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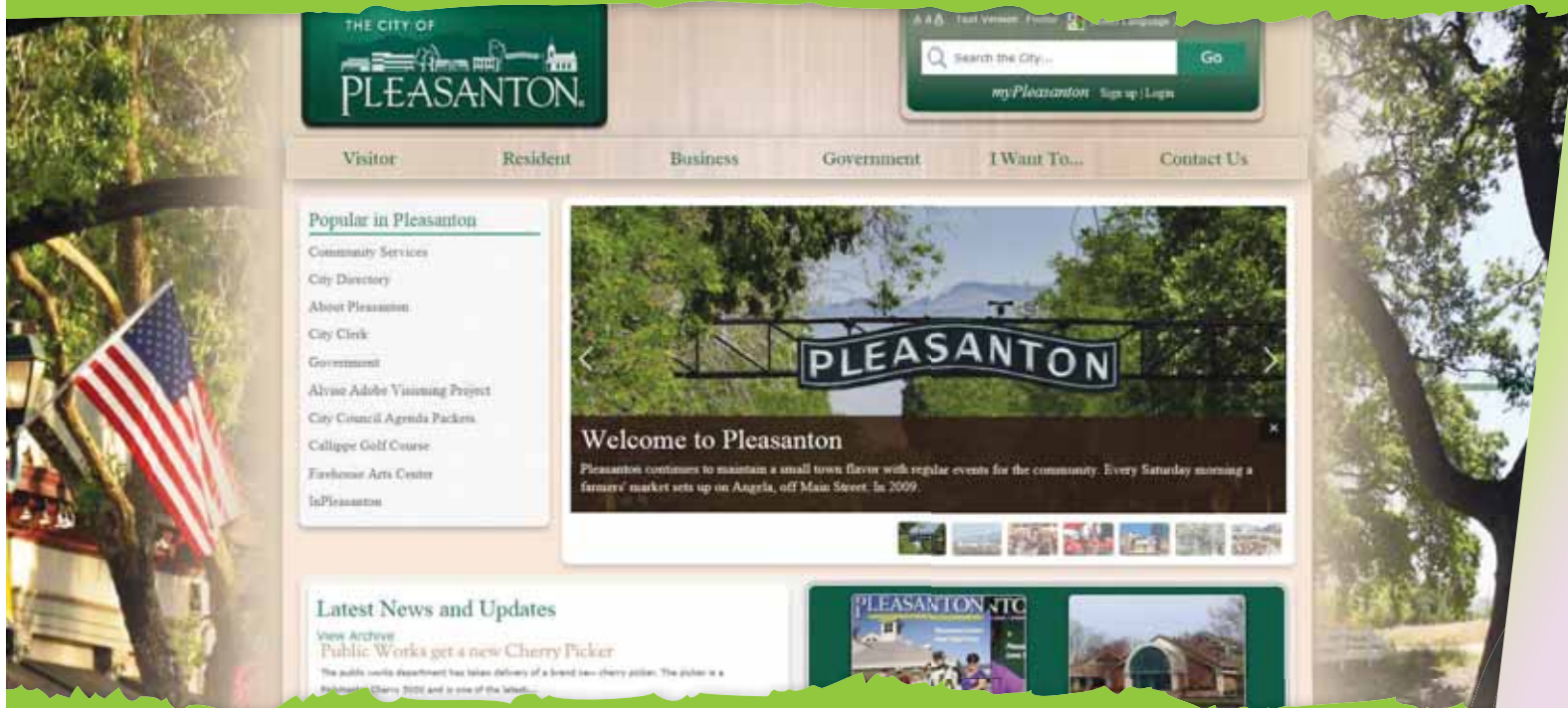
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

Valero gas station at corner of Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard, where a new 7-Eleven convenience store, the city's third, will be added next year.

Homeowners win and lose at City Hall

It's been said that in Pleasanton, homeowners who object to changes in their neighborhoods win when they take their complaints to city leaders. But not always.

Take those who live in the Rosepointe neighborhood who have long objected to George Schmitt's bid to add a second story to his home on Hamilton Way, where all the homes are single story. Their protests got lost in the shuffle last week when a majority of the Planning Commission members switched their views from an August workshop meeting where Schmitt was told to revise his plans, reach a compromise with his neighbors, and only then come back for a final decision.

Schmitt did none of that but returned to the commission Nov. 13 where it voted 3-2 to approve his plans. The vote came after city staff advised that Schmitt was within his rights to build a second floor, even if it meant blocking neighbors' views of the Pleasanton Ridgeland, which they said it would.

Planning Commissioner Herb Ritter said that Schmitt's plan met all the requirements within the location's zoning ordinance and codes, that there are two other two-story homes in Rosepointe (although not on Hamilton) and architectural plans presented by Schmitt appeared to blend in with other homes.

Speaking to other Hamilton Way homeowners who objected, Ritter said that if a majority of homeowners wish to prohibit a second-story in the neighborhood, they should work with city staff to change the zoning for the entire neighborhood with a zone overlay.

Also, across town at the busy intersection of Santa Rita Road and West Las Positas Boulevard, hundreds of signatures on petitions and emails had no noticeable impact on most members of the City Council as they voted 4-1 last Tuesday to approve plans by Valero gas station owner Michael Roesbery to add a 7-Eleven convenience store and automated car wash on the site. Thirty homeowners on nearby Churchill

and Fairlands drives and Weymouth Court opposed the plan; more than 100 others who buy gasoline from Roesbery, but may not live so close, embraced the plan.

Brad Hirst, who represented Roesbery, said that with automobiles today requiring skilled service technicians and computerized equipment, small stations such as Roesbery's need to have food stores and car washes to make a profit.

The city planning staff agreed and recommended the council approve the gas station bid. Only Councilwoman Karla Brown voted no. She said the city doesn't need another 7-Eleven, that there's broken floor tile at the Valley Avenue 7-Eleven and that Roesbery's will be too close to Fairlands Elementary School.

Speakers at Tuesday night's public hearing were about evenly divided in their opinions on the station, with former Mayor Frank Brandes the most vociferous in his opposition. He suggested that he may seek a public referendum to reverse the council's action if it approved the plan, which it did shortly after he spoke.

With that approval, Roesbery's station can continue to stay open 24 hours a day. The 7-Eleven will be restricted to 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. operating hours. Beer and wine can be sold between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. State law bans selling alcohol between 2-6 a.m.

The site has been occupied by a gas station with an automobile service building since 1989. It's located across West Las Positas from a fire station with ValleyCare Medical Center on the opposite corner.

Council members said the Valero station project will expand commercial uses within an existing commercial district in Pleasanton, allowing for more effective utilization of an already-developed property. They also said that the site is adequately buffered from surrounding residential uses, and that the new 7-Eleven will provide a convenient place for residents to purchase staples, including milk, bread and fresh fruit, locally. ■

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Martha Jensen

Retired

Well, I don't really have the life I want, but I'm happy with the life I have. I'm tied down by my many rescue animals, and I've made some poor financial choices in order to help others. But I wouldn't change any of that. Aside from a few little things here and there, I wouldn't change anything at all.



Jenny McKneely

Records clerk

Yes! I am grateful for everything I've been given. My life looks nothing like what I had expected for myself, but it has turned out to be so much more than I ever could have asked for.



Parth Disari

College student

For the most part, I am. I am going to school and preparing for my future. Of course it would be nice if someone were to offer me a job right now, before I even graduate, but I am certain that will come in time.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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PALL registration

Pleasanton American Little League (PALL) has begun registration for all of its baseball divisions for the spring 2015 season.

The nonprofit youth baseball program is open to players 5 to 18 years old who live within the PALL boundaries.

League officials encourage all prospective participants to register soon to avoid late fees, which will be assessed to those who sign up after Dec. 1.

Tryouts for players in AA, AAA and Majors will begin Dec. 6 at Harvest Park Middle School. For evaluation times and all registration information, visit www.pleasantonamerican.com.

Helping school kids

The Assistance League of Amador Valley have worked this year to help raise money for local families, identified by their children's schools, struggling to make ends meet.

The largest of the nonprofit's programs was Operation School Bell, which this year gave 388 youngsters money for school clothes shopping, according to league representatives. Each child was allotted up to \$145 to spend at Kohl's as well as a \$20 gift card for Payless ShoeSource, a book and a toothbrush kit.

Nancy Carter and Carol Sum have led the program for many years and have spent countless hours turning this effort into a reality, officials said. "The thousands of dollars were very well-spent," Carter said. "One little boy couldn't believe he was receiving something new, having always had used clothes," Sum added.

Howl at Handles

Don Cruz and the Wolfpack howl back to Handles Gastropub in downtown Pleasanton with an updated set list this Saturday evening.

The cover group is led by front man and lead singer Cruz. He is backed by the Wolfpack, which features Chris Scoville, guitarist and vocalist, drummer Dale Edelman, keyboardist and vocalist Erwin Balza, and bassist and vocalist David Stark.

"The biggest appeal of this band is our flexibility and our guts," Scoville said. "We're willing to tackle both current radio hits and more obscure material and make it all work for the audience."

The show starts at 9 p.m. at Handles, 855 Main St. For more information, email partygarage@yahoo.com. ■

ValleyCare 'Members' OK merger with Stanford

Affiliation will provide 'best care possible, close to home,' CEO says

By JEB BING
The ValleyCare Health System's corporate membership has overwhelmingly approved proposed bylaws and articles of incorporation changes enabling the affiliation process with Stanford Health Care to move forward.

Ballots were due by 5 p.m. on Nov. 14. At the close of balloting, 566 corporate member votes were for approval, or 97% of the 583 total votes cast.

"We are confident this action will have long-lasting, positive effects on our community," said John Sensiba, chairman of ValleyCare board of directors. "With Stanford Health Care, we can move forward to become an even stronger and more vibrant community hospital that

would make our original founders proud of the legacy they created."

With the approval by the corporate membership, several conditions must be satisfied before the final transaction is complete.

Among these are notifying third parties of the proposed change and receiving consent from the California Attorney General Kamala Harris. She will have up to 105 days to review the request, which was submitted this week, and issue a formal decision.

As part of the process, the Attorney General's Office will hold at least one public meeting and hire a third party to review the health impact of the affiliation. Pending any un-

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JEB BING

ValleyCare's chief executive Scott Gregerson and John Sensiba, board chairman, tell the health system's corporate members about plans to merge with Stanford University's health care system.



AMANDA AGUILAR

Vintage Hills Elementary students, staff and parent volunteers work through an assembly line to fill the meal bags last week.

Vintage Hills students fight world hunger

16,000+ bags of meals will be shipped to Haiti

By AMANDA AGUILAR
Students from Pleasanton's Vintage Hills Elementary School helped fight world hunger last Friday by partnering with Kids Against Hunger for a school-wide meal pack-out event.

Vintage Hills packed 16,322 bags of meal kits that will be shipped to children in hospitals, orphanages and schools located in Haiti, according to Kids Against Hunger executive director Sherri Leal.

Students in second through fifth grades wore hair nets at food-packing stations to assemble vegan, gluten-free meal kits — made up of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and vitamins and flavoring.

Each bag contained six nu-

tritionally-balanced meals that could be made by simply adding the food mix to boiling water.

After bags were filled by students and sealed by teachers or parent volunteers, the students in pre-kindergarten through first grade decorated the bags and provided cards for the meal recipients.

Prior to the pack-out, students learned about Kids Against Hunger and saw who they were going to help feed.

"With Thanksgiving coming up, kids are excited for the food," said Suzanne Kostalnick, Vintage Hills Parent Teacher Association vice president of student and community service. "We want them to think about the idea of being hungry and what it means for those impoverished children."

In addition to the meals, Vintage Hills raised over \$7,300 in donations from families — their goal was \$3,000. Many of those donations were bags of coins from the students' piggy banks, Kostalnick said.

"We wanted the kids to go into this 'Kindness Project' using their hands, but also their resources," she added.

This was Vintage Hills' first pack-out event, and it was also the first Pleasanton school to hold a school-wide pack-out.

Kostalnick, who coordinated the event, hopes the school continues partnering with Kids Against Hunger in the future.

"Our hope is to teach the kids that children can and do change the world," she said. ■

PUSD board approves textbooks

4-1 vote finds instructional materials sufficient

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton school board voted Tuesday to approve a certification of compliance declaring the sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials.

Trustee Jamie Hintzke dissented in the 4-1 approval vote.

According to the school district staff's report to the board, principals have verified that all teachers report that they have issued a district-adopted textbook to their students, students are not being required to download and print instructional materials as a part of the mathematics pilot process, and, if needed, all students have been provided either access to online instructional materials or a hard copy of material for use at home.

Amador Valley principal Thomas Drescher and Foothill principal Jason Krolikowski reported to the board that — at the site-level — they have not heard any parent complaints about students not being provided a textbook or having to print materials.

"If it's happening, we'd like to know and we will work with those parents," Drescher said.

Tuesday's meeting also included a presentation about the 2015-16 Senior Experience Pilot Proposal.

The current board policy requires all students to be enrolled in six classes, which limits opportunities for eligible students who may want

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Zone 7 to receive grant funding for drought projects, conservation

Includes a water use and reduction tool for residents

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Zone 7 Water Agency, which supplies water to the city of Pleasanton, will be awarded \$3 million in grants for drought-relief projects and another \$282,000 to increase its water conservation programs, the California Department of Water Resources announced late last week.

The grants are part of an overall \$221 million in Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) funding to be awarded for projects statewide through an expedited drought-relief process initiated

March by Gov. Jerry Brown.

According to Zone 7, \$32.1 million is for the Bay Area IRWM region.

In 2006, California voters approved Proposition 84 — The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 — which authorized \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds to fund various water supply, water quality and flood protection programs.

Zone 7 will be reimbursed for nearly half the costs it incurred this year for planning, design and con-

struction of two drought projects that aim to have long-lasting water-supply benefits and provide future drought preparation:

- A pipeline to move water captured from local mining operations to a lake within the Chain of Lakes that has groundwater basin recharge capability. To access gravel deposits, quarry owners pump groundwater from the mining pits. This water was previously discharged into local arroyos that flow out of the valley, resulting in the permanent loss of the water for Zone 7's service area.

The project will result in up to 15 million gallons a day of groundwater recharge during times when the recharge lake's water elevations are at their highest level.

- A new well in the Chain of Lakes recharge area that can produce up to 2 million gallons per day of potable water for businesses and residents in Zone 7's service area.

The water conservation grant for Zone 7 will increase existing rebate funding for weather-based irrigation controllers for commercial properties and lawn conversions to

water-wise landscaping for residential and commercial properties.

In addition, the conservation grant will help fund a new Home Water Use Report program aimed at improving long-term water use efficiency.

The water agency has been working on developing a Web-accessible, user-friendly water use and reduction tool that will help residents track their usage, compare it with customers of similar demographics, and find ways to save water indoors and outdoors. The program is scheduled to launch in early 2015. ■

Swalwell chosen as House Democratic regional whip

Local congressman also appointed to Steering and Policy Committee

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Congressman, Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), was selected by his Democratic colleagues last Friday to become a regional whip for the upcoming 114th Congress.

Swalwell, who won his second straight term in the U.S. House of Representatives with almost 70% of the vote earlier this month, will serve as the Democratic whip for Region II, which includes Northern California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands.

His duties will include working with House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Maryland) to build unity among House Democrats, informing his regional colleagues about upcoming legislation and mobilizing votes.

"I'm honored to continue being part of the Democratic leadership and thank my Northern California and Islander colleagues for entrusting me with this responsibility in the upcoming Congress," Swalwell said in a statement. "I look forward to continuing to advance Democratic priorities that will support middle class families and lead to economic growth."

Swalwell served as Democratic assistant whip in the 113th Congress.

"Eric has proven to be an effective member of Congress who has earned the confidence of his Cali-

fornia colleagues," said U.S. Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-San Mateo), chair of the California Democratic Delegation. "As Region II whip, he will continue to be an important part of our California delegation as he works to advance the Democratic agenda and serve our state."

Four days after his whip selection, Swalwell was appointed to the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, which sets the Democratic policy agenda and nominates party members for committee assignments.

"Swalwell is an energetic and forward-looking leader who will bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the Steering and Policy Committee," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco). "By bringing the same fierce commitment that he brings to his constituents, congressman Swalwell will be a key player in our fight to empower middle-class families and reignite the American dream."

"I'm honored and humbled to be selected by Leader Pelosi to join the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee," Swalwell said in a statement Tuesday. "As a member of the next generation of our caucus, I look forward to working in a collaborative way to promote the policies that will lift up all Americans." ■



Eric Swalwell



KELLY REDGRAVE

Hart Middle School cheerleaders join in for a team huddle at a Nov. 2 regional competition, where they won first place.

Pleasanton cheer teams qualify for nationals with high rankings

Squads to compete at more regional competitions in coming months

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Four Pleasanton school cheer teams have qualified to compete at a national cheerleading competition scheduled for the end of March 2015.

Both varsity and junior varsity Foothill High cheer teams placed first in their categories at the United Spirit Association (USA) Regional competition on Nov. 2, held at James Logan High School in Union City.

"This win for both teams was huge for them. We've had to make last-minute changes due to injuries, which means things in the routine had to change at the last minute," said varsity coach Kim DeJoy. "The girls pulled together, worked even harder and were driven to go into this competition to do their best."

There were three other teams competing with Foothill varsity in the Varsity Show Cheer Intermediate category. Foothill JV competed against five other schools in the JV Show Cheer Novice category.

Both cheer teams have won first place at regionals before, and they also won USA National Championship titles in 2012 and 2013.

In Junior High Show Cheer Novice, four schools competed, with Hart Middle School taking first and Pleasanton Middle School placing fourth — both qualifying for nationals.

"I am absolutely thrilled with the girls' performance and their win. The girls worked very hard," said Hart cheer coach Kelly Redgrave, adding that there were a lot of revisions to the routine due to injuries outside of cheer.

A first-place finish isn't new to Hart cheerleaders, according to Redgrave. The team placed first at two regional competitions last season, and went on to win the 2014 national championship title of their category that March. The girls were also national champions in 2013.

Pleasanton Middle School competed at another USA regional competition Nov. 16 at American Canyon High School, where the team placed first in

Junior High Show Cheer Novice.

"After their performance at James Logan, I thought they could use more practice," said Pleasanton cheer coach Jennifer Gatan, adding that 12 out of 15 girls are new on the team. "With their recent performance, I thought they did great and I have a very strong team."

The cheer teams will now start to prepare for the USA Spirit Nationals in Anaheim, which includes routine changes based on judges' suggestions, increasing the difficulty in stunts or tumbling, and cleaning up the motions.

In addition, Foothill cheer teams will be competing at four more regional competitions before nationals, and Pleasanton Middle and Hart have two more regional competitions.

Harvest Park Middle School's cheer team is scheduled to compete at two regional competitions in December and January in the hopes of qualifying for the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Nationals in February. ■

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Ex-CHP officer pleads not guilty in nude photo theft case

Defense attorney: Plea doesn't mean man denies charges for incidents involving women in San Ramon, Livermore

A former Dublin-area California Highway Patrol officer accused of stealing more than half a dozen explicit photos from female DUI suspects' cellphones earlier this year pleaded not guilty to the charges in a Martinez courtroom last Friday.

Martinez resident and former Dublin area CHP Officer Sean Harrington, 35, entered the not guilty pleas to two counts of unauthorized access to a computer and copying computer data in Contra Costa County Superior Court on Friday afternoon.

Having resigned from the CHP late last month, Harrington surrendered on the charges at county jail in Martinez on Nov. 3 and was released the same day on \$10,000 bail. A judge Friday set his next



court appearance for Dec. 2.

Speaking to reporters outside the courtroom, Harrington's attorney Michael Rains said his client expects to reach a plea agreement with the district attorney's office.

He added that Friday's "not guilty" plea doesn't mean Harrington is denying the charges against him, and noted that he has admitted to forwarding photos to two fellow CHP officers from the Dublin area office.

"He's not denied it, he did not deny it when he was initially interviewed about it ... and the evidence indicates that indeed those photographs were on his phone," Rains said.

The former CHP officer further admitted to district attorney's in-

vestigations that he stole photos from female suspects' phones on four to six occasions over the past few years, Rains said.

However, charges have only been filed in connection with thefts from two women.

Rains said investigators have found forensic evidence that another CHP officer received photos of one of the women.

Neither of the two officers Harrington implicated, Robert Hazelwood and Dion Simmons, has been charged in the case, with prosecutors citing insufficient evidence that either man committed conspiracy, aiding and abetting or any other crime.

The CHP has said it is investigating the allegations and that one of the officers implicated was removed from patrol duties while a second officer remains on duty because he is only considered a witness in the case.

Hazelwood issued a statement about the case through his attorney, Dirk Manoukian.

"While Officer Hazelwood certainly agrees with the legal analysis and conclusion by the District Attorney's Office that he did not violate any laws, he is nevertheless remorseful for the insensitive and unprofessional remarks contained in his texts," Manoukian said in an email.

"He sincerely apologizes to the women directly involved in this matter ... he is also deeply sorry for any negative effect his comments have had on his fellow law enforcement officers who bravely and honorably discharge their duties every day across our state and nation," the attorney said.

Simmons could not be reached for comment on the case.

The case came to light in October after one of the former suspects, a 23-year-old San Ramon woman,

reported that half a dozen nude and semi-nude selfies had been secretly sent from her phone to an unknown number traced to Harrington. According to a search warrant affidavit, the officer forwarded the messages from his phone while the woman was in county jail after a DUI arrest in San Ramon in the early hours of Aug. 29.

Further investigation revealed that Harrington previously stole private photos from the phone of a 19-year-old DUI suspect arrested in Livermore on Aug. 6 while she was in the hospital and forwarded them to his own.

DUI charges have since been dropped against both women involved in the case, and prosecutors and public defenders in Alameda and Contra Costa counties say they are reviewing cases in which the three implicated officers were involved. ■

—Bay City News Service

SCHOOL BOARD

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to enhance their college- and career-readiness preparation experience by participating in off-campus learning opportunities, such as college/university dual enrollment, work experience, internships/externships, online courses or volunteer work, according to district staff.

The pilot proposal is to request, during the 2015-16 school year, a waiver of the board policy so eligible Amador Valley and Foothill High seniors can participate in the Senior Experience. According to staff, students with at least a 3.0 GPA and 180 credits entering senior year are eligible for the pilot program.

Staff also addressed potential unanticipated consequences associated with the program, such as reduced staffing, reduction of

elective classes and fewer teacher aides — which officials said could be solved by maintaining the current 27:1 staffing ratio, formalizing staffing ratios with the Association of Pleasanton Teachers and allowing more underclassmen to enroll in elective classes.

The board provided their suggestions to staff, which included finding a way to not limit students with special needs from utilizing the program.

Drescher and Krolikowski said they are planning to create a survey for students and parents while continuing to develop more of the program's details.

In other business, two representatives from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) spoke during the community comment session, which is when the public is allowed to comment on non-

agendized items.

Lamont Allen, from the NAACP Hayward branch, addressed the board about recent forum posts and how some of the negative comments toward superintendent Parvin Ahmadi and school board can be seen as "hate crimes," which will be investigated by the NAACP president.

"We, the NAACP, highly support the superintendent and her staff," NAACP official Othella Jordan said.

Mary Snell, a Pleasanton school district employee, spoke before the board Tuesday, questioning accountability within the district. Snell has appeared at many board meetings asking for a public apology from the school district, alleging her reputation was damaged by unsubstantiated claims made against her by a teacher during the investigation surrounding former Walnut Grove principal Jon Vranesh.

Snell said she filed complaints because of the teacher's claims, leading to a subsequent investigation by the district's legal team. The attorneys returned preliminary findings stating that the teacher "never violated any Code of Ethics" and that Snell's perception of the events was "skewed," Snell told the school board.

"Tell me, when did it become OK to lie during an investigation and be handsomely rewarded for it," she said.

Kenny Altenberg, from the Community of Character Collaborative, also spoke and commended the school district for its exceptional students — adding that they had many great applicants for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship.

During Tuesday's closed session, the board approved 3-2 the suspension of a certificated employee without pay, with trustees Valerie

Arkin and Hintzke voting against the resolution.

The resolution includes the authorization of the superintendent, or her designee, to issue a notice of intention to terminate and statement of charges. The name of the employee was not released.

Also during closed session, the board appointed Harvest Park vice principal Kathleen Rief as Coordinator 2 of the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support Project, and Marla Cooper as the interim vice principal of Valley View and Walnut Grove elementary schools.

Cooper comes from Dublin Unified School District as a fifth-grade teacher, but worked for Pleasanton Unified School District prior to her move to Dublin.

The next school board meeting is scheduled Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the district's boardroom, 4665 Bernal Ave. ■

Seahawks weekend meet to attract 600-800 attendees

Traffic could be heavy near aquatic center each day, starting today

The Pleasanton Seahawks swim team will host a three-day Junior Olympic swim meet starting today at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center.

The meet is expected to draw about 600-800 swimmers and guests who will begin to arrive this afternoon at 4 p.m. for a 5 p.m. meet start.

Then they'll be back starting at 8:45 a.m. Saturday and Sunday with competition beginning at 9

a.m. The meet will end on both days at 3 p.m.

Pleasanton spokeswoman Joanne Hall said the city is working with the Seahawks to reduce traffic in the neighborhoods near the aquatic center, which is located at 4455 Black Ave.

Accordingly, city staff has developed a traffic flow system for the aquatic center to facilitate competitor drop-off.

The Gingerbread Preschool and

Alisal Elementary School parking lots will be used as overflow parking. Swim meet parking is prohibited in any of the business lots on the south side of Black Avenue. Swimmers are advised not to park in the Amador Valley High School parking lot due to a large band event scheduled at the school.

Carpooling is strongly advised. For more information, contact Michelle Dunaway at 931-3423. ■

—Jeb Bing

TAKE US ALONG



Rockin' goodbye: Craig and Karla Garcia brought the Pleasanton Weekly to the experience of a lifetime at the Paul McCartney concert, "Farewell to Candlestick." His final encore was "Long Tall Sally," which was also the last live song ever performed by The Beatles, as a group, at Candlestick in 1966.

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

VALLEYCARE

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foreseen event, the affiliation will be complete in the first quarter of 2015.

"The benefits of this affiliation

are extraordinary," said Scott Gregerson, CEO of the ValleyCare Health System. "Health care is rapidly changing and it is our sincere desire to participate in the transformation of our industry, not simply respond to it. This relationship will

afford us that opportunity."

"We believe ValleyCare will continue to provide the best care possible, close to home, and we are grateful for the support of the ValleyCare corporate membership and the community at large," he added. ■

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Oakland man arrested on suspicion of rape, robbery in Pleasanton

Investigators arrested an Oakland man last Friday on suspicion of assaulting and robbing two alleged prostitutes in separate incidents at Pleasanton hotels earlier this fall, according to a police spokesman.

Rashad Joshua Costello, 24, was taken into custody when authorities served a warrant at his home after he was identified through DNA evidence as the suspect in both investigations, Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuger said in a statement.

The first incident occurred Oct. 6 around 5:52 p.m. when police were dispatched to investigate the report of a robbery at Motel 6 on Hopyard Road in Pleasanton.

The female victim reportedly admitted to being a prostitute and said she was expecting to meet a "John" at the motel, according to police.

When she answered the door, the man — later identified as Costello — removed a black handgun concealed in his waistband, according to police reports.

Investigators allege Costello then raped the woman and robbed her of money and an iPad.

After the assault, the victim contacted a nearby guest who reported the crime, Schlehuger said.

The second incident happened Nov. 5 around 2 p.m. when police responded to a report of a man with a gun at the Double-Tree on Johnson Drive.

When officers arrived, the female victim reportedly told them she was a prostitute and had arranged for a man to meet her at the hotel for a sexual encounter, according to police.

The woman was initially reluctant to open the door when the man — later identified as Costello — arrived, but he convinced her to unlock the door, said Schlehuger.

Police allege the man forced his way into the room, striking the woman in the face with the swinging door.

Police said once inside the room, Costello displayed a handgun and threatened the woman.

The victim started screaming, and Costello struck her in the face with the handgun and told her to "shut up," according to Schlehuger. He demanded all of the woman's money and forced her to perform sexual acts at gunpoint, the sergeant said.

After a few minutes, the woman found an opportunity to escape the room and ran down the hallway screaming, according to police. She was then directed into an adjacent room that was being cleaned by housekeeping staff, who then called police, Schlehuger said.

According to police, the man left the scene and a black airsoft handgun, believed to have been used during the assault, was recovered by officers.

Schlehuger said Costello was identi-



Rashad Joshua Costello

fied as the suspect in both cases by DNA evidence, and he was positively identified in a lineup by both women, who had no prior knowledge of Costello before the incidents.

Pleasanton investigators and the East County Tactical Team served a search and arrest warrant Friday at Costello's Oakland home, where they allegedly recovered evidence linking him to both crimes. Police allege Costello contacted his victims through an Internet-based bulletin board advertising "escort" services.

Costello was arrested on suspicion of forcible rape, robbery, forced oral copulation, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, assault with intent to commit rape and criminal threats. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Anyone with additional information related to the cases is encouraged to contact Pleasanton police at 931-5100.

In other police reports:

- A 32-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of assault and domestic battery after Pleasanton police allege she stabbed her boyfriend this week.

Authorities received a call around 1:15 a.m. Wednesday from a man who said his son reported being stabbed, according to Pleasanton police Sgt. Jim Boland. The caller said the culprit was his son's girlfriend, the sergeant added.

Officers arrived to the home on Yuma Way and found the victim suffering from four stab wounds to the left side of his upper body as well as a cut to the top of his head, according to Boland.

The victim was transported to the hospi-

tal, treated for non-life threatening injuries and later released, Boland said.

Officers arrested Kimberley Causey on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and domestic battery in connection with the incident, Boland said. She was booked into the Santa Rita Jail.

- Two unknown men allegedly removed an iPhone and iPad from the Stoneridge Shopping Center's Apple Store without paying prior to leaving the store on Nov. 11.

According to police, the electronics were worth \$1,449. Police believe the men went to the Apple Store in Walnut Creek afterward and shoplifted from there as well.

The men were described as white males with brown hair, between 27-28 years old. One man was wearing a gray jacket with a black shirt, blue jeans and black shoes. The other man was wearing a black jacket and a bright blue baseball cap.

- A residential burglary on Mirador Drive resulted in personal property being stolen, including a handgun, police said.

An unknown thief forced entry into a locked residence on Nov. 14 between 7:30 a.m. to 4:29 p.m., according to police. Some of the items reported stolen include a mountain bicycle, an iPad, a revolver, a box of ammunition and a pistol safe — totaling over \$2,000, police said.

Police said they were able to find a shoe tread near the point of entry, which has been entered as evidence in the case.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 6

Theft

- 1:28 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 5:45 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 7:05 p.m. in the 7500 block of Stonedale Drive

Nov. 7

Alcohol violation

- 2:06 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road
- 1:36 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Shoplifting

- 12:24 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:28 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Domestic battery

- 10:43 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Drug violation

- 11:31 p.m. in the 4100 block of Peregrine Way

Nov. 8

Arson

- 4:04 a.m. at the intersection of Rose Avenue and Fair Street

Theft

- 12:24 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2:08 p.m. in the 4500 block of

Pleasanton Avenue; auto theft

- 6:11 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:58 p.m. in the 500 block of Rose Avenue; bicycle theft

Embezzlement

- 6:59 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 11:31 p.m. in the 6000 block of Inglewood Drive

Nov. 9

Vandalism

- 12:35 a.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Sutter Gate Avenue

Theft from auto

- 10:48 a.m. in the 5000 block of Owens Drive
- 11:42 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 6:42 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 1:19 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Nov. 10

Battery

- 8:33 a.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Vandalism

- 12:41 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

Drug violation

- 6 p.m. in the 7600 block of Highland Oaks Drive

Auto theft

- 6:27 p.m. in the 2500 block of Tapestry Way

DUI

- 11:48 p.m. at the intersection of Sunol Boulevard and Bernal Avenue

Nov. 11

Theft

- 12:42 p.m. in the 4300 block of Bristolwood Road; theft from auto
- 4:59 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Graffiti

- 4:46 p.m. in the 1000 block of Kottinger Drive

Battery

- 6:28 p.m. in the 3200 block of Novara Way
- 7 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

DUI

- 10 p.m. at the intersection of First and Ray streets

Nov. 12

Theft

- 7:38 a.m. in the 4800 block of Saginaw Circle; auto theft
- 9:43 a.m. in the 6100 block of Homer Court; theft from auto
- 10:29 a.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
- 10:36 a.m. in the 3500 block of Rathbone Way; theft from auto
- 5:14 p.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue; bicycle theft
- 6:50 p.m. in the 1000 block of

Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 7:55 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Alcohol violation

- 12:37 p.m. in the 6000 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Nov. 13

Theft

- 7:16 a.m. in the 5900 block of Sterling Greens Circle; auto theft
- 11:30 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

- 4:01 p.m. in the 2100 block of Alexander Way; bicycle theft

Vehicle tampering

- 9:37 a.m. in the 7700 block of Chestnut Way

DUI

- 7:48 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

Nov. 14

Theft

- 9:46 a.m. in the 100 block of Old Bernal Avenue
- 10:15 a.m. in the 5100 block of Willowview Court; theft from auto
- 11:46 a.m. in the 4900 block of Hillcrest Way
- 5:02 p.m. in the 1500 block of Ramblewood Way

Residential burglary

- 11:21 a.m. in the 6000 block of Via De Los Cerros
- 12:04 p.m. in the 300 block of Bernal Avenue

- 4:29 p.m. in the 4500 block of Mirador Drive

Vandalism

- 1:59 p.m. in the 1500 block of Rose Avenue

Nov. 15

Theft

- 2:56 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 2:07 p.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Nov. 16

Alcohol violation

- 1:29 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Nov. 17

Drug violation

- 2:30 a.m. in the 4000 block of Peregrine Way

Graffiti

- 6:40 a.m. Street information not disclosed.

Alcohol violation

- 12:32 p.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Theft from structure

- 1:56 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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Holiday Happenings



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By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Festive crowds fill the streets and concert halls at this time of year, a favorite part of the season for many.

Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Celebration — complete with a parade and tree lighting — takes place Saturday, Dec. 6, a chance to gather with your neighbors downtown for a bit of hometown magic.

But this is only one of many holiday happenings. Check out the others:

- Niles Canyon Railway Train of Lights departs from Niles at 4:30 p.m. and Sunol at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the holiday season (except Christmas Eve). The train is covered with thousands of lights as it winds through Niles Canyon on a 75-minute round-trip ride. General seating is \$25; \$17 on Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17. Dome car is \$40. Learn more at www.ncry.org.

- Downtown Pleasanton's Magical Holiday Evening presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association from 4-7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, with festive

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Sarah Marlett and Josh Barajas perform "Spanish Chocolate" in Valley Dance Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker," opening Dec. 13.



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Holiday Happenings



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December People will perform a rock 'n' roll holiday concert along with a food drive for Open Heart Kitchen on Nov. 29.

HAPPENINGS

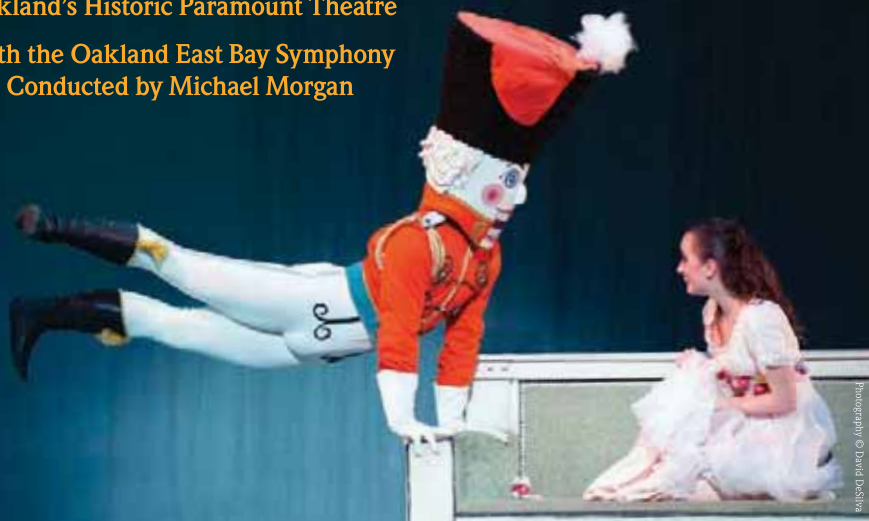
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- decorations. Children can meet Santa Claus outside the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Carolers will walk the street, and elves will pass out special treats to shoppers.
- Holiday Spirit Stroll in downtown Pleasanton from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, with 21 merchants paired with local breweries, wineries and bars for a festive night of sampling to coincide with the Magical Holiday Evening. Tickets are \$40 at www.pleasantondowntown.net.
- Second annual Holiday Youth Music Festival with local musicians, ages 10-16, who will present performances set to a storyline inspired by classic holiday character Ebenezer Scrooge, at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults, at www.firehousearts.org or the box office, 4444 Railroad Ave., or call 931-4848.
- Pleasanton Community Concert Band presents "Seasonal Sounds from Around the World: Music for the Holiday Season" at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Concert is free, but donations are appreciated. For more information, call 846-5897 or visit www.pleasantonband.org.
- December People perform a rock 'n' roll Classic Holiday Concert for the whole family with a Holiday Food Drive for Open Heart Kitchen at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$25-\$35 at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 931-4848, or at the Firehouse Box Office.
- Handel's "Messiah" by the Pacific Chamber Symphony, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Bankhead Theater. Tickets \$28-\$50 at www.mylvpac.com or call 373-6800.
- Valley Real Estate Network's party, benefiting the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, will run from 6-10 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Pleasanton Marriott, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road. Entry fee is \$20; all proceeds benefit the Holiday Fund. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting Wendy Tannenbaum, wendy@diversifiedmg.com.
- Dublin's 31st annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Dublin Civic Center, 100 Civic Plaza, with seasonal entertainment and refreshments, plus a special guest from the North Pole. For more information, call 556-4500 or go to www.dublin.ca.gov.
- Valley Concert Chorale's Sing-It-Yourself Messiah at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, at Asbury Methodist Church, 4743 East Ave., Livermore. Admission \$10; order tickets at www.valleyconcertchorale.org.
- Pleasanton's Hometown Holiday Celebration: Holiday parade with marching bands, community groups and more begins at 6:45 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6; tree-lighting ceremony with musical entertainment is at 7:15 p.m. in front of the Museum on Main with a special appearance by Santa.

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Holiday Happenings

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- Holiday DancEscape Social with music by Lady K and the Kings of Swing from 7-10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Tickets in advance are \$10 for Dublin resident seniors; \$12 for non-residents/under 50; or \$13 at the door. Call 556-4511.
- Cantabella Children's Chorus Winter Concert, "Make We Merry," training choirs and selected pieces by performing choirs at 1 p.m., performing choirs at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Adults are \$18 in advance at cantabella.org, \$20 at the door; under 18 free.
- Livermore Valley Opera will present "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a one-act opera about a disabled boy and his mother who are visited by the three kings on their way to Bethlehem, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St. in Livermore. The annual family favorite will be "in the round," with the audience seated on three sides and begin with a sing-along of carols. Tickets are \$12 students, \$20 adults if purchased by Dec. 1. Adults, \$30 after Dec. 1. Go to www.livermorevalleyopera.com.
- Valley Concert Chorale's "Holiday Classic & Contemporary" is 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road; and at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14, at First Presbyterian Church, Fourth and L streets, Livermore. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10; children are free. Advance tickets at www.valleyconcertchorale.org, or call 866-4003.
- Ravenswood Victorian Yuletide, 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14. A Victorian Christmas with music, entertainment, carriage ride, food, crafts and more at Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road, Livermore. Free admission.
- Experience the magic of "The Nutcracker" by the Valley Dance Theater, on Dec. 13-14 and 19-21 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$19 (students) to \$38 at www.mylvpac.com or call 373-6800.
- Third annual Pleasanton Double Racing Festival, a Christmas-themed running event that benefits the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, with live music, food, a Santa Runner contest, Most Fit Team/Company, healthy fun for the entire family Sunday, Dec. 21, at Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road. Learn more at www.PleasantonDouble.com.
- "Big Fat Year End Kiss Off Comedy Show XXII" at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 26, with Will Durst and Friends at the Bankhead Theater. Tickets are \$20-\$30 at www.mylvpac.com or call 373-6800. ■

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AXIS COMMUNITY HEALTH

Dr. Nurjehan Kurwa (left) examines an infant as part of Axis pediatric services for uninsured patients.

By Jeb Bing

Today marks the start of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund campaign, a time when we ask our readers to turn their thoughts to supporting local nonprofit agencies and services that care for those in need year-round.

It's also a timely effort. Even with a much-improved economy this year, nonprofits are faced with increases in the numbers of people they serve.

For example, Axis Community Health — the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical and mental health services for individuals and families who have a low income or who are uninsured — will serve more than 14,000 residents this year. Its variety of services include medical care for children, adults and seniors, prenatal care and women's health services, mental health counseling, drug and alcohol recovery services, and a WIC nutrition program.

More than 25% of Axis's patients are children under 12. The families who depend on Axis are the working poor; 95% of Axis medical patients have a family income less than 200% of the federal poverty level, which is less than \$46,100 a year for a family of four. Last year, Axis provided more than 2,000 medical visits that were uncompensated.

Axis has five service sites that are located throughout the Tri-Valley. Its staff of 155 includes physicians, nurse practitioners, mental health professionals and a large team of support staff.

To meet this increased demand for services, Axis is building a sixth service site located at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton, which is scheduled to open next fall.

"We are proud to be selected as a recipient of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund again this year, and we look forward to being able to provide more medical visits for low income Tri-Valley families who would otherwise have no access to health care," said Sue Compton, chief executive of Axis.

Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly, said the fund is especially targeted at meeting the unfunded and under-funded needs of Tri-Valley agencies, such as Axis.

"Given the increased numbers of individu-

als and families who continue to need help, the Holiday Fund can help agencies such as Axis keep pace with the services needed," she said.

Contributions to the 2014 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will be distributed in two tiers, with 75% of all dollars raised going to Axis, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System.

The other 25% of the contributions will go to Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, Hope Hospice, REACH, Sandra J. Wing Therapies and Senior Support Services of the Tri-Valley.

Again this year, the Weekly is partnering with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), which will handle all finances related to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. This will allow donors to take advantage of a tax deduction for the dollars they contribute through the foundation's 501(c)(3) status to the fullest extent of the law.

Also, the Pleasanton Weekly and Silicon Valley Community Foundation will handle all costs of the campaign. That means that every dollar will go directly to the 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

Besides Axis, beneficiaries of contributions made to the Holiday Fund are:

Open Heart Kitchen

Open Heart Kitchen is another Tri-Valley charity that is again on the Holiday Fund list for 2014.

"We served over 281,000 meals in 2013 and a growing need has motivated us to increase our programs," said Linda McKeever, executive director. "We now serve six low-income senior centers, have added more schools to the children's box lunch programs, and have expanded the program to serve lunches during the summer months. We have also added longer hours and additional sites to our hot meal programs."

McKeever said the Weekly's Holiday Fund has been "extremely helpful in allowing Open Heart Kitchen to expand its programs and keep up with the growing need in the community."



PPIE

PPIE provides laptops like these to in-need students.

PPIE Foundation

Also in line for Holiday Fund help this year is Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, an organization that has a collaborative relationship with the Pleasanton

Unified School District and contributes to the needs of Pleasanton students and educators.

The organization hosts two community fundraising events each year, and also raises funds through donations and grants from regional companies and organizations.

"We appreciate the generosity of the community whose donations through Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund last year helped us achieve our goals," said Susan Hayes executive director.



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Starla Hannah is available at Valley Humane Society.

Valley Humane Society

Another benefiting organization is the Valley Humane Society, an all-volunteer group that rescues, treats and finds homes for abandoned or injured animals. It does not euthanize unless health problems dictate. Its mission also includes educating others on responsible pet ownership. While donations primarily support animal rescue, VHS also provides assistance to people.

"Low-income families receive help caring for their own pets, the soothing support of therapy dogs is offered to those who need healing and young people have many opportunities to experience the powerful difference they can make while learning a love of animals," said Melissa Adkins, VHS marketing and development manager.

"We work to create a brighter future for cats and dogs by encouraging and strengthening the bond between people and pets," Adkins said. "Programs for people include Canine Comfort therapeutic pet visitations for those in need of healing, Paws to Read sessions at local libraries helping early readers improve their skills and humane education."



VALLEYCARE

ValleyCare's Dr. Robert Santos talks with patient.

ValleyCare Health System

ValleyCare, which has served the Tri-Valley since 1961, is being acquired by Stanford

Health Care with an affiliation agreement expected to be completed in December. During the transition, the ValleyCare Foundation and the services and other hospital needs it supports will need the ongoing funding provided by the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, including the health system's breast cancer programs.

"Cancer touches each of us in some way, and with one in eight women diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the U.S., we are targeting funds toward our breast cancer program at ValleyCare," said Denise Bouillerc, director of ValleyCare's Marketing/Public Relations and Charitable Foundation.

"As a not-for-profit health system, any donations given to ValleyCare assist us in providing these specialized health services to people right here in our community," she added. "We are grateful to all who give so generously."



HOPE HOSPICE

Volunteer Laura Van Hook shows new flag-covered quilt to veteran Donald Walters.

Hope Hospice

Hope Hospice is a Dublin-based organization that serves patients and families in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore, Alamo, Blackhawk, Castro Valley, Diablo, Danville, San Ramon, Sunol and surrounding communities in the East Bay.

"On behalf of the staff and volunteers of Hope Hospice, I thank the Pleasanton Weekly for including Hope Hospice as a recipient of the 2014 Holiday Fund," said Victoria Emmons, Hope Hospice CEO. "With the generous gifts from the community via the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, Hope Hospice is able to work with hundreds of families as they chart their path while dealing with a loved one's final journey."

Hope Hospice provides ethical hospice care, transition services for those not quite eligible for hospice, bereavement support for adults and children, and community education.



REACH

Silver medal-winning Pleasanton RADD softball team, sponsored by REACH.

2014



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REACH

Also slated to receive funds in this year's Holiday Fund campaign is REACH, an acronym for Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for special adults of the Tri-Valley.

Established in 1990 by a group of concerned family members of developmentally disabled who wanted their loved ones to be able to live locally, the group's goal is to provide safe, quality living environments where residents learn self-efficiency and live with dignity and respect.

"Tri-Valley REACH is very pleased to be selected as a beneficiary of the 2014 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund," said Brian Gentry, a member of the REACH board of directors.

seniors in the Tri-Valley area, and this year is expanding its one-stop resource shop to meet these needs.

"We are so thankful to be part of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund," said Marlene Petersen, executive director. "These funds contribute to helping seniors go through the process of changes one goes through with age, such as the loss of a loved one, friends, the ability to drive and hear well, and many other meaningful experiences we often take for granted."

Agape Villages

Agape Villages Foster Family Agency serves children and families throughout the Tri-Valley by recruiting, training and supervising foster families. Agape provides safe and loving foster homes for children who have been abused and neglected. Since its inception in 1958, it has provided foster care services to about 6,000 children.

"We provide a nurturing environment for youths until they can be reunited with their biological families," said Jennifer Oxe, the organization's community engagement director. "And when reunification is not possible, we work to find caring and loving parents who are dedicated to a lifetime commitment." ■



AGAPE VILLAGES
A young cheerleader, recently adopted through Agape Villages.



SANDRA J. WING

Board members and volunteers thank the public for its support at a recent fundraiser.

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation

Again on the Holiday Fund's list of beneficiaries is the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation. Funds that go to this organization help provide cancer patients with the benefit of complementary therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy. The group is supported entirely by generous donations, including those from the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.



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SENIOR SUPPORT

Beneficiaries of Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley

Another beneficiary will be Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, an independent nonprofit agency serving seniors over 60 in the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol. The group was established in 1981 as a "Friendly Visitor" volunteer program serving 35 seniors. It has since grown to include programs that annually serve more than 5,600



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Turkeys for the Open Heart Kitchen

Open Heart Kitchen, the only hot meal program in the Tri-Valley area, is appealing to residents and businesses to donate frozen turkeys and fixings in preparation for the upcoming holiday season.

More than 1,500 turkeys are needed to meet the need of the region's hungry each year during this time.

To facilitate donations during the busy holiday season, OHK has developed an all-new online program at <http://www.booster.com/OpenHeartKitchenHolidayMeals>. This allows donors to select one of three options: a \$20 donation that will provide a turkey for a local family, a \$50 donation that provides a turkey and ingredients for a full holiday meal for a local family, or a \$250 donation that will provide a turkey and full holiday meal for five local families.

Those who prefer to deliver a turkey and/or fixings directly to OHK are also encouraged to participate. Frozen turkey and holiday fixing donations can be delivered to the dining room of Ridge View Commons Senior Center, located at 5200 Case Avenue, Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The optimal size is a 10-14 pound turkey that can feed a family with some leftovers, according to OHK executive director

Linda McKeever. Associated non-perishable holiday meal fixings are also very much appreciated during this time, such as stuffing mix, canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce, and more.

Open Heart Kitchen feeds the hungry every weekday as an interfaith effort, and serves more than 260,000 meals annually. There is no qualifying process to receive meals. Meals can be eaten at OHK's multiple serving sites, or taken to go.

OHK works in cooperation with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, more than a dozen local food pantries, and various Tri-Valley nonprofits with missions to promote nutrition and hunger relief.

For more information, sign on to OHK's website at www.openheartkitchen.org.



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A convention center in Pleasanton?

The selection of Richard Sealana as the new president of the Alameda County Fair Board could bring long-awaited improvements to the fairgrounds as a center for conventions, weekday assemblies and other large public uses that would keep the fairgrounds busy more days of the year, not just on weekends.

Sealana calls the fairgrounds organization an economic engine for the San Francisco Bay Area, one that generates tangible benefits beyond the educational, cultural and agricultural tradition. With over \$20 million dollars in annual revenue, it receives no taxpayer funding, yet generates over 2,000 jobs each year.

Sealana, Union City's superintendent of public works, has served on the board for 10 years. For the past four years, he has chaired the Fair Operations Committee that guides policy for the annual fair.

In addition to his work at Union City, Sealana also serves as board chairman of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), is an adjunct professor at the University of Phoenix and an Alameda County court-appointed special advocate. He also holds an MBA from St. Mary's College and a doctorate in leadership studies from the University of San Francisco.

Sealana envisions the fairgrounds becoming a major exposition destination in the years to come. He plans to see the fairgrounds become a significant venue for year-round educational activities that involve youth, a model for environmental sustainability and an important disaster relief staging area.

With San Francisco's Moscone Center increasingly expensive and booked much of the year, the fairgrounds could become a profit center for medium-size corporate and organization meetings that are being priced and squeezed out of Moscone. ■



Richard Sealana

DR. ARTHUR BARNES all-time conductor



By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

For 50 years, maestro Arthur Barnes made the drive in five o'clock traffic from the Peninsula to the Tri-Valley to conduct the Livermore-Amador Symphony, bringing it into the 21st century as a renowned classical orchestra.

His life has been full of music and musicians, from Stanford University band members to his wife's French horn students to the volunteers who play for pleasure in the symphony.

"I'm still composing," said Barnes, 84, who conducted his final performance with the Livermore-Amador Symphony in May.

Barnes grew up in Cincinnati and attended Swarthmore College before transferring to Wichita State University in Kansas, where he graduated in 1953 with a bachelor's in music education and a master's in theory and composition. He was supervisor of music in a community in western Ohio, then taught and conducted the band program at Southern Illinois University.

In 1959 he came to Fresno State as a professor and director of bands. Four years later, he took a one-year sabbatical to earn his doctorate in orchestral conducting at Stanford, where he accepted a position after finishing his degree.

Meanwhile the fledgling Livermore-Amador Symphony was seeking a musical director.

"It's always hard to come by an orchestra," Barnes noted. "Half the time, conductors get a bunch of people together and make an orchestra."

Livermore-Amador Symphony was formed when the local branch of the American Association of University Women

saw the need for it, Barnes explained. It began as a night class in the Livermore school district.

"We rehearsed at Livermore High School," Barnes recalled. "Only in the last 15 to 20 years have we gone to East Avenue Middle School to rehearse."

Performances were at the First Presbyterian Church in Livermore until the Bankhead Theater opened in 2007.

"We got in on the initial dedication by performing," Barnes said. "It's a wonderful place to play, every musician loves the acoustics."

During the last 50 years, the symphony has thrived under his directorship, and growth in the area has meant more musicians for the orchestra.

"But at the beginning when its ranks were thin, I had my whole family playing there," Barnes remembered.

Helene, his wife of 61 years, and their son Jeffrey play the French horn. Daughter Holly plays violin and viola and is now head of the viola section in the Boston Ballet Orchestra. Daughter Jennifer plays bassoon in the Avanti Winds quintet. Even his granddaughter Margaux, a cellist, played with the symphony.

During his career, Barnes appeared as a guest conductor throughout the United States, in Australia, Japan, England and the Philippines, making connections that provided guest musicians for his symphony.

When he began his weekly commute to Livermore 50 years ago, Interstate 680 was not yet completed through Fremont. At least once a week, Barnes left home at 5:15 p.m. and practice began at 7:15 p.m.

"Going home wasn't as bad. But it was progressively getting worse," Barnes said.

He retired from Stanford in 1997, and as he approached 50 years with the Livermore-Amador Symphony, he decided his golden anniversary would be a good note on which to end.

"I designed programs with that in mind, certain works, certain concerts," he said. "At my last concert I wanted to feature a French horn player."

His final performance in May also included his own compositions, "California Golden Suite," which he wrote while a visiting scholar at University of York in 2012 specifically to be premiered on this occasion, and "Dallas Fanfare," his three-minute brass composition.

The concert opened with a surprise visit from the eclectic Stanford marching band, which Barnes headed up for 34 years, always encouraging its antics. He arranged more than 300 short rock pieces for it, including a rendition of "All Right Now," which has become Stanford's de facto fight song, and a mournful rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" that was first performed the week after President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

Barnes said he is busier than ever in his retirement, still composing and making recordings for the blind and dyslexic, which he has been doing for about 15 years. He is now music director emeritus for the Livermore-Amador Symphony, and he and Helene have season tickets. Its next performance, under new music director Lara Webber, is Dec. 6.

"After 50 years we have many good friends," Helene Barnes said. "We will keep in touch." ■



Dr. Arthur Barnes prepares to receive his Tri-Valley Heroes award in October.

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ROBBY BEYERS

Dr. Arthur Barnes conducts his final performance of the Livermore-Amador Symphony on May 17 after 50 years as music director. Members of the Stanford band, which he led for 34 years until 1997, made a surprise appearance.

Hero FYI

- ▲ Art and Helene Barnes met in the band at Cleveland Heights High School.
- ▲ During his early career, Barnes performed as a jazz trombonist and pianist and would play in a piano bar until 2 a.m.
- ▲ Barnes filled in for a tuba player in the 1972 Rose Bowl Parade, winning a \$50 bet with the UCLA band director.
- ▲ Barnes is a close friend with former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry; they have collaborated on several occasions, including a dramatic reading of "Lincoln Portrait" with the Livermore-Amador Symphony.
- ▲ For several years, the Barneses donated a stay at their family cottage on the coast of Maine for the symphony fundraiser.
- ▲ At this fall's pop concert fundraiser, the symphony sold tickets for a chance to be guest conductor: Everyone wrote in Barnes' name, so he ended up conducting the Souza march.
- ▲ Barnes once left a Friday-night concert with his scores on the roof of his car. Two days later, orchestra member Larry George retraced Barnes' route home and found the sheet music — some of which was rented — scattered over the countryside.

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Concerts

BROADWAY CHORUS PRESENTS 'A CORNUCOPIA OF SONG' Broadway Chorus and Broadway Kids Chorus kick present "A Cornucopia of Song," a program of music from John Rutter, Aaron Copeland, and Broadway at 8 p.m. on Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23 at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors, \$10 for under 18. Call 462-2121 or go to www.broadwaychorus.org.

Events

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER A coalition of local churches, businesses and community organizations are sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors, military, singles and anyone needing a place to go on Thanksgiving Day, from noon-4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 27 at St. Raymond Catholic Church in Dublin. Enjoy a wonderful meal with light entertainment and children's activities. Call 846-4381 or go to www.tvc-thanksgiving.com.

Film

'THE HOUSE I LIVE IN' Award-winning filmmaker Eugene Jarecki brilliantly shows how the "war on drugs" is less about drugs and more about feeding poor young people into this prison machine,

robbing us of our humanity to one another. "The House I Live In" will be preceded by a meet and greet potluck at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 at IBEW Hall in Dublin, with a discussion following the film. Call 462-3459.

Fundraisers

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE Vendors wanted for the Holiday Boutique from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5 and 9 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Valley Bible Church, 7106 Johnson Drive. Benefiting Mothers of Preschoolers. Only \$40 for a 6 foot table space. Contact Laura at panfilio@mac.com for more information.

DISCOVERY SHOP CHRISTMAS STORE OPEN Find unique Christmas treasures at the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop Holiday store now through Dec. 24 at 1987 Santa Rita Road It's a perfect venue to start your holiday decorating. Choose from decorated trees of all sizes, wonderful Santas and one of a kind gifts. Proceeds benefit The American Cancer Society. Go to cancer.org/discovery.

FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION CHEER FUNDRAISER Come spend the morning with the Foothill High School Competition Cheer team from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Foothill High School. Your child will earn the latest moves, fun dance and all the cool cheers. K-6 grade. \$50 fee includes camp, lunch and a t-shirt. Parent performance at 1 p.m. Space limited, register early. Contact Danette Ondi at 699-4856 or danette.o@comcast.net. Download registration form at [http://www.foothillfalcons.org/apps/pages\\$ndex.jsp?type=d&uREC_ID=188125&pREC_ID=443516](http://www.foothillfalcons.org/apps/pages$ndex.jsp?type=d&uREC_ID=188125&pREC_ID=443516).

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Kids & Teens

PARENT/CHILD COOKING: PERUVIAN CUISINE Have a delicious, fun time at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Join an interactive demo, Q&A session, and tasting party. Kids 9+ and their parents are invited to learn to make Peruvian causa. Registration required. Call 373-5504.

Seniors

BEGINNING WATERCOLOR This four session course for beginning painters will be held at 10 a.m.



BERENICE KU

The entire cast enjoys "Singin' in the Rain" for the finale with the four leads in front: (l-r) Brittany Danielle as Lina Lamont, Justin Travis Buchs as Don Lockwood, Brandy Collazo as Kathy Selden, and William Hoshida as Cosmo Brown.

Delightful 'Rain' onstage at the Firehouse

Singing and dancing galore in funny Hollywood tale of talkies

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A fabulous cast is "Singin' in the Rain" at the Firehouse Arts Center through this Sunday (Nov. 23), presented by the Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre. The show, directed by David Judson, opened two weekends ago to sold-out audiences familiar with the beloved 1952 movie.

"It's such an iconic show, it was scary to put it onstage," co-artistic director Pat Parr said at a discussion between audience and actors after the first Sunday matinee. "We've been blessed with this cast."

One woman in the audience said she was amazed that PCRT could produce such wonderful productions on the theater's small stage.

"This space offers many challenges — and a huge opportunity for creativity," Parr answered. "This has been our most ambitious show from the standpoint of sets and all the aspects."

Set designer Patrick Brandon was indeed creative: The show begins outside Grauman's Chinese Theatre, and the stage eventually morphs into a filming studio, the inside of a movie theater and more. The produc-

tion cleverly weaves in scenes from an actual silent movie, shot behind the arts center. The musicians, directed by Brett Strader, are perched in a loft.

The talented cast of 24 performers sings and dances through 16 catchy numbers, imaginatively choreographed for the space by Staci Arriaga.

Technical effects not only produce rain onstage for the title song but gently on the spectators as well, in keeping with the idea of audience participation in this intimate theater. Be sure to look up at the umbrellas during the rain sequence if you attend.

The story takes place in 1920s Hollywood at Monumental Pictures when its head, R.F. Simpson (Steve Wilner), realizes that his new silent movie must be changed to a "talkie" to succeed. Unfortunately no amount of diction lessons can help the grating "Noo Yoik" speech of the star, Lina Lamont (Brittany Danielle), so her leading man Don Lockwood (Justin Travis Buchs) and his friend Cosmo Brown (William Hoshida) hatch a plot to dub in the lyrical voice of aspiring actress Kathy Selden (Brandy Collazo).

The plot makes for hilarious situations and dialogue. The '20s costuming by Margaret daSilva is superb, from the checkered suits of vaudeville to the chorus lines to Lina's glamorous movie star ensembles. One ingenious scene shows the movie cast and crew watching a talkie for the first time, struggling to comprehend the change it portends for their industry. It starts the audience thinking, too.

Parr noted the professionalism of the cast, which includes two Equity actors. Their comedic talents were on display as well as their fluid dancing and impressive singing voices.

"We work on a pro's schedule with only three weeks of rehearsal," Parr said. "We have to trust that we hired the right people."

The engaged audience certainly seemed to agree that, yes, once again Pleasanton's resident musical theater company had put together the perfect cast for this classic of the film and stage. The finale had the audience humming as it left the theater, and perhaps surprised to find it still dry outside.

For tickets, go to www.firehousearts.org or call 931-4848. ■

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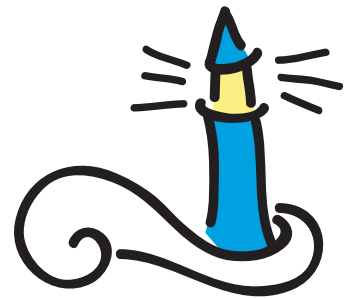
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The following person(s) doing business as: DRIFT CO., 711 MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):

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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

The following person(s) doing business as: REALTY WORLD NORTHERN CA; REALTY WORLD NORTHERN CA & NV, 4309 HACIENDA DRIVE, SUITE 110, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): NextHome, Inc., 4309 Hacienda Drive, Suite 110, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 10/14/2014. Signature of Registrant: Tei Baishiki, Chief Operating Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/28/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28; 2014)

PACIFIC COAST COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 497011-3

The following person(s) doing business as: PACIFIC COAST COMPANY, 6754 #124 BERNAL AVE., PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William J. Mohn, 31 Castledown Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: William J. Mohn. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/09/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28; 2014)

THREE SHEETS CRAFT BEER BAR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 497786

The following person(s) doing business as: THREE SHEETS CRAFT BEER BAR, 7046 VILLAGE PARKWAY, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Pastime Brew LLC, 3255 Lopes Court, Hayward, CA 94541. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Stefanie M Jackel, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/30/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5; 2014)

ORCHIDEE NAIL SPA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 497673

The following person(s) doing business as: ORCHIDEE NAIL SPA, 739 MAIN ST. SUITE J, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nguyen, Tuan, 14987 Crosby St., San Leandro, CA 94579. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Tuan Nguyen. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/27/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5; 2014)

LIFETIME WELLNESS INTEGRATIVE HEALTH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 497977

The following person(s) doing business as: LIFETIME WELLNESS INTEGRATIVE HEALTH, 231 OLD BERNAL AVE. SUITE 1, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Lori Mancuso, 1742 S. Clearcreek Place, Danville, CA 94526. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Lori Mancuso. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/05/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 14, 21, 28, Dec. 5; 2014)

SABIO ON MAIN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 497964

The following person(s) doing business as: SABIO ON MAIN, 511 MAIN ST., PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Alisal Restaurant Group LLC, 685 Rowell Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: James McDonnell, Managing Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/05/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12; 2014)

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 23-30

Pleasanton

- 5519 Baldwin Way** Kilduff Trust to S. Nepali for \$610,000
- 3288 Balmoral Court** C. Pinney to Yee Trust for \$1,025,000
- 250 Birch Creek Drive** Mcquaid Trust to S. Ramaswamy for \$456,500
- 7580 Canyon Meadow Circle #F** S. Davies to E. Vangestel for \$333,000
- 2450 Foothill Road** J. & D. Gulseth to S. Chhabra for \$1,587,500
- 4020 Ghiotti Court** Hollandsworth Trust to J. Song for \$640,000
- 7407 Ginger Court** D. & J. Torres to D. & J. Sakai for \$798,000
- 1582 Harvest Road** W. & J. McHargue to T. Knuppe for \$878,000
- 4753 Holland Drive** F. & P. Galos to S. Johnson for \$750,000
- 1455 Kolln Street** C. & J. Banks to R. Krishnan for \$690,000
- 1138 Mills Court** H. Chien to M. & M. Jurich for \$1,160,000
- 5886 Northway Road** C. Lee to N. Palsena for \$662,000
- 5128 Rappolla Court** T. & A. Law to S. Guntaka for \$660,000
- 503 San Gabriel Court** B. Corcoran to S. Torres for \$890,000
- 2550 Secretariat Drive** Z. Anam to M. Wilson for \$630,000
- 3354 Smoketree Commons Drive** D. & D. Woodard to D. Bannikov for \$424,500
- 440 Amador Court** Wogsland Trust to Wagner Trust for \$862,500

- 3432 Beecham Court** C. Golkar to P. & J. Ghosh for \$685,000
- 4637 Cochise Court** C. Wang to R. & A. Saha for \$523,000
- 2062 Eilene Drive** X. Wu to Au Trust for \$759,000
- 1333 Greenwood Road** V. & R. Morado to M. & D. McGrath for \$500,000
- 2533 Jolene Court** D. & S. Graham to S. Yi for \$1,539,000
- 2255 Segundo Court #1** Petersen Trust to S. Joh for \$330,000
- 4340 Valley Avenue #D10** D. Borjal to K. Cardenas for \$521,000
- 3210 Westbridge Lane** N. Letasse to J. Ho for \$1,750,000

Dublin

- 8483 Beverly Lane** V. Parker to S. Bitla for \$730,000
- 4823 Boxwood Way #114** M. & J. Veirauchs to M. Pillay for \$615,000
- 3335 Central Parkway** Shea Homes to S. Seaton for \$790,500
- 4239 Clarinbridge Circle** M. Sediqui to T. Xia for \$462,000
- 7336 Cronin Circle** A. & S. Gianopoulos to K. Parkinson for \$403,500
- 3385 Dublin Boulevard #310** B. Irvin to J. Irvin for \$274,500
- 5518 Esprit Way** Western Pacific Housing to D. Yang for \$649,000
- 8518 Galindo Drive** 3K Investments to E. & E. Villalpando for \$595,000
- 7820 Gardella Drive** N. Hum to A. & H. Amstrup for \$601,000
- 5989 Hillbrook Place** K. Jensen to S. & S. Bearden for \$825,000

- 6757 Hyde Court** S. Scheld to FYI Group for \$502,000
- 5091 Round Hill Drive** K. Sugandhy to J. & K. Ku for \$1,075,000
- 5130 South Forestdale Circle** M. & S. Gurusiddaiah to V. Jayaraman for \$974,500
- 3119 Vittoria Loop** Taylor Morrison of California to K. & C. Pascual for \$804,000
- 4756 Woodrose Circle** S. & L. Bomfim to G. & R. Somal for \$1,060,000
- 6497 Bantry Bay Street** Shea Homes to C. Chu for \$761,000
- 3903 Branding Iron Court** Responsible Asset Management to K. Mettu for \$730,000
- 3684 Branding Iron Place** Rancho Silvera Ventures to T. Roman for \$541,000
- 2421 Cantalise Drive** K. & S. Gupta to Y. & K. Kapila for \$1,052,500
- 4143 Clarinbridge Circle** S. Hahn to R. Chow for \$475,000
- 11719 Corto Court** Doyle Trust to J. & J. Ramer for \$750,000
- 7380 Cronin Circle #42** G. Lendway to R. Adams for \$410,000
- 8081 Crossridge Road** Nahm Trust to J. & H. Ross for \$762,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #510** C. Zhong to Dacqisto Trust for \$463,000
- 7870 Galway Court** M. & J. Szeto to P. Aulakh for \$1,620,000
- 6344 Gatwick Court** B. Garcha to J. Scalisi for \$545,000
- 2037 Haggerty Drive** S. Li to D. Brereton for \$888,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #201** J. Mock to J. & S. Ho for \$499,000
- 6167 Moore Place** D. Le to B. Singh for \$610,000

- 8473 Newry Place** W. & G. Barnett to M. & C. Barnett for \$525,000
- 4924 Redwood Avenue** N. & S. Rosenberg to A. & A. Katkol for \$912,000
- 4657 Rimini Court #53** D. Lewis to V. & R. Patel for \$727,000
- 6982 Stagecoach Road #C** K. Havey to M. Dunham for \$327,000
- 3045 Vittoria Loop** Taylor Morrison of California to J. Sim for \$794,500
- 3139 Vittoria Loop** Taylor Morrison of California to A. & N. Makim for \$905,000
- 4618 Woodrose Circle** Swain Trust to M. Chan for \$1,125,000
- 6864 York Drive** Massie Trust to T. Bianchi for \$615,000

Livermore

- 6283 Altamar Circle** R. Tsang to H. Anderson for \$604,000
- 3124 Bridle Court** J. Taylor to S. Hollandsworth for \$552,000
- 2008 Broadmoor Street** A. & A. Tapia to A. & L. Conley for \$530,000
- 3904 California Way** B. Kimble to D. Christoffersen for \$529,000
- 623 Debra Street** J. Pack to D. & S. Mulholland for \$565,000
- 1233 Elm Street** P. & M. Gaynor to A. Johal for \$490,000
- 4136 Guilford Avenue** K. & D. Gomes to R. & K. Kmetz for \$850,000
- 1598 Helsinki Way** J. & C. Blanchard to T. Butler for \$637,500
- 2046 Lawson Circle** N. & J. Hallquist to J. Shiu for \$930,000

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636 Orange Way C. Springer to M. & K. Springer for \$450,000
1657 Portola Avenue Smith Trust to R. Chaffee for \$530,000
4996 Rhonda Lane G. & C. Stanger to J. & K. Becerra for \$770,500
1072 Roxanne Street L. Posse to A. & A. Tapia for \$680,000
1159 Roxanne Street J. & C. Kerr to M. & C. Barlow for \$589,000
630 Selby Lane #2 R. & L. Smith to E. Newberg for \$625,000
548 Sonoma Avenue T. Padilla to P. & J. Cooper for \$640,000
754 Via Del Sol Lewczyk Trust to M. Damle for \$675,000
988 Wynn Circle R. & D. Ault to J. & K.

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2827 1st Street #803 Rosana Trust to S. & E. Kennedy for \$470,000
285 Abalone Place Salem Trust to Anderson Trust for \$1,050,000
975 Algonquin Avenue P. Perez to D. McGrellis for \$450,000
1838 Altamont Circle G. & K. Acton to K. Kimani for \$775,000
636 Amberwood Way D. Coleman to A. Charne for \$817,000
5475 Arlene Way Louise Trust to J. Vansycoc for \$534,000
285 Bellington Common #1 O. Zargham to J. Sylvester for \$407,000
4152 Bristlecone Way Shutts Trust to R. Cross for \$535,000
724 Caliente Avenue J. Yi to S. Pellegrino for \$673,500
1719 Corte Glorietta S. Gosain to B. Hosford for \$579,500
91 Diamond Drive R. & S. Aguilar to P. Twiss for

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961 Dolores Street C. & R. Evrett to K. & K. Becker for \$445,000
4308 Emory Way Odell Trust to B. & T. Pridgeon for \$722,000
785 Hattan Drive T. Passalalpi to A. Pereira for \$540,000
71 Heligan Lane #1 Shea Homes to P. & N. Malik for \$523,000
5266 Iris Way D. & L. McKinley to R. & Y. Awage for \$503,000
5668 Jacqueline Way J. & K. Becerra to R. & C. Panas for \$640,000
1264 Jessica Drive G. & G. Bruner to G. Martinez for \$795,000
480 Kent Court P. Wright to C. Waite for \$496,000
4860 Kimberley Common T. Lei to B. & C. Lake for \$572,500
1029 Lambeth Road Muellerieile Trust to J. & T. Boricchio for \$758,000
581 Mayten Drive J. Boricchio to R. Martin for \$600,000
1087 Murrieta Boulevard #241 B. Cheng to R. Garza for \$220,000
843 North O Street M. Orth to R & D Limited for \$500,000

1965 Paseo Laguna Seco V. Laufer to J. Harris for \$330,000
822 South M Street K. Michlitsch to A. & A. Pedersen for \$642,500
89 Summertree Court Liszt Trust to K. Tomlinson for \$800,000
2602 Wellingham Drive A. Lussier to S. & L. Azizian for \$650,000

San Ramon

9697 Ashby Way P. & M. Stangeland to C. Eckinger for \$674,500
110 Compton Circle #C S. Laracuente to M. English for \$325,000
3248 Estero Drive Callahan Trust to I. Dubrov for \$700,000
3483 Ironwood Drive Shapell Industries to K. Fang for \$1,286,000
2237 Keats Lane Ambassador Property Consultant to B. Gowda for \$955,000
4704 Norris Canyon Road #103 KB Home to K. Brinda for \$522,500
809 Willow Pond Court Fortney Trust to Dominguez Trust for \$700,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS
7755 Fair Oaks Drive \$759,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario and Liz Venema
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4 BEDROOMS
179 Monaco Court \$1,249,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 George McKean 998-1798

6010 Alisal St. \$3,300,000
 Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

5 BEDROOMS
4155 Casterson Court \$1,980,000
 Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

6 BEDROOMS
3558 Crespi Court \$2,300,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

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5 BEDROOMS
5353 Sheridan Road Call for price
 Sun 1-4 Sherri Stoneberger (510) 504-7177

For an online version with mapping or to list your open home go to:
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 23-30

Pleasanton (Oct. 16-28)

Total sales reported: 26
Lowest sale reported: \$330,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,750,000
Average sales reported: \$796,050

Dublin (Oct. 16-28)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$274,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,620,000
Average sales reported: \$709,844

Livermore (Oct. 16-28)

Total sales reported: 38
Lowest sale reported: \$220,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,050,000
Average sales reported: \$615,479

San Ramon (Oct. 21-30)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$325,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,215,000
Average sales reported: \$808,796

Source: California REsource



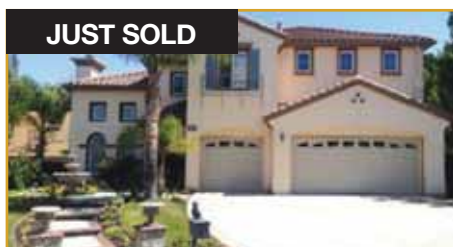
West Side
 Elegant Estate on 6+ Acres
 \$4,500,000



7756 Country Lane
 4 BR One Story on 1.1 Acres
 \$1,750,000



6304 Singletree Way
 4 Bedroom with 2 Master Suites
 \$779,000



Bridle Creek
 4 BR + Bonus on 1/2 Acre Lot
 \$1,588,000



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Pleasanton Market Slows a Bit in October

The Pleasanton real estate market continued to slow in October, with the median sales price of single family detached homes declining for three of the past four months. Pending sales of homes priced from \$1 million to \$2 million increased, while other market segments saw no increase. Inventory was down slightly, driven by a drop in homes priced under \$1 million.



October's median sales price was \$877,777, which was \$7,223 or 0.8% lower than September's \$885,000. The median sales price was 1.3% or \$11,277 higher than a year ago (\$866,500).

Closed sales fell 24% from September. 45 sales closed in October versus 62 in September. October also had 13 sales less than a year earlier, when there were 58. With an uptick in pending sales in October, November's closed sales may be higher.

55 sales went pending in October, six more (12%) than September's 49 but four less (7%) than a year ago (59). October continued the up and down trend we have seen the past several months. Inventory fell by three, from 73 at the end of September to 70 at the end of October. October matched the inventory of a year earlier.

There was a 1.1 month supply of inventory at the end of October, down from 1.6 months at the end of September. One year ago, 1.5 months of inventory was available. October's pending sales were listed for an average of 25 days, down from 29 in September. A year earlier, homes were on the market for an average of 32 days.

Analysis By Price Range

Homes priced under \$1 million saw inventory drop 30% or nine units, from 30 at the end of September. **Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.**

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BUYER NEEDS

- ✓ Large Family home with Pool, buyer prefers Vintage Hills or Pleasanton Hills, up to 1.4 million
- ✓ Single story with a pool, 2000 sq.ft. Or more, with privacy in back yard, up to \$925,000

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JUST LISTED



6231 Camino Del Lago, Pleasanton

"This fabulous home located in Pleasanton's "Country Fair Park" is within steps of the tennis park, shops, and great dining. With 2420 sq. ft. of generous living space the home is great for any family. The four bedroom, three full bath home has been lovingly upgraded with style. There is a great bonus room upstairs, and full bedroom and bath down stairs. The spacious backyard is great for lounging and entertaining, complete with an elegant covered patio for summer dining."

By Appointment Only

\$1,045,000

PENDING



1125 Autumn Court, Pleasanton

Fabulous downtown location in one of Pleasanton's favorite neighborhoods. Enjoy this great family home on a nice quiet cul-de-sac. This 4-bedroom/2-bath home has 2150 sq. ft. of living space, with a very functional floor plan. Beautiful hardwood floors installed throughout the entire home. The backyard features a "resort like" pool with spa. Enjoy entertaining with the built-in barbeque, a fire pit with seating, and a nice sized patio. Walk to downtown Pleasanton, Stores and Amador High School in minutes.

MULTIPLE OFFERS

\$1,099,000

PENDING



673 Palomino Dr, #D, Pleasanton

Great Townhome in Oak Tree Villas in one of the most private locations. This home has 2 beds & 2 baths, with 1198 Sq. Ft of Living space. One Bed and Bath On each floor ~ Call Julia for more details.

MULTIPLE OFFERS

JUST SOLD



303 Neal Street, Pleasanton

Stunning home in prime Downtown Pleasanton. This home features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths and 3165 SQFT of living space. Situated on .55 of an acre, this property is quite special to the Downtown Historical Pleasanton.

Represented the Buyers

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Offered at \$2,425,000



OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4

3558 Crespi Court, Kottinger Ranch
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Offered at \$1,075,000
Sold for \$1,075,000 before going on MLS



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JUST LISTED



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179 Monaco Court, Pleasanton

Located in Beautiful Pleasanton Hills with a Court location and 2,985 Sq. Ft. with views of the valley! 4 bedrooms & 3 full baths, includes a bedroom & full bath downstairs. Home has 3 fireplaces with one in the master bedroom. Kitchen & bathrooms have been Completely Remodeled, gas cooktop, granite counters and the latest appliances. The lot is 15,000 + Sq. Ft. lot with views of the valley, pool & Spa and outdoor cooking area. Walk to downtown and local schools...

Listed at: \$1,249,000



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Offered at \$2,149,000

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6010 Alisal St. | 4bd 3(1)ba
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8053 Horizons Court | 5bd 4ba
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PLEASANTON \$1,980,000

4155 Casterson CT. | 5bd 3(1)ba
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LIVERMORE \$1,650,000

3274 Derby CT | 4bd 4(1)ba
Leslie Faught | 925.251.1111
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PLEASANTON \$1,045,000

6231 Camino Del Lago | 4bd 3ba
Julia Murtagh | 925.251.1111
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LIVERMORE \$679,000

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Leslie Faught | 925.251.1111
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