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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Party time on election night

There was a time when election night parties were sumptuous events for candidate supporters and even the reporters who covered the campaigns. I recall many post-election events, when I was a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, held in hotel ballrooms and the back rooms of some of the city's finest restaurants. Liquor flowed freely, although not being a drinker, I sipped a non-alcoholic beverage or two. But the liquor was there, just saying.

Special guests, including favored reporters, were handed envelopes as they entered, some with a pass to a Bears or Blackhawks game or tickets to a downtown show. Those, of course, would have been unethical for a reporter to accept, but the "special" gifts were there, just saying.

I don't know how similar parties are these days for Chicago Tribune reporters, but election night events in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley lack the fresh lobsters and open bars that always highlighted the end of Chicago and Cook County political campaigns. I went to six parties Tuesday night, ranging from City Council candidate George Bowen's subdued event where the featured attraction was George on the guitar to larger rallies for Assembly candidates Tim Sbranti and Catharine Baker. Although a variety of wines (Livermore Valley, of course) were available, the most popular beverage appeared to be bottled water. Imagine that, Chicago!

Council candidate (and winner) Arne Olson's party was the best, a home-spun event at Jan Batcheller's house near downtown Pleasanton where she made and served homemade chili, hot bread with melted cheese, and more cheeses and tasties on a dining room table with part of an American flag propped up on one side. There were no name tags or sign-in sheets; only a small group of friendly supporters stopping by during a relaxing evening.

Contrast that to what was billed as "Tim Sbranti Election Night Returns Watch Party" held in a cavernous meeting room at the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Alameda County union hall on Owens Drive, across from Home Depot. Fellow Democrat and Congressman Eric Swalwell, already with a commanding lead over his Republican opponent Hugh Bussell shortly after the polls closed, was busy conferring with a nervous Sbranti in a back room away from the maddening crowds, and with good reason. Sbranti was losing the



JEB BING

Jan Batcheller stirs her famous homemade chili at her election night party Tuesday for City Council candidate Arne Olson.

race to his GOP challenger, Baker. At 10 p.m., a nearly-empty bowl of salad was all that remained of what had been a more joyful assembly of supporters earlier in the evening.

Baker, in a more Republican tradition, held her election night party at The Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon, where a nearly-filled parking lot and television transmitting truck showed the strength of Baker's successful effort to become our 16th District's new state assemblywoman. Even the dress code for the event appeared to be, well, Republican — with many in ties, dresses, heels and clean-shaven faces. Perhaps what has marked her campaign all year has been style, always gracious and quick to share her husband Dan, her twin children and her parents with campaign workers who walked door-to-door throughout the district seeking voter turnout.

I was also at parties Tuesday night for newly re-elected Mayor Jerry Thorne, held at The Hopyard American Alehouse & Grill, and for Councilwoman Kathy Narum at The Cellar Door in downtown Pleasanton. Both candidates were projected winners as soon as the county registrar released the first counts about 8:10 p.m., so these were gatherings that gave both a chance to thank their constituents — Jerry with his wife Sandi at his side, and Kathy with her husband Jack, daughters and her parents sharing their thanks. The only party I missed was one for council candidate Olivia Sanwong, who finished third in the four-candidate race. If there was one, I didn't know about it.

Anyhow, by 11 p.m., the parties were over and everyone went home. Imagine that, Chicago! ■



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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you think it is a good policy to teach children to be afraid of strangers?



J.R. Souza
Project engineer

I think it is a good policy. When you don't know someone, you have no way of knowing whether they are a good person or a bad one. So teaching children to err on the side of caution, when it comes to strangers, is wise.



Faran Shojaie
Realtor

I don't think it is enough to "train" children to be afraid of strangers because they will still go with a stranger who says the right thing to them, or has a cute puppy. I think the best idea instead, is to teach children the consequences of decisions they make, and to encourage and allow them to make the decision for themselves based upon their own evaluations of the stranger.



Tiffany Pixley
Banker

I don't think it is a good idea because it puts the notion in children's heads that all strangers are bad, but that really isn't the case. I think it's best to just teach children to be cautious about strangers because there is no way to know whether they are good or bad just by looking at them.



Brittany Vargas
High school student

I think it is very situation-specific. If children are in a fairly safe place, they should just be encouraged to be aware that although most strangers are good, the occasional stranger is not — so they need to be a little careful. On the other hand, if children are in an unfamiliar place with people they don't know and no one there to protect them, they should be a bit more on their guard.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness



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Autumn Get-Together

California hot rodders and classic car aficionados from all over the West will take over the Alameda County Fairgrounds this Saturday and Sunday for one last fling before it's time to put the cars away for the winter.

The Goodguys 25th colorful, patriotic weekend celebration in recognition of Veterans Day will feature more than 2,500 candy-colored American vehicles and custom cars of all years, makes and models.

As in past years, Goodguys will salute veterans and active military members during the weekend.

Show hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. General admission is \$18, kids 7-12 \$6. Fairgrounds parking is \$8. For full event information, sign on to the Goodguys website at www.good-guys.com or call 838-9876.

Chabot to Go!

The Pleasanton Public Library this Saturday will host "Chabot to Go!" — the traveling science fair of the Chabot Space & Science Center in Oakland.

The "Space and Astronaut Training" program was designed for children in grades K-5 and features hands-on space and science activities based upon human exploration, rockets, space shuttle, and astronaut apparatus training.

Two sessions will be offered, with 100 free tickets for each time slot distributed on the event day in the children's area of the library. Tickets become available at 1 p.m. for the 1:30-2:30 p.m. session, and beginning at 2 p.m. for the 2:30-3:30 p.m. session.

For more information, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library or call the Children's Desk at 931-3400, ext. 3.

Pet care benefit

The Animal Lover's Boutique at 3160 Santa Rita Road will host its 15th annual Holiday Sale for the Animals this Saturday, with proceeds benefiting Jackie Barnett's Just Like New Fund, a program of the non-profit group Paws In Need that aids sick and injured pets.

The fund provides assistance to Tri-Valley residents who cannot afford emergency, lifesaving veterinary care for their pets. The fund has helped save nearly 500 pets lives since its inception, organizers said.

The fundraiser Saturday runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 323-8517 or visit www.paws-in-need.org. ■

Laursen, Miller take school board race

All four candidates receive more than 20% of votes cast

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Incumbent Joan Laursen and challenger Mark Miller were elected Tuesday to the Pleasanton school board — with Laursen leading the race with 6,612 votes or 28.86% of the votes cast, according to the unofficial election results posted by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

Miller, a Pleasanton parent and information technology manager, trailed behind Laursen with 5,781 votes, or 25.23%, in the race for

two school board seats.

Challenger Paige Wright and incumbent Jeff Bowser were in a close battle for third place as votes were being counted throughout the night — with Bowser leading by approximately 0.2% around midnight Wednesday.

However, once the final Election Night totals were announced 12:45 a.m. Wednesday, Wright finished with 22.92% and Bowser with 22.84%, with 19 votes separating the pair, according to unofficial election results.

Laursen, elected November 2010 to serve her first term on the school

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AMANDA AGUILAR

Mark Miller (center) thanks Sam Vishwas for all his support during this campaign. Miller earned one of two spots open on the Pleasanton school board.



JEB BING

Mayor Jerry Thorne (second from right) joins supporters Tuesday night to celebrate his re-election.

Thorne re-elected mayor along with 2 candidates he supported

Narum re-elected, Olson also gains council seat

By JEB BING

Mayor Jerry Thorne was re-elected to another two-year term Tuesday, defeating his challenger Matt Morrison by a whopping 67% of the votes cast, according to results released early Wednesday morning by Alameda County election officials.

The two City Council candidates Thorne supported also were elected. Councilwoman Kathy Narum led the race with 7,657 votes, or 34% of the votes cast. Former Planning Commissioner Arne Olson finished second with 5,735 votes, or 25% of those cast.

Morrison trailed in the mayoral race, receiving 4,322 votes, or

32% of the votes cast in that race.

Council candidate Olivia Sanwong finished third in her second attempt to win election to the City Council, receiving 4,691 votes, or 21%, and challenger George Bowen finished fourth in a race for two open seats on the council, receiving 4,520 votes, or 20% of the votes cast.

"I am truly humbled by the support and vote of confidence that I received from the people of Pleasanton," Thorne said at an Election Night party held at The Hopyard American Alehouse & Grill. "No one ever wins an election alone, and I am grateful to all who worked tirelessly to make this win happen."

Thorne made a special point of thanking his wife Sandi, "my wife and best friend for the last 40 years."

"The support of family is ab-

solutely essential if you are to be successful and serve a community as it should be served," he added.

He also thanked some of the key players on his campaign committee, including Jen Amiel and Sandra Jellison, who managed his campaign; David and Roz Wright, who handled his sign program; Matt DePretis and Stacy Flaming, campaign treasurers, and Frank Capilla and Mark Sweeney, who managed the campaign's fund-raising efforts.

He also thanked Morrison, his opponent, "for making it a challenging and rewarding campaign." "As mayor, I will continue to strive to be the very best that I can be and serve all of the people of this great city," Thorne said.

He also congratulated Narum and Olson, candidates he sup-

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Man convicted for 1984 murder of FHS girl

'Got the verdict he deserved,' victim's father says

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Steven Carlson was convicted of first-degree murder last week for stabbing a 14-year-old Foothill High School classmate 44 times in 1984, when he was 16 years old.

After deliberating for a day, a jury found Carlson, now 46 years old, guilty of the April 5, 1984 murder of Tina Faelz as she walked home from school. The verdict was announced Oct. 30.

Faelz, who was stabbed 44 times, was found dead in a ditch adjacent to Interstate 680, east of the high school. Both students attended Foothill, and Carlson lived near the murder scene at the time.

The freshman girl usually took the bus home from school, but had recently started walking home to avoid being teased by other students riding the bus, her mother, Shirley Orosco, said in a August 2008 interview with the Pleasanton Weekly.

The case remained unsolved for



Tina Faelz



Steven Carlson

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PPIE raises \$64,000 at fall fundraiser

Three local chefs win culinary competition

There were lots of winners at the "Toasts and Tastes of Fall" fundraising event held Oct. 17 by the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation.

The biggest winner, PPIE, raised \$64,000 from the event. Net proceeds benefit the foundation's programs — such as the Innovative Grant Programs and the 2015-16 Giving Fund.

"Our students are the next generation of entrepreneurs, visionaries and employees," said Bob Miller, president of the PPIE Board of Directors. "PPIE is proud to be part of the effort supporting their ability to grow and learn in meaningful ways."

The fundraising event also had a culinary competition, with 15 teams made up of a local chef, school principal and corporate/community sponsor competing for cash prizes in three categories: Savory, Sweet and Slow.

Local chefs spent weeks designing their one-of-a-kind food creations. Participating chefs were from: A Tasteful Affair, Almond's Kitchen, Blue Agave Club, Cabana Dave's, Coco Cabana, Castlewood Country Club, Eddie Papas American Hangout, FAZ, Forno Vecchio, Nonni's Bistro, Pans on Fire, Primrose Bakery, Sweet Freedom Bake Shop, Sozo Sushi and Valley Catering.

Along with the tasty food creations, culinary teams poured wine pairings, thoughtfully constructed



AMANDA AGUILAR

Valley View Elementary School principal Rafael Cruz (left) pours a glass of wine for Aimee Drescher, wife of Amador Valley High School principal Tom Drescher.

in advance by Jim Denham, owner of The Wine Steward.

Denham also served as one of the official judges, along with Jim Frost, winemaker at Auburn James Winery, and Chris Chandler, executive director of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association.

Primrose Bakery won the Sweet category with its selection of tartlettes, cakes and popular princess cakes.

In the Slow category, Nonni's Bistro won with an ice-smoked wild salmon.

Eddie Papa's won the Savory category with honey hoisin braised short ribs on a taro chip.

"The great turnout this year is a testament to the value our community places on high quality education," PPIE executive director Susan Hayes said. "We want to thank our partners — parents, businesses, educators and community organizations — who help us fulfill our mission to support educational programming equitably for all students across all grade levels." ■

—Amanda Aguilar

SCHOOL BOARD

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board, stated she felt great about the results and knows she worked really hard.

Her goals include strengthening student learning and engagement, preparing all students for college and career, and having modern facilities equipped with resources students need to succeed.

Laursen and Bowser held a combined election party at the Tri-Valley United Democratic Campaign office on Springdale Avenue.

District officials such as Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, Pleasanton Teacher's Association president Janice Clark and Trustee Chris Grant attended the election party — including many other Laursen and Bowser supporters.

Miller and Wright hosted separate election parties at their homes Tuesday night.

Miller's guests expressed their thanks to him for "stepping up"

and making people "feel like they have a voice."

Miller, who will be serving his first term, is honored Pleasanton residents have confidence that he will help "move the district forward."

He hopes to re-establish the trust in the district and school board, as well as reconnect the educational community to develop and implement the initiatives that position Pleasanton students for success. In addition, he would like to rescind the calendar change and find alternatives for the 2016-17 school year.

Bowser said it's too early to say if he would run again for school board in two years.

"I've been campaigning all year, so it will be nice to have a little break," he added.

For more information about the unofficial Election Night results from Alameda County, visit its website, www.acgov.org.

The unofficial election results include early vote-by-mail tallies and totals reported by 100% of the precincts on Election Night. ■

Fire destroys homes under construction at development near Safeway

Apparent accidental blaze causes an estimated \$450,000 in damage

By JEB BING

A raging fire early Tuesday destroyed two houses under construction in a new development just south of the Safeway Lifestyle supermarket and the Gateway Center on Valley Avenue near Bernal.

The fire, visible from I-680, was in a fenced-off construction site adjacent to the Gateway Pleasanton shopping center and close to the new CVS Pharmacy. No stores in the Gateway Center were damaged in the fire.

The fire was reported at 2:04 a.m. with units from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responding within minutes.

Battalion chief Joe Testa said firefighters found that the hydrants on the construction site were not yet in service and had to connect hoses to working hydrants on Valley Avenue 600 feet away.

The two two-story single family homes were destroyed in the fire, and damage to windows and siding of two other adjacent three-story homes was also significant, Testa said. The homes were in the final phases of exterior construction and being prepared for interior work when the fire took place.

The development, called Township Square, includes traditionally styled architecture reminiscent of



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One of two homes burns in Township Square development on Valley Avenue near Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton early Tuesday.

brownstone designs, ranging from 2,830 to 3,642 square feet. They are being built by DeNova Homes, a Concord developer.

Testa said initial estimates place the loss from the fire at \$450,000. The LPFD is partnering with Pleasanton in an investigation, but it

appears that the fire was accidental.

Four fire engines, two fire trucks and three chief officers responded to the fire for a total of 24 firefighters. This included a Cal Fire crew from Sunol and an Alameda County Fire Department battalion chief.

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Incumbents thrive in San Ramon Valley races

Current Danville council, SRVUSD board members poised to retain seats

By JEREMY WALSH

Incumbent success was the theme for the Danville Town Council and San Ramon Valley school board races, according to unofficial election results released just after midnight Wednesday by Contra Costa County election officials.

Danville Councilwoman Karen Stepper ended the night in first place with 38.95% of the vote, poised to earn a fourth term. Robert Storer, the town's current mayor, finished close behind in second with 38.36% in his bid for a second full term.

Two council seats were up for grabs this fall, and lone challenger Tony Adamich, a downtown Danville shop owner, garnered 22.11% of the vote.

The perfect record for Danville incumbents appears to have continued, in light of the unofficial

results — no sitting Town Council member has ever lost a re-election bid since Danville incorporated in 1982.

In the race for three San Ramon Valley school board seats, Rachel Hurd led the way with 28.79% of the vote, followed by fellow incumbent Denise Jennison, who garnered 26.53%.

The final seat could be too close to call as of Wednesday. Ken Mintz, the other current board member running, ended the night with 22.94% while the only challenger, attorney Jerome C. Pandell, finished with 21.22% — 948 votes separated Mintz and Pandell, according to the unofficial election results.

The Tri-Valley is poised to be represented by two Democratic congressmen for the next two years.

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), whose district includes Pleasanton, secured his second straight term by defeating Hugh Bussell (R-Livermore), with the margin standing at 69% to 31%.

Pleasanton's state senator, Mark

DeSaulnier, looks to be headed to Washington, D.C., after finishing Election Night well ahead in the race to represent Danville and the rest of the 11th Congressional District. DeSaulnier (D-Concord) had 66.2% of the vote, compared to the 33.8% earned by his opponent, retired Judge Tue Phan (R-Danville).

The two men were competing to replace 20-term U.S. Rep. George Miller (D-Martinez), who is retiring after his current term.

In another San Ramon Valley race, challengers Donald R. Parker (29.21%) and Chris Campbell (25.93%) are on pace to claim the two open seats on the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors. Challenger Dale A. Price (22.46%) and incumbent Glenn Umott (22.16%) sat third and fourth, respectively.

Contra Costa County election officials said there were still roughly 95,000 vote-by-mail and absentee ballots yet to be counted county-wide, as of Wednesday afternoon. County officials must report their final results to the Secretary of State by Dec. 5. ■

Vandalism at Walnut Grove causes safety, privacy concerns

School makes new additions to address situation

Some recent events involving minor vandalism to cars parked at Walnut Grove Elementary School have caused the school and Pleasanton school district to make some changes, said Walnut Grove Principal Jan Steed.

Steed sent an email Oct. 29 to Walnut Grove parents about being "proactive after hearing some concerns."

Walnut Grove will now have roving security provided by Livermore-

based BlueSky Private Security at the school from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

According to Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller, there have been two documented incidents at the elementary school.

The increased supervision at the school aims to prevent vandalism from happening again.

Steed said there have been no threats made to the school, students or staff. "There have been no concerns about students' safety; it's just outside of the school gates," she added.

In addition, the security will ease concerns of vehicle and pedestrian safety in the parking lot areas,

Steed said.

The fifth-grade leadership council has been helping by directing traffic, alongside teachers, during drop-off and pick-up times. With their bright vests, students stand on the curb behind a yellow line, and hold up traffic signs to direct cars in and out of the parking lot.

Another new addition at the school includes a black mesh covering along the fence of the kindergarten play area, which faces Black Avenue.

According to Steed, the covering was placed on the fence because of her privacy concerns for the children — adding that the play area has a lot of exposure.

Steed said she encourages parents to continue to communicate with her regarding safety in the parking lots and around campus.

"As a community we can keep our students safe," Steed said. ■

—Amanda Aguilar

Pleasanton police department adds 3 new officers

Gorman, Baggett, Cobler sworn in by Chief Spiller

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Three new officers — Rick Gorman, Scott Baggett and Brandon Cobler — have joined the Pleasanton Police Department with Police Chief Dave Spiller swearing them in at a formal "oath of office" ceremony.

Gorman began his law enforcement career as a deputy sheriff with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office in 2006. He was assigned to the Detentions and Corrections Division at Santa Rita Jail, where he worked various positions.

Born and raised in Lowell, Mass., Gorman attended Lowell High School and enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1995. In 2003, he was deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was honorably discharged in 2004.

Baggett was born in Berkeley and raised in Pleasanton. He graduated from Amador Valley High School and attended Ohlone Community College, where he earned an

science. He then transferred to Cal State East Bay to earn his bachelor's degree in administration of justice.

After earning his degrees, he attended the South Bay Regional Public Safety Police Academy in San Mateo where he received his Basic Police Academy Certificate.

Cobler was born and raised in Castro Valley and graduated from Moreau Catholic High School. He attended Cal State East Bay, earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Pleasanton hired Cobler as an entry level recruit officer and assigned him to the Alameda County Regional Academy in March 2014. He successfully completed his training in late September and is joining the patrol force in his field training program.

Spiller said it's "always exciting to celebrate new employees."

"As the organization continues to change, we work hard to recruit and train high quality individuals like these," Spiller added. ■



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more than 25 years, but prosecutor Stacie Pettigrew said a 2011 DNA test showed that a small amount of blood that was found on Faelz's purse was Carlson's.

Carlson, who has a long criminal history (including convictions for committing lewd acts with a child under the age of 14 and assault), was arrested and charged with murdering Faelz in August 2011.

Family and friends of Faelz cried when the verdict was announced. Carlson, dressed in a white shirt, wearing glasses and sporting a short haircut, looked straight ahead and didn't show any emotion.

Faelz's father, Steve Faelz, said Carlson "got the verdict he deserved and the prosecutor did a bang-up job."

He added, "We all feel good, and we give our thanks to all the people who were involved in this 30-year process. This brings closure to us."

Steve Faelz said it was frustrating that the case took so long to solve, but he said that he believes law enforcement officials worked hard on it all along and that they got the break they needed when new technology provided DNA evidence that connected Carlson to the crime.

Officer Keith Batt, the lead detective on the case at its conclusion, said, "I'm pleased with the result. I appreciate the efforts of all those involved in the case before me, as well as the work of the district attorney and the jury."

In Pettigrew's closing argument, she said that the DNA evidence proves beyond a reasonable doubt that Carlson is the person who killed Faelz.

Carlson's defense attorney, Annie Beles, told jurors that they shouldn't find Carlson guilty because the evidence is "flimsy" and there are many unanswered questions — which includes when the DNA evidence was collected, how it was collected, whether it was contaminated and whether it was improperly transferred.

She added that there are many "innocent reasons" to explain why Carlson's DNA ended up on Faelz's purse because they went to the same middle school and high school and "were in the same proximity with one another."

Pettigrew declined to comment on the verdict and Beles, who wasn't present when the verdict was announced, wasn't available for comment.

When Carlson was arrested and charged in August 2011, his case originally was assigned to juvenile court because he was 16 at the time of the crime.

But on Jan. 12, 2012, a judge ruled that he should be prosecuted as an adult because of the degree of criminal sophistication he displayed in the killing, the severity of the crime and previous failed attempts to rehabilitate him.

Carlson faces a term of 26 years to life in state prison when he's sentenced by Alameda County Superior Court Judge C. Don Clay. The sentencing hearing is set for Jan. 9. ■

Editor's note: Information from the Bay City News Service was used in this report.

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ported, on winning their elections. Two others, council members Jerry Pentin and Karla Brown, will also continue on the council. Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who is terming out this year after serving eight years on the council, will step down Dec. 2 when Thorne, Narum and Olson are installed in their new terms of office.

Narum told her constituents that "getting elected is hard work, but staying elected can be even harder."

In her public statement, she said: "I am grateful to have the honor once again to represent Pleasanton residents on the City Council. I'm also looking forward to getting back to work now that the campaign is over. I am deeply committed to this city, to the people and to getting things done that matter to us."

"I look forward to working together in our collective effort to keep Pleasanton one of the best places to live. Please know my door is always open, and I want to hear from you." ■

Founder of bogus Pleasanton college gets 16 years

The founder and president of an online university based in Pleasanton has been sentenced to 16 years in federal prison for running a visa fraud scheme.

Federal prosecutors said Tri-Valley University — which was run by Susan Xiao-Ping Su, 44, of Pleasanton — was a bogus, unaccredited venture designed to rake in millions of dollars from foreigners who sought to obtain student visas so they could stay in the U.S.

After a three-week trial before U.S. District Court Judge Jon Tigar, Su was convicted on March 23 of 31 counts of wire fraud, mail fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, use of a false document, false statements to a government agency, alien harboring, unauthorized access to a

government computer and money laundering.

In addition to sentencing Su to the lengthy prison term at a hearing on Friday, Tigar ordered her to forfeit \$5.6 million and pay \$904,000 in restitution.

Prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office said evidence at Su's trial showed she engaged in a two-year scheme to defraud the U.S. Department of Homeland Security by submitting fraudulent documents in support of the university's petition for approval to admit foreign students.

Prosecutors said that after Su obtained that approval, she fraudulently issued visa-related documents to student aliens in exchange for "tuition and fees."

Prosecutors said that in Su's petition for approval, she made mate-

rial false representations to Homeland Security about Tri-Valley University's admission requirements, graduation requirements, administrators, instructors, class transferability and intent to comply with federal regulations.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said Su admitted and maintained foreign students in exchange for tuition and other payments.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said Su made nearly \$6 million through her operation of Tri-Valley University and engaged in seven money laundering transactions using proceeds to purchase commercial real estate, a Mercedes-Benz and multiple residences, including a home in the Ruby Hill community in Pleasanton — each in her name.

Prosecutors said authorities began investigating Su in May 2010 after they received a tip. ■

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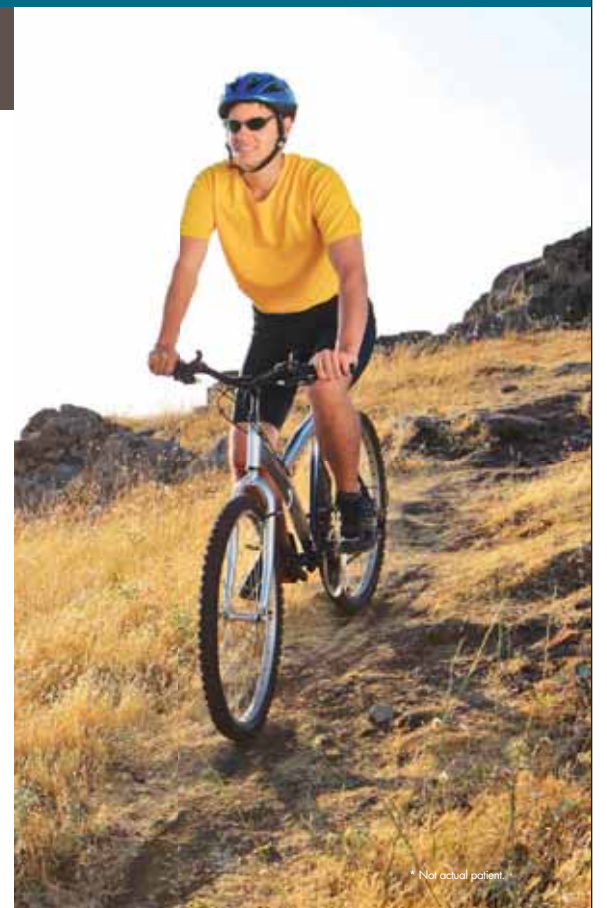
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Sandia to develop technique in hopes of improving solar electricity costs

Receives \$1.2 million award from Energy Department's SunShot Initiative

Researchers at Sandia National Laboratories have received a \$1.2 million award from the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative to develop a technique that they believe will significantly improve the efficiencies of photovoltaic materials and help make solar electricity cost-competitive with other sources of energy.

The work builds on Sandia's recent successes with metal-organic framework (MOF) materials by

combining them with dye-sensitized solar cells.

"A lot of people are working with DSSCs, but we think our expertise with MOFs gives us a tool that others don't have," said Sandia's Erik Spoerke, a materials scientist with a long history of solar cell exploration at the labs.

Sandia's project is funded through SunShot's Next Generation Photovoltaic Technologies III program, which sponsors projects that apply promising basic materials science that has been proven at the materials properties level to demonstrate photovoltaic conversion improvements to address or exceed SunShot goals.

The SunShot Initiative is a col-

laborative national effort that aggressively drives innovation with the aim of making solar energy fully cost-competitive with traditional energy sources before the end of the decade. Through SunShot, the Energy Department supports efforts by private companies, universities and national laboratories to drive down the cost of solar electricity to 6 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSC), invented in the 1980s, use dyes designed to efficiently absorb light in the solar spectrum. The dye is mated with a semiconductor, typically titanium dioxide, that facilitates conversion of the energy in the optically excited dye into usable electrical current.

DSSCs are considered a significant advancement in photovoltaic technology since they separate the various processes of generating current from a solar cell.

"If you don't have everything in the DSSC dependent on everything else, it's a lot easier to

optimize your photovoltaic device in the most flexible and effective way," explained Sandia senior scientist Mark Allendorf.

DSSCs, for example, can capture more of the sun's energy than silicon-based solar cells by using varied or multiple dyes and also can use different molecular systems, Allendorf said.

"It becomes almost modular in terms of the cell's components, all of which contribute to making electricity out of sunlight more efficiently," Spoerke said.

Though a source of optimism for the solar research community, DSSCs possess certain challenges that the Sandia research team thinks can be overcome by combining them with MOFs.

Allendorf said researchers hope to use the ordered structure and versatile chemistry of MOFs to help the dyes in DSSCs absorb more solar light, which he says is a fundamental limit on their efficiency.

MOFs are highly-ordered mate-

rials that also offer high levels of porosity, said Allendorf, a MOF expert and 29-year veteran of Sandia. He calls the materials "Tinkertoys for chemists" because of the ease with which new structures can be envisioned and assembled. Allendorf said the unique porosity of MOFs will allow researchers to add a second dye, placed into the pores of the MOF, that will cover additional parts of the solar spectrum that weren't covered with the initial dye. Finally, he and Spoerke are convinced that MOFs can help improve the overall electron charge and flow of the solar cell, which currently faces instability issues.

"This can go a long way toward improving the efficiency and stability of these assembled devices," Spoerke said.

In addition to the Sandia team, the project includes researchers at the University of Colorado-Boulder, particularly Steve George, an expert in a thin film technology known as atomic layer deposition.

The technique, said Spoerke, is important in that it offers a pathway for highly controlled materials chemistry with potentially low-cost manufacturing of the DSSC/MOF process. ■

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Are extended warranties worth the cost?

As an alternative, consider putting the same amount into a savings account

By JASON ALDERMAN

Are these costly add-ons worth the expense or simply a sucker bet intended to boost the seller's bottom line? It depends on whom you ask.

According to consumer watchdog organizations like the Federal Trade Commission and Consumer Reports, extended warranties and service contracts often don't make strong financial sense. However, some people find extended warranties reassuring, especially for large purchases with electronic components that can go awry and are expensive to repair or are easily broken.

Before you buy an extended warranty, do your research and consider these points:

- Does it overlap with the manufacturer's warranty? Don't pay twice for duplicate coverage.
- Many credit cards automatically extend the manufacturer's warranty for up to a year on purchases — for free.
- Before purchasing, check the company's track record with your state's Department of Insurance, the Better Business Bureau and inde-

pendent reviewers like Angie's List.

- Service contracts might not cover specific product parts or repairs. If the terms don't list a part or function as specifically covered, assume it's not.

- Carefully review the contract for deductibles, limits on the number of allowable service calls, exclusions and clauses that allow the company to deny coverage — for example, if you don't follow their instructions for routine maintenance.



Jason Alderman

- Ask whether the retailer handles repairs itself. You may be required to mail the product to a repair center, so factor in shipping costs if they're not included.

New cars typically come with a basic factory warranty that covers most components for at least 3 years or 36,000 miles (sometimes more), as well as separate warranties for items like the powertrain, corrosion and roadside assistance.

Before purchasing an extended car warranty from the dealer or a third-party vendor, consider:

- If you plan to sell the car before the basic warranty expires, an extended warranty probably doesn't make sense; however, if you'll likely keep the car for many years, it may.
- Don't feel compelled to buy an extended warranty immediately. Policies can usually be purchased months or years later — although

the cost will increase as the car ages.

- If buying an extended warranty through the dealer, find out whether it's backed by the manufacturer (which means you can go to any dealership throughout the country) or by a third party, which could limit your repair options considerably.

- Most carriers sell a variety of plans at varying costs, duration and mileage limits — everything from basic powertrain-only policies to comprehensive bumper-to-bumper coverage.

- Ask whether the warranty can be transferred to a new owner — that'll boost resale value.

Extended warranties are also available for used cars. They're more risky to buy than new cars and thus may be better candidates. However, the older the car, the more expensive — and limited — the coverage likely will be.

As an alternative, consider putting the same amount into a savings account. That way, if the product breaks, you'll have enough money on hand to replace it. If not, you'll have a nice chunk of change.

Bottom line: If it will make you sleep more soundly, consider extended warranties for your major purchases. Just do your homework first and realize that peace of mind may cost much more than any repair bills you ultimately need. ■

Editor's note: Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. Follow him on Twitter, @PracticalMoney.



In Norway: Richard Kannapell and Fidela Del Docena journeyed with the Pleasanton Weekly on their Royal Princess Scandinavia and Russia Baltic cruise, where they visited seven countries. Here they paused on their adventure in Oslo, Norway, at the Vigeland Sculpture Park, home of over 200 sculptures in bronze, granite and cast iron by sculptor Vigeland Gustav.



Quite the sight: Marion and Angelo Madrigal took the Pleasanton Weekly with them to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary at Stonehenge in Wiltshire, England. This was one stop of many during their two week tour of the Welsh, Scottish and English countryside, with many visits to beautiful villages and castles.



Outside the gate: Nancy and Jim Wright went on a tour fit for royalty, and took the Pleasanton Weekly with them, at Buckingham Palace on their trip to England.



Weekly in D.C.: Larry, Miyoko, Nagisa, and Minami Smalheiser took a great trip to the nation's capitol. Here they took a moment with the Pleasanton Weekly in front of the White House.



Going to Disney World: Kristina, Bjorn, Annalise, Erik, and Sofie Jensen took a trip the Epcot Theme Park in Florida, a part of Walt Disney World. They brought the Pleasanton Weekly along for the wonderful experience.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Women report being groped while walking in Pleasanton

Two reported groping incidents on Oct. 29 have Pleasanton police warning pedestrians to take precautionary measures when walking or jogging.

The first incident occurred at 7 p.m. in the area of Golden and Hopyard roads.

Police reports said the female victim was walking from downtown and saw a male suspect following her. As she reached a walkway of a housing area, the unknown man quickly walked past her and groped her buttocks, according to police.

About an hour later, a man matching the same description followed two women who were walking on Case Avenue, said police. The man allegedly grabbed one of the women as he walked past them before running into an apartment complex parking lot on the street.

The suspect is described as a light-skinned African-American man, 20-40 years old, between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-10, and weighing 230-250 pounds. He has a bald or closely shaved head.

At the time of the incidents, the man was wearing a horizontally striped blue-and-white polo style shirt, which had wider blue stripes than white stripes, police said. The suspect was also wearing long blue denim shorts with a design on the rear pockets.

At no time did the suspect attempt to pull the victims or otherwise restrict their movements, police said.

Anyone with information about the suspect's identity is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

The department issued a reminder to residents, asking those using headphones while walking or jogging to use them only in one ear so surrounding sounds can still be heard.

Other suggestions from police included:

- Always have a cell phone and carry an object such as keys or a walking stick to be used as a defensive weapon if necessary
- Walk in well-traveled and lighted areas and know your surroundings
- Tell a friend or loved one of your route and estimated time of return
- If you believe you are being followed, do not hesitate

calling police and go to a nearby business or well-traveled and lighted area. Culprits in these types of crimes generally like anonymity and are highly discouraged when their presence is noted and any attention is drawn to them.

In other police reports:

• Courtney Dariko Townsel, 19, was arrested following a foot chase Oct. 30 after police allege he was the masked man who jumped the counter at the Jack in the Box fast food restaurant at Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road and grabbed a cash box filled with money as he fled earlier that night.

Police Sgt. Mike Tryphonas said officers were called to the restaurant shortly before 10:30 p.m. Oct. 30 and found that the robber was seen fleeing into a parking lot behind Monument Car Parts, where he jumped a fence into the Valley Plaza Apartments complex.

Police surrounded the area and located a car occupied by three men about to drive away. In their pat-down of each man, officers allegedly found Townsel in possession of the cash from the robbery. Police determined that the two others had no involvement in the robbery.

Tryphonas said Townsel used to work at the restaurant and was familiar with its layout. He had planned the robbery in advance and had a second set of clothes on underneath the clothes he wore during the robbery, according to police.

Authorities allege that after jumping across the Jack in the Box front counter and scaring employees, Townsel ran to the back office area where a safe was located, knocking one employee to the ground. He allegedly grabbed a small stack of bills from a cash tray and fled, shoving his way past other employees.

After being apprehended, Townsel showed officers where he had hidden the pants, sweat jacket and gloves he originally wore, according to Tryphonas.

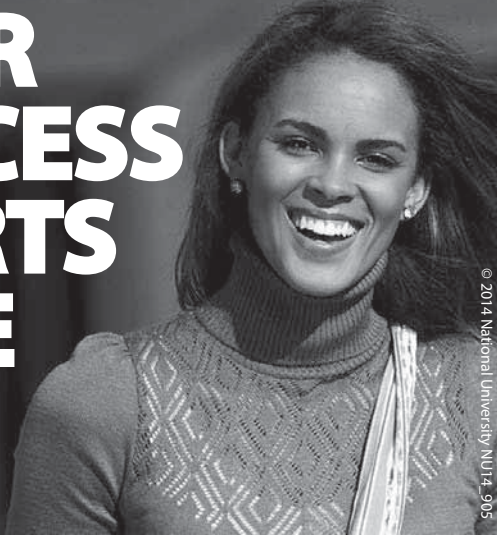
Police said no employees were injured during the robbery and no weapon was used or displayed. All of the cash stolen was recovered.

The sergeant said Townsel admitted to committing the robbery. Townsel was taken to the county jail in Dublin where he was booked on a robbery charge.

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

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Oct. 24

Vandalism

- 2:25 a.m. in the 6700 block of Hansen Drive

Burglary

- 8:31 a.m. in the 4300 block of Hacienda Drive; commercial burglary
- 12:09 p.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road; commercial burglary
- 1:23 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

Shoplifting

- 3:29 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 25

Theft

- 5:53 a.m. in the 4700 block of Chabot Drive; theft from auto
- 2:22 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 5:47 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue; bicycle theft

Oct. 26

Alcohol violation

- 6:57 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Vandalism

- 7:57 a.m. in the 2800 block of Chocolate Street

Drug violation

- 10:22 a.m. at the intersection of Owens and Johnson drives

Theft from auto

- 10:24 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive
- 6:41 p.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue
- 10:15 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Battery

- 4:32 p.m. in the 2800 block of Victoria Ridge Court
- 9:56 p.m. in the 4200 block of Dundalk Court

Oct. 27

Residential burglary

- 1:16 a.m. in the 4400 block of Entrada Drive
- 4:42 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

Missing person report

- 3:30 a.m. in the 1100 block of Mills Court

Theft

- 9:30 a.m. in the 4100 block of Hazelhurst Court; auto theft
- 10:42 a.m. in the 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2:17 p.m. in the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road; auto theft

Oct. 28

Theft

- 7:17 a.m. in the 2300 block of Tanager Drive; theft from auto
- 8:12 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; bicycle theft
- 9:04 a.m. in the 7800 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; auto theft

- 1:05 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 2:14 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 5:24 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue; bicycle theft

- 5:58 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 7:55 p.m. Street information not disclosed; theft from structure

Vandalism

- 7:39 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Oct. 29

Drug violation

- 1:21 a.m. in the 5600 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Vandalism

- 7:06 a.m. in the 2600 block of Vista Diablo Court

- 10:30 a.m. in the 4100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Theft

- 7:38 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Mohr Avenue

- 12:13 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 10:18 a.m. in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

- 6:24 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Battery

- 6:31 p.m. in the 1400 block of Calle Enrique

Sex offenses

- 7:26 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Oct. 30

Theft

- 12:14 a.m., intersection of Perkins Street and Grand Avenue; theft from auto

- 1:47 p.m. in the 400 block of Los Rios Court; auto theft

- 2:32 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Robbery

- 10:20 p.m. in the 4200 block of Valley Avenue

Oct. 31

Bicycle theft

- 11:16 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

Residential burglary

- 12:16 p.m. in the 600 block of Windmill Lane

Drug violation

- 6:04 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 9:16 p.m. in the 500 block of Kottinger Drive

Missing person

- 11:13 p.m. in the 1100 block of Vintner Way

Nov. 1

Theft from auto

- 11:40 a.m. in the 2600 block of Maria

Alcohol violation

- 2:09 p.m. in the 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue

Drug violation

- 6:06 p.m. in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive



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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Election results pave way for City Council, school board progress

With the re-election Tuesday of Councilwoman Kathy Narum and the election of former Planning Commissioner Arne Olson, the often think-alike majority now totals four, ensuring that the council will continue to embrace planning and housing measures that opposition candidates criticized. These will include completing development plans for the East Side, Bernal and Lions Wayside parks, business growth and making recycled water available for sports fields and parks, including the Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

Not so with the Pleasanton school district. With the election of Mark Miller and defeat of Jeff Bowser, the majority of votes on the school board is likely to shift away from its pro-administration stance that often favored superintendent Parvin Ahmadi and her top administrators on divisive measures such as a new school calendar and the new Common Core curriculum.

Miller, along with board members Valerie Arkin and Jamie Hintzke, are likely to bring the calendar change back for another look. They also could force a new look at the costly contract the school district has with its law firm, which includes former school board member Pat Kernan on its team. The new majority also is likely to force discussions about Jon Vranesh — the principal ousted last year at Walnut Grove Elementary School — into the open.

The school board has been holding regular meetings behind closed doors on what to do about Vranesh, who remains on the payroll at \$95,000 a year as a tenured teacher but with no classroom of students to teach. With a clear majority, board members Arkin and Hintzke and now Mark Miller, can demand a public hearing on the issue — one whose outcome could affect the district's legal representation and possibly the school administration as well.

The newly formed City Council, which will be seated Dec. 2, will have an easier job. The tough high-density housing issues are behind it, with state authorities and the courts satisfied that property rezonings to allow more apartments and affordable, workforce-priced units comply with their directives. Planning for the East Side, which a task force has undertaken for nearly two years, can continue, although Thorne has promised that any development plan for these 400-600 mostly empty acres must be approved by voters in a referendum before anything can be built there.

Although several multimillion-dollar business projects have been approved — notably Workday's expansion and CarMax and an auto mall on Staples Ranch — there's much more coming that will need council approval. These include new contracts now being negotiated with the police and firefighters unions, ongoing pension reform, a proposed retail center on Staples Ranch, the city's first branch police station at the Dublin-Pleasanton West BART station, a new and larger library, approval of an upscale housing development on Lund Ranch just south of Sunol Boulevard and consideration of a new Civic Center.

The new council also must take into account political and financial difficulties in the school district. Although unified, the school district is a separately managed tax district whose funds can't be co-mingled with the municipal government's. Even so, a liaison committee has been meeting to determine where the two entities can legally work together. This subcommittee needs to be broadened, strengthened and its actions better reported publicly. Pleasanton was recently named one of the top cities in the U.S. with the quality of our schools a leading consideration in that decision. To continue achieving excellent ratings, Pleasanton schools need a better-functioning school board and a City Council willing to help. ■

LETTERS

Thank you to Cook-Kallio

Dear Editor,

Now that the Pleasanton election is over — Congratulations to the elected and a sincere "thank you" to all candidates.

At this time, it is appropriate to acknowledge and thank Cheryl Cook-

Kallio for her 8 years of outstanding service. She was fully committed to serving the best interest of the entire city. She did her homework thoroughly, was decisive and did not play games. Hers was a job well done!

Thank you Cheryl. We hope you will continue to serve the public interest.

—Brad Hirst



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• P14-0970/P14-1173, Young Ivy Academy

Applications at 5460 Sunol Boulevard, Suites 3 and 4 (Oak Hills Shopping Center): (1) to modify an existing Conditional Use Permit to convert a previously approved tutoring facility with a maximum of 30 students into a Heritage School with a maximum of 30 students and an outdoor playground area; and (2) for Design Review approval to remove eight existing parking spaces at the rear of the existing shopping center and construct a new 1,984 square-foot outdoor playground area enclosed with a new six-foot tall wrought iron fence.

• P14-1143, Islamic Center of Zahra

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a religious facility within an existing building located at 1059 Serpentine Lane within Valley Business Park.

• P14-1169, B&T Auto Sales

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish automobile sales in conjunction with an existing automotive repair/smog business at 4262 Stanley Boulevard.

• P14-0829, Greg Munn, Design Tech Associates/George and Mary Schmitt

Application for Administrative Design Review approval to construct the following at the existing dwelling located at 554 Hamilton Way: (1) an approximately 781-square-foot single-story addition to the rear of the house; (2) an 88-square-foot, 13-foot, 6-inch tall covered front porch; and (3) an approximately 663-square-foot second-story addition with an approximately 217-square-foot second-floor deck to the west of the house.

Youth Commission

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Operation Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Approve Youth Funding Criteria for FY 2015/2016 Community Grant Program
- Selection of One (1) Commissioner to Serve on a Cost Recovery and Pricing Plan Committee

Library Commission

Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Tour of the Livermore Public Library

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue
Selection of One (1) Commissioner to serve on a Cost Recovery and Pricing Plan Committee

- Selection of Chair, Vice Chair & Committee Assignments
- Commission Meeting Schedule for 2014 - 2015

The City Council is currently accepting applications for a vacancy on the Tri Valley Conservancy. The Tri-Valley Conservancy is a community organization whose mission is "to permanently protect the fertile soils, rangelands, open space and biological resources, and to support a viable agricultural economy in the Tri-Valley area." For more information visit <http://www.trivalleyconservancy.org/>. If you are interested in applying, please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

Veterans Day 2014

A salute to Pleasanton's military men and women

Story by Jeb Bing / Photos by Mike Sedlak



Veterans Day will be observed across the country Tuesday with government offices and many corporate offices closed, although it's also a traditionally booming business day for retailers and restaurants.

In Pleasanton, the 18th annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade was held last Sunday on Main Street. Hosted by Pleasanton's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237, the parade and ceremonies that follow are held in advance of the actual holiday so that veterans

and civic leaders can represent our city in other celebrations on Nov. 11.

The holiday used to be called Armistice Day, originating to mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of that war were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the armistice with Germany went into effect.

Both the name and the day's significance were changed in 1954 to make it a national event to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in battle.

And what a celebration it was last Sunday as Pleasanton's patriotism was put on display. Nearly 100 marching, walking and motorized units filled Main Street, making this the largest observance in Northern California. The hour-long parade was followed by another hour of ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Marching along Main Street were Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations, Scottish pipe and drum units, the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, elected officials from Tri-Valley cities and veterans

from Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, Korea and even World War II.

The U.S. Army's 191st band and the award-winning Foothill High School marching band brought loud applause as they marched from Old Bernal Avenue to St. Mary Street.

Army Sgt. Shawn Coe, who was critically injured two years ago by a suicide bomber while on patrol in Afghanistan, was the parade Grand Marshal. He was medically retired from service last July and earned a scholarship from the Sentinels of Freedom to continue his education at Las Positas College.

This year's reviewing officer was Lt. Col. Christopher Gerdes, garrison commander at Camp Parks in Dublin. A 24-year serviceman, Gerdes' assignments have taken him to Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Honduras, Germany and the Pentagon.

Just as Pleasanton marked Veterans Day 10 days early, another major public observance honoring veterans will come a day late at Las Positas College. The school, which is closed Tuesday, will host its annual Veterans Day celebra-

(Photo top left) Army Sgt. Shawn Coe, parade Grand Marshal, waves to crowds applauding from Main Street sidewalks during Sunday's 18th annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade in Pleasanton. (Center left) Military vehicles from Jeeps to 2-ton Army trucks drive up Main Street in Veterans Day salute to Tri-Valley soldiers. (Lower left) Warriors Watch Rider, one of many who greet returning soldiers and escort them to their Tri-Valley families for homecoming celebrations, passes by reviewing stand. (Below) Members of Pleasanton Military Families support group march with flags and banner in Sunday's parade.



tion on Wednesday in Parking Lot B at 10 a.m.

Ceremony highlights will include a flyover and landing of a Huey helicopter, presentation of colors by the Travis USAF Honor Guard, remarks by two Vietnam-era veterans and by Jannette Jackson, a retired colonel and chancellor of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

"We honor all veterans, but each year we focus on a particular era," said Todd Steffan, LPC Veterans First Coordinator. "This year we are focusing on Vietnam era veterans."

The event, and parking, are free to the public and a tri-tip lunch will be free to all veterans.

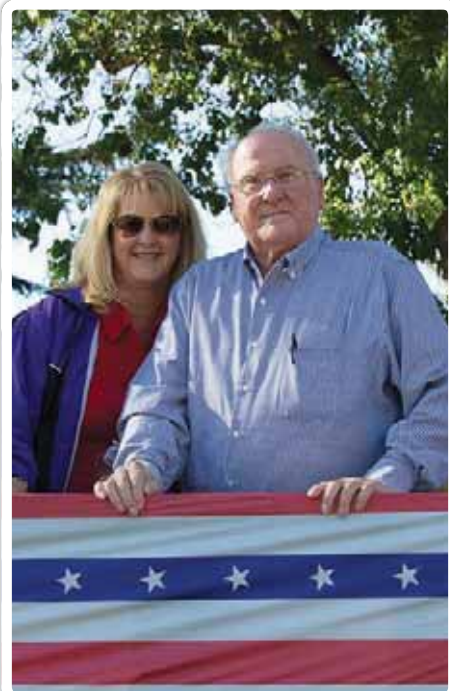
For more information, call Jennifer Aries at 784-0574.

Another public event honoring veterans will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz, in Pleasanton.

The program, "Honoring our Veterans Spectacular," will feature songs, dances and performances to honor our veterans. Selected veterans will tell of their experiences and all veterans in attendance will be honored.

Refreshments will be served following the performance. For more information, contact Ken Mano at www.kenmano@comcast.net or call 846-4381. ■

(Photos clockwise from top of this page) Foothill High School's award-winning marching band provides stirring patriotic music at Sunday's parade. Spectators wave American flags as military units pass by. Boy Scout Pack 934, sponsored by Mohr Elementary School in Pleasanton, is one of 10 different Scout organizations marching in this year's parade. Tracey Buescher, co-chair of Pleasanton Military Families support group, and Jeb Bing, editor of the Pleasanton Weekly, serve as co-announcers at the annual parade. Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne waves to crowds from a 1917 Model T driven by owner Don Hewitt.



HEIDI & AMELIA ABRAMSON growing and giving

By Cierra Bailey

Providing a sense of unity, a learning experience and service to the community are all components to be found at the core of The Bounty Garden created by mother-daughter duo Heidi and Amelia Abramson.

The Alamo residents co-founded the nonprofit community service garden, which provides fresh produce to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Volunteers grow the fruits and vegetables on-site at Danville's Hap Magee Ranch Park, and the organization is managed by a team made up of eight women called, "The Hive."



Amelia — currently a junior at Pitzer College in Southern California — attended The Athenian School in Danville, which requires its high school students to engage in a community service effort. When she was in 10th grade, she went on a field trip to the food bank and noticed fresh produce was scarce.

"The coordinators at the food bank really emphasized the need for fresh produce. This need stuck with me," Amelia said. "When I returned home and saw our private garden overflowing with beautiful, ripe tomatoes, it started me thinking that it would not be too difficult to donate some of the food."

Amelia's mother, Heidi, developed a love and deep under-



CIERRA BAILEY

Above: The Bounty Garden in Danville provides fresh produce to a local food bank.

Right: The effort was founded by Alamo mother-daughter duo Heidi and Amelia Abramson.

standing about gardening and food growing as a child from her father, whom she said "never wanted to be indoors."

The green thumb was later passed down to Amelia and together they created The Bounty Garden in an effort to build a sense of community among Danville residents and gardeners as well as contribute to a local need.

"We don't have a lot of agriculture in this area, and although the food bank has connections with farmers out in the valley, they get a lot of root crops like potatoes," Heidi said. "You're not going to see a lot of lettuce or delicate stuff because those things don't have a long enough shelf life when it has to be brought in from somewhere else."

Heidi and Amelia were able to gain support for The Bounty Garden among those who wanted to learn how to grow crops as well as seniors who were gardeners throughout their lives and wanted to "get their hands in the soil again."

According to Heidi, the garden also appeals to youth looking for service opportunities such as Girl Scouts, Eagle Scouts and students from neighboring schools.

The Abramsons experienced some initial difficulty getting approval for the garden from Alamo and Danville officials, but they had a group of about 300 supporters who attended meetings and public hearings to speak in favor of the garden, Heidi said.

The garden officially opened in June 2013, two years after the Abramsons first started planning. In its first year, the garden's volunteers produced and donated more than 3,000 pounds of produce.

"I was definitely in awe when it opened," Amelia said. "We had been working on it for a couple years, and over time it felt relatively unachievable. So when it finally opened, it was a little dream-like."

The garden opened with 24 vegetable beds and increased this year with eight additional beds installed using donations



MIKE SEDLAK

from Alamo-based firm John Montgomery Landscape Architects and The Danville-Alamo Gardening Club.

Being located in Hap Magee Ranch Park adds to the appeal of the garden for volunteers because they enjoy the peaceful setting of the park, Heidi said.

"I can be in such a craze and come here, and it's so soothing and relaxing," said Joan Tomasini, food drive coordinator for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. She said she goes to the garden about twice a week to pick up food that's been harvested.

"And the great thing too is when I pull up to the Church of Concord, they come running out to see what I have. So they're excited about the program," Tomasini added.

While Amelia is away at school, Heidi and The Hive run the program. Amelia said her mom keeps her updated on what goes on at the garden, adding that it's been "amazing" to see the community's support.

"I think my mom and I, throughout the approval process, learned to expect potential failure," Amelia said. "Now that multiple years have gone by, it is an amazing feeling watching the garden continue to thrive." ■

Hero FYI

- ▲ The Bounty Garden's spot receives a good combination of sun as well as shade for compost and keeping the soil healthy.
- ▲ Two types of crops are harvested there. Warm crops (grown during summer) consist of tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers while cool crops (grown in spring and fall) include beets, broccoli and carrots.
- ▲ Radishes, carrots and beets grow exceptionally well in the garden, according to Heidi.
- ▲ The vegetable beds were hand-built by Eagle Scouts.
- ▲ The word "service" in community service garden is used to separate The Bounty Garden from community gardens where residents grow food for themselves.
- ▲ Hap Magee Ranch Park is located at 1025 La Gonda Way in Danville.
- ▲ Amelia's major is art conservation, a field focused on preserving cultural property for future generations.

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COURTESY HFC

The Harmony Fusion Chorus, whose members come together every week to share their love of barbershop-style singing, is holding its winter concert Nov. 15.

'Prelude to Winter' launches holiday season

Women's barbershop concert offers 'something for everyone'

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Harmony Fusion Chorus, a women's barbershop chorus and chapter of Sweet Adelines International, will present "Prelude to Winter," an afternoon of carols and holiday songs, at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, at Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton.

The Tri-Valley's Cantabella Children's Chorus Honors Choir will also perform as well as Ladies First, a young women's barbershop cho-

rus from Concord High School that has been recognized at festivals from coast to coast.

"This will be an exciting concert featuring two premier youth choruses as well as Harmony Fusion Chorus and its associated small groups and quartets," said Carrie Shaeffer, concert chairwoman and HFC member. "The concert will offer a variety of holiday music and styles, something for everyone."

The chorus' performance will

feature holiday favorites such as "Sleigh Ride" and "Winter Wonderland," familiar carols such as "Carol of the Bells," and "Chocolate in my Stocking," a holiday song in the barbershop style.

Harmony Fusion Chorus director Barbara Vander Putten noted the inclusion of Cantabella and Ladies First, saying that a part of the HFC mission is to reach out to the community.

"For me, that is especially true

with respect to young performers," Vander Putten said. "Each year we try to include at least one youth group in our shows."

Shaeffer said the winter performance is not too early in the season.

"This concert offers the community a great opportunity to relax and enjoy holiday music before getting into the hectic season of shopping and parties," she said. "It will be a wonderful afternoon of music for all to enjoy, regardless of the date."

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Seniors 65 and older and students are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door. Order advance tickets at www.harmony-fusion.org, by calling 846-1857, or emailing shaeffer1@earthlink.net.

Harmony Fusion Chorus will host a reception for all guests immediately following the performance in the church fellowship hall. Lynnewood United Methodist Church is located at 4444 Black Ave. ■

'Singin' in the Rain' opens tonight

Live production of light-hearted Hollywood classic

What could be better during a drought than "Singin' in the Rain"?

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre (PCRT) kicks off its fifth season at the Firehouse Arts Center tonight with the Hollywood classic. The audience will be familiar with the 1952 movie starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor, said PCRT director

David Judson, so this provided a challenge — as did producing a play with an iconic rain scene when water is being rationed.

"This had me scratching my head as director," Judson said. "What can we do creatively to do this scene without using water?"

The solution was high-definition projection, which is used a lot on Broadway these days and was also effective in the closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics. Not only will the audience "see" rain, Judson said, but they will get a little colder in the chilly night air.

"Singin' in the Rain" takes place in 1920s Hollywood during the transition from silent films to talkies. Judson said that a recent trip with his family to Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood and the Great Movie Ride at Disney World inspired him.

"I felt immersed in that time frame, 1927-28," he said, "and this musical centers inside that time period."

The romantic comedy involves a movie studio scrambling to salvage the career of its silent picture star,

Lina Lamont, who turns out to have a chipmunk voice. The leading man, Don Lockwood, ends up falling for the aspiring ingenue who dubs the film, Kathy Seldon. Originally a movie, "Singin' in the Rain" opened on Broadway in 1985.

"We took a creative, fresh look at it, but we stay true to the script," Judson said last week. "Our typical work day is seven hours with four-and-a-half hours devoted to dance. Our professional actors arrive at 3:30 and we are done at 11."

Choreographer Staci Arriaga also did the show at Diablo Theatre Company in 2013 so she knows what worked and what didn't, he added.

This production includes the projection of silent movies. "Two months ago we had to do live action film shooting," Judson said. "This is such an enormously fun project. It involves everything I've ever studied, theater arts to the nth degree."

Judson, one of the founders of Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre and co-artistic director, attended a Broad-



MICHELLE GOULD

Justin Buchs is Don Lockwood and Brittany Danielle is Lina Lamont in the silent film projected onto the Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre set of "Singin' in the Rain."

way Teachers Workshop this summer, going to five shows and meeting with the artistic staffs afterward.

"All the top people there led workshops for us, down to the designer level," Judson said. This included the special effects being created by high definition projectors.

But technology does not over-

power the show, Judson said.

"The costumes are amazing, the sets are great. And we have seven professional musicians, perfect musicians for that show, and a lot of tap dancing," he noted. "We have an amazing professional cast that will dazzle the audiences." ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Singing — and dancing

What: "Singin' in the Rain"

Who: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre

When: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7-23

Where: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Tickets: \$17-\$38; online at www.firehousearts.org; call 931-4848; or at box office

Other: "Inside the Show" discussion with principal actors after Nov. 9 Sunday matinee

Book Clubs

TOWNE CENTER BOOK CLUB The club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 or visit www.towne-centerbooks.com for the current selection. Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., Pleasanton.

Civic Meetings

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave. City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

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.

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YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

Classes

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. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

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Clubs

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 dggroome@comcast.net.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13 at Alisal School's multipurpose room. Mary Ann Lewis, President of Aesthetic Pruners, will speak on Aesthetic Pruning. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Bev at 485-7812. Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club meeting, 1454 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Susan G. Johnston speaking on how letters of Condolence can offer clues in your history. The meeting will be at 7:30 on Monday, Nov. 10 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Free and open to all. Contact program@L-AGS.ORG. Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, Pleasanton.

NARFE MEETING Federal employees and retirees are invited to attend a meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13 at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St., to learn about a national association that advocates for them. To request more information, directions or transportation, call Gary at 373-6758 or go to <http://www.narfe.org>. Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St., Pleasanton.

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>. The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court, Pleasanton.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasanton-newcomers.com.

PET OF THE WEEK



MADDIE'S FUND

Sweet Marie

Marie is a 4-year-old pit bull mix looking for her forever home. She is a very sweet affectionate girl, polite around other dogs, walks nicely on leash and is a shelter favorite. She is spayed and up-to-date on shots. Marie is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. For more information, call 803-7040.

newcomers.com. Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

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. Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St., Pleasanton.

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 Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Call 556-2333 or visit www.pnrrotary.org. Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St., Pleasanton.

TRI-VALLEY EVENING ROTARY Tri-Valley Evening Rotary has been supporting the community veterans, children and seniors for the past 12 years. We are the only Rotary club in the valley that meets in the evening. If you want to give back with a fun loving group please visit one of our meetings, from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at Castlewood Country Club. Cost is \$5 plus dinner. Go to trivalleyrotary.org. Castlewood Country Club Grill, 707 Country Club Circle, Pleasanton.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENTS ARKADY FACTOROVICH TVRFW presents Arkady Factorovich, a native of Ukraine, who will speak on the Federal Reserve System and touch on his life in Ukraine under Soviet Union rule. At 7 p.m. on Thursday,

Nov. 13 at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. Steak, chicken or salmon dinner. \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. RSVP by Nov. 10. Contact Rebecca Potts at 294-4013 or rebecca.potts@comcast.net. Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS MEETING The guest speaker for the California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch will be Jane Mackay, who will share tips to save money at both the developmental editing and copy editing stages of bringing your manuscript to publication, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Four Points by Sheraton. Cost is \$12 for members, \$17 for non-members. Call 828-7687 or go to www.trivalleywriters.org. Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton.

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. Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415, Pleasanton.

Concerts

HARMONY FUSION CHORUS PRESENTS 'PRELUDE TO WINTER' The women's barbershop chorus and chapter of Sweet Adelines International presents an afternoon of carols and popular holiday songs, "Prelude to Winter" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave. Guest reception. Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 373-0210 or go to <http://www.harmonyfusion.org>.

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Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

Events

'WAR COMES HOME' AT THE PLEASANTON LIBRARY Join a timely program at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9 at the Pleasanton Library as part of its "War Comes Home" series. Featuring a presentation by Josh Laine, a U.S. Marine combat veteran and co-founder of Valor Winery in Livermore, a veteran-owned and operated winery to offer work to and empower returning veterans. Laine will share the story of the origins of Valor Winery and the company's newest venture, Uncle Sam's Misguided Brewery, as well as efforts to support veterans who are making the transition to civilian life after military service. Call 931-3400 ext. 4. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

COWBOY HOOTENANNY FOLK FESTIVAL Celebrate Sunol Regional Wilderness' pioneer and ranching heritage from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Sunol Regional Wilderness, 1895 Geary Road, Sunol. Pony rides, petting zoo, ranching and pioneer skills demos, quilting, branding, making old fashioned toys and games. Live music and square dancing. BBQ food for sale. Parking is \$5. Call (510) 544-3249 or go to www.ebparks.org. Sunol Regional Wilderness, 1895 Geary Road, Sunol.

HOMETOWN HEROES CELEBRATION Help celebrate the dedication and bravery of local veterans with presentations by local military and city officials at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Dublin Senior Center. A concert of patriotic music and reception will follow. Veteran photos and biographies accepted for the Wall of Heroes. Call 556-4511. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin.

MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S IEP The Pleasanton PTA Council presents a free parent event "Managing Your Child's IEP" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Hearst Elementary School, 5301 Case Ave. Intended for parents and caregivers of students with special needs who want powerful and pragmatic tools to help their child succeed by managing the IEP (Individual Education Program) process. Free with registration. Call 989-9033 or go to bit.ly/1wvoicK. Hearst Elementary

School MPR, 5301 Case Ave., Pleasanton.

PLEASANTON'S PUBLIC ART WALK Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead walkers, art enthusiasts, on their Nothern Tour of Public Art in Downtown Pleasanton at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, leaving from the Pleasanton City Offices' parking lot, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Free to the public. Free brochures provided. Pleasanton City Offices, 200 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

VFW TEA DANCE The Pleasanton VFW, post 6298 is hosting a Tea Dance from 1-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. Come dance to the music of the Mellotones Jazz Combo. Cover is \$10, includes a light lunch and drink. Call 443-2224. Pleasanton War Memorial Hall, 301 Main St., Pleasanton.

Exhibits

INTERPLAY: TEXTURE AND LUMINOSITY, A MOSAIC ART EXHIBIT Interplay will be on display Nov. 7-Dec. 13 at the Harrington Art Gallery in Firehouse Arts Center. 17 artists present a wide variety of styles and types of mosaic artwork, from traditional to contemporary. A reception with the artists will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6. A public mural project will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8. Harrington Art Gallery, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

Fundraisers

FOR FOSTER KIDS For California's nearly 60,000 foster children, the holiday season can be difficult as many of them may be entering a new, unfamiliar home during this time. To help, Sleep Train will host its Secret Santa Toy Drive to ensure every foster child wakes up with a gift on Christmas morning. Donate toys at any Sleep Train location. Go to www.sleeptrainfosterkids.org. Sleep Train, 6050 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton.

SOROPTIMIST TIPS FOR CHANGE Join the Soroptimists International Pleasanton/Dublin for Tips for Change, a fundraiser for Tri-Valley Haven from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at Nonni's in downtown Pleasanton. Have

dinner and fun with friends, and donate your tips to a worthy cause at the same time. Call Nonni's at 600-0411 to make your reservations. Nonni's Bistro, 425 Main St., Pleasanton.

TRI-VALLEY BASKET BRIGADE The Basket Brigade is a special kind of Thanksgiving food drive and community effort that offers participants the opportunity to donate food and much needed items to families in need. The participants may choose to deliver wrapped baskets to families in need located throughout the Bay Area. This special donation event will run now through Nov. 22 at Valley Montessori School in Livermore. Go to trivalleybasketbrigade.com. Valley Montessori School, 1273 North Livermore Ave., Livermore.

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. Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore.

Holiday

HOLIDAY BAZAAR Come to a Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livermore. Unique handmade gifts, children's items, holiday decorations, and ornaments. Jellies, candies, and baked goods available. Call 443-6512. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE Looking for a gift for someone special, a gift exchange, hostess or teacher? Find a variety of unique, handmade gifts from local crafters and artisans from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Call 484-2482 ext. 121. Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton.

LION'S 22ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE Enjoy a fun holiday kick off to your shopping season that also supports the activities of

the Livermore Lions' programs in your community, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Call 449-9974 or go to <http://www.bothwellartscenter.org>. Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore.

Kids & Teens

CLOWNING AND MAGIC WITH CHIQUY BOOM The bilingual, magical clown Chiquy Boom will perform a special show at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Livermore Library. All the way from Venezuela, a silly magic show with music, movement and goofy games for all ages. Free. Call 373-5504. Livermore Public Library, Civic Center, 1188 South Livermore Ave., Livermore.

M.O.M.'S READING TIME: ROARING ROCKETS Preschoolers and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for a free monthly reading program with books and crafts! This month's theme is Roaring Rockets at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12. Free Admission, donations are always appreciated. No reservations required. Large groups or playgroups please contact Museum on Main in advance. Call 462-2766. Museum on Main, 603 Main St., Pleasanton.

PLEASANTON FIFE & DRUM LESSONS GIVEN Pleasanton's 1776-era Colonial Fife & Drum Band is now accepting new members for a limited time. Learn to play drum or fife (flute) for only \$10 per 1.5 hour small group lesson, ages 8-17, from 6:30-8:15 p.m. Fridays. Experience helpful but not required. Learn music, history and leadership. Go to www.YoungAmericanPatriots.com. Contact for details, Pleasanton.

Lectures/ Workshops

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS MEETING Wife, mother, grandmother, scholar and author Lynn Wilder will be this month's speaker at the Amador Valley Quilters Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8 at Pleasanton Middle School. Lynn has designed and written many popular quilt patterns and has a active blog at sewnwildoaks.blogspot.com.

Go to Amadorvalleyquilters.org. Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave., Pleasanton.

FACING THE HOLIDAYS WITH A BROKEN HEART The holidays are approaching, and at every turn you are faced with your heartache and loss. Every holiday moment is a crippling reminder of the pain you bear after the death of a loved one, divorce, loss of job, family member serving overseas etc. Join at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday Nov. 13 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. All are welcome. No registration required. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

HEALING THROUGH COMPASSION Healing Through Compassion, A Conversation with Scarlett Lewis will be from 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. Jesse Lewis was killed in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in December 2012. His mother, Scarlett Lewis, shares how we can choose love over anger. Cost is \$20. Net proceeds benefit Jesse Lewis Choose Love Foundation. Call 518-1648 or go to <http://www.fpcl.us>. First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St., Livermore.

Miscellaneous

VETERANS FOR PEACE Veterans for Peace, Chapter 162 East Bay, meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month at Grassroots House, 2022 Blake St., Berkeley. All veterans are welcome. To learn more about the monthly meetings call Fred at 462-7495. Grassroots House, 2022 Blake St., Berkeley.

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. Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., Pleasanton.

On Stage

'SINGIN' IN THE RAIN' Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre presents a sparkling new production of the beloved classic "Singin' in the Rain" at 8

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p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7-23 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Hilarious situations, snappy dialogue, and fantastic musical numbers. Tickets are \$17-\$38. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org. Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Pleasanton.

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. Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE Each year this event gets bigger and bigger, with new crafters displaying their original handmade arts and crafts. Visit the Dublin Senior Center for a day of holiday shopping on Saturday, Nov. 15. You'll find a wonderful assortment of unique items for gift-giving or for yourself. Call 556-4511.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.com. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

SAGE CAFE The Pleasanton Senior Center is excited to introduce their new lunch program. Lunch is served from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday. Daily offerings include salad, soup, choice of sandwich or hot entree. The cost is \$3. Reservations are recommended but not required. Call 931-5365 to reserve a spot. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

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. Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin.

Spiritual

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Honor those you have loved, who have died, in a special Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 17 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. All are invited. If you wish, bring a small picture or memento of your loved one. For any questions call Dave Wellbeloved at 519-2310. St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP Lynnewood United Methodist Church offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Reverend Heather Hammer at 846-0221, go to www.lynnewood.org. Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

QI GONG CLASSES Join this 8-week series of qi gong classes, "Super Six Health Infusion." Sessions will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Nov.

11-25; Dec. 2-16; and Jan. 6-13 at Unity of Tri-Valley's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd. #120, Dublin. Focus on exercises that reduce stress from the internal organs to promote vitality and general health. Learn the six healing sounds that calm the mind and reduce the effects of negative emotions. Prepayment of \$80 encouraged, but drop-ins welcome for \$12 a class. Contact Gayle Staehle at 200-1765 or gstaehle@comcast.net. Go to <http://www.unityoftri-valley.org>. Unity of Tri-Valley's Gathering Place, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., #120, Dublin.

RELIGION CHAT The November Religion Chat, sponsored by Interfaith Interconnect, will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3574 Vineyard Ave. The topic will be "Courtship and Marriage Traditions," with speakers Jim Ghilardi from the Catholic faith and Catherine Hamze from the Muslim faith. Free and open to all. Contact interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3574 Vineyard Ave., Pleasanton.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY Join the Sunday service with Reverend Karen Epps at 10 a.m. every week at Unity of Tri-Valley, 9875 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley. Children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Call 829-2733 or go to <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org>. Unity of Tri-Valley, 9875 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley.

Support Groups

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

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP Overwhelmed? Clutter stressing you out? ClutterLess is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday at St. Mary and St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, Room 7, 4300 Mirador Drive. Call 922-1467 or 525-3992. Go to www.ClutterLess.org. St. Mary and St. John Coptic Orthodox Church, 4300 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton.

HAPPINESS AND BETTER RELATIONSHIPS Learn how to have more fulfilling relationships with your partner, spouse and children; how to be more effective at

work; how to replace anger with peace and confidence; and how to lead a happier, more peaceful life. Meetings are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Unity of Tri-Valley Office, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd. #120, Dublin. Cover is \$5. Please check schedule before coming. Call 963-6439 or go to www.meetup.com/Tri-Valley-Real-Love-Group/. Unity of Tri-Valley Office, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd. #120, Dublin.

MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit www.motherswithapurpose.org. Foothill High School, 4375 Foothill Road, Pleasanton.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS This 12-step support group for people with eating behavior problems meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore; and at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays in the Middle School Room at The Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Free with donations accepted toward room rent. No weigh-ins. Call Nora at 337-9118. St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore.

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.pleasanton-militaryfamilies.org.

Volunteering

SAGE CAFE AT THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER Energetic and friendly individuals are needed to set up, serve and clean up during lunch service from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Sage Cafe in the Pleasanton Senior Center. This is a great way to meet people and impact the lives of the many participants who attend each day. For more information call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION The City of Pleasanton will host its Hometown Holiday Celebration from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 in downtown Pleasanton. Volunteers are needed to serve as support with hospitality, stage decoration, parade events, and volunteer check-in. Youth volunteers ages 13-17 can participate with adult supervision. Youth groups are also welcome to apply with a designated number of adult supervisors. Contact 931-3423 or hometownholiday@cityof-pleasantonca.gov. Go to www.hometownholiday.com. Downtown Pleasanton, Main St., Pleasanton.



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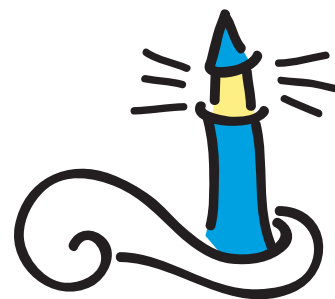




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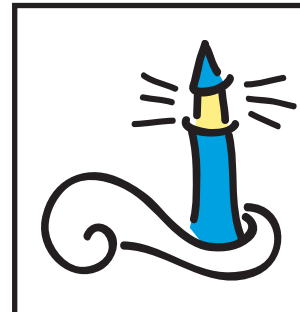
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UME SUSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 497441

The following person(s) doing business as: UME SUSHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT, 4855 HOPYARD ROAD, SUITES 6 & 7, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Park, Sung Ik, 35513 Purcell Place, Fremont, CA 94536; Park, Young Mi, 35513 Purcell Place, Fremont, CA 94536. 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: Park, Sung Ik. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/21/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21; 2014)

REALTY WORLD NORTHERN CA; REALTY WORLD NORTHERN CA & NV FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 497716-17

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5231 Crestline Way Traylor Trust to J. Ledoux for \$740,000
4233 Garibaldi Place D. Devencenzi to B. Wang for \$700,000
4270 Krause Court D. Jager to Y. Zhu for \$745,500
6773 Melody Court C. & M. Torres to S. Rangaswamy for \$730,000
3314 Smoketree Commons Drive P. Parducci to S. & A. Bommireddi for \$418,000
2616 Starling Court R. & R. Hoerz to C. Xavier for \$930,000
558 Sycamore Road A. Le to G. Anand for \$2,100,000
688 Varese Court Gilmour Trust to J. Hou for \$2,230,000
5206 Zaro Court S. Rim to T. Kim for \$835,000
4224 Zevanove Court McNichols Trust to J. Aagard for \$660,000
4456 1st Street C. Spear to D. & C. McCarthy for \$768,000
3581 Ballantyne Drive Lawson Trust to N. Nissimov for \$760,000
1236 Chianti Court G. & D. Field to A. & R. Dorsett for \$1,035,000
1776 Harvest Road K. Castro to C. & I. Dilemia for \$815,000
6873 Heath Court R. & J. Spuller to S. Ramankutty for \$704,000
7365 Joshua Circle Souza-Kim Trust to C. Lee for \$716,000
3266 Kevin Court D. & L. Bachtel to S. Zensius for \$915,000

3772 Marlboro Way S. Phan to V. & G. Moola for \$505,000
7599 Olive Drive Valco Trust to S. & J. Lane for \$785,000
1420 Parkview Court W. & S. Butler to E. & S. Rhee for \$1,055,000
1981 Paseo Del Cajon Mcdonald Trust to R. Bhatia for \$940,000
8268 Regency Drive Liu Trust to S. Chittoor for \$1,385,000
5816 San Juan Way D. Landry to Q. Mao for \$1,000,000
2267 Segundo Court #1 C. Waite to L. Martinez for \$322,000
4045 Sherry Court Snover Trust to S. & M. Wogslund for \$1,122,000
3399 Smoketree Commons D. Diodati to A. Tarzian for \$350,000
863 Sunset Creek Lane D. & K. Knapp to G. Guo for \$1,655,000
656 Varese Court A. Chiu to Tittle Trust for \$2,040,000
1066 Via Di Salerno Merkadeau Trust to K. & J. Backensto for \$1,900,000
1502 Via Di Salerno A. & S. Barnes to S. & M. Dua for \$2,675,000

Livermore

3649 Carrigan Common T. Bankhead to R. Houk for \$345,000
123 Cascade Avenue B. Twiss to C. & M. Divin for \$590,000
1343 Chateau Common Banks Trust to B. Quinn for \$490,000
337 Chris Common #104 F. Lomibao to R. Morton for \$255,000
675 Cindy Lane G. & L. Sena to J. & J. Deoliveira for \$580,000
2673 Crescent Court D. & S. Lesuer to M. & S. Takeuchi for \$1,150,000

3811 Dartmouth Way Fagundes Trust to A. & S. Bouigny for \$500,000
6679 Forget Me Not P. Munyasia to Hamilton Trust for \$413,000
567 Lorren Way Wacker Trust to N. Furlotte for \$700,000
1087 Murrieta Boulevard #235 K. Butler to L. Meyer for \$230,000
1085 Murrieta Boulevard #318 R. Silva to J. Smiley for \$245,000
5692 Oakmont Circle Bay Executive Real Estate & Development to T. Sterling for \$535,000
4146 Pinon Way M. & R. Saric to Kurtzer Trust for \$476,500
905 South Livermore Avenue A. Scafuri to S. Schorr for \$535,000
1779 Sunset Drive D. & L. Slupesky to B. & A. Gallegos for \$526,000
961 Acacia Way R. & T. Porter to C. O'Brien for \$620,000
6135 Altamar Court G. & N. McGill to W. Compton for \$672,000
2058 Broadmoor Street D. Adams to D. & S. Parra for \$650,000
3321 Caldeira Drive Lien Trust to G. & C. Rodriguez for \$1,112,000
4889 Charlotte Way M. & D. Brown to P. Prakash for \$515,000
5914 Cypress Point Drive J. Howell to J. Fields for \$375,000
3353 Edinburgh Drive D. Boulankine to T. & M. Christensen for \$805,000
1061 El Caminito B. Fick to B. & S. Wood for \$545,000
223 Elvira Street C. Morris to K. & K. Williams for \$638,000
630 North Livermore Avenue M. & B. Miranda to M. & B. Daley for \$465,000
776 South G Street Siegel Trust to D. & M. Brown for \$785,000

102 Windward Common #1 B. Zodtner to S. Gonzales for \$393,500
5475 Wisteria Way U. & E. Umoh to R. Patil for \$445,000

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316 Adelaide Hills Court D. Santamaria to E. Brambila for \$1,000,000
9085 Alcosta Boulevard #423 J. & F. Villa to F. & C. Villa for \$250,000
126 Arapaho Circle J. & M. Carwardine to D. Lovelace for \$900,000
3263 Barons Lane S. & G. Kumar to M. Kumar for \$750,000
1905 Barossa Drive J. & C. Kung to D. Mou for \$1,035,000
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801 Heritage Place J. & S. Bates to A. Ferreira for \$740,000
7418 Hillsboro Avenue M. & A. Alberti to R. & E. Oto for \$975,000
4908 Ivy Leaf Springs I. Tse to T. Thom for \$645,000
266 Lander Place P. & L. Rocereto to N. & K. Jones for \$668,000
121 Mintaro Court C. Siddan to S. Sinha for \$1,058,000
1814 Nancy Lane M. Lee to R. Venkateswararaja for \$669,000

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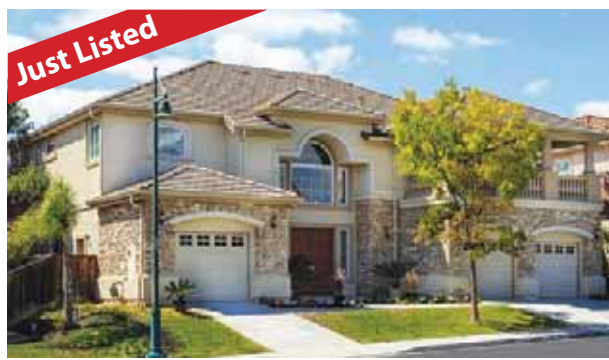


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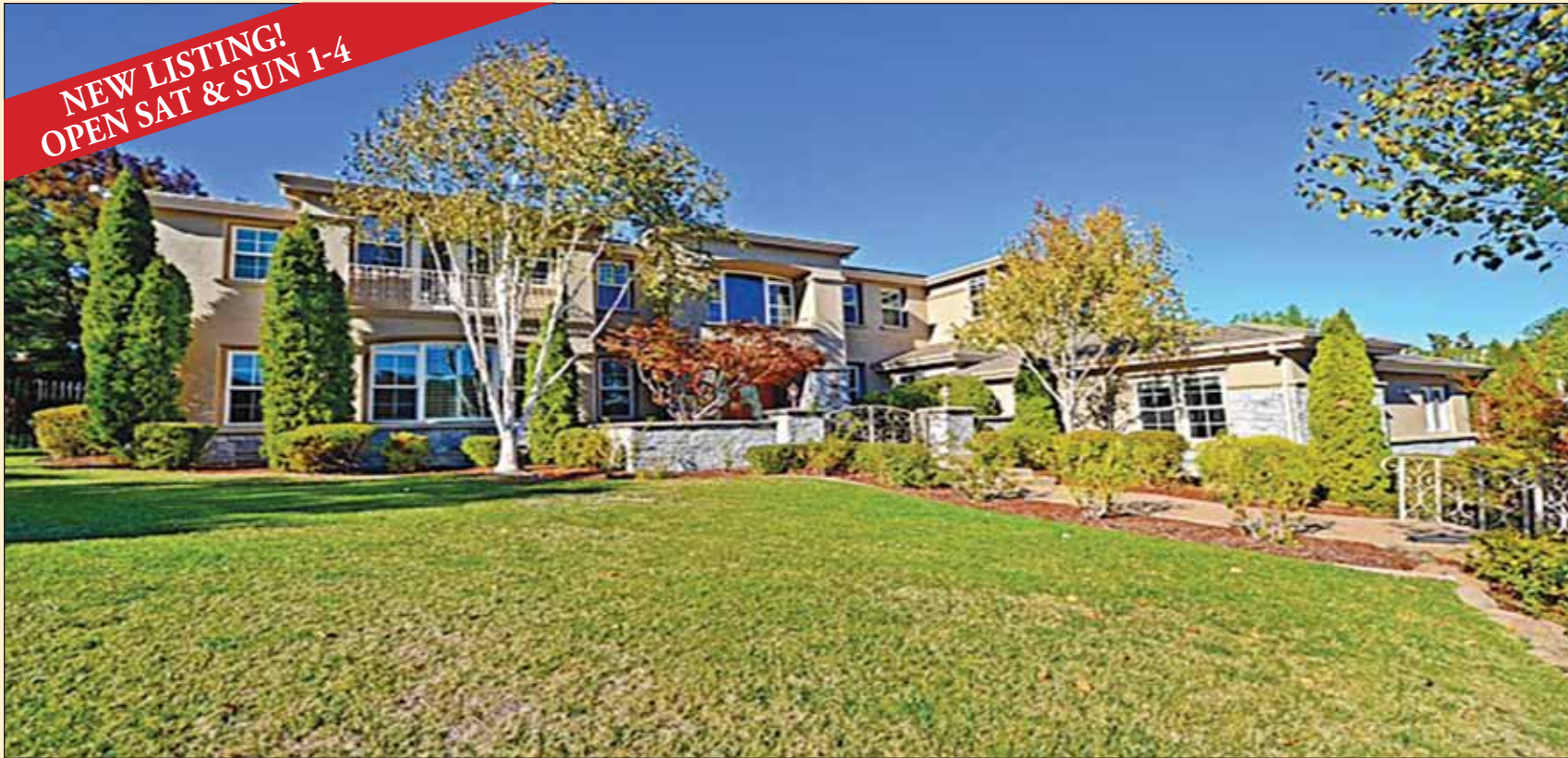
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 5 BR 4.5 BA Custom home! Gourmet kitchen w/ granite, SS appl. Huge master, loft, library, professional landscape.
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LARGE HOME W/POOL! **\$539,950**
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BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED! **\$639,000**
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CAL HIGHLANDS TOWNHOME! **\$569,000**
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GORGEOUS SHEA HOME! **\$595,000**
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Luxury Townhome with Vineyard Views
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Totally Remodeled Spacious Home with downstairs bedroom
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6 Bd, 5.5 Ba 5,050 Sq. Ft.
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