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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

New sports fields OK'd, but they'll cost us

Pleasanton's major youth sports teams showed their community spirit Tuesday by signing on to what could be a \$2 million commitment to help pay for new lighted sports fields at Bernal Community Park that will include all-year synthetic turf.

The City Council accepted the agreement worked out over the last two years by Mayor Jerry Thorne, voting 5-0 to accept a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with a consortium of Pleasanton's sports groups that will launch a fundraising campaign to support the development of Phase II of the park.

In order to pay a share of the \$16.5 million cost to develop the park, the local sports organizations will conduct a fundraising campaign to raise up to \$2 million towards the development of the sports field portion of Phase II. Participating groups include Ballistic United Soccer Club, Pleasanton RAGE Girls Soccer Club, Pleasanton American Little League, Pleasanton Foothill Little League, Pleasanton National Little League, Pleasanton Girls Softball League, Pleasanton Lacrosse Club and Pleasanton Pride Girls Lacrosse Club.

The MOU really reflects a significant spirit of collaboration that is assisting the city in meeting project funding for this phase of Bernal Park development. A unique aspect is that in the event that within 90 days after the opening of Phase II of Bernal Park the fundraising campaign has not raised the target amount, then each participating sports group will provide its share of the outstanding fundraising balance over a period of 10 years after the date of the park's opening.

Under the guidelines of the Bernal Community Park Master Plan, the park is being developed in phases. Phase I — which included lighted baseball fields, play areas, parking and other amenities — is complete and paid for. Phase II has been in the design stage, and a construction contract is expected to be awarded in February. This second phase of the park will include three all-weather lighted multipurpose synthetic sports fields suitable for soccer, football, rugby and lacrosse. An adjoining 40-acre oak woodland with trails, open space, and passive recreation areas are also part of Phase II but not part of the financing agreement with the sports leagues.

The new sports park also will

include field seating, parking, restrooms, a children's playground, picnic area and a storage building.

Two more phases of the Bernal Park development are part of the overall Master Plan, but probably won't be tackled by the city for several more years. These could include another lighted baseball field with bleacher seating, a small amphitheater, trails, parking and possibly a community cultural arts center. A fourth phase could include additional lighted fields for lacrosse and youth football. There's been talk recently about building a new Pleasanton civic center on Bernal along with a new police headquarters, but neither is currently on the City Council's priority list.

Recognizing that the city's financial commitment toward the development of Phase II of Bernal Park was somewhat short of the estimated \$16.5 million cost of the project, Thorne turned to the sports leagues that will benefit to see if they might help.

He reminded them of the \$2 million in public funding that aided the city in financing the Firehouse Arts Center, and suggested they do the same. They agreed.

Although no one in the city government will be involved in the fundraising, the city will serve as the repository and accountant for contributions. As it did with Firehouse fundraising efforts, the city also will pay for literature as well as mailed and online promotions.

Sports leagues were also given the opportunity to seek sponsors for various aspects of the project such as \$450,000 to name one of the new fields. A contribution of \$100,000 could buy aluminum bleachers with a sponsor's name posted, \$50,000 for naming a scoreboard, \$60,000 for team benches or \$500,000 annually for having a sponsor's name on all of the Bernal Phase II, except for the adjacent woodland — similar to sponsorship names for AT&T Park and Levi's Stadium. For \$20,000, you could have one of the new drinking fountains bear your name.

These costs are higher than what we've seen in the past where local businesses pay for soccer shorts with their name on the back or host end-of-season pizza parties. But then the Bernal Phase II project with artificial turf, stadium-type seating and field lights similar to the big leagues is not your father's neighborhood sandlot, either. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday parade and tree lighting ceremony starts at 5 p.m. Saturday on Main Street, weather permitting. The centerpiece of this free event is a festive community-based parade with 69 entries, including marching bands, other musical groups, Scouts and, of course, Santa at the end. Photo by Dino Vournas/City of Pleasanton. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND DOWNTOWN

Did you shop on Black Friday?



Ben Weller
High school student

I did go shopping, because there were a lot of great bargains and deals to be had and it was a good opportunity to spend time with my friends.



Mary Krebs
Retired

No. I decided to sleep in, instead. I object to Black Friday because it makes Americans seem too focused on things, instead of their relationships with one another.



Jay McRiccio
Lawyer

Well, I didn't actually shop, but my wife and I did bring our year-old twin daughters to the mall to have their photo taken with Santa. It was the perfect opportunity because next year at this time they might be too terrified to sit on Santa's lap. Screaming babies would make for a terrible photo.



Lisa Sum
Homemaker

I did not! There is nothing that I need that badly or needed to get for anyone else that badly. I chose instead to spend Friday with my family, and shopped a bit over the weekend.



Harold Goldberger
Sales

Nope. I wouldn't dream of going shopping while my daughters are home from college. We spent most of Black Friday hiking at Yosemite. It was glorious. So much better than anything money could buy.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Santa photos

Are your children visiting Santa Claus this year? If you have a Santa photo you'd like to share with the Weekly, send it to dciardelli@pleasantonweekly.com. The deadline to submit photos is noon this Thursday (Dec. 11).

Please write "Santa photo" in the subject line and provide photos that are at least 500KB. Also send the names of the children in the photo (from left to right), the names of the parents, where you ran into Santa, where you live, where the children attend school, and anything else you think might be interesting in the caption.

We are also interested in photos of pets with Santa and pictures from years past. We plan to use the photos in our Dec. 19 issue.

Citizens' Police Academy

Registration has begun for the upcoming Pleasanton Police Department Citizens' Police Academy, which runs from Jan. 22 to April 30.

The goals of the program include creating closer partnerships with the public, explaining law enforcement procedures and discussing the importance of public involvement in the policing process.

All academy classes — taught primarily by department personnel and covering a wide variety of topics — will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Pleasanton police station, 4833 Bernal Ave.

Applicants must be 18 years or older to apply, and they will be carefully screened before admitted. Applications are available at the front counter of the police station or online at www.pleasantonpd.org.

For more information, contact crime prevention officer Archie Chu at 931-5222 or CrimePrevention@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Library fundraiser

The Friends of the Dublin Library, a nonprofit that works to enhance the Dublin Public Library, is hosting a fundraising Holiday Book Sale this Saturday from 12-3 p.m. at the library, 200 Civic Plaza in Dublin.

The selection will include hardcover books in good condition, children's books, holiday books, gourmet cookbooks, gift books and other items. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit's support of library programs.

For more information, call 828-1315 or visit www.dublinfriends.org. ■

Cook-Kallio says goodbye as council starts new term

'Let's get to work,' Thorne says after swearing-in ceremonies

By JEB BING

Newly elected and re-elected members of the Pleasanton City Council were sworn in Tuesday with Mayor Jerry Thorne wasting no time to say, "Let's get to work," after brief opening remarks.

And, it was a full agenda as the council discussed and then approved a \$16.5 million second phase of the 318-acre Bernal Community Park, a new Chick-fil-A restaurant in northwest Pleasanton and the final audited figures for the 2013-14 fiscal year budget.

But it was the remarks of those who had taken the oath of office

and, particularly, the farewell comments of Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio that filled the council chamber.

Superior Court Judge Steve Pulido led the meeting by giving the oath of office to Mayor Jerry Thorne, who was re-elected to a second two-year term on Nov. 4. He was followed by City Clerk Karen Diaz, administering the oath to Councilwoman Kathy Narum, who was re-elected to serve a full four-year term, and then to newly elected Councilman Arne Olson, a former city planning commissioner.

Cook-Kallio, given the opportunity to speak before the new council was seated, delivered an emotional — at times teary-eyed — talk in a packed council chamber uncharacteristically quiet, with many of her constituents sharing her feelings.

"At the top of my list, I want to thank my family," Cook-Kallio said. "They are my best cheerleaders and my biggest critics. The families of each elected official are heavily impacted. The hours are long and often some emergency in the city trumps whatever else is going on.

"They listen to people's praise

but also the harsh criticism. I understand that it is the government that is the focus, but it is hard for a loved one to hear. I often have mentioned that my husband has been very supportive of me as a council member. Without that support this would have been an impossible job.

"To the people of Pleasanton, I cherish what we have here. I wish all communities could experience the kind of engagement that we see regularly. This is hard work, and it should be because it is

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JEB BING

Newly elected Councilman Arne Olson gets a congratulatory hug from musician Don Lewis at the City Council reception Tuesday night in the Veterans Memorial Building, where more than 100 well-wishers turned out for a festive gathering to recognize the newly re-elected and elected council members and to thank outgoing Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio for her eight years of service.

Police help families, seniors with annual Giving Tree

Gifts are being accepted now until Dec. 14

The Giving Tree, organized by the Pleasanton Police Officers Charitable Foundation (PPOCF), has come back to Pleasanton for the holiday season.

PPOCF, a part of the Pleasanton Police Officers Association (PPOA), provides support through time and money to various charities, groups and organizations in Pleasanton, the Tri-Valley and Alameda County — as well as raises money through generous donations from residents and business owners and through various fundraisers.

The annual drive will help 13 families in the Pleasanton school district and 11 seniors in the Tri-Valley by providing them gifts

bought by volunteer donors.

Families and seniors in need of support during the holiday season are identified through the Pleasanton school district and the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, said Officer Ken McNeil, president of PPOA and PPOCF.

Police officers, dispatchers and other volunteers will hand deliver the wrapped gifts in police cars while school is in session, allowing the parents to have the gifts be from Santa Claus. Last year, some gifts were even delivered in the new armored rescue vehicle.

The Giving Tree is "one of the many ways police officers from the Pleasanton Police Department try

to give back to some of the less-fortunate we serve and protect," said McNeil. "Our police officers know that even though we work in a very affluent community, there are still families and senior citizens here who can use some help during the holidays."

Officer Betsy Jones added, "It can be difficult to be a student in this town who struggles to afford school supplies or basic clothing while their fellow students receive new cars and iPhones at Christmas."

The Giving Tree program allows children to receive four gifts: clothes or shoes and two toys. Se-

He added, "I'm looking forward to getting to work on applying my experiences and knowledge to making this district even better than it already is. I encourage the community to contact me with their interests and concerns."

Joan Laursen, re-elected to her second term this November, will receive the oath of office from Arnoldo Avalos from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

"I am delighted to have won reelection to the Pleasanton school board and I am grateful for the overwhelming support I received from the voters," she said. "I am looking forward to working together with my fellow trustees and the staff on all the exciting developments in education — including systems design thinking, project-based learning, and moving towards becoming a Future Ready School District."

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New assemblywoman takes oath of office

Republican Baker vows to bring independent perspective, turns down pair of state perks

By JEREMY WALSH

The Tri-Valley officially has its new assemblywoman, with Catharine Baker (R-Pleasanton) taking the oath of office Monday in Sacramento.

Baker, who earned her first term this fall by winning a tight race against Democrat and former Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti for the 16th State Assembly District, vowed Monday to bring an independent perspective and opened her run by turning down a pair of state benefits.

"My very first action as an assembly member will be to decline both the state-issued vehicle and per diem," Baker said in a statement. "Rather than introduce a bill on the first day of session, I want to give something back to the taxpayers and constituents that elected me to office."

A new face in state politics, Baker succeeds previous 16th Assembly District representative Joan



Catharine Baker

Buchanan (D-Alamo), who was termed out of office. Baker received 51.6% of the vote in the Nov. 4 general election, according to the latest totals posted on the California Secretary of State website this week.

A Dublin resident and attorney by trade, Baker is a married mother of school-age twins and served as an active parent leader in her local school community, with experience on the Dougherty Elementary School Site Council and several school improvement committees.

"It's an honor to represent our East Bay communities in the Legislature and provide a strong voice for the issues that matter most to the people, such as education, job creation," Baker said Monday.

"They deserve an assembly member that will work across party lines — and beyond egos and special interest agendas — that will make California a success once again," she added. "Over the next two years, I will do everything I can to seek common ground with Democrats and Republicans on solutions that will help improve the quality of life for all Californians. Our independent-minded district

expects no less."

Citing education among her top priorities, Baker said she's asked to be assigned to the Assembly Education Committee.

"The issue of education is one that impacts all of our children," she said. "We need to contain skyrocketing tuition costs and drive funding to the classrooms and spend our resources more wisely for the benefit of our kids, not to an expanding bureaucracy."

Baker's educational background includes earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Chicago, successfully battling cancer her senior year to graduate with honors. She completed her Juris Doctor degree from the UC Berkeley School of Law.

Her community service experience includes serving on a local preschool board, working with Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts as an archery instructor, and volunteering on the board of the Diablo Regional Arts Association in Walnut Creek.

Baker's Assembly district includes Pleasanton, Alamo, Danville, Dublin, Lafayette, Livermore, Moraga, Orinda, San Ramon and Walnut Creek. ■

High school seniors organize second 'citrus harvest'

Fruit to be donated to Open Heart Kitchen

By AMANDA AGUILAR

During a casual walk to Raley's on Sunol Boulevard in February 2013, Foothill High student Justin Silliman and California High senior Chris Gilliam noticed a lot of lemons on the ground from a lemon tree a corner on nearby Junipero Street.

"We just thought of this idea of asking people if we could pick their fruit before it spoiled and give it to Open Heart Kitchen," Silliman said during an interview this week.

And that's exactly what the two best friends did.

Last winter, they collected around 300 pounds of fruit from five fruit trees around Pleasanton, and donated the fruit to OHK.

OHK, a nonprofit that provides free meals to those less-fortunate around the Tri-Valley, used the donated fruit in its senior meals and school lunches.

"If we could double this year what we did last year, it would be great," said Silliman's mother Pam, who sponsors the harvest. "If we could triple it, that would be even better."

Justin Silliman added: "The more the merrier!"

In an effort to get the word out about their second harvest, Silliman and Gilliam — now high school seniors — will be going around Pleasanton neighborhoods and passing out flyers to homes where they see citrus trees.

According to Silliman, by just driving or biking around Pleasan-

ton, he has seen around 25-35 citrus trees. They will begin to collect fruit starting around the second week of January, since that is when the fruit seems to be ripe, said Pam Silliman.

The two teens will do all the work — which includes harvesting and cleaning up afterwards — for those interested in donating citrus or any type of fruit.

In addition, the donor will receive a tax deduction from OHK — which will continue to use the fruit in the senior meal and student lunches programs.

"We are very grateful for this project. It really helps with our program cost," said OHK executive director Linda McKeever, adding that the organization receives no federal funds for the student lunches program.

The teens will also be receiving community service hours, approved by school officials, which are required for high school seniors.

Although they are scheduled to graduate in June and possibly moving away for college, Silliman and Gilliam will continue organizing harvests in hopes of expanding the project into Pleasanton's very own nonprofit chapter of a "Backyard Harvest," which began in Idaho and has given the duo ideas about how to proceed with this year's harvest.

"There's just so much potential," said Silliman, whose brother Ryan also volunteers to harvest people's



PAM SILLIMAN

Chris Gilliam (shown) and Justin Silliman will harvest the fruit for anyone interested in donating to benefit Open Heart Kitchen.

yards in Santa Barbara.

Silliman and Gilliam said they have already talked to a lot of their friends about possibly helping with the project. "It's pretty surprising how many young guys I know who are really interested in actually doing it," said Gilliam.

For those interested in donating citrus or other types of fruit, contact Pam Silliman at 998-1522 or pamsilliman@yahoo.com. ■

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Attorney pleads guilty in fatal 2012 Dublin crash

San Ramon man admits to hit-and-run, vehicular manslaughter for bicyclist's death

By AMANDA AGUILAR

A San Ramon attorney pleaded guilty last week to charges of hit-and-run and vehicular manslaughter in connection with the 2012 death of a bicyclist in Dublin, according to a district attorney's office spokeswoman.

Spencer Freeman Smith is scheduled to return to court Feb. 20 in Hayward where a judge will determine his sentence, according to Teresa Drenick of the Alameda



Spencer Freeman Smith

County District Attorney's Office.

Smith changed his plea in court on Nov. 25, nearly a year and a half after originally pleading not guilty to the charges of hit-and-run and vehicular manslaughter for the May, 17 2012 death of Bo Hu.

Hu, a 57-year-old Chinese national living in San Ramon at the time, was either walking his bike or riding northbound on Dougherty Road near Fall Creek Road when he was struck by Smith's car, according to authorities. Hu was pronounced dead at the scene.

Smith was charged after police in Dublin traced parts from his black 2012 Mercedes-Benz CLS550 found at the scene through the dealership. ■

GIVING TREE

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niors receive two gifts and gift card — from PPOCF — to their grocery store of choice.

In addition, the Amador Valley Quilters provide PPOCF with handmade quilts, and Turning Wheels for Kids supplies numerous bicycles upon request.

This year, the foundation will also be supplying a few gifts for several of the parents.

"If the parent is a student at Horizon, in the school-aged parents program, they are treated as a 'child' and their own young children are included," Jones said.

If interested in donating a gift to the Giving Tree program, visit

the Pleasanton police station at 4833 Bernal Ave. to pick up a gift tag that indicates the recipient's gender, age, and a specific need a family or senior has requested.

Donors are asked to wrap the gift, tape the gift tag to the present and drop the gift off at the police station no later than Dec. 14. The gift tags will be replaced with a tag stating the recipient's name, and parents will decide who they want the gift "From."

Last year's Giving Tree helped 15 families (more than 30 children) in Pleasanton and around half a dozen seniors. The foundation has been organizing the Giving Tree since 1998. ■

—Amanda Aguilar

SCHOOL BOARD

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Laursen led the school board race with 9,705 votes, or 28.91%, in the Nov. 4 election. Miller finished second with 8,485 votes, or 25.27%.

Prior to the installation ceremony, outgoing board member Jeff Bowser will be honored during Tuesday's recognition portion of the open-session meeting — scheduled

for 7 p.m.

Bowser, who was elected to the board in 2010, served as school board president from 2012-13. He came in fourth during this November's election, with 7,605 votes, or 22.65%.

After the recognition ceremony, Laursen and Miller will be sworn into office around 7:45 p.m. in the district's boardroom, 4665 Bernal Ave. ■

TAKE US ALONG



National treasures: Ken Cook brought the Pleasanton Weekly along to Grand Teton National Park. He spent 11 days exploring Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Park in northwest Wyoming while on a break from his business, Tri-Valley PC Medic.

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.



DINO VOURNAS/CITY OF PLEASANTON

Superior Court Judge Steve Pulido (right) administers the oath of office to Mayor Jerry Thorne, who was re-elected to a second two-year term on Nov. 4. The council chamber was filled to capacity Tuesday night as two others were also sworn in before the new City Council term got underway.

COUNCIL

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important work. Democracy was never meant to be easy. It is better because of your constant and diligent participation. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

"I have had the great pleasure of being able to apply what I have taught thousands of students. It made for a bunch of great lessons and I am sure some of you thought I may be teaching from the dais. It also made me aware of how my actions affect others. I know that I serve as a role model for the next generation of leaders.

"Finally, I spent some time reflecting on what my personal goals were these last eight years. I wanted to be effective. I wanted to be able to look myself in the mirror and know that I did what was right not what was popular or expedient. I am keenly aware that I stand on the shoulders of those who came before me. I hope what I have done made a good foundation for those who follow.

"I sought out opposing viewpoints. I worked on trying to make sure I heard from people who did not necessarily seek me out. I tried to be transparent. Whether we agreed or not I tried to make sure people knew why I took a particular position. I wanted you to know that what I said could be taken to the bank. I worked hard to represent all of Pleasanton. Sometimes none of the options were good but I tried to make decisions that were best for the city. I am very proud of what we have accomplished as a city. Thank you."

Cook-Kallio said that the night

before she was elected in 2006, she called a neighbor who told her that as a conservative, there were issues of concern.

"She then outlined the concerns, and I remember that we were as far apart as we could be on all of them," Cook-Kallio said. "So after about 20 minutes I told her, 'I know we disagree but I still think that it is very important that you vote. I understand that you will not be voting for me tomorrow but I still encourage you to get to your polling place.'"

The neighbor responded, "Oh, we will all be voting for you tomorrow. You see this is the first time someone has ever listened to me," according to Cook-Kallio.

"That was a wonderful lesson the night before being elected," she added.

Thorne praised Cook-Kallio's work, saying that she played a significant role in the council's accomplishments during her two terms in office.

"As I think back over the last eight years and the last four councils, it is quite obvious that a lot has been accomplished, and I'm reminded of Cheryl's many contributions to those. She was instrumental in getting Stoneridge Drive completed."

"I think the most relevant reflection that one can make at a time like this is to ask the question: Is our community better off today than it was eight years ago?" Thorne asked. "I think that in Cheryl's case, the answer to that question is a clear and obvious 'Yes.'"

In his remarks as a newly elected member of the City Council, Olson complimented the other candidates in the recent municipal election for running "clean

campaigns."

"None of our sparring became personal," Olson said. "This speaks well for our community."

He also thanked the 8,212 constituents who voted for him.

"Your trust has placed me here and I will work diligently to maintain not only your trust, but I hope to gain the trust of our wider community, over the next four years," Olson said.

"Many of you have strong feelings regarding what the priorities should be and how they should be ranked," he added. "But keep in mind, our city does not have an unlimited source of funding so we need to set the priorities within this constraint. I hope we can do this in a civil manner with respectful dialogue based on your input and that of our city staff, which I believe does a good job."

Narum told those at the Tuesday night meeting that she is "humbled and grateful that voters gave me another chance to continue the work we started when I was initially elected."

"Pleasanton was voted one of the best places to live, which doesn't happen by accident," Narum said. "We've rebounded from the recession, and we're looking at a growing and more robust economy. Against that backdrop, I'm very excited about what we hope to accomplish in this next term."

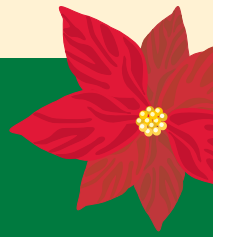
"Public service and good governance are important to me and I believe you will see those values reflected in the work of this Council," she added. "As always, my door is open and I look forward to hearing from you so we can continue to work together to make Pleasanton even better." ■

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- Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 18

Bicycle theft

- 10:23 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Battery

- 1:32 p.m. in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court

Nov. 19

Theft

- 9:17 a.m. in the 4400 block of Rosewood Drive
- 12:36 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:29 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:11 p.m. in the 6100 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from structure
- 6:56 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:19 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 11:54 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

Nov. 20

Robbery

- 1:32 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 2:20 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Domestic battery

- 6:16 p.m. in the 700 block of Donata Court

Nov. 21

Theft

- 8:13 a.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto
 - 8:55 a.m. in the 400 block of Sycamore Road; theft from structure
 - 4:39 p.m. in the 3600 block of Andrews Drive; bicycle theft
- ### Residential burglary
- 5:57 p.m. in the 8100 block of Regency Drive
- ### Vehicle tampering
- 9:19 p.m. in the 3800 block of Pimlico Drive

POLICE BULLETIN

Panhandler arrested after encounters with Walmart worker

A Willits man was arrested Nov. 19 after allegedly making criminal threats to a Walmart employee.

The situation started the day before when Pleasanton police officers received a call about four panhandlers causing a disturbance in front of the Walmart on Rosewood Drive, according to police.

The store's asset protection manager reportedly contacted the group and panhandler Robby Hunter, 26, started yelling at the man, police said.

Police allege Hunter made racial slurs and threatened to cause great bodily injury to the Walmart employee.

Officers made contact with Hunter and the other panhandlers and advised them not to come back, issuing them a trespass advisement, according to police reports.

On Nov. 19, the Walmart employee saw the same group panhandling on Owens Drive and went outside to contact the panhandlers, according to police.

Authorities allege that when

the employee approached, Hunter started making threats and yelling racial slurs to the manager.

The man became concerned about his safety and called the police, and Hunter allegedly got in the man's face and continued to yell threats at him while on the phone with police.

Hunter was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats and committing a hate crime.

In other police reports:

- A Castro Valley woman was cited for violating a court order and possessing a prescription drug without a prescription after an officer allegedly found a pill in her vehicle parked in the Stoneridge Shopping Center on Nov. 29.

An officer was doing a patrol check in the mall parking lot and saw 22-year-old Chelsea Joyce Castleberry in her car, according to police. After contacting Castleberry, the officer discovered she was on probation for petty theft and had a "stay-away" order from Stoneridge, police said.

While conducting a probation search of the vehicle, the officer found one Tramadol pill, which Castleberry did not have a prescription for, according to police reports.

Castleberry was issued a citation and released, police said.

- A 23-year-old Fresno man was arrested on suspicion of gun-related charges in Pleasanton on Nov. 28, police said.

An officer reportedly found a vehicle stopped on the side of the road near Stoneridge Drive and El Charro Road with no hazard lights on. The officer pulled to the side of the road to see if the driver — later identified as Willie Flowers — needed any assistance, police reports said.

When the officer contacted Flowers, he discovered Flowers had a warrant for carrying a loaded firearm, according to police, who reported that the officer searched the vehicle and found a loaded pistol under the floorboard.

Flowers was arrested on a warrant and suspicion of carrying a loaded firearm.

- A man reported his gold Saturn stolen from the 99 Ranch Market parking lot on Rosewood Drive on Nov. 27.

The officer arrived at the scene and contacted the male victim, and the man's co-worker translated most of the conversation because the man spoke limited English, according to police.

The man, a 99 Ranch employee, told police he parked his car in the parking lot near the Santa Rita side entrance/exit around 2:30 p.m. He said he went out to the parking lot during his break at 4:30 p.m. and could not find his car, according to police.

He told police that he did not give anyone permission to drive his car and believed all his keys were accounted for. Co-workers said they did not see anyone trying to steal or break into his vehicle, according to police reports.

The officer was not able to locate any evidence in the parking lot related to the reported vehicle theft, according to police.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

Donald Jack Palmer

February 7, 1931 – November 22, 2014

Resident of Livermore Ca.

(Formerly of Pleasanton and Berkeley)

Don "Dipper" Palmer, 83, passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 22, 2014 in Livermore, Ca. Don was born in Palo Alto Ca. to parents Myron and Marie Palmer. When he was 10 the family relocated to Valley Home Ca. He graduated from Oakdale High School in 1948 and after turning 18 in 1949 he enlisted in the Army. In 1951 he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism in action during the Korean War. After serving his country for four years he returned home and attended Modesto Junior College where he was a member of the baseball team. Don was always a numbers kind of guy and this led him to a career in accounting. In 1956 after a whirlwind romance Don married Earleen Ripley and they would have 5 children together. The family has fond memories of their summer vacations to Kings Beach in North Lake Tahoe. Don had many hobbies among them being reading, crossword puzzles, bridge, gardening and politics. He used to love to prognosticate presidential elections predicting results from state to state. His true passion however was sports. He coached his sons in little league baseball and enjoyed watching them play both baseball and football in high school. He was a huge fan of the Forty Niners and Giants and in recent years loved to watch Tiger climb the leader board on the weekends. He was an astute handicapper of thoroughbred horses and enjoyed the summer racing at the Alameda County Fair with family and friends. He was the patriarch of the DMMFFFL fantasy football league that he started in the living room of his home in 1974 and it still exists to this day. He was definitely ahead of his time there!

Don is survived by his children Elizabeth Johnson (Mike), Donnie (Linda), Tim, Laura Christensen (Brett) and Dave, grandchildren Donnie, Chris, Bridgette, Sergio, Brittany, Anthony and great grandchildren Dominic and Angelina. He is also survived by his sister Marian Eriksen and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, twin sister Dorothy and his companion of more than 35 years Beverly Goddard.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who cared for Don over the years including Dr. Tang, the staff at Bethany House and his team with Hope Hospice. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Hope Hospice of Dublin.

A celebration of his life will be held at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore Ca. on Wednesday Dec. 17th at 11:00 am.



PAID OBITUARY

Elsie "Jane" Carey

Resident of Pleasanton

December 12, 1935 – November 5, 2014

Elsie "Jane" Carey passed away after a short battle with leukemia. She touched many lives with her caring ways, her energetic personality, and her positive attitude on life.

Jane was born in Escalon, CA and graduated as an Honored athlete and class scholar from Ripon High

School. She belonged to the Girls Athletic Association, Future Business Leaders of America, and the

Debate Team winning several awards.

She was a Ripon High Cheerleader, member of the Spanish Club and a distinguished Life Member in the California Scholarship Federation. After working for Union Bank for several years, she then worked for Macy's in Pleasanton for 15 years in fine jewelry sales. Since obtaining her Real Estate license in 1989 she worked for two new home builders as well as helping her son in his real estate career.

A dedicated Pleasanton resident for 40 years, she had her mark everywhere as original participant of Tennis Town(Club Sport), an avid golf enthusiast, attending Zumba classes, working for Pleasanton Unified part-time as an Elementary yard duty helper and most recently, an Ambassador to Pleasanton's Recreation Department by bringing "Pickleball" to our town this year.

She is survived by her two children, Kathy Carey-Dewey and Mike Carey with his wife Theresa, grandchildren Melissa, Amanda, Joseph, Natalie and Vivian and one great grandchild, Hunter. She is also survived by her sisters MaryAnn Giannini, Vickie Rodekoher and her brother Joe Franscella. Her generous and loving spirit will be missed by all who knew her.

Friends and Family are invited to a Celebration of Life Service on Friday, December 12th at 11 am at the Palm Pavilion Building in the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. A private family burial will be held at St. John's Cemetery. Donations can be made to: Hospice of the East Bay (www.hospiceeastbay.org)



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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

An Oak Woodland is finally in our future

With a financing agreement in place with Pleasanton's nine youth sports teams to help pay for the new sports fields and facilities they will use, the City Council Tuesday voted unanimously to build out another major phase of Bernal Community Park, a 318-acre tract of city-owned land that was given to the city of Pleasanton in 2000 by Greenbriar Homes.

The developer, with its partners, paid \$126 million to acquire the 510-acre Bernal property from the city of San Francisco, which had owned the acreage since the 1930s. At that time, Greenbriar and KB Home received approvals to build 530 homes and apartments on Bernal, which have been completed and are now occupied.

Voters approved the Bernal park master plan two years ago. Design work on the second part of the plan, or Phase II, has now been completed, and the council's decision Tuesday means that city staff can issue the request for bids on Dec. 22 for the project, which will cost an estimated \$16.5 million.

The planned expansion on the park will closely adhere to the overall master plan prepared by San Francisco landscape architect Michael Fotheringham in 2004. Phase I of that plan, the lighted baseball field with parking and other facilities, is now in use. Phase II will add more sports fields and also — key to what voters approved — a 38-acre Oak Woodland, which will cost \$4.2 million and offer a new open space amenity to Bernal Park.

The "Grand Meadow," as some call it, will include trails, tree canopies, meadows and diverse vegetation perceived as natural wilderness. Native woodland and grassland components will be included along asphalt and decomposed granite pathways and a trail system.

Three pedestrian foot bridges will be built over a meandering creek and drainage channel. The woodland project will add a diversity of activities in the still largely undeveloped Bernal park, providing opportunities for walking, jogging and bicycle pathways in a flat central Pleasanton location.

A critical element of the project is its requirement for approximately 115,000 cubic yards of fill soil. So far, no supplier has been found who can meet the city's strict clean soil specifications, although Assistant City Manager Steve Bocian said Tuesday that he expects a supplier will be found by the time the project goes out to bid.

If the drought continues, much of the water-thirsty landscaping will be delayed or dropped. As part of the bid requirements, the project contractor will still plant trees that are part of the landscaping plan, but will have to irrigate them with trucked-in recycled water until they take root. The Oak Woodland will not be irrigated, so all plantings will rely on recycled water.

Bids from contractors will be opened in early February and the awarding of the construction contract is scheduled for the City Council's Feb. 17 meeting. Completion of Phase II is expected in late 2016. ■



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- P14-0440 and P14-1309, Housing Element, City of Pleasanton
Application to recommend approval to the City Council of: (1) a zone change for 5758 and 5794 W. Las Positas Boulevard to maintain a MU (Mixed-Use) zoning designation while changing the density from a minimum of 30 residential units per acre to a maximum of 12.5 units per acre; (2) an Addendum to the Housing Element and Climate Action Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR); and (3) General Plan Amendment to adopt the 2015-2023 General Plan Housing Element.
- P14-1295, Ichen Art Academy
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to establish an art school at 4430 Willow Road, Suite I.

Library Commission

Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- Tour of the Lafayette Public Library

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consideration to Approve the Final Conceptual Plan for the New Off-Leash Dog Park Proposed for the Bernal Property Adjacent to the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail Staging Area.

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WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Bob's World lights up a Pleasanton neighborhood during a previous holiday season.

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Piling the family into the car and heading out to enjoy Christmas displays is a holiday tradition. In 1999, Livermore resident Alex Dourov decided to give the outings a more focused approach.

Dourov said he started his Lights of the Valley website to eliminate the hit-or-miss driving around that folks had been using for decades, with some help from their newspapers. His website — complete with

photos and addresses — featured houses in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

As the website grew more popular, communities outside the Tri-Valley wanted to be included.

“Over the years, more and more people had been saying, ‘Please add my neighborhood, my city, my county to your website,’” Dourov recalled in a radio interview last year. “Eventually it got to the point where I had to change the name. Califor-

niaChristmasLights.com is now the appropriate name because there are 340 houses from Mount Shasta all the way down to San Diego.”

Although, he noted that the majority are still in the Bay Area.

The website has had more than 1.6 million visitors and already had 173 houses confirmed early last week, even before its official launch the day after Thanksgiving. The houses were in 34 counties statewide.

Registering your house on the site is simple, Dourov said. The navigation bar on top of the homepage has a button that says, “Submit a House.”

He urged decorators to submit really good photos because that is how he judges whether or not to feature the house on his website.

“Your photos are the first and only impression I will have of your display and will make all the difference in the world about your display making it onto the site or simply being deleted,” he states on the website.

The site offers a lot of information for those planning an evening of viewing. It groups homes by locations and includes maps for the best routes, so a little time on the website can yield an efficient and enjoyable outing. It also notes neighborhoods where it is appropriate to park the car and get out to walk around the displays.

Another bonus of the site is that those who are housebound can enjoy looking at the photos online.

Dourov keeps a year-by-year history on the site, starting with when he launched it in 1999.

“Once completed, I sent out an email to about 25 people I knew in the Tri-Valley to announce the site and within 24 hours I was getting visits from as far away as Australia and Japan — which showed the power and speed of the Internet in action,” he wrote after the 1999 season. “KKIQ radio promoted the site by talking about it for several days running, and the local newspapers included the URL as a part of their decorated homes lists.”

Dourov began that first year with about 30 homes in Pleasanton and Livermore.

“There were the animated figures of Bob’s World on Calle Reynoso in Pleasanton. And of course, I had to include valley fixture Deacon Dave’s (Livermore) home,” he said. “In 1999 his home had 193,000 lights ... Two years before, PG&E installed a special power transformer for Deacon Dave, just so he could power all those lights without using multiple gasoline generators.”

This year’s update says that Dourov has designed new display signs that homeowners can order.

“What originally started out as a ‘fun thing to do’ project became more ‘spiritual,’” he also noted for 2014. “I received about 350 emails telling me how valuable the site was to them. What really touched my heart were emails from people who told me it was especially meaningful to the people that are unable to get out and enjoy the lights; they can just enjoy them at home.” ■



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Tips to give the ultimate holiday party



Entertain with a flair without breaking the bank

Delicious food, fine wine, friends and family. These are a few of everyone's favorite things during the holiday season. Luckily, there are a few ways to help you host the ultimate party with family and friends this season without breaking the bank.

A menu consisting of mulled wine and beautifully presented appetizers can make your holiday gatherings truly special. Consider these tips from food stylist Janice Stahl. **Choose a theme:**

Introduce a conversation-starter and create excitement among guests by choosing a party theme. Host a "Winter White" party that asks guests to wear only white and offer white and sparkling wines and light-colored foods like shrimp, cheeses and short-bread cookies for dessert.



Set the mood:

Decorate to create an ambiance that goes with your theme. Bring a winter wonderland indoors with artificial snow sprinkled on tabletops and evergreen branches painted gold and silver placed throughout to create an experience for guests that goes beyond a typical dinner party.

Dress up your cheese tray:

Put together a simple but spectacular cheese

platter by providing a selection of three to five cheeses that have different textures and tastes. Soft cheese, like goat, pairs well with crackers and semi-hard cheese, like manchego, can stand up to the flavors of tangy jams or jellies.

Serve smoked cheeses with nuts, such as walnuts, and aged cheeses, like Parmesan, with fresh, crisp vegetables such as celery or cucumber to highlight the flavors that develop during the aging process.

Infuse European charm:

Create your own unique version of European mulled wine, a classic combination of red wine and spices that warm together to make a festive drink. Add a bit of French flair by serving savory crepes as an appetizer or sweet crepes for dessert.

DIY dessert:

Create a candy buffet in lieu of serving dessert. Use clear glass containers to hold a variety of chocolates, sweets and hard candies, mixing and matching different shapes and sizes for an eye-catching display. Provide small bags and twist ties so guests can customize their dessert and even take some home for later.

These simple tips can help anyone entertain successfully this holiday season. ■

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Pleasanton parade, tree lighting tomorrow

**Floats, marching bands, festive groups
to lead Santa on Main Street**

STORY BY JEB BING | PHOTOS OF 2013 PARADE BY DINO VOURNAS



Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday parade and tree lighting ceremony will be held starting at 5 p.m. tomorrow on Main Street.

The centerpiece of this free event is a festive community-based parade with 69 entries, including the marching bands from both Foothill and Amador Valley high schools, other musical groups, Scouts, and of course, Santa at the end.

And don't forget the politicians. Although political signs are not allowed in the parade, some elected representatives will be there. Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) will walk down Main Street shaking constituents' hands as he often does, Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley will be standing on a float, and the newly seated Pleasanton City Council will follow, riding in a horse-drawn carriage.

The parade will be followed by the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main at approximately 7:15 p.m. where Voices in Harmony, a men's a cappella chorus, will sing holiday songs at the main stage under the Pleasanton Arch.

With Pleasanton dealing with a

much-publicized severe drought for much of the year, parade coordinator Brian Dutchover and Michelle Dunaway, event administrator, added a "rain-out protocol" almost in jest until this week's showers came along. So now they've added a parade weather hotline so everyone can keep up with any rain-out possibilities starting at 1:15 p.m. and then hourly at 931-5352.

The Amador Valley marching band will lead the parade starting at the school's parking lot and continuing south to Old Bernal Avenue. The band will be followed by dozens of holiday-inspired entries, including Pleasanton's own Balloon Platoon, Tri-Valley Y-Guides and Y-Princesses, East Bay Regional Park District Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol and hundreds of Cub Scouts and Brownies, local car clubs and dog clubs.

Other musical entries will include the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps, Powell's Irish Dancers and other groups, such as some Scout troops and KKIQ, that will have music with their floats.

Animal entries include the Baroque Horses of Northern California, California State Horsemen's



Association Royalty and Valley Humane Society.

Sports groups will include Pleasanton Girls Softball, Pleasanton Seahawks and the Tri-Valley Minor Hockey Association.

Also walking in the parade will be the East Bay Star Wars Fan Club and Kung Fu Dragon USA with a singing Elvis and Woody and the Two by Fours on separate floats.

Local businesses will take part, with Meadowlark Dairy's float always a popular entry and representatives of Mary Kay and New Leaf Community Markets close by.

The Pleasanton Weekly will be there, too, with its publisher and editor riding in a Mercedes convertible.

Not to be forgotten as the annual Hometown Holiday Celebration gets underway are the members of the Pleasanton city staff and community volunteers who plan and conduct the event, starting in February when they reviewed the 2013 festivities.

Working with Dutchover are Courtney Coats, Karen Burton-Lind and Kara Yost in handling parade formation; Derek Logan, announcer; Tom Medina and Mark Spiller, handling the parade route; Mark Duncanson and Julian Mireles, handling the step-off of entries, and

Spiller, working with entries at the end of the parade as they disband.

Special activities coordinators are Bernie Billen and Joelle Giushenko.

In charge of volunteers, headquarters activities and hospitality are Amy Jones, Rachel Prater and Shawn Harris.

Coordinating all operations are Spiller, Tom Gannon, Nilo Velazquez, Bob Elliott and Gordon Cordova.

Working with Dunaway on publicity are Mireles and Joanne Hall.

Coordinating the tree lighting ceremony and entertainment are Chuck Deckert, Susan Andrade-Wax and Dunaway.

This year is Deckert's 15th year as a steering committee member of the holiday celebration, where he's been a volunteer for 17 years. He coordinates the tree lighting and entertainment portion of the event each year.

"He does an absolutely fabulous job," Dunaway said. "He's such a humble guy, truly cares about his community, and told me that the Hometown Holiday Parade is something he looks forward to working on each year."

Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 4 p.m. tomorrow until the parade and tree lighting events are over. ■



BEVERLY LANE preserving for the ages



By Jeremy Walsh

Beverly Lane has epitomized effective and meaningful public service in the Tri-Valley for more than 30 years, initially making her mark while sitting on the first Danville Town Council and then solidifying it while spending the past two decades on the regional park district board — all the while helping to preserve local history through her research and published writings.

“I really consider myself a student of the history here and of the community,” Lane said during a November interview at downtown Danville’s Museum of the San Ramon Valley, where she serves as curator.

A longtime San Ramon Valley public leader whose own role in the region’s history continues to be written, Lane first moved to the area as an adult more than 40 years ago.

Raised in a Marine Corps family in Southern California, Lane said with a smile, “I grew up in Orange County when there were still oranges there and before the interstate came through from Los Angeles to Santa Ana.”

She graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles

with a double major in history and English, and later earned a master’s degree in public administration from Cal State, Hayward.

Lane and her husband, Jim, relocated to Danville with their three sons in 1973.

Nearly a decade later, Lane’s impact on her hometown would become a lasting one when she played an active part in the town’s successful incorporation campaign and was elected to the first Danville Town Council in 1982.

“To be part of creating a new town in an area that already had quite an impressive history, and to work with four other people who were very public-spirited and make those initial decisions, was quite an extraordinary experience,” she recalled.

“What was particularly outstanding was it was ‘the first this’, ‘the first that,’” she added. “So all of those firsts — and trying to do them using other people’s experience of what had worked but also putting innovative ideas into it — that was just great fun.”

Lane served three consecutive terms on the Danville council, including three turns as the town’s mayor.

Reflecting on her decision to not seek re-election in 1993, she said, “I felt it was time to have some people who would bring some different perspectives, and I actually was looking forward to being a private person again because in a community of this size, people recognized you and talked to you about their concerns wherever they saw you.”

The time out of the public eye would be short-lived.

Lane, an active advocate for open space preservation and public park facilities, said that in the wake of her stepping down from the council, she was recruited to run for a vacant spot on the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board of Directors.

After initially declining to seek the seat, Lane said she soon reconsidered because she thought sitting on the board would put her in a better position to accomplish a top goal: extending the Iron Horse Regional Trail beyond the San Ramon Valley.

She was elected to the board in 1994 and hasn’t looked back, earning another four-year term this year.

“I enjoy pretty much all aspects of it,” she said of the last 20 years with the EBRPD. “There are plenty of challenges that have continued, and lots of opportunities to improve what the park district offered and to make it more accessible to people.”

Her highest priorities for the upcoming term include helping EBRPD through a time of administrative staff transition, supporting district volunteer efforts, and continuing work on projects such as the new visitor center at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline and the proposed Concord hills regional park to be located on part of the now-closed Concord Naval Weapons Station.

Meanwhile, Lane is also working on preservation of another kind in her own backyard.



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Beverly Lane gives her acceptance speech after receiving the Tri-Valley Heroes Life Achievement award during a ceremony earlier this fall.

A published author and columnist, Lane has been conducting historical research on the San Ramon Valley for the past three decades.

“I’m interested in how the cities evolved and how the county works and how people decide to do what they do,” she said. “The decisions people make are interesting, and I like to listen to them and see how they explain what they want in their own community.”

Lane was the founding president of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and has served as museum curator for roughly 10 years.

She said she recently started working on a new book, tentatively titled “San Ramon Remembered: Essays from Bygone Years in San Ramon” — mostly a compilation of her own historical writing, along with some original source material.

“It’s a work in progress,” Lane added about her latest historical preservation project. “But it will be in one place, some of the San Ramon history — which is really not that easy to find.” ■

Hero FYI

- ▲ Open space preservation, helping initiate the Heritage Resource Commission and developing policies “to preserve a small-town view of life” were among Lane’s proudest Danville council accomplishments.
- ▲ She currently represents EBRPD Ward 6, which includes Alamo, Blackhawk, Clayton, Concord, Danville, Diablo, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, Tassajara, and most of Walnut Creek.
- ▲ The park district covers Alameda and Contra Costa counties, includes more than 114,000 acres and manages 65 regional parks.
- ▲ The Iron Horse Trail now extends 32 miles from Concord to Pleasanton.
- ▲ Lane’s books include “Vintage Danville, 150 Years of Memories” and “Before BART: Electric Railroads Link Contra Costa County.”
- ▲ One of her favorite local historical tidbits is the story of how Elliott’s Bar in Danville turned into an ice cream parlor/candy store during Prohibition. Mr. Elliott decided he wouldn’t run an illegal business because that would be a bad example for his sons. So, he closed the bar, offered drinks on the house, “and then he and his sons went out and broke all the liquor bottles,” Lane said.

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JENNIFER HOSTERMAN spearheading city achievements

By Jeb Bing

Some of us thought that Jennifer Hosterman traveled a lot when she was Pleasanton's mayor, a post she left just two years ago when she was termed out of office after more than 10 years on the City Council, including eight as mayor.

Today, we'd be hard-pressed to ever find her at home, except for those rare opportunities she has to sprint with her favorite pets, Sarraqa (a Harris's hawk) and Faith Eleanor May (her black Labrador retriever).

She was first elected to the Pleasanton City Council in 2002, then elected mayor in 2004 — the first woman to ever hold the office here — and was re-elected by wide margins three more times. If it weren't for the city's term limits law, she probably would still be our mayor.

She spearheaded many of the city's achievements and worked hard to put Pleasanton on the map in a lot of different venues, gaining influential leadership roles with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and a number of local and regional public agencies that benefit Pleasanton.

Hosterman helped in the acquisition of the 318-acre Bernal Community Park and held a coveted board seat on the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission when it approved Pleasanton's annexation of Staples Ranch.

During that time, she addressed many issues facing the city, including transportation, land use, balanced housing needs and types, providing jobs by building up the local economy, addressing serious environmental issues, providing partnership opportunities between the city and the school district, and so much more. She said she is proud to have provided leadership that resulted in yearly awards for a balanced budget.

Besides her role in government, Hosterman is an advocate for environmental sustainability and has received many awards for her work.

She hasn't forgotten her zeal as a caretaker of the environment. Remember, this is a woman who while mayor of Pleasanton marched with peace groups on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, went to Canada to protest oil drilling, and favored a resolution by her own City Council stating the city's opposition to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But when it came to keeping Pleasanton in the forefront of green building, solar-powered municipal buildings and quality-of-life rules and regulations, she gained a national reputation that now serves her well in her new career.

As she transitions today to a real estate career, Hosterman continues to build on her political successes in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley by using her people skills to bring people together for their benefit and the community's. Her time in public service taught her that doing the right thing, in the face of strong opposition, is the most important thing.

Understanding the issues at hand, asking others' opinions, taking input from colleagues, and then making a decision which best serves the community at large are her forte. She brings those same qualities to her work as a real estate professional, but instead of focusing on the entire community, she is now able to turn her attention to directly serving one client at a time.

Hosterman graduated from the University of San Francisco with a bachelor's degree and from the John F. Kennedy School of Law with a Juris Doctorate. Her husband, Michael, is an attorney with offices in downtown Pleasanton and just stepped down as president of the Pleasanton Downtown Association. The couple has three daughters.

In presenting Hosterman with the 2014 Tri-Valley Heroes Community Spirit Award, Mike Conklin from Sentinels of Freedom (the 2013 award recipient) said her strong work ethic is an inspiration for many in Pleasanton. He recognized Hosterman for her selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions that have enriched or improved the quality of life for the local community.

In addition to this year's Heroes Award, Hosterman also was recognized this year as "Alumni of the Year" at the John F. Kennedy University School of Law, and also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Women's Council of Realtors, Southern Alameda County



COURTESY OF HOSTERMAN

Hosterman and her neighbor, April Hoffman, collect food for the Alameda County Food Bank during Community Service Day at Prudential California Realty.

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- ▲ Avid falconer who sprints with her favorite pet Sarraqa, a Harris's hawk.
- ▲ Recognized for her selfless, tireless actions that have enriched or improved quality of life for local community.

chapter. She's been active as a Girl Scouts leader, soccer coach, site council representative at elementary, middle and high schools, and a volunteer for causes related to breast cancer awareness. She's also a licensed falconer.

Hosterman can be reached at the Pleasanton office of Prudential California Realty, which, since she joined the firm (but she insists not because of that) has been acquired by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Pearson Properties, now one of the largest national real estate firms. ■



JEB BING

Jennifer Hosterman, then Pleasanton's mayor, on Main Street.

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Foothill falls in football semis

Falcons' season ends with 10-7 loss to Pittsburg High

By JEREMY WALSH

The Foothill Falcons varsity football playoff run ended with a 10-7 home loss at the hands of the Pittsburg High Pirates in the North Coast Section Division 1 semifinals last Saturday.

"We played extremely tough against Pitt. I thought our guys battled hard all night," Foothill head coach Matt Sweeney said. "Give credit to Pitt they made a few more plays than we did, but it was one hell of a game."

The semifinal match-up proved to be a tough defensive battle, with all 17 points coming in the second quarter.

The visiting No. 3-seeded Pirates opened the scoring when quarterback Keith Walker connected with receiver Jordan Parker for a 29-yard touchdown. Pittsburg would then extend its lead to 10-0 with a short field goal.

The second-seeded Falcons got on the board late in the second quarter when running back Matt Gates took a short touch pass from quarterback Kyle Kearns 51 yards to the end zone, trimming the Pittsburg lead to three points.

But the score would remain 10-7, with



Foothill's Isaiah Langley (center) tackles a Pittsburg ballcarrier during the North Coast Section Division 1 tournament last weekend in Pleasanton.

KARI DUKLETH

neither team able to break through for points in the second half.

With the playoff loss Saturday, Foothill



Falcons Blake Braden and Dallas Martin attempt to jump on a loose ball that was ultimately recovered by the visiting Pirates.

KARI DUKLETH

finished the 2014 season with a 9-3 overall record. Its only regular season defeats came Oct. 24 to De La Salle (56-21) and Nov. 7 against crosstown rival Amador Valley High (25-23).

The Falcons opened post-season play with a 54-8 drubbing of Antioch High in the sectional quarterfinals Nov. 21 after earning a first-round bye on the strength of an 8-2 regular season.

"In looking back at our season, we definitely competed and played extremely tough all year," Sweeney said. "It was truly a great season that these guys should be extremely proud of. It was a great ride that the coaches got to be a part of."

Pittsburg is set to face undefeated De La Salle for the sectional championship this Saturday at Dublin High School. Top-seeded De La Salle knocked off No. 4 seed California High 45-17 in their semifinal last Friday. ■

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Rage U18 team wins division crown

The Pleasanton Rage U18 Premier team wrapped up its club soccer season with a first-place finish in the NorCal Premier U19 Gold West division. The girls, coached by Mike Beiler, posted a league record of 6-1-2 and won the Sacramento Suntan Classic during their season.



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FHS grad named top soccer freshman in college conference

Pleasanton native Nick Goldstein earned California Pacific Conference Freshman of the Year honors after his first season of college soccer this semester at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University based in Prescott, Ariz. The freshman forward, who scored five goals and notched seven assists, was also named Second Team All-Conference. Goldstein graduated from Foothill High this past June.

Calendar

Clubs

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Teresa Parham speaking on "Hitting the Mother Lode" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8 at Congregation Beth Emek. Teresa will talk about her findings about her paternal 4th great grandfather and how her connection to California is truly in her genes. Contact program@L-AGS.ORG.

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (NARFE) MEETING Federal employees and retirees are invited to attend a meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 A Main St., to learn about a national association that advocates for them. For more information, directions or transportation to the meeting, call Gary at 373-6758. Go to <http://www.narfe.org>.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED CHRISTMAS PARTY The TVRWF invite you to their Christmas party at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Dinner, silent movie, and Christmas music. Requested \$10 donation to support the Tri-Valley Haven's turkey drive for needy families. Cost is \$30, choice of sirloin steak, salmon, lemon chicken, caesar salad with chicken or steak, or pesto spinach cheese ravioli. RSVP to Rebecca Potts at 294-4013 or rebecca.potts@comcast.net.

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Fundraisers

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PAWS IN NEED SANTA PET PHOTO Get a photo of your pet with Santa from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6 at Pet Extreme, 4500 Arroyo Vista, Livermore. Use your camera or our photographer. \$5 donation per sitting suggested. Benefits local animals through Paws In Need's Spay/Neuter and Just Like New programs. No reservations. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Call Gay Maestas at 447-8903 for info.

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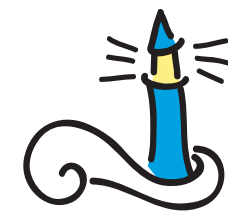
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East Bay luxury home sales soar 46%

18 Pleasanton homes top \$1 million in October

By JEB BING

The East Bay's luxury housing market remained red hot in October, with sales soaring more than 46% from a year ago and the median sale price jumping more than 13%.

The figures, reported by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, are based on Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold for more than \$1 million in October in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A total of 301 luxury homes changed hands in October, up 46.1% from October 2013. Million-dollar sales were also up sharply from the 264 transactions recorded in September 2014.

Once again, the upper end of the luxury market was especially strong last month with 24 sales over \$2 million, double the number sold a year ago and also up from the 18 multimillion-dollar sales in September.

Meanwhile, the median

sale price of a luxury home in October rose 13.4% from a year ago to \$1,394,918. It was also up from September's median sale price of \$1,261,000.

"The luxury housing market here in the East Bay is showing no signs of slowing down as we move through the fall home-buying season," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "Demand for well-appointed, fairly priced high-end homes continues to outstrip supply."

"There just aren't enough properties to meet the strong demand, including many buyers who have crossed the Bay Bridge in search of more affordable prices compared to San Francisco and Silicon Valley," he added.

Some key findings from November's Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage luxury report:

- The most expensive sale in the East Bay in October

was a five-bedroom, six-bath approximately 5,500 square foot home in Danville that sold for \$3,395,000;

- Danville also boasted the most luxury sales with 35, followed by Fremont with 33, Oakland and Berkeley with 28, Lafayette with 23, San Ramon with 22, Orinda with 20 and Pleasanton with 18.

- Homes sold in an average of 29.8 days on the market, up from 27 days a year ago and 29.2 days the previous month.

- Sellers received an average of 106% of their asking price, up from 105.3% a year ago and 104% the previous month.

The East Bay Luxury Housing Market Report is a monthly report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, a specialist in high-end real estate sales. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has nine East Bay offices, including one in Pleasanton. ■

Housing affordability dips in third quarter

California markets rank among least affordable in U.S.

Firming home prices in markets across the country contributed to a slight dip in nationwide housing affordability in the third quarter of 2014, according to the recently released National Association of Home Builders-Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI).

In all, 61.8% of new and existing homes sold between the beginning of July and the end of September were affordable to families earning the U.S. median income of \$63,900. This is down from the 62.6% of homes sold that were affordable to median-income earners in the second quarter.

The national median home price increased from \$214,000 in the second quarter to \$221,000 in the third quarter. Meanwhile, average mortgage inter-

est rates decreased from 4.44% to 4.35% in the same period.

"Low mortgage rates, strong job growth and affordable home prices make this a good time to buy a home," said NAHB chairman Kevin Kelly, a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del.

"Even with nationwide home prices reaching their highest level since the end of 2007, affordability still remains fairly high by historical standards," said NAHB chief economist David Crowe. "Rising employment and incomes, interest rates that remain near historically low levels, and pent-up demand should contribute to positive momentum heading into next year."

For an eighth consecutive quarter, San Francisco - San Mateo-Redwood

City was the nation's least affordable major housing market. There, just 11.4% of homes sold in the third quarter were affordable to families earning the area's median income of \$100,400.

Other major metros at the bottom of the affordability chart were Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale; Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine; San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara; and New York-White Plains-Wayne, N.Y.-N.J.; in descending order.

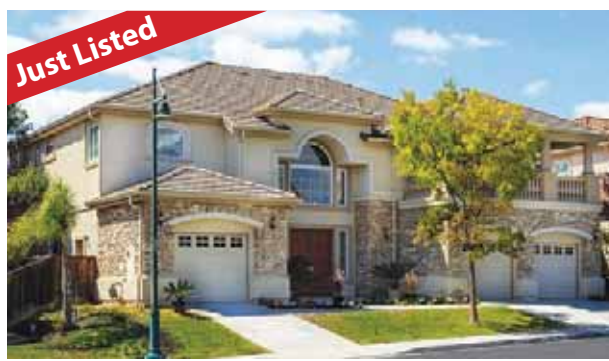
All five least affordable small housing markets were in California. At the very bottom was Napa, where 10.2% of all new and existing homes sold were affordable to families earning the area's median income of \$70,300. Other small markets included Santa Cruz-

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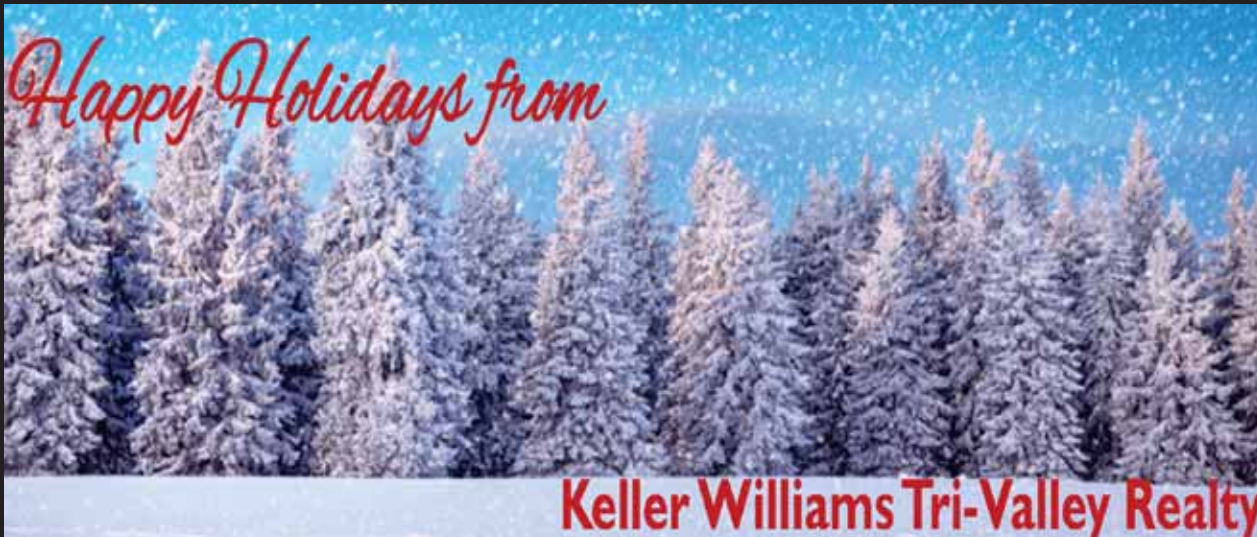


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Pleasanton's Britannia Business Center is sold

Previous owner announces deal; terms not disclosed

MIG Real Estate has sold the 135,000-square-foot Britannia Business Center it owned in Pleasanton's Hacienda Business Park, the real estate investment company announced last week.

Terms of the deal, including the buyer, were not disclosed.

"Britannia Business Center is a highly functional, multi-tenant property in Hacienda Business Park,

a prominent address in an East Bay market with a significant concentration of office space occupied by strong national companies," MIG Real Estate CEO Greg Mergage said in a statement announcing the sale.

"Improvement in market conditions since the national recession has resulted in increases in property values, allowing us to complete the sale in advance of our origi-

nally contemplated timeline," he added.

MIG Real Estate had acquired the property in April 2012. The Stoneridge Drive business center is leased to a combination of national and regional tenants.

Based in Newport Beach, MIG Real Estate owns and operates more than eight million square feet of properties in 10 states and Canada. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

HOUSING

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Watsonville, Salinas, Santa Rosa-Petaluma and San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles — in descending order.

Youngstown-Warren-

Boardman, Ohio-Pa. claimed the title of the nation's most affordable major housing market, as 89.1% of all new and existing homes sold in this year's third quarter were affordable to families earning the area's median income of \$52,700.

Other major U.S. housing markets at the top of the affordability chart in the third quarter included Syracuse, N.Y.; Indianapolis-Carmel, Ind.; Harrisburg-Carlisle, Pa.; and Dayton, Ohio; in descending order. ■

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Pleasanton

- 2607 Calle Reynoso** S. & E. Kitayama to J. & A. Morris for \$870,000
- 2211 Cameron Circle** Ponderosa Homes to Tong Trust for \$1,897,000
- 2217 Cameron Circle** Ponderosa Homes to Katragadda Trust for \$1,797,500
- 5230 Club House Drive** Williams Trust to T. Kira for \$1,636,000
- 4206 Denker Drive** M. Lu to M. Muthan for \$686,000
- 3602 Dunsmuir Circle** Klenk Trust to V. & L. Iacoban for \$856,500
- 1081 Heinz Ranch Court** T. & A. Tennyson to S. & M. Brown for \$1,750,000
- 5048 Hillcrest Way** C. & D. Graziani to J. Harari for \$1,135,000
- 7516 Ivy Court** T. & N. Croghan to T. Davis for \$660,000
- 4255 Katie Lane** Swensen Trust to L. He for \$772,000
- 4975 Lapis Lane** National Residential to D. Guo for \$1,235,000
- 2723 Longspur Way** Vizzolini Trust to S. Rim for \$963,000
- 8185 Mountain View Drive #B** M. Saidi to S. Schlick-Harris for \$395,000
- 1064 Nolan Court** S. Miyamoto to J. Lee for \$1,175,000
- 3806 Orion Court** Ellermeier Trust to Lin Trust for \$1,188,000
- 3110 Paseo Robles** Fernandes Trust to D. Herrera for \$825,000
- 6704 Paseo San Leon** V. & G. Ramamoorthy to M. Krishnan for \$998,000
- 3476 Smoketree Commons Drive** A. Tunberg to Maple Trust for \$360,000
- 3845 Vineyard Avenue #11** S. & K. Kawakami to K. & L. Coon for \$251,000

Dublin

- 7712 Chantilly Drive** Y. Guan to P. Jain for \$420,500
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #241** Y. Lee to K.

- Lakarsu for \$512,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #623** Kwan Trust to B. Yeung for \$450,000
- 8431 Deervale Road** B. Young to B. & J. Fikse for \$600,000
- 3664 Finnian Way** S. Crichton to S. Gosal for \$495,000
- 2858 Sable Oaks Way** B. & B. Fong to J. & S. Sharma for \$1,450,000
- 4261 Somerset Lane** Y. Chau to G. Goldman for \$660,000
- 5082 South Forestdale Circle** U. Tibrewal to J. & M. Gebel for \$980,000
- 4765 South Spago Drive** KB Home to R. Deb for \$981,500
- 4768 South Spago Drive** KB Home to R. & L. Brusco for \$1,033,500
- 7026 Stagecoach Road #A** J. Johnson to J. & M. Johnson for \$225,000
- 7627 Tuscany Drive** C. Oleson to D. & J. Faubion for \$499,000
- 4626 Vasari Street** KB Home to M. Ziaee for \$1,204,000
- 3105 Vittoria Loop** Taylor Morrison of California to C. Yau for \$790,000
- 3131 Vittoria Loop** Taylor Morrison of California to K. Kayala for \$856,000

Livermore

- 81 Alysia Court** N. & G. Jam to J. & C. Kerr for \$740,000
- 3254 Arbor Avenue** Lind Trust to Dutra Trust for \$505,000
- 1868 Baywood Common** M. & T. Veneman to E. Romm for \$560,000
- 2440 Calderon Court** L. Calderon to J. & W. Hewlett for \$1,019,000
- 721 Canterbury Avenue** Burginyon Trust to A. & M. Capote for \$625,000
- 1279 College Avenue** C. Froelich to D. & L. Haberman for \$476,000
- 1134 Coronado Way** J. & K. Ames to B. Takata for \$618,000
- 1787 Corte Sueno** C. Nassar to A. Tsouladze for \$575,000
- 1620 Dawn Street** R. & M. Ruiz to M. Baugh for \$605,000

- 1865 El Padro Drive** H. & D. Eskins to A. & H. Grimm for \$667,000
- 6244 Forget Me Not** K. Hart to P. Innamuri for \$437,500
- 6408 Forget Me Not** P. Gill to El-Taki Trust for \$422,500
- 25 Heligan Lane #1** Shea Homes to S. Chirathanagandla for \$527,500
- 556 Heligan Lane #4** J. Camillucci to A. Howald for \$610,000
- 1568 La Cresta Court** S. Baird to N. Dagosta for \$570,000
- 2446 Lakeside Circle** Criswell Trust to J. & T. Battle for \$1,125,000
- 54 Meritage Common #104** R. & S. Anderson to C. Wang for \$430,000
- 762 Moraga Drive** Davis Trust to A. & T. Chan for \$800,000
- 713 Redbud Drive** J. Lucas to M. Evans for \$410,000
- 1225 Ridgestone Road** Nishimura Trust to S. & R. Dey for \$605,000
- 2154 Stonebridge Road** Rutledge Trust to R. & M. Montiel for \$635,000
- 196 Summertree Drive** Hans & Ramos-Hans Trust to J. Higgins for \$845,000
- 6485 Tiffany Common** M. Fedorov to J. Brent for \$635,000

San Ramon

- 10027 Albion Road** S. Khong to P. Narayanan for \$630,000
- 1475 Asterbell Drive** T. Quinby to S. Subramanian for \$1,000,000
- 3016 Bernard Avenue** G. & B. Hovey to N. Wang for \$735,000
- 480 Bollinger Canyon Lane #176** B. & M. Gabriel to H Estateinvestment for \$280,000
- 9908 Brunswick Way** Roseman Trust to H. Nguyen for \$713,500
- 600 Canyon Woods Court #D** L. Park to J. & C. Fones for \$470,000
- 2739 Cedarwood Loop** K. Senna to S. Pinnathevan for \$685,000
- 2639 Celaya Circle** Greco-Owen Trust to J. Utchen for \$750,000
- 120 Coralflower Lane** Hill Trust to V. Trukhin for \$730,000
- 6057 Dalton Way** D. Chiu to U. & S. Rao for \$754,000
- 807 Destiny Lane** V. Padron to Gee Trust for \$529,000
- 5227 Fioli Loop #62** M. & J. Fidow to M. Young for \$655,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 4-14

Pleasanton (Nov. 4-12)

Total sales reported: 19
 Lowest sale reported: \$251,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,897,000
 Average sales reported: \$1,023,684

Dublin (Nov. 4-12)

Total sales reported: 15
 Lowest sale reported: \$225,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,450,000
 Average sales reported: \$743,767

Livermore (Nov. 4-12)

Total sales reported: 23
 Lowest sale reported: \$410,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,125,000
 Average sales reported: \$627,935

San Ramon (Nov. 6-14)

Total sales reported: 19
 Lowest sale reported: \$280,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,750,000
 Average sales reported: \$799,974

Source: California REsource

Coldwell Banker #1 IN CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE



DUBLIN
3385 DUBLIN BLVD
JUST LISTED! \$435,000
 2 BR 2.5 BA Gorgeous Top Flr Unit, 2 Balcs, Wlk-In Tub, 2 Mastrsutes, Locted Near Shpping, Schls, Bart Daisy Ng, CalBRE #01311067 925.847.220



FREMONT
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 3748 SUN WEST TERRACE
JUST LISTED! 645,000
 3 BR 2.5 BA Charming, privt flagstone patio, new paint, new carpet, vaulted ceilings, dual pane widws. Elaine Arnt, CalBRE #CalBRE#: 01046497 925.847.2200



MOUNTAIN HOUSE
761 ANTIGUA TER
BETTER THAN NEW! \$595,000
 5 BR 4.5 BA Plus lrg office & bonus room. Gourmet kitch w/granite & built-ins. 1 BD & full BA down. Suzan Gladieux, CalBRE #01245705 925.847.2200



SAN RAMON
3557 ASHBOURNE CIR
NORRIS CANYON BEAUTY! \$1,895,000
 5 BR 4.5 BA Custom home!Gourmet kitch w/ granite,SS appl.Huge mstr,loft,library,professional landscape. Sharon He, CalBRE # 01810593 925.847.2200

BRENTWOOD
2265 HARMONY CT
TRULY A VISION OF BRENTWOOD! \$625,000
 4 BR 3.5 BA Huge fnt yard,Crtyard w/Fireplace acsible from Fam Rm & Dine Rm Uppr bedrooms w/ wrap-arud balcony Sandra Burt, CalBRE #01205844 925.847.2200

3240 MAGUIRE WAY #202
GORGEOUS END UNIT \$420,000
 2 BR 2 BA Designer paint throughout, granite slab counters, SS & black appliances, crown molding. Sharon He, CalBRE #01810593 925.847.2200

20850 MINES ROAD
FABULOUS PIECE OF PROPERTY \$617,000
 Views to rolling hills, trees and distant vistas.Several lovely spots for home site. Mary Anne Rozsa, CalBRE #00783003 925.847.2200

OAKLEY
2444 DUTCH SLOUGH RD
LOTS & LAND PROPERTY \$119,950
 Must See,lots of new additions. Delwyn Lounsbury, CalBRE #00330978 925.847.2200

DUBLIN
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 4214 CLARINBRIDGE CIRCLE
JUST LISTED! 449,500
 1 BR 2 BA Amazing condo in the Villas @ Dublin Ranch Villages.All living space on one level. Romar De Claro, CalBRE #01341138 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE
3103 BELMONT CT
WELCOME HOME! \$1,599,950
 4 BR 4.5 BA Cul-de-sac location. In-law unit above garage huge kitchen perfect home for entertaining. David Beville Jr., CalBRE #01954597 925.847.2200

Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4 782 LAUREL DRIVE
ENTERTAINERS DELIGHT! 550,000
 3 BR 2 BA 3BR,2BA, all frshly panted in&out. Rmldld kit&baths, Newer dual pane windws, ingrdr spa&bbq. Karen T, CalBRE #009628800 925.847.2200

TRACY
302 W MOUNT DIABLO AVE
POSSIBLE FINANCING AVAILABLE! \$229,000
 Could be subdivided into 2 lots. Live on one & sell the other! Close to elementary school. Suzan Gladieux, CalBRE #01245705 925.847.2200

OAKLAND
6198 OAKDALE AVE
MUST SEE! \$489,000
 4 BR 1.5 BA Tucked away near Mills College, Multi-Level w/ Canyon view, 3br, 2.5 Ba-1 w/Jetted Tub Sandra Burt, CalBRE #01205844 925.847.2200

12457 MINES ROAD
FABULOUS ESTATE! \$1,099,000
 5 BR 2.5 BA 5 Acre Estate!Remodeled kitch.Updated BAs w/marble. Fireplces.Lovely landscaping,pool/spa. Mary Anne Rozsa, CalBRE #00783003 925.847.2200


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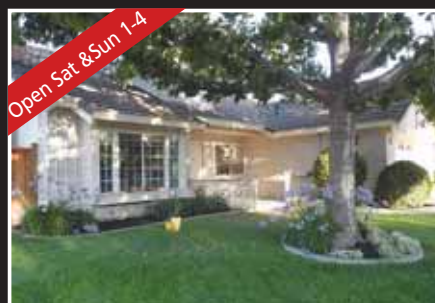
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7927 Doral Ct, Pleasanton

SPACIOUS WESTSIDE HOME ON OVER 1/2 ACRE!

Approx. 4500 sq ft Golden Eagle gated-entry home in court location with 5br, 4.5 baths + office, master retreat and spacious game room. Enjoy modern styling inside and out, with gorgeous yard with pool, spa, fire-pit, built-in bbq island, outdoor kitchen bar area, covered patios, beautiful stonework/hardscaping and multiple entertaining areas! Ideal floorplan with 1 bed, 1 full bath + additional 1/2 bath downstairs - can be in-law/au-pair setup with existing separate entry from yard. 3 car finished garage, loads of off-street parking and so much more! \$1,891,000



Open Sat & Sun 1-4

1747 Nursery Way, Pleasanton

IDEAL 1-STORY HOME IN MOHR ELEMENTARY AREA!

Corner lot location in desirable Charter Oaks Neighborhood. Freshly-upgraded approx. 1950 sq ft single story home with 3br, 2ba, Vaulted Ceilings and open floorplan with large eat-in kitchen and inside laundry. Private rear yard is perfect for entertaining with custom outdoor fireplace, built-in bar, in-ground spa and custom hardscaping. \$928,000

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OPEN SAT & SUN

39 Terraced Hills Way, San Ramon
Pristine 4 Bedroom with Designer Upgrades
\$819,000



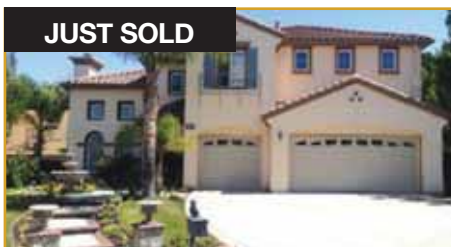
PENDING SALE

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



PENDING SALE

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



JUST SOLD

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



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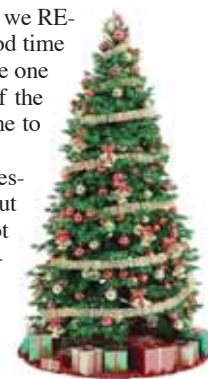
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Are the Holidays a Good Time to Sell Your Home?

It happens every year. The holidays. And every year we REALTORS get the same question: Are the holidays a good time to sell my home? For the record, I think the holidays are one of the best times to sell your home. Here are some of the reasons that the holiday season can be an excellent time to sell your home:

1. Strong activity. Most people believe that the real estate market dies in late October, and does not come out of hibernation until May or June. But this is just not true. Right now there is excellent activity in the Pleasanton market!
2. Less competition. Because many sellers believe the market will be slow, and decide to wait till the new year to sell, there is usually less competition during the last quarter. Fewer homes for sale means fewer choices for buyers, many of whom are motivated.
3. Buyers are motivated. Let's face it. Most people want to be eating turkey, drinking egg nog, and dressing up as vampires during the Fall months. But some buyers actually have to move, and are serious about finding a home this time of year. For these buyers, finding a home is very important. And you get the bonus of not having to put up with dozens of showings from buyers who aren't serious. In short, you have an automatic filter to weed out only the serious buyers. Not a bad situation for any seller.
4. Ambiance. Homes often show very well during the holidays, with decorations, cozy fires, and a warm inviting atmosphere. Many homes look their best this time of year. You have a very good chance of your home connecting with the buyer on an emotional level, which is always the desired outcome for any seller. Bonus points for putting baking an apple pie right before a buyer looks at your home.



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Absolutely stunning remodel. Great floor plan w/ 2 master suites & 2 car garage. So many beautiful touches such as the rich wood flooring, new cabinetry in kitchen. Designer touches throughout. Quaint private back patio. Awesome location to walk to BART, work, shopping & dining.



Bobbie Lacanlale

8024 Briar Oaks Dr. - San Ramon - \$ 949,000
Coronado at Gale Ranch! Light and bright modern kitchen with center island! Crown molding and archways add accents throughout. Cozy fireplace in LR. Two walk-in closets in master suite. Spacious backyard and courtyard right outside formal dining room.

Open Sat & Sun 1-4



Andrea & Earl Rozran

22264 East Lyndon Loop - Castro Valley - \$729,000
This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome has over 2300 sq ft of living space plus magnificent canyon views. Gleaming hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with gas cooktop plus informal and formal dining options. The master bath has a large soaking tub. Open floor plan is perfect for entertaining and flows to two beautiful flagstone patios.

Open Sat & Sun 1-4



Andrea & Earl Rozran

7488 Oxford Circle - Dublin - \$ 519,000
Nicely updated end-unit in great location with new interior paint, new carpet, new laminate wood flooring, and new stainless steel appliances. Two car attached garage and nice patio in front. Close to Bart and 580/680.



Cindy Gee

7919 Paragon Cir. - Pleasanton - \$1,698,000
Laguna Oaks! Westside! 5 bed 3.5 bath, executive home, w/granite, hardwood, plantation shutters, huge extended family room, park-like yard w/sparkling pool. 1 full bed/bath down. Side-yard access, approx. 1/2 acre lot. Move in ready. Close to downtown, schools, shop.

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Linda Newton

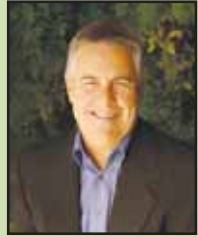
59 Rockrose St. - Livermore - \$ 845,000
Exceptionally beautiful & clean! Spacious relaxing backyard & perfect for entertaining w/pool, grass area, patio, charming sitting area, side yards & sheds. Flowing floor plan. Bedroom & full bath downstairs, vaulted ceilings, shutters, granite counters, walk-in pantry, formal dining & family room & more!

Open Sat & Sun 1-4



Gina Piper

4860 Viento Ct. - Dublin - \$1,300,000
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7795 Cedar Mountain Road, Livermore

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1279 Lozano Court, Ruby Hill, Pleasanton

Glorious Georgian Estate

4 Bd, 3.5 Ba 5,560 Sq. Ft. on .74 acre

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573 Bernal Ave, Livermore

Upgraded Livermore home

3 Bd, 2 Ba 1,366 Sq. Ft.

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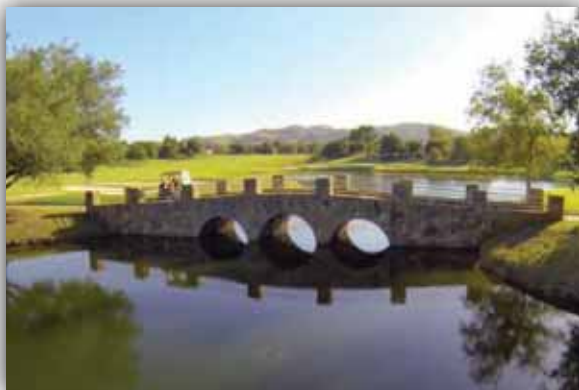
3027 Hastings Way, San Ramon

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5 Bd, 4.5 Ba 3,716 Sq. Ft.

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