekend schedule and the Super Surfer skateboard’s sale price of \$4.99. “We would set up at shopping malls and in parking lots. People would show up to watch us perform.”

The surging interest in skateboarding led to the first International Skateboarding Championships in May 1965.

DeMott and her teammates headed to the convention center in Anaheim where ABC’s “Wide World of Sports” waited to broadcast the competition.

The crowds and cameras didn’t bother her at all.

“I didn’t think I was going to win, so I wasn’t nervous,” she said. But after taking first place in the Freestyle and Figure Eight divisions and second in Flatland Slalom, DeMott was named the competition’s first female champion.

In addition to a team dinner at the Disneyland Hotel, she received a \$500 college scholarship and a custom surfboard from Hobie.

But it was that title of champion that meant the most to teenaged DeMott.

“Skateboarding was a godsend for me,” she explained. “My family was going through hard times;



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my parents were divorced, my dad wasn’t around. Back then that was the exception, not the rule.”

Skateboarding got her outside of the house, active and hanging out with friends, distracting her from problems at home. “That positive label of champion got me through lots of difficult times,” she said.

Not long after her win, DeMott turned her interest to education, earning a degree in physical education from UC Berkeley and a Bachelor of Theology from Shiloh Bible College in Oakland.

She became a ballerina with the Oakland Ballet, dancing in “The Nutcracker,” and then continued

her career there for another 20 years teaching dance.

She had a daughter during her first marriage, and then remarried to her current husband, Tom DeMott, in 1995. The couple have lived in Pleasanton ever since.

DeMott got her teaching credential, taught at Valley Christian Schools in Dublin and became the dance director at Crosswinds Church in Dublin.

With so much life and so many experiences since she last stepped foot on a skateboard, it was no wonder the call from her old Super Surfer teammate took DeMott by surprise.

“I was in my kitchen one morning when the phone rang and the caller ID on the phone said ‘C Coleman.’ I hadn’t seen him in 49 years,” DeMott said. “I couldn’t imagine how he found me. When Cliff told me he was nominating me for the Skateboarding Hall of Fame, it was surreal.”

Coleman is, himself, a legend in the world of skateboarding. Still heavily involved with the sport, Coleman is happy to reminisce about his days of skateboarding with young Laurie Turner.

“Those were the early days of skating — the clay-wheel era of the ‘60s, before today’s urethane wheels were invented,” Coleman explained. “Getting to be a part of that (Super Surfer) team was great. Every kid in the world wanted to be on that team. We were the lucky ones.”

It wasn’t luck that brought DeMott her championship victory in Anaheim in 1965, though, according to Coleman, who said his teammate earned the crown through talent and determination.

“The International Skateboarding Championship defined that era; everyone showed up for it. And the competition for Laurie was close; only 1 1/2 points between first and second. There were great skaters there, but she wanted



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LEFT: This artistic caricature of young Laurie Turner doing a handstand will be displayed in the Hall of Fame. ABOVE: DeMott has lived in Pleasanton for almost 20 years.

it more than they did. Laurie was mentally tougher than they were.”

So, with the fifth annual International Skateboarding Hall of Fame induction coming up, Coleman felt the time was right for DeMott to be recognized as a pioneer in skateboarding history, offering her story to the selection committee of 400.

“Laurie pushed her herself to her limits; she hung out with a bunch of guys and she pushed our limits, too,” Coleman said. “The first (female) champion deserves to be in the Hall of Fame.”

The committee agreed, choosing Laurie Turner DeMott to represent the women of the 1960s in the Hall

of Fame’s class of 2014.

During the induction ceremony last month, Coleman had the chance to see his friend join other skateboarding greats in the Hall of Fame, now a permanent icon for the sport that brought so much to each of their lives.

One of seven inductees, DeMott gave a speech to a crowd in Costa Mesa that included her immediate family and relatives from all over.

“She is deserving of the media spotlight,” Coleman said. “She has accomplished so much; she is surrounded by her family, she’s happy. She’s made a great life for herself.” ■



THE DEMOTTS

DeMott still has a number of mementos from her days as an accomplished skateboarder in the 1960s, including these magazines, trophy, scholarship certificate and team logo.



COURTESY OF THE DEMOTTS

DeMott has kept clippings from various 1960s news articles highlighting her skateboarding success, including this from the Oakland Tribune.



THE DEMOTTS

DeMott performs a “Quasimodo” maneuver at Whittier Elementary in Berkeley in the mid-1960s. She entered this photo into a contest by The Quarterly Skateboarder, and it was published in the magazine’s first edition in winter 1964, earning her a \$15 new surfboard.

Go Skateboarding Day

This Saturday (June 21) will be the 11th anniversary of Go Skateboarding Day, when all skateboard enthusiasts are encouraged to “blow off all other obligations to go skateboarding.” Founded by the International Association of Skateboard Companies, the day will feature skateboarding events around the globe.

International Skateboarding Hall of Fame

- Honors the skateboarders, industry pioneers and icons that have left an indelible imprint on the history of skateboarding and American culture.
- Located in Simi Valley, the museum features more than five decades of memorabilia, including over 5,000 vintage skateboards.
- Open seven days a week, admission is free. For more information, visit www.theiasc.org/skateboarding-hall-of-fame.



JOHN WESTERN



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Tim Kniffin stars as Petruchio and Carla Pantoja as Katherina in the Free Shakespeare in the Park's production of "The Taming of the Shrew," which opens in Pleasanton on June 28.

'The Taming of the Shrew' under the stars

Free Shakespeare in the Park provides good family entertainment

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Hark! The Bard returns next week for the annual Free Shakespeare in the Park, a tradition here for more than a decade.

This year San Francisco Shakespeare Festival is performing "The Taming of the Shrew," Shakespeare's oft-maligned comedy. Artistic director Rebecca J. Ennals admits it gives her pause: Is it a feminist rallying cry, a sexist throwback, or maybe, like most things in Shakespeare, a bit of both?

"The fact is, this is a sexist play. It's also not a sexist play, but one that subverts its own genre," Ennals wrote in her blog at sfshakes.wordpress.com. "Understanding and appreciating Shakespeare, to me, means being able to hold two seemingly contradictory ideas at the same time."

As the story unfolds, the audience will experience outrageous clowning, witty word-play and crazy plot twists as Kate and Petruchio negotiate their surprisingly modern relationship.

"I hope to find in Katherina a damaged proto-feminist, and in Petruchio a reformed misogynist turned male ally — two prickly outsiders finding their way to each other in a culture full of gender-based expectations," wrote Ennals.

"And, of course, I want it to be very, very funny. All this must be grounded in the text — we must find it there, because at the end of the day we want to do the play Shakespeare wrote."

Pleasanton is the first stop of the five venues for Free Shakespeare in the Park this summer.

"It's exciting. We get to see it first, and all the local theater critics will come to the Pleasanton show," said Pleasanton theater supervisor Rob Vogt. "Everyone in the city looks forward to the production."

The city has tried different locations throughout the years but Vogt said it has now settled on Amador Valley Community Park, behind the aquatics center. This location also has a lot of parking, he noted.

Each performance will be preceded by a 15-minute Green Show featuring the Intern Company, which provides background on the play and Shakespeare's world in an entertaining and family-friendly format.

"It's a great family event," Vogt said. "You bring the entire family and sit down for a relaxing evening on the grass. You can have a picnic dinner together and watch some live theater."

"It's always a quality show," he continued. "Every production has three or four Equity (Association), professional actors. They're always topnotch."

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's mission is to make the words and themes of Shakespeare available to everyone, and its Free Shakespeare in the Park helps to accomplish this, along with its many education programs. It also holds summer camps for different age groups.

Each Free Shakespeare in the Park performance in Pleasanton averages about 700 patrons, Vogt said. Some people return each year, and others come from throughout the Bay Area because the Pleasanton dates are best for them.

After Pleasanton, the production goes to Cupertino's Memorial Park Amphitheater; the grounds of Sequoia High School in Redwood City; and the parade ground lawn at the San Francisco Presidio. It wraps up with a one-weekend run, Sept. 20-21, in the Jerry Garcia Amphitheater at San Francisco's McLaren Park.

Last year, the troupe performed "Macbeth," which also proved to be enjoyable for families, Vogt said.

"Shakespeare has comedic interludes even in his tragedies," he explained.

Vogt noted that it can get cold after sunset, even in the summertime, but watching Shakespeare under the stars can be exhilarating. Bring blankets and chairs to get comfortable on the grass and layers of clothing, he recommended.

"There's something fun about watching

theater outdoors, especially Shakespeare because that's more to the true environment where it was performed," Vogt said. "Not necessarily outdoors, but the old Globe Theater was open to the sky."

"Come enjoy a great evening of professional theater with your family," he added. "This one is a comedy so it will definitely be more interesting to the younger patrons."

And it will be interesting to see how director Ennals handles "The Shrew," believed to have been written between 1590 and 1592.

"From the moment when we decided to produce this controversial comedy, I have immersed myself in research of past productions, arguments for and against the play, and my own concerns about how to present it," she wrote. "With this production, I want to reclaim the word 'shrew' and tackle the issues of female dis-empowerment in the play head-on." ■

'Shrew' in the park

What: "The Taming of the Shrew"

Who: San Francisco Shakespeare Festival

Where: Amador Valley Community Park, Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue

When: 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, June 28 to July 13

Cost: Free, no tickets or reservations required; come early for choice places for blankets and low chairs. Picnicking is encouraged. Snacks and beverages are for sale at the Free Shakes Concession Stand, with proceeds to support the program.

Other: A two-week camp for ages 12-18 will take place from July 21 to Aug. 1 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, to help aspiring thespians develop voice and movement skills and delve more deeply into understanding Shakespeare's language while having fun with their peers. The hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday; cost is \$524 for both weeks. For other camp dates for various ages at different locations around the Bay Area, visit www.sfshakes.org.

Helping others better understand English

Pleasanton Reads Project volunteers describe working on adult literacy effort

By MARGARET PEREIRA

They volunteer to give back to the community, but what they don't expect to gain from the experience are the friendships with the students they tutor through the Pleasanton Reads Project.

"The students inspire me so," said Judy Thompson, a Pleasanton Reads Project volunteer since 2010. "In some cases, they've left everything familiar behind. They look to me not just for help with language skills, but for insights into life's challenges."

Thompson shared her views during an interview at the recent annual brunch honoring Pleasanton Library's volunteers.

The library administers volunteer programs such as PAWS to Read (a weekly evening gathering of elementary school children who read aloud to dogs), Friends of the Library Book Sales (a group responsible for fundraising) and Bookleggers (classroom visitors who present and recommend books to students), plus those who work behind the scenes, such as volunteers who clean and shelve picture books.

Pleasanton Reads Project started as an adult literacy program 15 years ago and has since mor-

phed to a "gateway to English learning," said program director, librarian Penny Johnson.

The transformation parallels the increased demand for English as a second language (ESL) instruction as more immigrants relocate to Pleasanton, as well as the reduced number of adult ESL classes due to government budget cuts.

The library's literacy program offers three levels of tutoring: one-to-one, small group and conversation classes. There are seven conversation classes held each week, including three Spanish-English groups. The classes are drop-in, and typically range from eight to 30 adults.

Currently, Pleasanton Reads Project has 89 volunteers teaching 112 adult language learners, but there are some 116 adults waiting to be matched to prospective tutors.

Before taking on an assignment, tutors receive three hours of training. Throughout the year, shorter sessions for ongoing training are also available, along with hundreds of ESL workbooks and related resources and a roundtable forum for sharing curriculum ideas.

There is no one-size-fits-all tutor profile.

One of the program's newest volunteers, Ron Wacek, said he's naturally introverted, so he initially felt nervous about teaching. As a result, Johnson encouraged him to observe a weekly class plus a one-to-one tutor session, and Wacek now tutors two small groups weekly: a group of two Chinese-speaking students and a group of two Farsi-speaking students.

Wacek said his students tell him regularly how much they appreciate his time and attention.

To be eligible to participate in the Pleasanton Reads Project, prospective students must have rudimentary English skills. Many earned college degrees before moving to the United States. Several tutors reflected this trend by saying that while they teach students idioms and grammar, they also describe how to navigate unfamiliar American systems.

Mick Jones, a tutor since 2009, has taken his students to the grocery store, invited them to his home to celebrate Thanksgiving, and helped plan a Hawaiian vacation.

Over the years, Jones has taught as many as six students, one-to-one, per week. He said what has

touched him most was receiving a "beautiful, hand-written note" from the child of one of his students, thanking him for teaching English to her mother.

A retired teacher, Melinda Leary appears to have the ideal background to teach ESL students, yet she was quick to point out that teaching experience is not a prerequisite for success. According to Leary, she's not preparing her students to earn a college degree in English, but how to function in Pleasanton.

Leary said she is also learning more about the greater Bay Area from a current student who takes family field trips every weekend.

"She and her family are really taking advantage of all the things the Bay Area has to offer," Leary added. "I look forward to hearing about her weekend trips every time we meet."

To learn more about the Pleasanton Reads Project, visit the city of Pleasanton's website or contact Johnson at 931-3405 or Penny-Johnson@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

Editor's note: Margaret Pereira is a 25-year Pleasanton resident and former journalist who has been a volunteer tutor for Pleasanton Reads Project since 2012

'Humor vs. Action'

Teen's movie to show at Vets Hall

A unique film premiere is taking place at the Veterans Memorial Building in Pleasanton tomorrow.

The movie, "Humor vs. Action," was produced by Nischay Poovaiah, 13, who just graduated from Harvest Park Middle School and will be attending Amador Valley High.

"My passion is producing films," Poovaiah said. "I love all aspects of film-making."

This project came about after he watched a documentary on disabled veterans, and he began to think about how he could use his passion for film-making to help veterans.

"Humor vs. Action" will air at 1 p.m. this Saturday (June 21) at the Vets Hall, 301 Main St., to raise money for the cause. The film is categorized as suspense/thriller/comedy/action and rated G to PG.

Tickets for the two-hour movie are \$7 at the door; pre-order tickets for \$5 at moviepreorder@gmail.com. Food and beverages will be on sale, plus there will be drawings for prizes. ■

— Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Author Visits

LETHAL LADIES AT THE LIBRARY

Join mystery authors Penny Warner, Juliet Blackwell and Carol Price for a lively conversation on mystery writing, sleuthing, home improvement, party planning, Shakespeare, wine and who knows what else! Join from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 22 at the Pleasanton Library. Towne Center Books will provide books for sale. Call 931-3400 ext. 4.

Book Clubs

GREAT BOOKS OF PLEASANTON

The Great Books of Pleasanton book club meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Monday monthly at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call Sadie at 846-1658.

Civic Meetings

SCHOOL BOARD

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

Classes

BEGINNER'S INTERNET AND EMAIL CLASSES

Join these free classes for absolute beginners. Learn the basics in a non-judgmental atmosphere so you can keep in touch with loved ones and access internet sites all around the world. Classes run at 9 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, June 17-26, at the Pleasanton Library. Registration required. Call 931-2400, ext. 4.

COMPUTER TUTORING

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

GET THE MOST FROM YOUR TABLET OR SMART PHONE

Learn to get the most out of your tablet or smart phone in this four-class series, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, June 17-26 at the Pleasanton Library. Due to limited space, registration is required. Call 931-3400.

Clubs

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS

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

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB

The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at The

Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court. The dinner fee is \$10. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON

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

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH

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

TRI-VALLEY SUCCESSFUL THINKERS NETWORK

Successful Thinkers is a nationwide networking group for business leaders who understand the value of knowing, liking and trusting the people you are referring so that the referral is appropriate and more likely to work for the person. Join for lunch every Tuesday. Cost is only your meal. Contact David Walden at david@wealthconcepts.guru for more information.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS

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

Concerts

LARRY VUCKOVICH PLAYS DEXTER GORDON

Larry Vuckovich brings a special tribute to the great tenor saxophonist stylist Dexter Gordon, performing some of Dexter's signature tunes: "Montmartre," "Cheese Cake," "Second Balcony Jump," "You've Changed," and "Serenade in Blue" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at the Pleasanton Library. Free admission and parking! Call 931-3405.

Events

BRUNCH IN LIVERMORE

The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for brunch at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, at Porter's Restaurant at Poppy Ridge, 4280 Greenville Road, Livermore. RSVP to Ruby by Friday, June 20, at 462-9636 or hskoog@comcast.net.

DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE

JUNE 24! The American Red Cross encourages donors of all blood types, especially type O negative, B negative and A negative, to donate! Donate from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24 at City of Livermore, 1052 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org.

DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE

JUNE 26! The American Red Cross encourages donors of all blood types, especially type O negative, B negative and A negative, to donate! Donate from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday, June 26 at Lowes, 4255 First St., Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org.

DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE

JUNE 27! The American Red Cross encourages donors of all blood types, especially type O negative, B negative and A negative, to donate! Donate from noon-6 p.m. on Friday, June 27 at Purple Orchid Wine Country Spa and Resort, 4549 Cross Road, Livermore. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org.

FARMERS MARKET

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

LUNCH IN DUBLIN

The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for lunch on Saturday, June 28 at Golden Sand Harbor Restaurant, 7745 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. RSVP to Janet by Thursday, June 26, at 443-3317 or hskoog@comcast.net.

LUNCH IN PLEASANTON

The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for lunch at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at Mexico Lindo Restaurant, 6690 Koll Center Parkway. RSVP to Hilda by Friday, June 27, at 398-8808 or hskoog@comcast.net.

QUILTING DEMONSTRATION

Visit with members of the Amador Valley Quilters as they demonstrate their art from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Learn about the history of quilting and try your hand at stitching! No registration required. Call 931-3479.

Exhibits

JADE FON RETROSPECTIVE AND PLEIN AIR PAINTERS

This exhibit is a retrospective on the life, work, and legacy of well-known national and Bay Area watercolor artist and teacher Jade Fon, featuring the works of 13 of his students and devotees. From June 20-July 26 at Firehouse Arts Center Harrington Gallery. Contact 931-4849 or jfin-egan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

SUMMER EXHIBITS: LYNDA BRIGGS AND JEFF SNELL

See the works of two outstanding artists from June 5-Aug. 13 in the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center. Lynda Briggs' paintings are colorful, lively, and busy; Jeff Snell unites traditional landscape and popular culture in vigorous abstracts full of movement and energy. Call 931-4849.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



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Lavish 'Follies' sold out

"The Golden Follies Revue," a sparkling Las Vegas-style revue featuring seasoned performers ages 60-88 from all over Northern California, will light up the Firehouse Arts Center stage at 2 p.m. this Sunday (June 22). Strutting and tapping to high-energy choreography, they pay tribute to music and legendary performers from yesterday and today. This show is sold out but will return in January 2015.

Film

IT'S A MYSTERY AT THE LIBRARY: 'MURDER BY DEATH'

The world's greatest detectives have been invited to dinner. But when murder is on the menu, who will make it to dessert? Adult & Teen Summer Reading presents Neil Simon's hilarious murder mystery spoof "Murder by Death" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 26 at the Pleasanton Library. Movie treats! Prizes! For adults and teens in high school. Call 931-3400 ext. 4.

Fundraisers

DISCOVERY SHOP SEMI-ANNUAL 1/2 EVENT

Discovery Shop Pleasanton will have their annual 1/2 off entire stock sale at both home and clothing stores on Friday and Saturday, June 20-21 at 1989-E Santa Rita Road. Shop and support a good cause! Call 462-7374 or go to cancer.org.

FREE HEALTH AND FITNESS FAIR FOR 'ACTION FOR HEALTHY KIDS'

Iron Horse Nutrition and Fitness 19 gym will host a free health and fitness fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, June 21 at the Rose Pavilion shopping center. Join this family-friendly event focused on health and fitness, with a portion of proceeds going to "Action for Healthy Kids." Call 737-0398.

PAWS IN NEED 'TIPS FOR CHANGE' DINNER

Monday, June 23rd, 2014, 5pm to 9pm. Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner served by Paws In Need volunteers from 5-9 p.m. on Monday, June 23 at Gianni's Italian Bistro, 2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon.

ervations call 820-6969 or go to OpenTable.com. Call event chair Lisa at 216-1621 for more info. Over-tipping welcome!

Health

BRAIN THERAPY TREATMENTS TALK BY DR. LYNNE MIELKE

Learn about Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24 at Optimal Brain Center, 4463 Stoneridge Drive, Suite B. Both of these non-invasive treatments are safe and effective for treating brain injury, psychiatric and neurologic disorders. Space is limited; please RSVP. Call 846-3600.

DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT CLASSES

This free weekly series of classes will teach you how to manage your diabetes with exercise, healthy eating and medications. Classes will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, from May 15-July 3 at the Dublin Senior Center. For all adults with Pre Diabetes or Type 2 Diabetes. Call (510) 383-5185 or go to <http://www.acphd.org/diabetes/contact-information.aspx>.

Kids & Teens

1776-ERA KIDS MARCHING BAND YAPS

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

yaps1776@aol.com. Go to www.YoungAmericanPatriots.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM FOR KIDS AT PLEASANTON LIBRARY

The Pleasanton Public Library will host two children's environmental programs. Doug Nolan of Rock Steady Juggling brings a lively mix of environmental education, juggling, comedy and audience participation at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 28 at the Pleasanton Library. The Banana Slug String Band brings their rollicking, ecology-minded music at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 29 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Call 931-3400 ext. 3 or go to www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services.

Miscellaneous

VFW-AL COFFEE AND DONUTS

Every Saturday morning from 7:30-9 a.m., the VFW and American Legion host coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. All veterans are welcome. Visit www.vfwpost6298.com.

WORLD WALK TO WELLNESS

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

On Stage

'THE TAMING OF THE SHREW' FREE SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK

See Shakespeare's timeless classic, a feast of wit, outrageous clowning, and crazy plot twists as Kate and Petruchio negotiate their way through a subversive and challenging love story. "The Taming of the Shrew" runs at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, June 28-July 13 at Amador Valley Community Park. Go to www.sfshakes.org.

SHAKESPEARE'S 'MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING' AT CONCANNON VINEYARD

Livermore Shakes at Concannon Vineyard brings together culture, friendship, award-winning wine and a stunningly beautiful outdoor landscape for a truly memorable experience. Summer 2014 brings Shakespeare's beloved comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing" directed by Lisa A. Tromovitch. See this classic tale of love and misunderstanding at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays-Sundays, June 19-July 6 at Concannon Vineyard, 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore. Tickets are \$25-\$44. Call 443-2273 or go to livermoreshakes.org/tickets/.

Seniors

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail

on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER DANCE CLASSES

Seniors are invited to a Beginning Latin Line Dance from 1-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays; cost is \$12 for four classes per month or \$15 for five classes per month. Beginning line dance from 10:25-11:25 a.m. Thursdays, cost is \$1.25 per class; beginning-intermediate line dancing from 10:15-11:15 a.m., Tuesdays, cost is \$2 drop-in, or from 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturdays, cost is \$3 drop-in; easy and intermediate line dance from 2-4 p.m. Thursdays, cost is \$3 per class; intermediate line dance from 10:45-11:45 a.m. Fridays, cost is \$1.25 per class; advanced line dancing from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Mondays, cost is \$3 per class; or social line dance from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, cost is \$2 for drop-in or \$6 for four classes per month or \$7.50 for five classes per month; all at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER PROGRAMS

Dublin Senior Center offers different programs and activities

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/J. XIA

Afraid of the dark?

Not with Buffy on the prowl. This teenage tabby is so all-around affectionate you'll happily stake your heart on him. Nearly 1 year old, Buffy is a muted shade of sunshine. Make Buffy your chosen one from Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 426-8656 or visit valleyhumane.org for more information.

including "ESL" which helps seniors practice their English conversational skills, a Reading Group that meets monthly to discuss new books and a Needle Arts Group that enjoys quilting, sewing and knitting. Fees vary for each activity. For a complete list of activities, contact 556-4511 or seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

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FUND, 3037 HOPYARD ROAD, SUITE T, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Belize Education Fund, 3037 Hopyard Road, Suite T, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Keith Cobell, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/16/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 30, June 6, 13, 20; 2014)

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File No.: 491585
The following person(s) doing business as: BUSINESS DATA LEADERSHIP, 1224 CHIANTI COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Theresa C. Kushner, 1224 Chianti Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Maria C. Villar, 1250 NE 27th Way, Pampano Beach, FL 33062. This business is conducted by a General partnership. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/22/2009. Signature of Registrant: Theresa Kushner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/13/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 6, 13, 20, 27; 2014)

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File No.: 492651
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Home building falls 16% in Western states

Even permits, which show future activity, dropped 15.2% regionally

By JEB BING

Declines in both single- and multifamily building pushed nationwide housing production down 6.5% in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of just over 1 million units, according to newly released figures from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Census Bureau.

However, single-family permits, which can be an indicator of future building activity, rose 3.7%.

"The dip in single-family production shows builders continue to move carefully in adding inventory," said Kevin Kelly, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del. "They are also facing supply chain issues, such as access to lots and labor."

Nationally, single-family housing starts were down 5.9% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 625,000 units in May. Meanwhile, multifamily production fell 7.6% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 376,000 units.

"The encouraging news is that

single-family permits are up by almost 4%," said NAHB chief economist David Crowe. "The modest increase is evidence that builders expect continued release of pent-up demand and a gradual expansion of the housing market. We are still forecasting a 12% increase in total housing starts for the year."

Regionally in May, combined single- and multifamily housing production fell the most in the Northeast, the Midwest and the West, with respective losses of 25.2%, 16.5% and 16.3%. Meanwhile, the South posted a 7.3% gain.

Issuance of building permits registered a 6.4% decline to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 991,000 units in May. This was due entirely to a decrease in the multifamily sector, where permits registered a 19.5% loss to 372,000 units. Single-family permits increased to 619,000 units.

The Northeast and Midwest registered overall permit gains of 3.5% and 3.8%, respectively, while the South and West posted respective losses of 7.3% and 15.2%. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during May 16-30

Pleasanton

1908 Buckeye Court C. & Y. Han to S. & N. Raina for \$2,270,000

7595 Canyon Meadow Circle #A R. Annamraju to R. & N. Menon for \$440,000

3239 Chardonay Place Philippe Trust to D. & A. Moll for \$1,060,000

4148 Georgis Place S. Lankalapalli to S. Krishnamoorthy for \$661,000

1343 Kolln Street C. Todd to W. Wang for \$705,000

4646 Lakewood Street E. Denlinger to S. Zhang for \$675,000

5042 Porta Rossa Circle L. Hildebrand to S. & G. Phanse for \$840,000

996 Riesling Drive J. & E. Brice to A. & E. Jerden for \$900,000

3724 Rocky Mountain Court Kulick Trust to E. & N. Hoque for \$650,000

6227 Roslin Court T. & A. Garcia to O. & L. Abello for \$700,000

4605 Ross Gate Way Dowling-Struebing Trust to M. & S. Holtzclaw for \$935,000

1300 Safreno Way J. & J. Thompson to Mirchandani Trust for \$1,731,500

4168 West Ruby Hill Drive J. & D. Schmidt to Soderstrom Trust for \$2,685,000

Livermore

2800 4th Street #103 Tri-Valley Platinum Investment to M. Morris for \$439,000

337 Acorn Place Park Trust to Sharma Trust for \$1,170,000

941 Alison Circle Teshirogi Trust to D. & Y. Wong for \$820,000

2999 Calico Common J. & A. Johnson to C. Harless for \$680,000

1385 Cameo Court D. Hynes to K. & J. Ulander for \$675,000

1132 Canton Avenue T. Flores to S. & S. Chaney for \$667,000

1030 Elaine Avenue R. Giddings to Norcal Homes Investment Group for \$517,000

946 Elaine Avenue R. & J. Mason to A. & N. Kozlow for \$575,000

2056 Elm Street Collins Trust to J. Abbott for \$358,000

260 Estates Street D. & F. Pilling to P. Rambo for \$490,000

5583 Greenwich Avenue J. & D. Payne to M. Karim for \$648,000

2399 Harewood Drive Bradshaw Trust to H. Policar for \$852,000

2675 Kelly Street R. Stevens to A. & M. Garcia for \$350,000

1085 Murrieta Boulevard #120 C. Waller to I. Tarasula for \$270,000

1085 Murrieta Boulevard #306 J. Cain to A. Castro for \$225,000

5641 Rainflower Drive R. Templeman to K. & S. Rief for \$507,500

2811 Salvia Common D. Haukland to G. Rivera for \$570,000

1789 Santorino Drive T. & L. Arendell to W. & E. Bailey for \$1,525,000

2641 Tahoe Drive Wirth Trust to J. Rebelo for \$925,000

159 Topaz Way M. Conway to N. & J. Pedigo for \$635,000

San Ramon

7338 Balmoral Way V. & R. Sundaresan to P. & S. Dala for \$1,330,000

2625 Basswood Drive M. & M. Dalisay to J. Rodrigues for \$818,500

9808 Belladonna Drive K. & N. Obata to G. Rhodes for \$756,000

3056 Bernard Avenue T. Nguyen to D. Lu for \$520,000

3769 Crow Canyon Road J. Unland to H. Wang for \$415,000

1504 Dawn Court C. & K. Clark to J. Wang for \$565,000

116 Geranium Court K. & K. Leong to R. & K. Mekala for \$956,000

522 La Copita Court K. Patel to R. & L. Vencill for \$405,000

10065 La Paz Avenue J. & A. Freitas to M. Zheng for \$816,000

2908 Langhorne Drive Fate Trust to G. Qian for \$950,000

24 Lomond Court J. & G. Hornsby to E. & T. Taylor for \$1,155,000

2142 Maidenhair Way J. Lakkarusu to M. Guntuku for \$840,000

291 Norris Canyon Terrace #C M. & C. Germeshausen to D. Johnson for \$440,000

7559 Northland Avenue Graham Trust to C. & T. Winder for \$750,000

400 Old Ranch Court T. & K. Haynes to A. Labh for \$987,500

30 Pony Court Nardi Trust to M. Chhay for \$920,000

140 Reflections Drive #22 Najarian Trust to A. & K. Scherschel for \$290,000

9950 Windsor Way Sullivan Trust to D. & R. Charney for \$765,000

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DUBLIN

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5 BR 3 BA Updated kitchen, high ceilings, huge bonus room, downstairs BD & BA, nicely landscaped, 3 car garage Nancy Sutorius, CalBRE #00628232 925.847.2200

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41908 VIA SAN LUIS RY

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Sun 2-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

773 Rolling Hills Lane \$1,995,000

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593 Del Sol Ave. \$1,105,000

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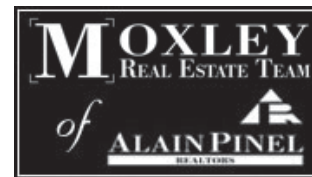
3624 TERRAZZO CT
PLEASANTON

Located in Ironwood Estates Single Level located at end of court. 4BD 3.5BA 3,182sf. on an 11,188sf. lot. Updated throughout w/ a modern open floor plan. Kitchen w/ wood flooring, cherry cabinets & breakfast nook. Backyard kitchen/BBQ area with bar seating, a fire pit, spa and spacious grass and patio areas.
OFFERED AT \$1,400,000



773 ROLLING HILLS LN.
PLEASANTON

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Livermore: In the Park Lane development, 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 ba, 2,022 sq.ft. built in 2000, priced at \$699,000

REAL ESTATE OUTLOOK - JUNE

Summer is upon us and the market is still incredibly active. Interest rates remain favorable and inventory is still lower than usual. That said, there are more homes coming on the market each day with inventory of single family homes averaging approximately 70% of normal, up from 40% just a couple of months ago. This increase in inventory could very well effect the average amount of time a home stays on the market due to buyers having more choices and feeling less rushed to make decisions. We are, however, still experiencing multiple offers for homes that are in great locations, show well and are priced correctly.

The luxury home market (homes priced at \$1.5 million or greater) continues to be strong this quarter with an average market time of 26 days and an average sales prices at \$428 per square foot.

This really is the time to take action if you are considering making a move of any kind. All the components of this market make it a good time to buy or sell but like all financial markets, that could change at any time. Interest rates can increase, inventories can grow and global economics can change all of which can have an immediate impact on the current market. Please call us today to discuss your needs and options. We provide guidance and services that no other Realtor in the area provides and these services translate to higher returns on your money whether selling or buying real estate.

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Kottinger Ranch 5 Bedroom 3.5 Bathroom +/-3,269 square feet



910 Sherman Way **SOLD, \$1,325,000**
Ventana Hills 4 Bedroom 3.5 Bathroom +/-3,016 square feet



472 Bunker Lane **PENDING, multiple offers \$1,648,000**
Castlewood 5 Bedroom 4.5 Bathroom +/-3,889 square feet

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