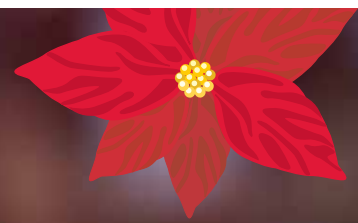


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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

4,275 wheelchairs donated, with more on the way

Hats off to members of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton who just returned from our sister city Tulancingo, Mexico after delivering 280 wheelchairs to the elderly and disabled. The project, started by club member and Pleasanton travel agent Bob Athenour in 2003, has led to the distribution of 4,275 wheelchairs by the downtown Rotary Club on 18 trips.

Pleasanton North Rotary also distributes wheelchairs on annual trips. In fact, as of October, 20% of the 973,332 wheelchairs distributed free-of-charge worldwide by the Wheelchair Foundation have been from contributions by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs worldwide.

The Wheelchair Foundation, headed by philanthropist David Behring, former president of the Blackhawk Museum in Danville and once chief of the Seattle Seahawks, is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to "provide a free wheelchair to every child, teenager and adult worldwide who needs one, but has no means to acquire one."

Nine members of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, also known as the downtown Rotary Club, made the trip to Tulancingo in October. Nancy Pennell, chairwoman of the club's Wheelchair Committee, said those given the wheelchairs ranged from a 4-year-old to a woman who is 104. "They both cried and we cried with them," Pennell said. "Participating in these distributions is an experience no one will ever forget. It is humbling, rewarding and life-changing."

Making the trip with Pennell were Bob Silva, Bill Berck, Ginger Faria, Tony Chen, Julie and Don Lewis, Steve Brozosky with his wife Annie and daughter Richelle, and Fred Nicharandos with his wife Anne and son Eric. All travel costs are paid separately by those making these trips. In previous years, starting in 2003, members of the downtown club have traveled to distribute wheelchairs three other times in Tulancingo as well as in Oaxaca, Apatzingan, Hermosillo, Chiapas and Puebla, Mexico, and also in Guatemala, Peru, Honduras, El Salvador, Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile. Next year, the club plans to distribute another 280 wheelchairs in Panama.

Athenour, who started it all, is not only the founder of the Rotary Club's wheelchair project but he also brought the mayors of Tulancingo and Pleasanton together to form a sister city partnership. He is

honored with a plaque in the main plaza in Tulancingo and he also was the Pleasanton Weekly's first "Man of the Year" in 2001. Born in Sunol in 1929, he taught Spanish at Amador Valley High School for more than 27 years, and has also received the prestigious Mayor's Award for meritorious community service.

Dick Stafford, past president of the downtown Rotary Club, has made seven of the club's wheelchair trips, including the inaugural one in 2003.

"Experiencing the life-changing effect that comes with the gift of mobility changed my life as well," Stafford said. "Why wheelchairs? For me it is because the transformation in the quality of life for recipients and their families is immediate and powerful. People who have never been able to leave their one-room home have instant freedom and enhanced independence."

He recalled one young boy who had been anticipating the club's arrival and the gift of his wheelchair. He was excited beyond belief. His change in personality, his increase in self-confidence and attitude, and the pride and joy on the faces of his family members Stafford said he will never forget.

In another case, he recalls a teenage mother with a baby suffering from serious health issues. The mother was really still a child herself, and it was obvious caring for her own child was going to be a lifelong project. Without mobility, that challenge was going to be almost impossible. With the gift of a wheelchair, she was able to return to work and to transport her child for treatment, and with that came new hope for a better life.

Why is the need so great? Accidents, aging and disease made worse by poor living conditions, inadequate medical facilities (especially prenatal care), and lack of knowledge regarding nutrition and health issues all create the need for wheelchairs to provide a quality of life that would be otherwise impossible.

How do the downtown Rotary Club and Pleasanton North fund these projects? Contributions come from club members, from special fundraising events, including the downtown club's Father's Day Spirit Run, from grants, matching funds and from individual donors. To learn more about how you can help, send Stafford an email at www.grs414@hotmail.com. ■

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Have you ever had an experience that is a good example of, “Be careful what you wish for?”



Athina Vassiliadis

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One time I really wanted to go to Hawaii, but we didn't get to go. It turned out though that if we had gone at that time, we would have gotten caught in a big tsunami!



Jack Wong

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I once wished I could get a little break from the wife and kids. But then when they went away for a month to visit family, I missed them like crazy and couldn't wait for them to get home.



Jadyn Yearwood

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Oh yes. I once got into a big fight with my sister and I wished something bad would happen to her. The next day, an earthquake hit and something heavy dropped on her. It was awful, because I felt like it was my fault.



Safya Aziz

Taxi driver

I was once really eager to go home to Afghanistan. But then when I actually did, it was absolute chaos. So much violence, so much fighting and unrest.



Olivia Caponigro

Middle school student

When my brother was younger we used to fight a lot, and so I wished he would just disappear. But then when he went off to Outdoor Ed for a bunch of days, I started crying because I missed him so much.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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DIGEST

Common Core math

The Pleasanton Unified School District is scheduled to host a Math Workshop and Instructional Materials Fair on Jan. 10.

The fair will include a display of the mathematics instructional materials being considered for adoption, as well as a variety of “hands-on” sessions that aim to assist parents or guardians in understanding the Common Core math implementation process — such as how to help with homework, Smarter Balanced Assessments, Math Talk, online resources, college and career readiness, problem-solving skills, and literacy in mathematics.

The event is set to take place from 9 a.m. to noon at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave.

A billion gallons

The Dublin San Ramon Services District's recycled water program has helped saved more than one billion gallons of drinking water in the Tri-Valley this year by offering a non-potable alternative for landscaping and construction projects, the agency announced this week.

DSRSD partners with East Bay Municipal Utility District and the city of Pleasanton in producing recycled water, which has grown to more than 20% of DSRSD's total water sales.

DSRSD is offering a free tour of its Pleasanton wastewater treatment facility to the public on Jan. 7. For more information, visit www.dsrds.com/tour or call 875-2282.

Photographer talk

Internationally recognized human-figure photographer Ding Hong Wu will speak at the Pleasanton Public Library on Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. Wu will share his experiences and techniques while showing his renowned photographs and the stories behind them, according to event organizers.

Since the 1980s, Wu — a native of Shanghai, China now living in New York — has earned various awards in photography competitions in China and across the world. He has also published books of photographing techniques.

The Dec. 30 program is free and open to all. No registration is required. For more information, call 931-3410. ■

Correction

The two photos at the bottom of pages 14-15 in our story last week about the Pleasanton holiday parade were incorrectly attributed. Those two photos were taken by Chuck Deckert.

Laursen, Miller sworn in at school board meeting

In first action, Miller asks calendar change to be brought back for reconsideration

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Newly elected and re-elected members of the Pleasanton school board were sworn in Tuesday, with the board then unanimously voting to name Trustee Valerie Arkin as board president and Trustee Chris Grant as vice president for the upcoming year.

Newcomer Mark Miller, a Pleasanton parent and information technology manager, received the oath of office from Cindy McGovern, a former school board and Pleasanton city councilwoman.

Joan Laursen, re-elected to her second term in November, received

the oath of office from Arnoldo Avalos from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

Prior to the swearing-in ceremony, the school board and community recognized former Trustee Jeff Bowser for his four years on the Pleasanton school board. Bowser finished outside the top two in his bid for re-election this November.

“Today is one of mixed emotions for me,” Bowser said. “I’m very proud and honored for the work we’ve done on this board for the past four years, but I’m also looking forward to

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AMANDA AGUILAR

Mark Miller (center) is newest member of the Pleasanton school board. Other members are (from left) Chris Grant, Valerie Arkin, Jamie Hintzke and newly re-elected Joan Laursen.



CHUCK DECKERT

Pleasanton's famed Balloon Platoon “presents arms” in front of Main Street reviewing stand at last Saturday's Holiday Parade.

Crowds line Main Street for holiday parade

Mayor lights holiday tree in front of Museum on Main

By JEB BING

Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday parade drew a near-record crowd last Saturday as thousands lined Main Street to watch floats, bands, and scores of Scouts and other organization groups pass by.

Last in the parade — although disappointingly sitting inside a fire engine cab — was Santa, followed by the annual lighting of the city's holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main.

Mayor Jerry Thorne, with the

newly-seated City Council at his side, pulled the giant lever lighting the tree as the parade ended.

The Weather Bureau also cooperated with a light morning drizzle ending by noon and temperatures hovering in the mid-60s by parade time.

The centerpiece of the free event was a festive community-based parade with 69 entries, including the marching bands from Foothill and Amador Valley high schools, other musical groups,

Scouts, and of course, Santa at the end.

Even the politicians were there. Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) walked down Main Street shaking constituents' hands as he often does. Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley stood on a colorful float with Thorne and the City Council riding in a horse-drawn carriage before taking their places at the main reviewing stand in front of the museum. ■

PPD launches ‘Hide It, Lock It’ campaign to reduce thefts

Thefts from unlocked cars, homes require \$250,000 in police work annually

The Pleasanton Police Department is launching a new crime prevention campaign aimed at reducing the number of preventable property crimes in the city.

These crimes, including thefts

from unlocked vehicles and burglaries in which items were left in plain view, required 2,220 hours of police resources in 2013 at a cost to taxpayers of well over \$250,000.

“Hide It, Lock It, or Lose It”

focuses on reminding those who live, work or shop in Pleasanton to remove all items from a vehicle before parking. If that isn't possible,

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Museum sets 2015 speaker topics

‘Evening with Howard Hughes’ to kick off popular series

Pleasanton's Museum on Main will start its fifth year of monthly lectures at the Firehouse Arts Center Jan. 13 with “An Evening with Howard Hughes,” one in a series of presentations portraying famous historical individuals that is part of the Ed Kinney Speaker Series for 2015.

“People have been clamoring to find out who will be visiting for the 2015 speaker series,” said Jennifer Amiel, the museum's director of education coordinator of the speaker series. “We have an exciting lineup.”

In the lead-off presentation, Hughes, the aviator who set a transcontinental airspeed record 80 years ago and later became an iconic and eccentric American figure, will be portrayed by director, playwright and theater director Brian Kral.

Heir to his family's fortune, Hughes was a business tycoon, inventor and filmmaker. He built the massive H-4 Hercules (also known as the Spruce Goose), stepping into the Hollywood spotlight.

Other scheduled presentations at the Firehouse Arts Center, all sponsored by the Museum on Main and starting at 7 p.m., include:

Feb. 10: “An Evening with Pleasanton historian Ken MacLennan,” author of “Pleasanton, California: A Brief History.” He will provide an insightful review of local history from the eve of the Spanish invasion of California to the turn of the 21st century, including rarely seen photographs. Books will be available for purchase at the event

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and MacLennan will sign copies following his talk.

March 10: "An Evening with Hearst Castle historian Victoria Kastner," who has held this post historian since 1979. She will share her knowledge and appreciation for the architecture, landscaping, and the many people involved in the Pacific palace of William Randolph Hearst, from its owner to architect Julia Morgan, and its many guests. She will also address the Pleasanton connection to the Hearst family.

April 21: "An Evening with A Rebel Soldiers," with Fred Rutledge taking the stage as a Confederate cavalryman. Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the close of the Civil War and the disbanding of Confederate troops, including Mosby's Rangers, Rutledge will share the tactics, weapons and equipment of the time. He will also relate anecdotes and stories about the men and women who fought on both sides of this bloodiest of American wars.

May 12: "An Evening with Susan



Famed airman and American figure Howard Hughes.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

B. Anthony," with former actress and journalist Suzan Gallerito taking the stage to talk about the achievements and personal life of this American icon. Anthony's name is synonymous with activism, including the anti-slavery movement, education reform, women's equal pay for equal work, and, perhaps most notably, women's right to vote.

June 9: "An Evening with Franklin Delano Roosevelt," with Peter M. Small, a former educator, talking about the accomplishments of the country's 32nd president. Small has portrayed historical characters, including American statesman and political leader FDR, for audiences nationwide.

July 14: "An Evening with Laura Ingalls Wilder." Born in 1867, the name Wilder — to be portrayed by Judith Helton — brings to mind life in the big woods, in a little house on the prairie and on the banks of plum creek. The American author's

books have spanned generations, taught readers about pioneer life and inspired the 1970s-1980s television show "Little House on the Prairie." This one-woman program is being presented by arrangement with the Little House Heritage Trust.

Aug. 11: "An Evening with Andrew Carnegie." The steel mogul will be portrayed by actor and professor Doug Mishler. Carnegie is a rags-to-riches story. Scottish-born, he emigrated with his poor family to the U.S. in 1848 and by 1901, he sold his steel company for \$480 million. At the time of his death, Carnegie had given away almost 90% of his fortune to charities and foundations.

Sept. 8: "An Evening with the Harringtons and the Pleasanton Art Partnership." Gary and Nancy Harrington, benefactors of public art in Pleasanton, will discuss the many artworks in the community. These include "Poppies" at the Veterans Memorial Building, "Girl Reading" in front of the Pleasanton Public Library and "Pioneer Founders," a large-scale mural installed on Main Street in 2014. The Harringtons will share the stories behind many public art pieces around the city and the artists, including those in the Harrington Art Partnership, a 10-year public art acquisition and installation program.

Oct. 20: "An Evening with Harry Houdini." The audience will be memorized by Broadway and television actor Duffy Hudson as he takes the stage as magic mastermind Harry Houdini, an Hungarian-American born illusionist and stunt performer. Houdini is best known for his sensational escape acts, including from handcuffs, ropes slung from skyscrapers and a straitjacket under water. Hudson, as Houdini, will bring to life the personal side of Houdini, including his ventures into film and aviation.

All events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, which is located at 4444 Railroad Ave. in downtown Pleasanton. For tickets and more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series, visit www.museumonmain.org or call the Museum on Main at 462-2766. ■

—Jeb Bing



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Illusionist and stunt performer Harry Houdini.

Vintage Hills receives \$1,400 grant

Funds to be used for classroom stability balls

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Vintage Hills Elementary School was awarded a \$1,400 grant last week from the KNBR Step Up to the Plate For Education grant program funded by Wells Fargo Bank.

Wells Fargo executives and San Francisco Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford, a Foothill High alum, presented the checks to 26 Bay Area schools. The grant will help support athletics and education programs.

Grant application author Amy Delema, a Vintage Hills fourth- and fifth-grade teacher, said "The money will be used to purchase two sets of classroom stability balls for the school's active students who find sitting still in the 'confines of a classroom' all day difficult."

Delema added that her son, Ryan, was her motivation behind applying for the grant.

"These stability balls allow students an opportunity to keep their core active, which in turns balances them and allows them to focus in an environment that they traditionally do not succeed

in," she added. "We believe that these balls will allow all students to feel empowered and allow them to work to full potential in an environment that may not be best suited for them."

Crawford also spoke to the grant winners about the importance of working hard in both sports and academics.

He said, "I grew up in the Bay Area and am fortunate to play professional baseball here. As a kid, my mother always emphasized the importance of an education — above and beyond participating in sports. So today I pass on that same advice to you. Whether you are fortunate enough to be a professional athlete or not, an education will always take you far."

Through an open nomination process, schools applied to receive grants and winners were selected. A total of \$100,000 was awarded to Bay Area schools.

"We are so grateful to KNBR and Wells Fargo for funding this grant. It was an honor to have been chosen," Vintage Hills principal Melissa Theide said. ■

Nutrition expert to present at Congregation Beth Emek

By CIERRA BAILEY

Pleasanton's Congregation Beth Emek is set to host an informational forum Monday night during which author and nutrition expert Dr. Robert Lustig will discuss how the American diet impacts health.

Lustig is a professor of pediatric endocrinology at U.C. San Francisco, a best-selling author and president of the Institute for Responsible Nutrition. Monday night's discussion titled, "Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise?" will address the role of nutrition in metabolic illnesses, what it means to be healthy, and the role of the brain in terms of behavior and addiction, among other topics.

"Being fat doesn't necessarily mean you're unhealthy and being thin doesn't mean you are healthy," Lustig said. "40% of what's considered the normal-weight population have the same metabolic diseases as those who are obese."

According to Lustig — former chairman of the Obesity Task Force of the Pediatric Endocrine Society — there are several key factors that contribute to obesity and metabolic diseases which include treating all calories as equal as well as consuming large amounts of sugar.



Robert Lustig

In his best-selling book, "Fat Chance: Beating the Odds Against Sugar, Processed Food, Obesity and Disease," Lustig explains how sugar alters the body's biochemistry, which in turn affects people's eating habits.

While caring for children with brain tumors at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., Lustig noticed a correlation between elevated insulin levels and obesity. Fructose from added sweeteners in foods and beverages is processed in the liver and could turn into liver fat if consumed in large quantities. Increased fat in the liver can then lead to increased insulin levels and insulin resistance, according to Lustig.

Lustig, who was featured in the documentary film "Fed Up" released earlier this year, will discuss Monday his views about the role the American food industry plays in sickness and obesity — the main topic of the film. He will also give tips for how people can improve their eating habits.

Lustig is one of six health experts on the advisory board for Pleasanton-based health and wellness organization ConnectWell. Pleasanton resident Andrea Bloom founded ConnectWell in 2010 in an effort to educate and engage people in wellness practices.

The forum is scheduled for Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. For more information, call 931-1055 or email programs@bethemek.org. ■

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JEB BING

Pleasanton post office - no special holiday hours here.

Postal service adds extra weekend holiday services, but not in Pleasanton

BY JEB BING

The U.S. Postal Service says it “wants the season to be merry and bright for customers this year,” but apparently not so much for Tri-Valley residents.

It announced this week that to “ease the hustle of the holidays” select post offices throughout the East Bay will add hours on the next two Saturdays and Sundays before Christmas, but not in Pleasanton, Dublin or Livermore. Only San Ramon’s post office will have the extra holiday hours.

Augustine Ruiz, spokesman for the East Bay postal region, said the system couldn’t accommodate all the post offices in the area this year. “Sorry, we couldn’t include all of our post offices,” he said.

These “select” post offices outside

of the Tri-Valley will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the two Saturdays, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20, and on the two Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, offering full service, including stamp sales and package acceptance.

Post offices with Saturday and Sunday hours during the holidays include those in Berkeley, Concord, Fremont, Hayward, Oakland/Emeryville and Oakland/Piedmont.

Due to continued e-commerce growth and improvements to the Priority Mail product line, the Postal Service is expecting double-digit growth in its package business this holiday season, likely in the range of 450 to 470 million packages, Ruiz said. ■



JEB BING

Main Street banner promotes the new Pleasanton police initiative, “Hide it, Lock it or Lose it.”

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stow the items out of sight before parking, and always lock the vehicle. By simply taking preventative measures, residents can ensure that money is spent on crime fighting efforts. It takes five seconds to remove extra items from a vehicle and only two seconds to lock it.

The campaign, which is now underway, will continue through 2015. It includes a high visibility advertising campaign, notices to residents, community meetings and even a banner over Main Street to spread the message: “Hide It, Lock It, or Lose It.”

The goal is to use this campaign to educate potential victims — who leave their vehicles, garages, and even their homes unlocked and unattended — to simply lock their doors. Pleasanton police urge everyone to talk up the campaign and get the word out.

The Pleasanton program is based on a successful campaign the Dana Point Police Services created in 2009 in an effort to lower the amount of preventable property crime in its jurisdiction.

For more information, call crime prevention/community service officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker at 931-5240. ■

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Brown names two to Alameda County Superior Court

Gov. Jerry Brown has appointed Thomas E. Stevens and Noël Wise to judgeships in the Alameda County Superior Court.

Stevens, 48, of Piedmont, has served as chief at the Oakland Branch of the U.S. Attorney's Office in California's Northern District of California since 2013, where he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Economic Crimes and Securities Fraud section from 2008 to 2013.

He also served as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division Fraud section from 2004 to 2008, and was a lawyer with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom from 2002 to 2004, where he was an associate from 1997 to 2002.

Stevens also served as a deputy district attorney at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office from 1995 to 1997 and was a law clerk for the Judge Edward D. Price at the U.S. District Court, Eastern District, from 1994 to 1995.

He earned a law degree from UC Berkeley School of Law and a bachelor's degree from UC Davis.

He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Marshall I. Whitley. Stevens is registered without a party preference.

Wise, 46, of Alameda, has been principal and founding member of WG&R Law Group since 2006. She was in-house counsel at PG&E from 2004 to 2006 and a lawyer at Stoel Rives from 2002 to 2004.



Noël Wise



Thomas E. Stevens

She served as a trial lawyer and an Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice from 1994 to 2002 and as a law clerk to the Judge Harry Lee Anstead at the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal from 1993 to 1994.

Wise was a panel mediator at the First District Court of Appeal from 2001 to 2013. She was a teaching fellow at Stanford University Law School from 2001 to 2002 and served as an adjunct professor at the UC Berkeley School of Law from 2000 to 2006.

She earned a master's degree in Law from Stanford and a law degree from Nova Southeastern University. She fills the vacancy created by the departure of Judge Carrie McIntyre Panetta upon her appointment to the Monterey County Superior Court. Wise is a Democrat.

The compensation for each of these positions is \$184,610. ■

—Jeb Bing

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spending time with my family.”

Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi presented him with certificates from Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), former Alameda County superintendent Sheila Jordan, former State Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) and the Pleasanton Unified School District.

“It's been my pleasure and honor to serve with you and know you,” Laursen said.

Bowser thanked his campaign workers and family for the support throughout his years serving on the board, and added, “I would like to thank our teachers, administrators, secretaries, custodians and maintenance workers.”

In other business:

- Two students and a parent addressed the board during the community comment session about reconsidering the board's June vote to approve the modified lite calendar.

“When I came to the September board meeting, I shared with

you that my mom teaches in a neighboring district,” said Fairlands Elementary fourth-grader Kate Corsaro. “Tonight I would like to remind you that, due to the calendar change, my sister and I will lose five weeks of summer with our mom each year.”

During the “Board Requests” portion of the meeting, Miller requested that the calendar change be put on a future agenda for discussion and possible action to see how the board would like to proceed with the item.

- Before Bowser stepped down, the board recognized the Local Control Advisory Committee, the Classified Employees Communication Council and student board members. In addition, the California School Employees Association recognized its members for the Quarterly Awards.

- Also before Miller took his seat, the board unanimously appointed Foothill teacher Caroline Fields as Harvest Park Middle School vice principal and Jack Parsons as Harvest Park's half-time vice principal, as he will continue to be a teacher at the school. ■

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Public Hearing:** Adopt a resolution making the finding that certain development impact fees (AB 1600 and SB1693) collected are unexpended after five years and are committed to particular projects
- Update on the Stage 3 Water Shortage and Local Emergency Declaration
- Review of Preliminary Draft East Pleasanton Specific Plan (EPSP), confirmation of alternatives for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and approval of Third Amendment to a Professional Services Agreement with Rasmussen Planning, Inc., and Gates + Associated for \$116,624 for services related to the preparation of the EPSP and EIR
- **PUBLIC HEARING:** P14-0970/P14-1173, Young Ivy Academy – Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of applications at 5460 Sunol Boulevard, Suites 3 and 4 (Oak Hills Shopping Center) for Design Review approval and modification to an existing Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate an outdoor playground area. Zoning for the property is C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) District
- Consider adoption of a resolution establishing fixed and uniform refuse collection and recycling service rates for residential and commercial customers
- Selection of the Vice Mayor and confirmation of Council appointments to various Subcommittees and Local and Regional Boards and Commissions

“The Pleasanton City Council will consider the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update (P14-0440/P14-1309) at its January 6, 2015 meeting. The public hearing will consist of (1) an Addendum to the Housing Element and Climate Action Plan Supplemental EIR; (2) a General Plan Amended to adopt the Housing Element; and (3) a zone change for 5758 and 5794 West Las Positas Blvd. (CM Capital 2 site) to maintain a PUD-MU (Planned Unit Development-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.”

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

‘My Son Pinocchio Jr.’

Tiare Vasconcellos as Pinocchio, Amita Haravu as the Blue Fairy and Isabel Fernandes as Geppetto are ready to perform in “My Son Pinocchio Jr.,” which opens tonight and plays through Dec. 21 at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road, presented by Pleasanton's Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with Bay Area Children's Theatre. This new musical retells the familiar Disney story from Geppetto's perspective, featuring new songs as well as classics including “When You Wish Upon a Star.” The production has two alternating casts with a total of 73 students between the ages of 8 and 16. Tickets are \$6-\$18. Go to www.firehousearts.org or call 931-4848.

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League of California Cities chooses new president

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne continues as head of League's East Bay Division

By JEB BING

Stephany Aguilar, a Scotts Valley councilwoman, has been elected president of the League of California Cities.

She succeeds former Arroyo Grande Mayor Tony Ferrara, who was not re-elected last month in a vote by colleagues. Ferrara, who has served 16 years on the Arroyo Grande City Council, was defeated in his bid for re-election Nov. 4 by write-in candidate Jim Hill.

Under the league's bylaws, a president who is no longer in city office is automatically succeeded by the first vice president, in this case Aguilar. The league's Board of Directors elected Rancho Cucamonga

Mayor Dennis Michael as its new first vice president.

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne continues as a member of the board of directors, representing the East Bay Division and the cities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

All will hold their offices until the league's annual conference next fall.

“Having an opportunity to be actively involved with shaping new legislation for California cities is a vital focus for myself and the league's board of directors,” Aguilar said.

“I am honored to serve as league president and work with my colleagues from throughout California to advocate for stronger local

control and fiscal stability for our cities,” she added. “California cities continue to engage in crucial issues, including how to create policies that support stronger economic development.”

First elected to the Scotts Valley City Council in 1996, Aguilar has also served three terms as mayor. Holding a master's degree in communication studies from San Jose State University, her professional background includes education along with personnel and training for a public safety agency.

She serves on the boards of the California Council of Governments and Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments. ■

IRS pension update: New limits for 2015

By **JASON ALDERMAN**

Is it ever too late to plan for retirement? No, as long as you're willing to be thrifty and extend your working years and be mindful of your individual and employer-based retirement savings options.

Building a successful, comfortable retirement depends on a variety of individual factors, including where you live, how long you plan to work, your health and your other investments and assets.

The IRS recently announced an update for your options, including cost-of-living adjustments that will give many taxpayers the advantage of putting more away during 2015. Here's a summary:

- Regular contribution limits for 401(k), 403(b), most 457 plans, and the federal employee Thrift Savings Plan have increased from \$17,500 (for tax year 2014) to \$18,000 (for tax year 2015). The catch-up contribution limit for employees aged 50 in these plans is increased from \$5,500 to \$6,000. Contribution deadline: Dec. 31.
- Annual contribution limits, Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA).



Jason Alderman

For both traditional and Roth IRAs, the annual contribution limit is not subject to a cost-of-living adjustment and remains at \$5,500. The over-50 catch-up contribution amount is \$1,000. There are particular restrictions (<http://www.irs.gov/publications/p590/index.html>) based on income levels, workplace retirement plan coverage among other issues. Contribution deadline: April 15.

- Higher 2015 income phase-out levels for traditional IRA contributions. For singles covered by a workplace retirement plan, the 2015 cutoff is now increased to a modified adjusted gross income (AGI) between \$61,000 and \$71,000. The IRS website details other significant increases and updates in phase-out levels for married couples and singles.
- Higher 2015 income phase-out levels for Roth IRA contributions. The IRS website also updates higher phase-out levels for married and single taxpayers on its website. For married couples filing jointly, the 2015 level is now \$183,000 to \$193,000.

Here's what you can do if you're in your 50s and you haven't yet saved much for retirement:

- Get qualified financial advice. Organizations such as the Association for Financial Counseling Planning and Education (<http://members.afcpe.org/search>), Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards

list qualified financial advisers, and your state CPA society can suggest tax professionals in your area.

- Budget and downsize. Want to retire? Start living like a retiree while you're still working. Most experts believe late starters (50 and over) need to put away at least 10% of gross income to start making headway. Create a realistic budget, trim debt and consider cheaper housing, transportation and lifestyle options.
- Take advantage of "catch-up" contribution limits. Retirement savers over the age of 50 have the option to put more away not only in traditional and Roth IRAs but also 401(k) plans — not including SIMPLE 401(k)s, 403(b) plans, SARSEP and 457(b) plans (see annual contribution limits, IRAs above).
- Keep working ... strategically. If you're lucky, you love your work or are in a position to change careers to one with better retirement savings options. If so, consult an expert on ways to keep earning and investing effectively.

Bottom line: The government's cost-of-living adjustments will allow you to save more for retirement in 2015, but don't wait until then to evaluate your goals to set — or reset — your retirement planning going forward. ■

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

Fremont Bank makes \$5,000 grants to 18 charities

By **JEB BING**

Fremont Bank Foundation, a philanthropic arm of Pleasanton's and the Bay Area's Fremont Bank, has chosen to support 18 local nonprofits that serve food or distribute food baskets year-round with financial grants to help them provide extra food and basic necessities to local low-income residents and families.

"We are grateful for the work these nonprofit organizations perform in our communities all year," said Hattie Hyman Hughes, president of Fremont Bank Foundation and an executive vice president of

Fremont Bank.

"We know that they will put our holiday grants to great use and will make the season a little brighter for many local residents and their families," she added.

The following 18 agencies will each receive a \$5,000 grant from the foundation: Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven; Castro Valley Outreach, Castro Valley; Centerville Free Dining Room, Fremont; Centro de Servicios, Union City; Davis Street Family Resource Center, San Leandro; and the Food Bank for Monterey County, Monterey County.

Other recipients are the International Orphan Relief Foundation, Brentwood; Loaves and Fishes, Contra Costa County; Martha's Kitchen, San Jose; Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Union City; and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Contra Costa County.

Also receiving the holiday grants are South Hayward Catholic Parish, Hayward; Russian American Community Services, San Francisco; St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County; Tri-City Free Breakfast Program, Fremont; Tri-City Volunteers, Inc., Fremont; and Viola Blythe Community Service Center, Newark.

Fremont Bank, which has a branch in Pleasanton, is the primary funding source for Fremont Bank Foundation. ■

TAKE US ALONG



49ers' new home: Laney Lopez had a blast at the new Levi's Stadium, and brought the Pleasanton Weekly along for the fun.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Officers witness possible DUI hit-and-run, arrest 'combative' driver

A Milpitas woman was arrested for allegedly crashing her vehicle while intoxicated and leaving the scene right in front of Pleasanton police officers on Santa Rita Road approaching Pimlico Drive on Dec. 5.

Police reported that while officers were patrolling the area, they witnessed a woman — later identified as 53-year-old Misty Lynn Ferguson — crash into another vehicle and continue to drive off as the other vehicle signaled to pull to the side of the road.

Officers conducted a traffic stop on Ferguson for leaving the scene of a collision, said police.

Authorities allege that when the officers contacted Ferguson, they could smell alcohol on her and her speech and reaction time was slow.

According to police reports, Ferguson became "physically combative" and refused to take any tests. Police allege that she kicked one of the officers as they tried to put her in the backseat of the police vehicle.

Ferguson was arrested on suspicion of hit and run, driving under the influence and resisting an executive officer. No injuries were reported.

In other police reports:

- A residential burglary on Fairlands Drive resulted in more than

\$15,000 worth of items stolen, police said.

The homeowner reported that he left his home around 10 a.m. Dec. 1 and then his daughter called him around 1 p.m. that day telling him about the reported burglary.

According to police reports, the culprits gained entry through an upstairs window and stole items from the man's bedroom before leaving through the main garage door.

Some of the items reported stolen include jewelry, a birth certificate, European currency, a laptop, five watches, a safe, two external hard drives and a flat-screen television.

Police would not release details about the suspects as this case is still under investigation.

- A 20-year-old Pleasanton man was arrested for allegedly violating a restraining order during an incident at his sister's home Dec. 1.

According to police, Rahul Singh Bhatia was creating a disturbance in his sister's house on McKinley Court, during which he damaged her couch cushions.

Police reported that Bhatia's sister had a criminal protective order against him because they have had "issues in the past." Bhatia was arrested on suspicion of violating his restraining order.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made this information available.

Nov. 22

Domestic battery

- 1:41 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Vandalism

- 4:46 a.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

Theft

- 2:43 p.m. in the 1500 block of Kolln Street; theft from auto

Nov. 23

Shoplifting

- 1:46 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 6:50 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Nov. 24

Theft

- 5:07 a.m. in the 4100 block of Crisfield Lane; auto theft

- 12:01 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; bicycle theft

- 10:55 p.m. in the 4600 block of Chabot Drive; theft from auto

Graffiti

- 7:14 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway

Battery

- 4:59 p.m. in the 400 block of Division Street

Nov. 25

Burglary

- 2:02 a.m. in the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

Theft from auto

- 6:10 a.m. in the 5500 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

- 12:45 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 2:42 p.m. in the 3100 block of Busch Road

Battery

- 4:06 p.m. in the 700 block of Main Street

Embezzlement

- 11:57 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Nov. 26

Theft

- 8:14 a.m. in the 3700 block of Reflections Drive; theft from auto

- 4:28 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

- 7:46 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

- 9:25 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 8:40 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 8:52 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Nov. 27

Theft

- 12:56 a.m. in the 4500 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

- 1:13 p.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road; bicycle theft

- 4:52 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft

DUI

- 2:30 a.m. in the 4700 block of Oranwood Court

Drug violation

- 10:30 p.m. at the intersection of Brockton and Fairlands drives

Nov. 28

Drug violation

- 9:34 a.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and Guzman Parkway

- 2:18 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft from auto

- 5:38 p.m. in the 100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 8:07 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Weapons violation

- 11 p.m. at the intersection of Stoneridge Drive and El Charro Road

Nov. 29

Drug violation

- 3:25 a.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue

- 2:37 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 6:46 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Graffiti

- 7:27 a.m. in the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

- 9:02 a.m. in the 4400 block of Santa Rita Road

Burglary

- 8:17 a.m. in the 5600 block of Belleza Drive

Theft

- 5:08 p.m. in the 5400 block of Rosewood Drive

- 11:03 p.m. in the 500 block of St. Thomas Way; theft from auto

- 11:44 p.m. in the 600 block of St. Francis Way; theft from auto

Nov. 30

Theft

- 7:52 a.m. in the 7800 block of Olive Court; auto theft

- 2:14 p.m. in the 500 block of Rose Avenue; theft from auto

- 9:23 p.m. in the 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

Alcohol violation

- 3:51 p.m. in the 600 block of Main Street

Domestic battery

- 6:23 p.m. in the 7600 block of Chestnut Way

Dec. 1

Graffiti offense

- 8:57 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Del Valle Parkway

Theft

- 9:26 a.m. in the 1200 block of Quarry Lane; theft from auto

- 1:52 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

- 7:16 p.m. in the 4100 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from structure

Alcohol violation

- 3:01 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Residential burglary

- 3:44 p.m. in the 4300 block of Fairlands Drive

Dec. 2

Theft

- 12:37 p.m. in the 6600 block of

- Owens Drive; theft from structure

- 1:55 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

- 4:27 p.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Sex offenses

- 3:26 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

Drug violation

- 9:14 p.m. in the 400 block of Vineyard Place

Dec. 3

Vandalism

- 12:12 p.m. in the 3000 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 1:21 p.m. at the intersection of Rose and Pleasanton avenues; theft from auto

- 2:26 p.m. in the 900 block of Rose Avenue

- 8:56 p.m. in the 4200 block of Pleasanton Avenue; theft from auto

Battery

- 6:45 p.m. in the 2000 block of Santa Rita Road

- 7:16 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Alcohol violation

- 9:22 p.m. in the 200 block of Main Street

Dec. 4

Drug violation

- 3:52 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Missing person report

- 5:22 p.m. in the 1600 block of East Gate Way

Burglary

- 8:16 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 9:14 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Dec. 5

Drug violation

- 7:17 a.m. in the 3300 block of Norton Way

- 3:18 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

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Bernal Park fundraising by youth groups clarified

Dear Editor,

A couple of points of clarification for your Around Pleasanton column ("New sports fields OK'd, but they'll cost us," Dec. 5, 2014). The price list appended to the MOU, actually more guidelines for the naming and sports field sponsorship items, was confusing as published. We don't want to scare anyone off. We believe these will be an attractive opportunity for brands who want to associate themselves with this community and the positives of youth sports (physical fitness, teamwork, sportsmanship, dedication, etc.).

1. Sports complex naming: It should be read as \$125,000/yr for naming (we are expecting a min. 4-5-year term), so target is \$500,000 for a 4-year term or \$625,000 for a 5-year term. We'd expect a renewal after that. This target is based on these recent examples for other similar youth sport complexes:

Toyota - Torrance: A \$550,000 undisclosed duration

State Farm - Bakersfield: \$500,000 5-year term

US Cellular - Medford, Ore.:

\$650,000 for 6 years

Muscle Milk - Danville: \$400,000 for 5 years

2. Field naming: Should be read as \$30,000/yr. per field. So, \$150,000 for a 5-year deal times 3 fields equals \$450,000.

I think another key point is that the participating clubs will be exempt from field-use fees at Bernal for 10 years. Other municipalities have a pay-per-hour model for similar facilities, such as those at Fallon Sports Complex in Dublin.

Thanks for covering. We are ex-

cited about this project.

—Jon Asmussen,
Pleasanton Rage board of directors

Pleasanton 7-Eleven

Dear Editor,

It's business as usual for Pleasanton's pro-growth, pro-business Mayor Thorne and City Council.

It appears to be payback to their supporters for helping to win the election. I can't see any other reason, can you my fellow neighbors? Approval of a third 7-Eleven and a third car wash within a one-mile radius of our neighborhood and a short block away from our overcrowded elementary school make absolutely no sense. These should be distributed all over town, not just concentrated in our neighborhood.

Of course it's a good business opportunity for the out-of-town owner, Michael Roesbery. He will be able to sell liquor, cigarettes and junk food from 6 in the morning to 11 at night. And he will also not have to be concerned about his children or grandchildren walking along streets with drunken and distracted drivers.

Apparently, being the second busiest intersection in the city is not good enough for the mayor; he wants it to be the busiest. He and the City Council evidently do not care about the residents/neighbors who are negatively affected by these actions. Changing the zoning, which is meant to protect the residents, now does just the opposite.

I do want to acknowledge Councilwoman Karla Brown, the only voice on the council who has stood up for and listened to the residents of Pleasanton who are adversely affected by business interests.

—Judy Fenton

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



Help those in need through the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund

This banner will stretch across Main Street starting Monday reminding everyone that the Pleasanton Weekly's 2014 Holiday Fund campaign is underway. As of Dec. 5, contributions total \$32,500 with the 10 nonprofits that benefit from your donations hoping for more, much more, by the time the campaign ends next Jan. 15.

It's a timely plea, with many charitable organizations still faced with diminished contributions as a result of a waning recession while needing increased funds to meet a growing number of those in need. Even though we are seeing an economic rebound, the good times have not reached the nonprofit caregivers that depend on public contributions to serve our community.

Contributions to the 2014 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will be distributed in two tiers, with 75% of all dollars raised going to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System. Another 25% of the contributions will go to Hope Hospice, Agape Villages, REACH, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

Again this year, the Weekly is partnering with Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), which will handle all finances related to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. This will allow donors to take advantage of a tax deduction for the dollars they contribute through the foundation's 501(c)(3) status to the fullest extent of the law, but your contributions must be made by Dec. 31 in order to qualify as 2014 charitable donations. Even so, those who contribute by Jan. 15, when the current campaign ends, can include those donations on their 2015 tax returns.

SVCF, headquartered in Mountain View, is no stranger to Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley. In recent years, the community foundation and its donors have awarded grants to Amador Valley and Horizon high schools, Axis Community Health, PPIE, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies, Tri-Valley Animal Rescue and the Valley Humane Society.

Together with SVCF, the Pleasanton Weekly knows what the needs are in our local communities because of our long-standing expertise in helping these organizations. Also, the Pleasanton Weekly is handling all costs of the campaign. That means that every dollar goes directly to the 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

As the Holiday Fund is a donor advised fund of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, please direct your donations to:

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There is also an opportunity to donate through PayPal online at www.siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweeklyholidayfund.

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OutRageOus wins Tournament of Champions

Pleasanton U12 team finishes season at 13-2-2



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Celebrating their tournament title are U12 Flight OutRageOus team members (back row, left to right) Melissa Garcia, Megan Eilensine, coach John Flora, Courtney Olivier, Isabella Wilbur, Trinity Ellis, coach Jack Gerard, Kayleigh Dennen, Masey Peters, Kate Zaine and Abbey Baer, and (front, left to right) Jessica Fey, Juliana Gerard, Daylin Williams, Jordyn Self, Ellie Flora and Kalyn Carroll.

The U12 Flight OutRageOus team finished their season with Pleasanton Rage by winning the recent Fremont Tournament of Champions, scoring in the closing seconds of overtime in the final match to clinch the title.

OutRageOus battled the Danville Mustangs to a scoreless draw in regulation in the championship game Nov. 23. Neither team scored in the first overtime period, but the Pleasanton girls put home the game's lone goal with 30 seconds left in the second overtime.

Isabella Wilbur started the game-winning play with a cross to the center. Ellie Flora received the pass and tapped the ball to Abbey Baer, who sent the ball into the top-right corner of the net.

The 1-0 final match victory was the fourth OutRageOus shutout of the tournament. The team was 3-0-1 in the year-end competition, outscoring their opponents 11-0.

The victory in Fremont occurred one week after OutRageOus won the U12 Flight Jamboree. The squad finished its 2014 season with an overall record of 13-2-2, earning first place in the U12 Flight regular season. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Local gymnast takes home four golds

McKenzie Meyn led the way for the Pleasanton-based West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy's girls' Level 4 compulsory team in the NorCal Level 4 South State Championship last month in Lemoore.

Competing in the Junior C Division, Meyn finished in first place on floor, beam, vault and all-around. She also posted a sixth-place finish on bars.

Other notable results from academy members included:

Aria Spaulding (Senior A Division) - second on floor, fifth on bars, six on all-around, seventh on beam and vault.

Mia Reeve (Senior B) - eighth on vault, ninth on floor.

Zoe White (Senior E) - eighth on vault and all-around, ninth on bars.

Isabel McGaughey (Junior E) - sixth on floor, eighth on beam and all-around.

Anne-Sophie Laliberte (Child C) - seventh on beam and floor, 10th on all-around.

Keira Howard (Child E) - sixth on beam, seventh on bars and floor, 10th on all-around.

Aryanna Iniguez (Child F) - fourth on bars.

Nitika Chand (Child F) - 13th on all-around. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

PREP LINE-UP

Dec. 13

■ Boys Soccer: 3 p.m., Amador vs. Freedom (at San Ramon Valley)

■ Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill at Heritage

Jan. 3

■ Boys Soccer: 2 p.m., Mission San Jose at Amador

■ Girls Soccer: 5 p.m., Foothill at Pittsburg

Jan. 5

■ Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador at Castro Valley

Jan. 6

■ Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador at Livermore

■ Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill at California

■ Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador at San Ramon Valley

■ Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Carondelet at Foothill

■ Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., California at Foothill

■ Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., San Ramon Valley at Amador

Jan. 8

■ Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., De La Salle at Amador

■ Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Granada at Foothill

Dec. 17

■ Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., American at Foothill

Dec. 18

■ Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill at California

Dec. 19

■ Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Palo Alto at Amador

■ Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Alameda at Foothill

■ Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador at Sierra

Dec. 20

■ Girls Basketball: 2:30 p.m., Amador at Washington

Dec. 23

■ Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Heritage at Foothill

Blue Devils headed to finals in Canada

The Tri-Valley Blue Devils Bantam B1 hockey team took first place in its division in the Silver Stick Regional Tournament during Thanksgiving week, earning a spot in the finals set for January in Pelham, Ontario, Canada. Based in Dublin, the Blue Devils team includes players from Pleasanton and throughout the Tri-Valley.



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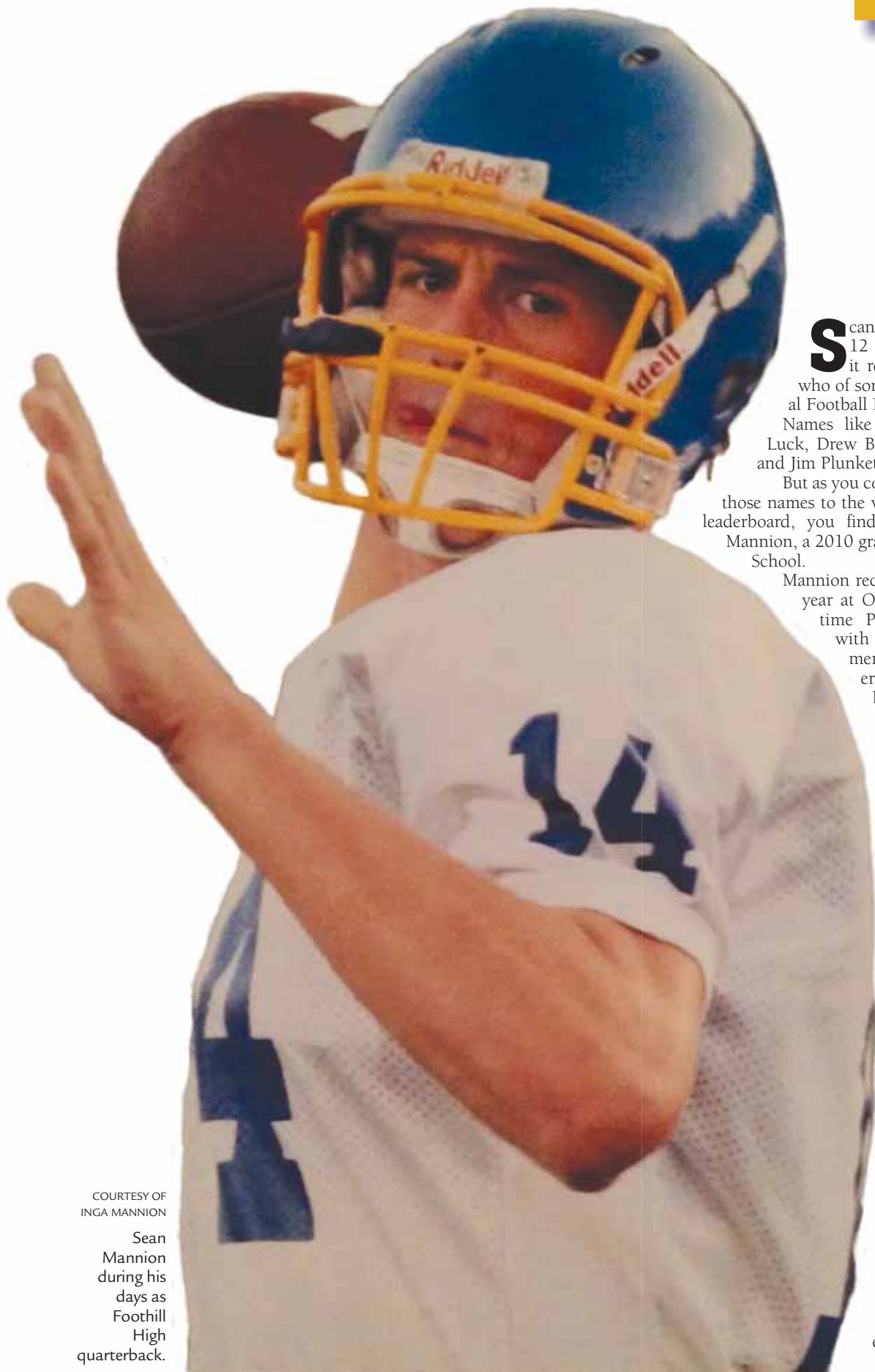
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Eye on the prize

Foothill grad Sean Mannion looks to NFL after record-setting college career

By Dennis Miller



COURTESY OF
INGA MANNION

Sean Mannion during his days as Foothill High quarterback.

Scan the list of all-time Pac-12 passing leaders, and it reads a lot like a who's who of some pretty good National Football League quarterbacks.

Names like John Elway, Andrew Luck, Drew Bledsoe, Carson Palmer and Jim Plunkett dot the list.

But as you continue up the list, past those names to the very top of the all-time leaderboard, you find Oregon State's Sean Mannion, a 2010 graduate of Foothill High School.

Mannion recently finished his final year at Oregon State as the all-time Pac-12 passing leader with 13,600 yards. Former University of Southern California star Matt Barkley is second at 12,327 yards.

The 6-foot-5, 227-pound Mannion also finished as the Pac-12 career leader in completions (1,187) and attempts (1,838). He is in the top 10 all-time for completion percentage (64.58%) and touchdowns (83, one ahead of Luck).

"When I left Foothill, I never dreamed of ending my college career as the all-time leading passer in the Pac-12," Mannion said. "It's just crazy for me for a couple of reasons. First, think of all the great quarterbacks that have played in the league — that makes it so humbling and mind-blowing. Second, I think of the time it took with all the players who caught my

passes and all the linemen that blocked for me — that is what makes it so special."

Mannion, who also holds the Pac-12 single season record for passing with 4,662 yards in 2013, started throughout his four-year career for the Beavers, getting 10 starts in his redshirt freshman year. His 3,328 yards and 16 touchdowns that freshman campaign earned him a Freshman All-American Award by the Football Writers of America.

His next year he started well, but he got hurt after the Beavers came out of the gate 4-0 and needed knee surgery. He missed only two games, but never quite regained his mojo.

"That was certainly very tough," said Mannion of the injury. "You know the team is doing well and then you're out. I just never got back into a groove that year."

The rest of the season saw Mannion basically splitting time at quarterback with Cody Vaz, and at the end of the season there was a battle to see who would be the starter leading into the 2013 season.

"That competition was tough, but I used it to make myself work even harder," explained Mannion. "As I look back at it now, it made me a better player."

Shortly before the 2013 season, Mannion was named the starter and he never looked back.

"That was a big statistical year," he said. "We were playing some real good football that year."

That may be an understatement. Mannion finished the year with 4,662 yards passing and 37 touchdowns. The season firmly planted Mannion on the list of top-notch college quarterbacks and for the first time brought the thought of playing in the NFL to the forefront.

The NFL Advisory Board is a service that presents underclassmen with their prospective NFL Draft grade to assist with their decision about whether to stay in school or turn professional early.

When Mannion got his, it was time for some serious discussion.

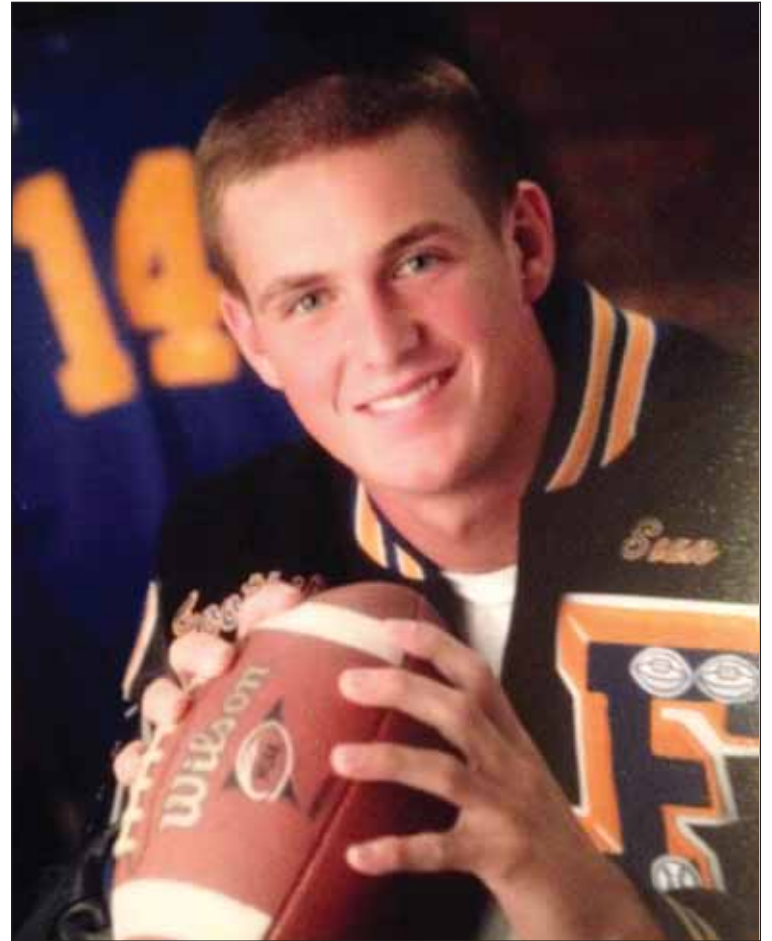
"They came out and gave me a grade of a third-round pick, so I needed to really think about it," said Mannion, who spent a lot of time talking with his father John, a former Foothill coach who now coaches in Silverton, Ore., taking his team to the Oregon state finals this year. "If I am trying to be in the NFL, then I want to be the best player I can possibly be."

Keeping that in mind, Mannion opted to return to Oregon State for his senior year. Statistically it wasn't as good as his junior year — as Mannion had lost playmakers like Brandin Cooks to the NFL — but his 3,164 yards passing nearly got a young Beavers team (5-7) into a bowl game.



KARL MAASDAM/OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Oregon State quarterback and Pleasanton native Sean Mannion tries to elude a USC defender.



COURTESY OF INGA MANNION

Mannion, a former Foothill High School standout, now eyes a future in the NFL after a record-setting run at Oregon State. "I am looking for any team that will give me a chance," he said.

"I really think it was my best year," said Mannion, a statement repeatedly echoed by his head coach Mike Riley, who left Oregon State for the University of Nebraska last week. "I may not have thrown for as many yards or touchdowns, but the goal of my return was to improve as a player and I can say now looking back that I am better for having played this year."

This season also brought to a close Mannion's run as a three-year team captain at Oregon State. He was the first sophomore voted a captain by the team and the first three-year captain for the Beavers. Passing yards and touchdowns are nice, but the captancy is where Mannion will be happy to leave his legacy.

"I am as proud of that as anything I have done in sports," he said. "You want to earn the respect of your teammates and it has been such a special honor to have been voted captain for three years. The flip side is that it comes with more responsibilities. It makes you have your act together all the time and that helped me grow as a player as well."

Now finished with college, Mannion recently move San Diego to train for the upcoming all-star games, the NFL Combine and the Oregon State Pro Day.

"I am very excited for this next step," Mannion said. "I was sitting at my parents' house looking at pictures of me when I was at Foothill and thought, 'wow, it doesn't seem like it was that long ago when I was there.'"

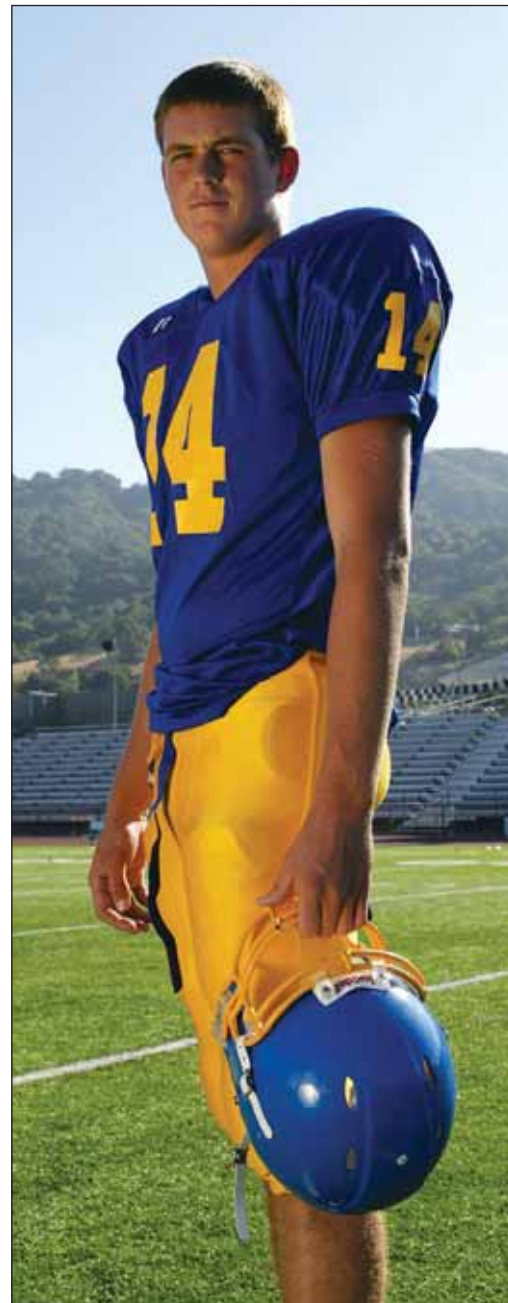
Mannion was a San Francisco 49ers fan through childhood, and like any person who grew up rooting for a specific team, he would love to be on the Niners. But, at this point he realizes anything can happen when the NFL Draft takes place April 30 to May 2 in Chicago.



SCOBEL WIGGINS/OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Mannion, shown here dropping back for a pass, finished his college career as the Pac-12's all-time leader in passing yards, completions and attempts.

"I am hoping over the next few months I get better," Mannion said. "I am looking for any team that will give me a chance." ■



Mannion shown in August 2009, before the start of his senior season at Foothill High.

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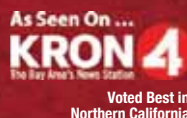


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By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Life has four stages:

1. When you are little and believe in Santa Claus.
2. When you no longer believe in Santa Claus.
3. When you dress up as Santa Claus.
4. When you look like Santa Claus.

For children in the first stage, it is easy to produce holiday magic — in the kitchen, at the crafts table, and when out and about enjoying Christmas decorations. And much of the magic comes at little or no cost.

Children love to take part in wrapping presents so spend what you will on grandma, then wrap the package together. Even the littlest can apply the tape while you hold the paper evenly, and they can choose what kind of bow to add. They can also pick out the gift tag and stick it onto the package, along with an assortment of holiday stickers.

Decorating the tree can be a fun activity and a time for the family to remember Christmases past and good times had throughout the year, perhaps by hanging mementos gathered while on recent vacations. Also, collect ornaments for the big events in your life. Hanging these ornaments will start everyone remembering and laughing.

The important thing to most children is

spending time together with their families. For an enjoyable evening in the days leading up to Christmas, bake something and afterward head out on foot or by car for an hour or two of looking at decorations. Then return home to watch a favorite holiday movie together — and eat the baked goods.

Presents are fun, no matter how much they cost. It's exciting to unwrap a surprise, and to watch others enjoy theirs. Families seem to vary in their practices — from a free-for-all where everyone unwraps at once to an orderly one-at-a-time unwrapping, sharing and appreciating. A survey of 78 people showed the following about unwrapping gifts Christmas morning:

- Take turns in a slow process that takes hours — 29.49%
- Take turns but do it quickly — 53.85%
- All open at once but with some ritual — 8.97%
- Open all at once, and it's over in a second — 6.41%
- Don't wrap gifts — 0%
- Other — 1.28%

If it is a long, slow present opening, this is a good time for someone in the family to update the "Christmas book," recording each year who shared what each Christmas and how it was celebrated. The book is packed away with the decorations and reading about Christmases past is another nice tradition. ■

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Dear Santa ... ❄️

❄️ Snail mail or email, it's fun to write to Santa Claus

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

"Santa, While you're flying in the sky will you bring me a cloud? I want to know if they are as soft as they look."

So wrote Aaron, 6, of Greenville, N.C., in a letter that was shared on a Santa email website. Yes, letters to Santa Claus now often travel to the North Pole via cyberspace, which means they are easily shared.

"Dear Santa, Too bad you have to work on Christmas Eve, but all the kids are sure glad you do!"

— Sean, 8, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Reading these letters, it becomes obvious that sometimes mom and dad have a hand in keeping the legend alive.

"My daddy put up flashing Christmas lights for Rudolph. He says now the roof looks like a landing strip."

— Farrah, 3, Bowling Green, Ky. ❄️

"Please use the front door, we do not have a chimney. Don't forget my Daddy gave you a magic key when I was born."

— Thomas, 5, Staten Island, N.Y.

Some families have a good sense of humor.

"Are you going to trick me with my presents again this year? It was very funny last Christmas; I really thought you left me a blender."

— Adam, 6, New Hamburg, Ontario, Canada

Others reveal the stress of the season.

"I need a new movie because my mom and dad are **very tired** of that **reindeer** movie (no offence). It's my favorite and I would watch it all day if they let me."

— Ryann, 2, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

Some of the letters are poignant.

"Oh by the way, my cancer is all gone this year and my hair has grown back. You might

not recognize me so I will leave you a new picture."

— Kyle, 6, Faulkton, S.D.

"Can you please help the homeless children have a good Christmas with at least something really good to eat and maybe a small toy for them to love?"

— Andrew, 7, South Hadley, Mass.

Others show how vividly children picture Santa's trip around the world.

"Can you pick me up some chocolate when you're in Belgium?"

— Christopher, 8, Brighton, U.K.

"Watch for the stars so you don't crash into them. Look for my palm Christmas tree."

— Savannah, 4, Honolulu, Hawaii

And many are a glimpse into family life.

"My mom says you are watching me? Do you have eyes in the back of your head like she does?"

— Evan, 7, Hartford, Kan.

"Dear Santa, All we want is for the new baby in Mommy's tummy to be a girl. Mommy said if she has another boy, she is going to nail down the furniture."

— Kelsey, 9, Trophy Club, Texas

"Mrs. Claus I would like to have gingerbread made from your kitchen. P.S. Thanks for letting Santa stay out late on Christmas Eve."

— Misha, 5, Redding, Calif.

Although children usually vie for a glimpse of Santa, this little boy would rather have a good night's sleep.

"Can you ask the reindeer to wear slippers this year so they don't wake me up when they land on my roof? Thanks!"

— Joel, 5, Bradford, U.K.

Email or snail mail, letters to Santa are a part of the holidays to be treasured. ■

Beware Santa letter scams ❄️

At least a dozen Santa scams are making the rounds via email, warn the editors at Yahoo Tech.

They usually start with a colorful email offering to make your child's Christmas magical with a letter from Santa. When you place an order, you are basically paying \$20 for a piece of paper that you may not even receive, but the worst part is that the scammer now has your name, address and credit card information.

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"Shades of white continue to be a customer favorite, both in ornaments and tabletop," said visual designer John Griffith. "For the past few years, holiday decor has hinted at glitz and glitter, but this season we're seeing more of a jeweled look with glamorous winter white designs heavily encrusted with rhinestones. It reminds me of when you wake up after a winter storm and everything is coated in sparkling snow and ice."

Griffith leads the design team at a dinnerware national retailer. He loves mixing patterns in shades of white to create an elegant monochromatic look, but adds that using white as a unifying element also allows one to create endless design combinations by blending in additional colors, textures and shapes.

Keith Winkler, a colleague of Griffith's, said you can easily use a different salad plate for each guest to create fun individual place settings, or even switch out accent plates between holidays to give your tabletop decor a totally different twist.

"For someone who entertains often, this is a great way to break up patterns so their guests don't always see the same designs over and over. Guests will enjoy the seasonal designs, and hosts will have all kinds of fun creating new looks for their table," Winkler said.

Bright colors are also trending as hosts break tradition by adding in splashes of bold hues that aren't typically associated with the holidays.

"In creating one of the table designs in our store, we mixed non-holiday patterns in shades of purple and metallic gold," Griffith said. "These colors don't readily suggest Christmas, but we were able to create a rich, festive holiday feel by pairing these patterns with holiday accents."

"We filled glass bowls and com-
potes with rich-hued ornaments and
incorporated gold finials in the table
design," he added. "We created a center-
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CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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

Clubs

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

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

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS MEETING The California Writers Club Tri-Valley Branch invites writers of all genres to a hands-on mini-workshop, conducted by author Lani Longshore, exploring character, setting and story arc, from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Four Points by Sheraton. Reservations required. Cost is \$12 for members, \$17 for nonmembers. Contact reservations@trivalleywriters.org by Dec. 17.

Concerts

A JAZZY CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG Come tap your toes and sing holiday favorites with choirs and a lively jazz band from 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Refreshments and good cheers will follow in the Pope John Paul II Activity Center. Free-will offerings welcome. Call 484-5020 or go to www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/.

CANTABELLA CHILDREN'S CHORUS PERFORMS DEC. 13 The award-winning choir of K-12th graders presents a seasonal blend of reverence and merriment from 1-2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13; followed by the 4-12th graders from 4-5:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Program includes Salvador Mundi's "A Carol Sequence" by William Mathias and familiar carols such as "Feliz Navidad" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Audience singalong, too. Tickets are \$18-\$20, children

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Events

3RD ANNIVERSARY OF PLEASANTON'S ART WALK Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead walkers, art enthusiasts, on their Southern tour of Public Art at 9 a.m. this Saturday, Dec. 13, leaving from the Pleasanton City Offices parking lot, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Free to the public, free brochures.

BRUNCH IN LIVERMORE The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to brunch at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21 at Hilton Garden Inn, 2801 Constitution Drive, Livermore. Cost is your menu choice. RSVP to Hilda at 398-8808 or hskoog@comcast.net by Friday, Dec. 19.

HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to Happy Hour from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18 at the Sheraton Hotel. RSVP to Enez at 455-4271 or hskoog@comcast.net by Tuesday, Dec. 16.

HOLIDAY DANCESCAPE SOCIAL Celebrate the season with friends. Whirl your partner around to music performed by Lady K and the Kings of Swing, from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12 at the Dublin Senior Center. Enjoy light refreshments and drawings for door prizes. Tickets in advance are \$10 for Dublin resident seniors, \$12 for non-residents/under 50; or \$13 at the door. Call 556-4511.

Health

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

Holiday

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Join the annual Christmas Eve service from 7-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. It will feature candlelight and singing, followed by cookies and fellowship. Appropriate for all ages. Call 447-8747 or go to www.uucil.org.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES Join Lynnwood United Methodist Church for Sunday morning worship at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., with lessons and carols on Dec. 14 and Christmas Orchestra on Dec. 21. Childcare is provided at both services. Call 846-0221 or go to www.lynnwood.org.

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY 'POSADA' CELEBRATION The Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association will present the traditional Christmas celebration "Posada" at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21 at the Veterans Memorial Building. Music, carols, and refreshments. For more information, contact Sylvia or Jorge Victoria at 462-6723 or jvictoria45@comcast.net.

FIFTH NIGHT INITIATIVE: A YOUNG FAMILY HANUKKAH CELEBRATION Beth Emek and Beth Emek Preschool will host a Hanukkah celebration for young families from 4:30-7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Instead of receiving a gift, the focus is on giving. Families will make a fleece blanket to be donated to Tri-Valley Haven. The celebration will include menorah lighting, Hanukkah songs with Rabbi Milder, and latke dinner. Cost is \$20 per family. Call 931-1055 or go to www.bethemek.org.

HANUKKAH SHABBAT DINNER AND MENORAH LIGHTING Celebrate the 4th night of Hanukkah and Shabbat from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19 at Congregation Beth

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Miscellaneous

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

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

On Stage

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET Valley Dance Theatre presents its annual full-length production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," accompanied by Valley Dance Theatre Pit Orchestra, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 13, 19-21; and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 13-14, 20-21 at Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$25-\$38, \$19 for students 17 and under. Call 243-0925 or go to <http://www.valleydancetheatre.com>.

Seniors

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

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PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP Lynnwood United Methodist Church offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Reverend Heather Hammer at 846-0221, send an email to office@lynnwood.org, or go to www.lynnwood.org.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY Join the Sunday service with Reverend Karen Epps at 10 a.m. every week at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Children's program available. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Call 829-2733 or go to <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/>.

Support Groups

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

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

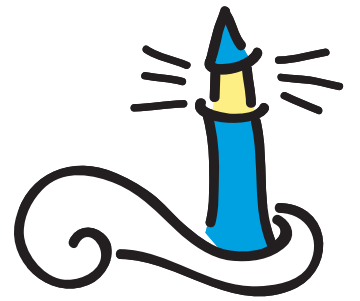
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets from 7-9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 114. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. For more information contact Marsha McInnis at 980-5331 or marsha@nami-trivalley.org.

Volunteering

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF AMADOR VALLEY All ladies are invited to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. Contact 461-6401 or assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com. Go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

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Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac launch programs to broaden pool of home buyers

By JEB BING

The National Association of Home Builders this week commended government-sponsored mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for instituting new loan guidelines that will allow creditworthy borrowers to obtain mortgages with a down payment of 3%.

The new loan policies, unveiled Monday, reverse a trend of tighter lending standards since their taxpayer-financed bailouts.

The programs, with one beginning Saturday, allow only fixed-rate loans on single-family homes used as a primary residence.

"NAHB commends Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for instituting new loan guidelines that will allow creditworthy borrowers to obtain mortgages with a down payment of 3%," said Kevin Kelly, NAHB chairman and a home builder and developer from

Wilmington, Del.

"One of the biggest obstacles to achieving home ownership is the ability to come up with a down payment," he added. "By reducing upfront cash requirements while establishing tough but fair underwriting guidelines that include a number of safeguards, Fannie and Freddie will open the door to home ownership for more American families, particularly first-time home buyers and younger households."

The programs could give a boost to first-time home buyers, who have largely stayed on the sidelines of the housing market rebound. First-time buyers this year made up the smallest share of the housing market in 27 years, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Fannie and Freddie purchase about half of all new home loans from banks and package them into securities

for investors. But lenders still have to make the loans, and some remain skeptical of any 3% down-payment program.

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will offer somewhat different programs. Fannie Mae's program, which begins Saturday, will be available to anyone who has not owned a primary residence for three years. Private mortgage insurance will be required. Borrowers with Fannie Mae mortgages will be able to refinance under the program and can take out up to \$2,000 to cover closing costs but will not be allowed to remove equity from their home.

Freddie Mac's program, called Home Possible Advantage, will begin in March. It is open to anyone who meets certain requirements, but first-time home buyers must participate in a home ownership education and counseling program. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 10-20

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- 4103 Alvarado Street** Elsberry Trust to E. Kozlowski for \$705,000
- 413 Amador Court** A. & K. Haus to T. & M. Morley for \$687,000
- 4664 Augustine Street** Rayver Limited to R. Allen for \$1,200,000
- 4676 Augustine Street** Rayver Limited to R. Allen for \$1,200,000
- 4682 Augustine Street** Rayver Limited to F. & R. Abboud for \$600,000
- 215 Birch Creek Drive** K. & C. Ormondroyd to I. Shaik for \$660,000
- 2226 Cameron Circle** Ponderosa Homes to S & B Family Trust for \$1,540,000
- 663 Concord Place** P. Tat to S. Zawari for \$415,000
- 440 East Angela Street** B. Johnson to J. Herndon for \$808,500
- 5342 Elmridge Court** Johnson Trust to K. Sadras for \$897,500
- 3602 Fairlands Drive** L. & S. Ruocco to K. Kandula for \$690,000
- 5187 Genovesio Drive** D. Sanders to J. & I. Bhatia for \$675,000
- 559 Montori Court** Godwin Trust to Chu Trust for \$1,250,000
- 303 Neal Street** R. & B. Krichbaum to K. & K. Montler for \$1,925,000
- 773 Rolling Hills Lane** J. & P. Helt to M. Zha for \$1,815,000
- 4183 Torino Court** G. Piper to A. Sandeep for \$687,000
- 2743 Trevor Parkway** N. & S. Khawaja to R. Vasikarla for \$835,000

Livermore

- 2106 Bluffs Drive** W. & N. Hill to M. & A. Woods for \$955,000
- 5659 Bridgeport Circle** M. & G. Law to J. & J. Gordon for \$512,000
- 1462 Carnelian Lane** T. Tan to C. Apps for \$930,000

- 5186 Diane Lane** Swartz Trust to P. & S. Rittenmeyer for \$559,000
- 4352 Emory Way** Murphy Trust to D. Santamaria for \$695,000
- 164 Heligan Lane #9** D. & E. Agatep to D. Smith for \$585,500
- 675 Jefferson Avenue** G. & A. Quinn to D. & J. Evans for \$715,000
- 956 Marilyn Avenue** D. Ward to M. & K. Moreno for \$458,000
- 27 Mosswood Court** T. & J. Sowles to M. Ocho for \$717,000
- 1001 Murrieta Boulevard #118** N. Wilde to B. Angelo for \$175,000
- 2974 Picholine Court** La Trust to R. & L. Hoogenboom for \$1,300,000
- 1657 Placer Circle** C. Oxley to N. & E. Stuempfig for \$780,000
- 47 Raccolio Way** B. Liu to N. & V. Sheth for \$1,065,000
- 5121 Scenic Avenue** Davis Trust to T. & A. Wilmoth for \$484,000
- 449 Swallow Court** Vasey Trust to B. Kroll for \$565,000
- 137 Toiyabe Court** M. & A. Woods to C. Hydock for \$685,000
- 955 Ventura Avenue** Cortez Trust to J. Tucker for \$435,000
- 368 Vista Street** Dunning Trust to M. Spillner for \$485,000
- 1682 Whipoorwill Street** Shaughnessy Trust to S. & J. Eisenbies for \$750,000

Dublin

- 8724 Edenberry Place** R. Freeman to Morris Trust for \$660,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #414** R. Jackson to S. Adivi for \$455,000

San Ramon

- 2753 Canyon Creek Drive** P. & G. Wiltz to J. & A. Bidstrup for \$905,000
- 2524 McLaren Lane** G. King to H. Vadlamdui for \$730,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Nov. 10-20

Pleasanton (Nov. 10-14)

- Total sales reported:** 17
- Lowest sale reported:** \$415,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$1,925,000
- Average sales reported:** \$975,882

Dublin (Nov. 10-14)

- Total sales reported:** 2
- Lowest sale reported:** \$455,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$660,000
- Average sales reported:** \$557,500

Livermore (Nov. 10-14)

- Total sales reported:** 19
- Lowest sale reported:** \$175,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$1,300,000
- Average sales reported:** \$676,342

San Ramon (Nov. 18-20)

- Total sales reported:** 3
- Lowest sale reported:** \$655,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$905,000
- Average sales reported:** \$763,333

Source: California REsource

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Brentwood

- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 2918 Spanish Bay Drive** **\$620,000**
Sat 12-3/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Dublin

- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 5623 Applegate Way** **\$899,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111
- 4630 Rimini Court** **\$729,000**
Sun 1-4 Cindy and Gene Williams 918-2045

Pleasanton

- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 7927 Doral Court** **\$1,891,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Mike Carey 963-0569

Sunol

- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 23 Carver Lane** **\$2,190,000**
Sun 1-3 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

JUST LISTED



6010 ALISAL STREET, PLEASANTON

Single story home offers 3,785 SF of living space on 3.5+ acres. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, formal dining room with the kitchen opening to the grand family room. Home offers panoramic views of the Pleasanton Valley and Calliope Golf Course. City sewer and water, solar, a private well, a detached RV garage with potential for an in-law unit and geo-thermal heating system are additional features of this home.

OFFERED AT \$3,300,000

JUST LISTED



4155 CASTERSON CT. PLEASANTON

Incredible Views of Mt. Diablo from kitchen, bedrooms and back yard! Located in Kottinger Ranch, this custom home offers 4 BD, 2 Offices, Bonus Room & 3.5BA with 4,503sf. on a 15,365sf. lot. Top of the line designer finishes and custom woodworking throughout. Open floor plan offers a state of the art kitchen with large marble counter island, wood flooring and custom cabinets opening to family room with views of the private yard and hills. Downstairs bedroom with private full bath. Yard offers large patios, grass areas, garden and backs to private open space surrounded by oak trees.

OFFERED AT \$1,980,000

JUST SOLD



8062 ROCKFORD CT. PLEASANTON

Beautiful West Side Pleasanton setting. Offering 6 BD, 5.5 BA and 5,541sf. on a 1/2 acre lot. Open floor plan with custom woodworking and upgrades throughout. Main level offers a bedroom with full private bath, incredible media room with full bath and private access. Master suite offers a private retreat with fireplace. A private back yard offers a sparkling pool, large spa, fire pit, outdoor BBQ/kitchen with a covered patio. **SOLD FOR \$2,125,000** REPRESENTED BUYERS

JUST SOLD



1460 IRONGATE CT. PLEASANTON

Single Story Elegance~this 3,180 SQFT home offers 4BDR, 3.5 BA on a 14,005sf lot. Private court entrance brings you into the open floor plan. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters overlooks the family room & breakfast nook. Generous cabinet space offered.

OFFERED AT \$1,450,000
SOLD FOR \$1,530,000

JUST SOLD



1582 HARVEST RD. PLEASANTON

Located in Pleasanton Valley. 4BD, 2BA 1,716sf. on a 7,879sf. lot. Single level on a corner lot and updated throughout. Remodeled kitchen offering a modern open design and a large great room concept. Updated bathrooms w/ generous storage. Backyard w/ covered patio and large lawn area.

OFFERED AT \$845,000
SOLD FOR \$877,777

JUST SOLD



3602 DUNSMUIR CIR. PLEASANTON

Located in Pleasanton Meadows. 4BD 2BA 2,168sf. on a 6,876sf. lot. Attention to detail! Remodeled kitchen w/ breakfast nook opening to the family room. Formal living room with vaulted ceilings and large formal dining room off entry. Master suite offers an updated bath and large walk-in closet. Expanded bedrooms and generous storage throughout.

OFFERED AT \$839,000
SOLD FOR \$856,500

JUST SOLD



440 E ANGELA ST. PLEASANTON

Located in Downtown Pleasanton and a few blocks from Main St. 3BD + Office, 2BA 1,511sf. Vaulted ceiling in living room and great room off kitchen. Remodeled kitchen w/ large island, gourmet range, large pantry and a modern open design. Updated bathroom, newer laminate wood flooring and large yard.

OFFERED AT \$824,000
SOLD FOR \$808,208

JUST SOLD



4217 DORMAN RD. PLEASANTON

Located in Val Vista. Move-in ready. Kitchen w/ cherry cabinets, granite counters & stainless appliances. Open design w/ dining room off kitchen & family room. Formal living & family rooms. Updated hall bath w/ granite & tile. Master suite w/ generous closet space, granite & dual sinks. Back yard w/ patio & side yard.

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1747 Nursery Way, Pleasanton

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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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4BD/3BA, Built 1992, 3357 Sq. Ft.
Fabulous Custom Home \$1,695,000
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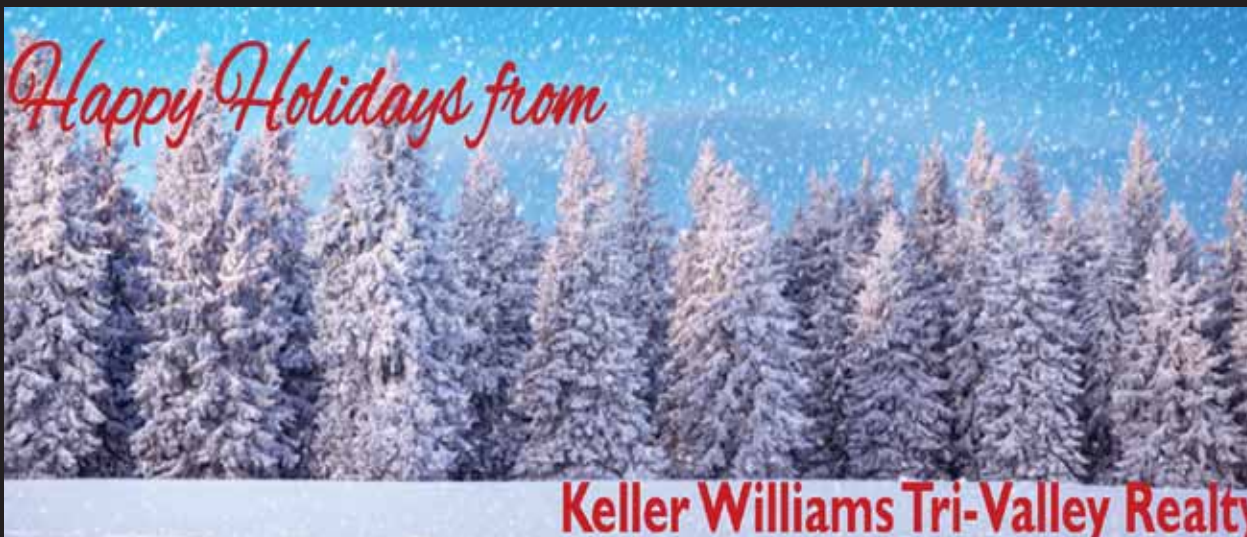


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