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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Saving water the Pleasanton way

Against the backdrop of early season rainfall that has delivered only a third of what would be needed to end the prolonged drought, Pleasanton businesses and residents may have to continue their mandatory 25% cut-back in water consumption in 2015.

Daniel Smith, director of Operations Services and the city's water czar, has told the City Council that while the December rains were welcome news, not much has happened since then. The state is still in an exceptional drought.

Although Pleasanton water users cut their consumption by more than 25% in 2014, statewide residential water conservation in November (the last month the state reported) reached only a 9.8% reduction in year-over-year water use. That was an improvement from October, which indicated conservation efforts were slipping compared to previous months, but still far less than what we've achieved in Pleasanton.

The State Water Board's most recent survey of nearly 400 urban water retailers showed that the amount of water conserved by residential and commercial customers statewide continues to hover at around 10%.

Fortunately, many of the state's hydrologic regions are seeing marked increases in conservation efforts since they started reporting water use after the water board adopted the Emergency Water Conservation Regulation last July. Since that data collection began, more than 105 billion gallons of water have been saved compared to last year, enough to supply 1.37 million California residents for a year.

In many parts of California, and especially here in Pleasanton and the Tri-Valley, it is clear that residents understand we are in a prolonged drought.

Here, we're continuing to conserve water by mandate, even as we enjoyed welcome rain and runoff last month that is beginning to recharge our reservoirs and groundwater supplies. That is good news because it will take far more rain and snow to get us back to normal. Conservation is still the smartest and most cost-effective way to deal with this difficult drought. We need to treat water as the precious resource that it is.

While water board members were pleased to see improved water conservation in numbers in November, they acknowledged that significant precipitation in some parts of the state, as well as the time of year, could

have contributed to less water used, rather than residents consciously conserving water in anticipation of continued drought conditions.

Broken down by hydrologic regions, some parts of the state saved more water in November than any month prior since reporting requirements began over the summer. For example, the Sacramento River hydrologic region decreased water use by 25.6%, just like Pleasanton, in November compared to the same time in 2013, charting the most savings of any hydrologic region.

The Central Coast region reported a 20.9% water use decrease over November 2013; North Coast, 19.5%; San Joaquin River hydrologic region, 18.6%, and the San Francisco Bay region, an 18.3% decrease.

Other regions, not so good. The South Coast region (Los Angeles), for example, had only a 3.2% water use decrease in November, a bit better than October's 1.2%.

While Pleasanton consumers reduced consumption by 33% last August, the rest of California on average cut consumption by only 11.6% compared with August 2013. Statistically, that's when water use is generally the highest and when more savings should have been realized.

Last January, Gov. Jerry Brown called for all Californians to voluntarily reduce their water use by 20%. The trend of increasing reductions and specific local data shows that many California communities have met and exceeded the call to conserve, but some haven't and more must be done to even out the burden should the drought persist. Current forecasts indicate that we can't count upon a wet winter to end the drought.

As part of its efforts to institutionalize conservation gains statewide, water board members directed staff to review ideas discussed at a Dec. 17 water conservation workshop in Los Angeles to see if additional conservation measures suggested by water districts, environmentalists and water policy experts should be considered in future rule-making.

The workshop was intended to solicit suggestions on what, if any, additional conservation measures should be adopted in 2015 to increase water conservation statewide. The Board is meeting this month to consider such further actions.

Perhaps it should invite Pleasanton's water czar, Smith, to attend the meeting and explain how we do it. ■

About the Cover

Artist Gary Winter is using thousands of antique handmade square nails found during the renovations of the Kolln Hardware building on Main Street to create a nail art image of the iconic building, which he also replicated in miniature years ago. Photo by Dolores Fox Ciardelli. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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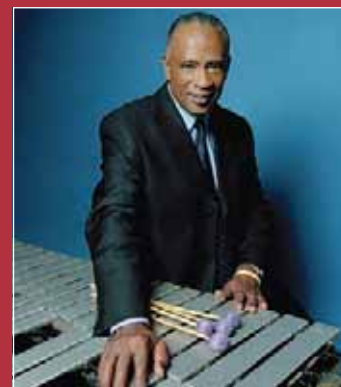
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Howard Lee (with Ryan and Sydney)
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Manicurist

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Dora Chan, with infant Adam
Dentist

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—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Holiday Fund

The Pleasanton Weekly's 2014 Holiday Fund campaign is coming to a close with final results and a list of contributors to be published next Friday (Jan. 16.)

As of Jan. 2, the fund has received \$58,055. Contributions are still being accepted with donor information on p. 10. Donations made since Jan. 1 qualify as tax deductions in the 2015 tax year to the fullest extent of the law.

After being audited by Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), which is handling all finances related to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund, receipts to the fund will be distributed to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PIIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and ValleyCare Health System as well as Hope Hospice, Agape Villages, REACH, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

Chamber awards

The deadline for submitting nominations for the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's 52nd annual Community Service awards is next Friday.

Awards will be given to businesses, nonprofit organizations and individuals in five categories: Business Philanthropy, Excellence in Business, Excellence in Service, Distinguished Individual and Green Service. Honorees will be recognized at the awards event in March.

Nomination forms and information regarding the criteria for each award category are available at www.pleasanton.org.

Reading time

The Museum on Main is ready to begin this year's installment of its monthly preschool pre-literacy program, M.o.M.'s Reading Time, this Wednesday at 10 a.m. with the theme "The Snowy Day."

In its sixth year, the free program aims to introduce preschoolers to a variety of holidays, events and cultures through books and activities.

Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families can meet at the museum (603 Main St.) for the reading program on the second Wednesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. Book reading begins at 10 a.m. with craft activities or games immediately following. ■

Correction

Last week's "Police Bulletin" (p. 10, Jan. 2, 2015) incorrectly stated that Clorox Co. occupied property on the 7200 block of Johnson Drive affected by two recent burglaries. The company no longer occupies the building. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

Council adopts new Housing Element with development limits through 2023

Frustrating, though, to see state meddling in Pleasanton issues, some members argue

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council begrudgingly adopted a new Housing Element Tuesday that includes the 70 acres rezoned last year for high-density residential homes and apartments and now becomes part of the city's legally-binding General Plan.

The housing ordinance was approved after City Manager Nelson Fialho and Brian Dolan, director of Community Development, said the detailed document had been reviewed and accepted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

as meeting state housing mandates through 2023.

Housing Elements are part of the General Plans required by all California cities to show that they are meeting the statewide housing goal of "attaining decent housing and a suitable living environment for every California family."

Although Tuesday's vote to adopt the housing ordinance was unanimous, it was not a vote council members took lightly or even willingly.

"It's frustrating to see so much dictation of how to run our city coming from the state level," said

Vice Mayor Karla Brown. "The Housing Element is the state's way of telling the city of Pleasanton how to control its housing."

Mayor Jerry Thorne agreed.

"I continue to be frustrated with the state meddling in our local affairs, but the fact is it's going to get worse," he said. "We're seeing a lot of times at the state level where they they want to tell us how to run things and they want to make us do things their way whether we like it or not."

"We're fighting this like crazy through the League of California Cities (where Thorne is a mem-

ber)," the mayor added. "The last time we did a count, we had killed 16 bills that were going to take away local control in the last legislative session. We'll keep fighting, but I think the state is going to keep trying."

Added Councilwoman Kathy Narum, "I hope we are able to reach out to our new legislators and at least try to impress on them some of our frustrations, some of these things that are being dictated to us."

Both Narum and Thorne pointed

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COURTESY OF SWALWELL'S OFFICE

Swalwell starts second term in Congress

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (right), the Dublin Democrat whose district includes Pleasanton, takes the oath of office administered by Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson in Washington, D.C., marking the start of his second straight term in Congress. Voters in the 15th Congressional District overwhelmingly supported Swalwell, who defeated challenger Hugh Bussell (R-Livermore) by more than a 2:1 margin in November. About 100 friends, family and East Bay constituents attended Swalwell's ceremonial swearing-in Tuesday.



COURTESY OF SYMETRA

Third-grade teacher Katie Crawford receives her "Symetra Hero in the Classroom" award.

Alisal teacher named 'Hero in Classroom'

Honored at surprise classroom presentation, 49ers game

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Alisal Elementary third-grade teacher Katie Crawford has been named a "Symetra Hero in the Classroom" by Symetra, Wells Fargo and the San Francisco 49ers.

"Katie Crawford is the embodiment of what a teacher should be. Patient, fun and caring, she instills a love of learning in her students while creating a classroom environment that fosters their academic, emotional and social growth," said Lindsay Franco, an Alisal parent who nominated Crawford for the award.

Crawford was honored Dec. 17 during a surprise classroom presentation in front of her students and peers.

"I was completely shocked. It was amazing," she said.

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Parking fees to rise to \$3 Jan. 26 at BART stations serving Pleasanton

Stations near parking capacity, triggering fee hike formula

Parking fees will jump to \$3 a day Jan. 26 at the two BART stations serving Pleasanton — West Dublin/Pleasanton next to Stoneridge Shopping Center and East Dublin/Pleasanton at Hacienda.

The increase comes after an assessment of parking lot usage showed that the two stations' lots are usually filled to capacity, which triggered the BART system's formula for increasing the daily parking fees by 50 cents, according to agency officials.

The station assessments are completed every six months.

Stations serving Pleasanton aren't alone. Fees also are being raised to \$3 as of Jan. 26 at the Ashby, Castro Valley, Colma, El Cerrito Del Norte, El Cerrito Plaza, Glen Park, MacArthur, North Berkeley and San Bruno stations.

The same \$3 fee goes into ef-



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Ticket gates at West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.

fect a few days earlier, Jan. 20, at the Fremont, Fruitvale, Lafayette, Lake Merritt, Orinda, Pittsburg/Bay Point, Pleasant Hill, Rockridge, San Leandro, Union City and Walnut Creek stations.

Also starting Jan. 26, it will cost \$7 to park at the West Oakland station and \$2.50 at the South San Francisco station.

The parking fees will be raised

to \$2.50 at the Bay Fair station and \$1.50 at the Richmond and South Hayward stations on Jan. 20.

BART passengers are required to pay the station's listed parking fee on weekdays from 4 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fees will fund programs to improve station access, rehabilitation and modernization, according to BART officials. ■

—Jeb Bing

Heads up travelers: Golden Gate Bridge to close this weekend

Shutdown starts at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, ends at 4 a.m. Monday

The Golden Gate Bridge will close this weekend for the installation of a 13,340-foot moveable median barrier to provide a safer trip across the bridge and eliminate head-on collisions.

Bridge officials said the 52-hour closure starts at 12:01 a.m. Saturday and ends at 4 a.m. Monday.

More than 3,200 steel-clad metal and concrete barrier units are already stacked at the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza administration building off Merchant Road, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District spokeswoman Priya David Clemens said.

The units are 12 inches wide, 32 inches high and filled with high-density concrete. They will be connected in a line using steel pins to form a semi-rigid median barrier designed to stay in place through tension and their own weight. Each barrier weighs approximately 1,500 pounds, Clemens said.

In advance of the closure, blue dots are being installed on the bridge roadway, Clemens said. The dots are guidelines for the two zipper trucks with Golden Gate Bridge logos that will move the barriers to different lanes to accommodate traffic flow.

The estimated cost of the project is \$30.3 million, with \$20 million from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission via the state of California, \$1.3 million in federal funds and \$5.1 million from Golden Gate Bridge toll revenues.

During the closure, Golden Gate Transit buses will still be allowed to cross the bridge and will run on their normal weekend schedule. Emergency vehicles also will be allowed on the bridge during the



Golden Gate Bridge

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closure.

Vehicles traveling between San Francisco and the North Bay will have to use either the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge or Bay Bridge.

Golden Gate Ferry will expand its service to and from Larkspur and San Francisco to include late night trips.

The Sausalito Ferry to and from San Francisco will operate on its regular weekend schedule. The trip takes a half-hour each way.

The bridge's east sidewalk will remain open to pedestrians and bicyclists, but the west sidewalk and parking lots at both ends of the bridge will be closed to the public.

Access roads that lead to the bridge will start closing at 9:30

p.m. tonight.

U.S. Highway 101 in Marin County will close at the Marin City/Sausalito exit. There will be no southbound access from Marin City to the bridge, and there will be no northbound access from Alexander Avenue. Access to northbound Highway 101 will be available from Spencer Avenue and Rodeo Avenue.

In San Francisco, the Highway 101 closure will be at Doyle Drive and Marina Boulevard. There also will be a closure at the intersection of Park Presidio Boulevard and Lake Street. There will be no northbound access to Highway 101 between those exits and the bridge. ■

—James Lanaras,
Bay City News Service

ALISAL

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The award included a \$1,000 donation to be used for classroom technology, said Crawford, adding that she is in the process of buying Chromebooks.

Crawford also received tickets to the 49ers' home game against the

San Diego Chargers on Dec. 20, where she was able to introduce the 49ers Gold Rush cheerleaders at the start of the game and visit the 49ers museum.

Crawford, along with 16 other K-12 Bay Area teachers, was selected by a group of judges who were looking for teachers with a passion to go above and beyond in the classroom, said Symetra spokes-

woman Diana McSweeney.

"You put in your time and effort, and it's like second nature," Crawford said. "To have that be recognized is humbling."

According to Franco, any child that steps in Crawford's classroom will be positively influenced not only by her engaging student methods but also by her warm, genuine personality. ■

Safeway to pay \$9.87 million as settlement of environmental violations

By JEB BING

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Wynne S. Carvill has ordered Pleasanton-based Safeway Inc. to pay \$9.87 million as part of a settlement of a civil environmental prosecution.

The court's ruling comes just days before the acquisition of Safeway by Boise-based Albertsons (AB Acquisition LLC) is expected to close.

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley said 42 other California district attorneys and two city attorneys were involved with her office in the investigation of the unlawful handling and disposal of various hazardous wastes and materials over a 7.5-year period by Safeway and Safeway-owned stores.

The violations included unlawful disposal of over-the-counter medications, pharmaceuticals, aerosol products, ignitable liquids, batteries, electronic devices and other toxic, ignitable and corrosive materials.

The judgment is the culmination of a civil enforcement lawsuit filed in Alameda County on Dec. 31, led by O'Malley and the district attorneys of Orange, San Joaquin, Solano, San Francisco, Riverside, Ventura and Yolo counties.

The lawsuit claimed that more than 500 Safeway stores and distribution centers, including its Vons, Pavilions and Pak N Save stores, unlawfully handled and disposed of various hazardous wastes and materials.

The settlement also resolves allegations that Safeway unlawfully disposed of customer records containing confidential medical information without preserving the confidentiality of the information therein.

All 30 Safeway stores in Alameda County, including those in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, were involved in the violations.

"This investigation touched nearly every county in California, and today's results could not have been reached without the collab-

orative work of the many offices involved," O'Malley said. "Today's settlement marks a victory for our state's environment as well as for the security and privacy of confidential patient information throughout California."

The investigation into Safeway's practices began after discovery of improper shipments of hazardous and pharmaceutical waste to Safeway's distribution centers through its reverse logistics program.

During 2012 and 2013, inspectors from O'Malley's Environmental Protection Division along with other investigators and environmental regulators statewide, conducted a series of waste inspections of dumpsters belonging to Safeway stores.

The inspections revealed that Safeway was routinely and systematically sending hazardous wastes to local landfills and was failing to take measures to protect the privacy of their pharmacy customers' confidential medical information.

Upon being notified by prosecutors of the widespread issues, Safeway worked cooperatively to remedy the issue, enhance its environmental compliance program and train its employees to properly handle such waste, O'Malley said.

Pursuant to the terms of the final judgment and permanent injunction, issued by Judge Carvill, all Safeway and Safeway-affiliated stores have adopted new policies and procedures designed to eliminate the improper disposal of retail hazardous waste products and pharmaceutical waste into store trash bins for eventual disposal into local landfills.

In addition, the corporation must pay \$9.87 million in civil penalties, costs and supplemental environmental projects. Under the terms of the settlement, Safeway must also continue its First Assistant Store Manager Program designed to address environmental compliance at the store level and conduct annual store audits. ■



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Exploration Backpacks offered during Alviso Adobe tours

Packs come loaded with information about historical area

By JEB BING

Young visitors to Alviso Adobe Community Park in Pleasanton can check out a new Exploration Backpack at no cost during their visit to the park, which spans several distinctive time periods of the Amador Valley: the native Ohlone Indians, the Spanish Californios and the Meadowlark Dairy.

Backpacks, which can be checked out anytime during park operating hours at the park's Milking Barn, include themes such as the Californio and rancho period, the Meadowlark Dairy period and animal tracking and birding. Each backpack con-

tains games, activities and fun information about the park and its past history and inhabitants.

The park is staffed each Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Dairy Discoveries Exploration Backpack is loaded with information about the Meadowlark Dairy period of the park at the turn of the century, when it was home to one of California's first certified dairies. Information about cows, the milking and pasteurization process, and much more are included in this special backpack.

The Californio's Exploration Back-

pack guides young explorers through the park to learn about rancho life on the Santa Rita Rancho that was given to Jose Dolores Pacheco by the Mexican government in 1839. Also included is information about the cattle brands used in the Amador Valley, an opportunity for users to try their hand at lassoing like a vaquero and background about some famous local banditos of the time.

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New state law seeks to improve ballot initiative process

Measure provides more user-friendly information, opportunities for correcting defects

By JEB BING

The power of California voters to enact laws through ballot initiatives was enshrined by voters in the state Constitution in 1911 and a new state law that went into effect Jan. 1 seeks to improve the process while at the same time preserving the century-old initiative right.

The measure, known as the Ballot Initiative Transparency Act, is aimed at giving voters more user-friendly information about proposed initiatives and providing more opportunities for correcting defects.

"It's a really good first step in opening more public discussion and trying to align the legislative

process and the initiative process more closely," said Sarah Swanbeck, a policy advocate with California Common Cause in Sacramento.

Common Cause was one of a number of civic groups that worked with former state Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento) to write the law, which was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in September.

Other groups leading the effort included the League of Women Voters of California, California Forward and the Think Long Committee for California.

Eventually, more than 60 groups joined in supporting the new law,

including the California Business Roundtable, California Chamber of Commerce, California NAACP and AARP, Swanbeck said.

"The initiative process is an integral part of California's democracy, and it is important that we iron out its flaws and strengthen it," Steinberg said when the law was signed.

One provision of the law provides for a 30-day public comment period on a proposed initiative before the backers begin gathering the signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot.

The comment period is "a good time to get feedback on unintended consequences or wording mistakes" that could be fixed before the pro-

posed initiative is circulated, Swanbeck said.

Nothing in the law requires the backers to make any changes following the public comment period.

Another provision requires the legislature to hold hearings on a proposed initiative after 25% of the required signatures have been gathered, instead of waiting until the measure has qualified for the ballot.

The hearings must be held at least 131 days before the November general election at which voters would consider the measure. That means the hearings will now be held in the spring, rather than in August or September shortly before

the election like they were before, Swanbeck said.

Proponents are now allowed to withdraw an initiative after signatures are collected but before ballots are printed, up to 131 days before the election. Previously, an initiative could not be withdrawn after the required signatures were gathered.

The law also requires a "one-stop" source of information about an initiative on the California Secretary of State's website. The information must include the total financial contributions made to support and oppose the measure, and the top 10 donors on each side. ■

Kaiser mental health workers plan Monday strike

Would be largest mental health worker strike in U.S. history

Mental health workers with the National Union of Healthcare Workers are planning a week of strikes against Kaiser Permanente starting Monday.

Union officials said it will be the largest mental health worker strike in U.S. history.

Some 2,600 clinicians are planning to walk out because they say Kaiser is failing to provide timely and adequate care to patients.

"For patients suffering from depression, anxiety and other debilitating mental conditions, these delays can be insurmountable obstacles, sometimes leading to tragic outcomes," said Clement Papazian, president of the union's Northern California chapter of mental health

clinicians.

Another 700 Kaiser workers, including medical social workers and registered dietitians, are planning to participate in the strike to protest problems with inadequate staffing, union officials said.

In November, nurses at Kaiser Permanente went on strike because they said patient care standards had eroded at the HMO.

Union workers are planning to establish 65 picket lines and strike at 35 locations across California. In the Bay Area, the union is planning to strike in San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Rosa, San Leandro, Richmond, Oakland and other locations. ■

—Jeb Bing

Red Cross to hold four Pleasanton blood drives

Donors of all blood types are needed to replenish supplies after holidays

The American Red Cross will hold four blood drives starting next Friday in an effort to replenish supplies that typically dwindle during the holidays.

The local drives come during January, National Blood Donor Month and at a time when Red Cross representatives are urging eligible blood donors to start a life-saving habit by becoming a regular blood donor this year.

Donations can be made at the Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, 5556-B Springdale Ave. on the following dates and times: Jan. 16, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Jan. 17, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Jan. 19, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Jan. 20, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

National Blood Donor Month,

started in 1970, attempts to raise awareness of the need for blood during the winter and throughout the year, while honoring those who roll up a sleeve to help patients in need.

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with O negative, A negative and B negative.

Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to patients with any blood type. Types A and B negative can be transfused to Rh positive or negative patients.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcross-blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). ■

—Jeb Bing



NORTH PLEASANTON ROTARY CLUB

Nagisa Smalheiser (center), a sophomore at Amador Valley High School, is the 2015 winner of the Pleasanton North Rotary Club's Youth Speech contest. She is shown with second-place recipient Laura Klein (left), a Foothill High School junior and Rotary International exchange student from Germany, and third-place finalist Kimberly Szeto, a Foothill sophomore. Club officials Dave Cherry (far left) and Kevin Greenlee (right) presented the awards.

Amador Valley High sophomore wins North Rotary speech contest

Two others earn awards in club's annual competition

By JEB BING

Nagisa Smalheiser, a sophomore at Amador Valley High School, has won Pleasanton North Rotary Club's Youth Speech contest.

Smalheiser's five-minute speech was judged the best of three presentations Jan. 2 at the club's meeting at Handles Gastropub restaurant.

The speeches addressed this year's Rotary International theme of "Light Up Rotary." They also included references to the principles of the organization's "Four-Way Test" that guides members' community service commitment.

Smalheiser used the Four-Way Test to identify shortcomings in the truth, fairness, goodwill and benefits derived from the mistreatment of animals, and she described projects she recently organized to act on them.

"It is important to take the initiative to make a difference," she said. "Everyone should try to light a candle to light up the world."

Smalheiser was awarded \$100 and qualified to compete in area finals of the Rotary District 5170's Richard D. King annual Youth Speech contest in Livermore. Regional and district competition will follow.

Laura Klein, a Foothill High School junior and Rotary International exchange student from Germany, and Foothill sophomore Kimberly Szeto were awarded \$50 and \$25, respectively, for their second- and third-place awards.

Kevin Greenlee, Pleasanton North Rotary Club's youth services coordinator, chaired the local competition.

Jim Brice, principal consultant with Tri-Valley Public Relations; Susan Dupree, a clinical psychologist in Dublin; and Lara Golden, global community director with Callidus Cloud, judged the competition. ■

County sheriff reappointed to California Lottery Commission

First elected in 2006, Ahern serves in variety of law enforcement-related posts

By JEB BING

Gov. Jerry Brown has reappointed Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern, 57, to the California Lottery Commission, where he has served since 2012.

Ahern, a lifelong resident of Alameda County, graduated from Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward in 1975. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration from Saint Mary's College in Moraga.

He was hired as a deputy sheriff in 1980, was promoted to sergeant in 1986, promoted to lieutenant in 2000, promoted to captain in 2003, promoted to commander in 2005, and promoted to assistant sheriff in 2006.

On June 6, 2006, he was elected sheriff, and he was sworn in as the 22nd sheriff of Alameda County the following January.

In addition to the Lottery Commission, Ahern has been actively involved in the development and implementation of a number of programs, including the Youth and Family Services Bureau, Drug Education and Enforcement programs, Cold Case DNA Unit, DUI Enforcement Unit, and coordinator of the strategic planning process for the future health of the organization.

He also initiated the Urban Shield tactical training exercise



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Third-term Alameda County Sheriff Gregory Ahern has been reappointed to a position on the California Lottery Commission.

that provides a training venue to several thousand first responders each year. The focus is to test the skills, tactics and equipment of the participating tactical teams, as well as first responders' regional ability to coordinate and sustain law enforcement, medical and emergency services in the event of a large-scale

terrorist attack or natural disaster.

Ahern, a Republican, is also a member of the California State Sheriffs' Association, where he was president from 2013-14. This reappointment to the California Lottery Commission requires Senate confirmation. The compensation is \$100 per diem. ■

COUNCIL

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out, however, that the city's unsuccessful and costly court fights with Urban Habitat and a Superior Court judge in 2012 might not have happened if the city had complied with the Housing Element requirement ahead of time.

"I think it's important that we comply with the law," Narum said. "We certainly don't need any more lawsuits. I don't want to spend taxpayer money in lawsuits that we can't win."

Thorne also talked about the need for a state-approved Housing Element.

"If we had been protected with a Housing Element, we would have been protected against lawsuits," Thorne explained. "That says something about complying with the law whether you like it or not."

It was the city's failure to reach an agreement during the 2007-14 cycle of the state's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), plus a housing cap approved by voters in 1996, that led Urban Habitat to

seek a court order for compliance. With both the state and a court ruling threatening to strip the city of its zoning powers, city leaders spent nearly two years and held hundreds of hours of community meetings, public hearings and staff discussions to fulfill the RHNA requirements before the deadline Dec. 31.

By then, the City Council had rezoned 70 acres for high-density residential development on nine separate sites in various parts of Pleasanton for apartment-style units to accommodate the requirements in State Housing laws. The rezoning allowed for high-density developments of 30 units per acre.

Two of those developments are currently underway. A 168-unit, three- and four-story complex on West Las Positas Boulevard near Stoneridge Drive, being built by St. Anton Partners, is nearing completion. Work is just starting on a multi-story complex of 498 apartments in three- and four-story buildings in Hacienda Business Park, being built by Essex Property Trust.

The only change to the Housing Element approved Tuesday, which was accepted by state authorities, is cutting the previously allowed density on an apartment complex on property owned by C.M. Capital on West Las Positas Boulevard to 12.5 units per acre from 30 and to chop the height of anything built there to two stories at the most.

Council members also talked about the benefits the new Housing Element will bring to the city.

"We'll have coming forward a large amount of affordable housing in Pleasanton that we didn't have before," Brown said. "We're going to have housing that hopefully our children and others who want to live in Pleasanton can afford."

Last year, the City Council approved a new growth management ordinance that limits the number of residential housing permits to 235 units annually. Those numbers can be bunched to allow developers the option of building more units one year, but then that excess must be subtracted going forward to keep to a 235-unit average through 2023. ■

State Controller appoints key deputies

All three worked for Democrats in Sacramento, Los Angeles

State Controller Betty T. Yee announced this week the appointments of two veteran state lawyers and a former political consultant as key deputies on her executive team.

The three are Karen Greene-Ross (who will serve as Yee's chief of staff), Nicole Winger (who will serve as deputy state controller for communications), and Becca Doten (who will serve as assistant deputy state controller in Yee's Los Angeles office).

Greene-Ross most recently served as assistant chief counsel and deputy director of legislation at the California High Speed Rail Authority. She previously was deputy controller for investments for State Controller Steve Westly, and earlier was deputy secretary for legislation at the former Business, Transportation and Housing Agency for Gov. Gray Davis. She also held legislative and policy positions in the State Senate and Assembly.

Greene-Ross is a California-licensed attorney with a degree in finance from the University of Florida and a law degree from Loyola Law School in Chicago.

Winger most recently served as deputy secretary for communications for California Secretary of State Debra Bowen. She

previously served as a senior consultant for Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero, earlier for Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, and before that for Assemblywoman Nicole Parra. She also was communications director at the California Department of Education.

Winger graduated from Whittier College, earning a bachelor's degree in political science and English.

Doten most recently served as the campaign manager for Sheriff Jim McDonnell, who was elected last November as the first outsider in 100 years to lead the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Doten also directed the Crisis Response Team for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Prior to that position, she served as chief of staff and communications director for Los Angeles Councilman Richard Alarcon, before he resigned his council position after being convicted of voter fraud and perjury for living outside the district.

Doten is a sworn reserve officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California in film production. ■

—Jeb Bing

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POLICE BULLETIN

Police: Stoneridge store employee admits giving fraudulent discounts

A JC Penney employee was arrested Jan. 2 on suspicion of embezzlement after the store's loss prevention officers allegedly discovered he helped steal \$1,143 in property.

According to police, Sammy Lee Gatison III, 18, gave fraudulent discounts to five of his friends from Dec. 19-27 at the store in the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Gatison, of San Leandro, was a seasonal employee assigned to the children's department, and loss prevention officers allegedly saw him conducting a transaction in the boys section of the store but the customer was buying an adult-sized Levi's jeans.

Police said store officials looked at his previous transactions and interviewed Gatison on Jan. 2, during which he admitted to giving unauthorized discounts to his friends.

In other police reports:

- A Pleasanton man was arrested Jan. 2 after allegedly brandish-

ing a machete at his 34-year-old housemate and threatening to kill him.

According to police reports, Jacob Garrido, 19, told officers that he was angry at his housemate because the man flattened the tires on his vehicle after an argument.

The housemate reportedly told police he would not pursue charges against Garrido for brandishing the machete at him.

Garrido was arrested on suspicion of making criminal threats.

- The Tri-Valley Haven Thrift Store at 116 North L Street in Livermore was broken into last weekend, with approximately \$7,000 worth of property stolen plus damage to windows and doors, according to Ann King, executive director of the nonprofit that serves survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness.

"With the theft, the lost revenue and the resulting repairs and upgrades needed to safeguard against subsequent break-ins, the Haven Thrift Store itself is now struggling to survive and the programs it supports are struggling even harder than they were before the new year started," King said.

The incident occurred while the thrift store has been in the midst of upgrades, donated by members of Asbury United Methodist Church, she added.

The police investigation into the break-in is ongoing, according to King.

For more information about Tri-Valley Haven or how to donate to the organization, visit www.trivalleyhaven.org or call 449-5842.

- A San Francisco man was arrested on Christmas Day after he refused to leave the Four Points by Sheraton property on Hopyard Road, police said.

Noah Tesfa, 23, was found sleeping inside a hotel van on Dec. 25, police reports said. When he was asked to leave by hotel employees, Tesfa reportedly kept refusing.

According to police reports, Tesfa told officers the van was unlocked. He was arrested on suspicion of refusing to leave property when requested.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Dec. 27

Alcohol violation

- 1:46 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 10:34 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 12:35 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 1:04 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

- 2:22 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

- 9:58 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Missing person report

- 9:08 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

Dec. 28

Graffiti offense

- 8:29 a.m. in the 7300 block of Johnson Drive
- 10:25 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road
- 11:17 a.m. at the intersection of W Las Positas Boulevard and Santa Rita Road
- 12:43 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

Assault/battery

- 12:29 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 4:57 p.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Criminal threats

- 1:22 p.m. in the 5100 block of Johnson Drive

Dec. 29

Theft

- 12:27 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 3:41 p.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue
- 4:17 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

Fraud

- 7:35 a.m. in the 300 block of Main Street
- 3:35 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Dec. 30

Drug violation

- 5:51 p.m. in the 3300 block of Norton Way

Theft

- 6:43 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:52 p.m. in the 5700 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 8:16 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; bicycle theft

Fraud

- 3:19 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 9:52 a.m. in the 3300 block of Arbor Drive
- 1:51 p.m. in the 400 block of Montori Court
- 5:57 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Dec. 31

Residential burglary

- 7:59 p.m. in the 1800 block of Sinclair Drive

Jan. 1

Drug violation

- 12:00 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

- 3:12 a.m. in the 3500 block of Brent Court

- 11:46 p.m. in the 6100 block of W Las Positas Boulevard

Vandalism

- 10:30 p.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Jan. 2

Theft

- 1:32 p.m. in the 1300 block of Ridgewood Road; theft from structure
- 2:48 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:51 p.m. in the 5700 block of W Las Positas Boulevard

Vandalism

- 3:57 p.m. in the 3400 block of Blakemore Court

Alcohol violation

- 3:52 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

Jan. 3

Commercial burglary

- 1:10 p.m. in the 5900 block of W Las Positas Boulevard
- 1:45 p.m. in the 5800 block of W Las Positas Boulevard
- 2:42 p.m. in the 5800 block of W Las Positas Boulevard

Domestic battery

- 9:49 p.m. in the 3800 block of Antonini Way

Missing person report

- 12:07 p.m. in the 3900 block of Mount McKinley Court

Alcohol violation

- 1:08 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street

Fraud

- 6:52 p.m. in the 7300 block of Joshua Circle



Pleasanton artist Gary Winter displays one of the antique square nails found during renovations at the Kolln Hardware building on Main Street. Building owner Bud Cornett has commissioned Winter to use the nails to create an image of the iconic Pleasanton building.

Artist hits the nail on the head

Historic Kolln Hardware building is being portrayed on an unusual palette

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Artist Gary Winter credits the old Kolln Hardware building on Main Street and Division for the idea that brought him fame in Pleasanton: creating miniature wooden replicas of its historic buildings.

"I've always loved the Kolln Hardware building. That's where it all started," Winter said. "I went to a Christmas party at a house on Second Street, and every room had these little Dickens villages. While at the party I was tripping on all the details."

Driving home via Main Street afterward, he passed under the Arch, and Kolln Hardware caught his eye.

"The light bulb went on: I can make models of this town," Winter recalled. "All of the different old buildings would make a great collection."

A few days later he returned to Kolln Hardware, took the measurements of the front of the building, and asked the manager if he could go up in the cupola.

"I looked down on Main Street, and I saw a dirt road and my grandfather riding in on his horse," said Winter, whose grandfather was a rancher in the Sunol hills.

"I know how to trip," Winter added with a smile. "People bring up kids and say, 'Don't daydream.' But you have to trip. By letting your fantasies go once in a while, it takes you further into that world and lets in creative stuff."

First he began to model the building in miniature out of clay, but it was taking too long. Next he created a prototype of Kolln Hardware out of cardboard. But this, too, required hundreds of hours of labor so he

knew it would not be economically feasible to produce in any number.

"Then the thought came to me — just draw it, put it on a piece of paper," Winter said.

He sketched a detailed likeness of the front of the building, with colors and shadowing, and laminated it onto a piece of wood. Then he sawed around the shape and painted the sides of the wood to match the front.

Soon Pleasanton residents and fans were buying hundreds of the miniatures, which included buildings up and down Main Street and beyond. Winter spread out into nearby communities and by Christmas 2000, he had more than 60 miniatures for sale.

Now Winter is reproducing his beloved Kolln Hardware building once again — this time using thousands of square nails that were found on the site during recent renovations.

The Kolln Hardware building, with its distinctive cupola and Victorian architectural influences, was built in 1898, part of a commercial building boom on Main Street. It served as a hardware store beginning in 1905 until 2004 when the business owner did not renew his lease.

Pleasanton real estate investor and developer Bud Cornett purchased the building and began an extensive restoration that proved to be costly and time-consuming, taking two years just to get the permits. The building was actually three structures, two in such bad shape that they had to be moved back and completely rebuilt.

The front building that housed Kolln Hardware had to be gutted, and the foundation lowered 20 inches. Workers stripped the interior to the bone, exposing the ground underneath, and adding

floor and roof supports.

"I was walking in the building with the owner 10 years ago; it was just a shell, and I picked up a couple of these nails lying in the dirt," Winter remembered. "These nails were, like, 120 years old, and each one was handmade."

Cornett had seen Winter's artwork around town for years, including his mural on the side of Strizzi's on Main at St. Mary Street.

"I met him, and he said, 'I'm an artist and that's all I am,'" Cornett recalled.

Earlier in 2014, Cornett called Winter to his office and showed him buckets full of the nails collected during the renovations; Winter estimated there were 3,000 to 4,000 nails.

"He said, 'What can you do with these?'" Winter said.

Winter already is renowned as a



nail artist. He once presented President Ronald Reagan with a nail art rendition of the presidential seal that is now in the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley. He has sold five nail pieces to Ripley's Believe It Or Not! and a \$100 bill he made hangs in its museum in Florida.

After some discussion, Cornett commissioned Winter to create a replica of the Kolln Hardware building using the square nails found on the site.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity to have Gary do it for me, and know how to do it," Cornett said, "especially when he's done it for a president."

"He said it will take a long time, and I said, 'I have time.' I trust his creativity," Cornett added.

Winter recalls doing his first nail art when he was a child living at the family ranch. One day he wandered out to the barn and began to hammer nails into a piece of wood, ending up with a nail portrait of a tree. Years later when trees again captured his imagination he did not want to paint them as so many others were doing. He remembered pounding out the little tree as a kid, and once again he began to tap out nail works of art.

One of Winter's spreading oak trees is on display at Tully's Coffee shop.

"I love the trees," he said. "I start

at the bottom and go up. You can't mess up a tree."

That is, after his meticulous preparations.

By early December, Winter had done most of the groundwork for the Kolln Hardware piece, preparing and adhering the 2-inch thick redwood to form a 3-foot-by-3.5-foot base, and bracing the back. He had sketched the building on the wood and was adding details such as shingles that help to guide him with placement of the nails. He still needed to finish cleaning the old square nails, which had accumulated dirt and rust during the last century.

Then comes the drilling in the wood, to prevent splitting, and the tapping of the nails.

"The old square nails are irregular," Winter said. "I will use silver finishing nails for the scrollwork."

"People say I must have a lot of patience," he added, while pointing out that the work is meditative for him. For this project he also relates to the person in the 1800s who made the nails.

"There was some apprentice heating it up — tap, tap, tap — heating it up — tap, tap, tap. They were made right here," he said, a faraway look in his eye. "I'm working from the heart, not the mind right now."

"The nails were forged, heated and pounded," agreed Cornett,

noting that the Kolln location had once been the location of a tin shop. "But whether they had a forge in there, I don't know."

Cornett is not sure where the completed nail portrayal of the Kolln Hardware building will hang, but he hopes to share it with the public, perhaps for a while at the Museum on Main or in the window of the Kolln Hardware building itself, which now houses a bank.

About 10 years ago, Winter began making stick figures out of two-by-fours, Gorilla glue and wood screws for Richert Lumber on Sunol Boulevard, where they highlight displays in each department. He created a life-sized stick figure of a window washer that he attached to a second-story window of Kolln Hardware while it was under construction, a touch of whimsy that helped people smile as they waited sometimes impatiently for the renovation to be completed.

Winter's workshop is located at the back of Richert Lumber.

"A man saw me making stick figures back here and he said, 'You should be working in Disneyland,'" Winter said. "I should be working in Disneyland? I am working in Disneyland."

"I always wanted to be an artist," he commented. "Everyone tried to talk me out of it but things kept popping up."

He puts a different twist on things, such as the Zwirl Ball he created with his brother Ben, which has sold more than a million copies. It is the shape of a football but has ridged swirls to make it ergonomic and aerodynamic. Two sizes of the balls are for sale at Richert Lumber.

"I love to turn people's heads," Winter said. "I watch people all the time; they are walking along and talking, and if I can get a reaction from my artwork, if they snap their head and get into it, it's taking their mind off all their crap."

This opens their minds for inspirational thoughts, he continued.

"A lot of people don't know they have beautiful thoughts," he explained, they just have to learn how to open their minds.

Winter is writing a book on the power of the imagination and how to "pull out" the creativity.

"Once I can show you how to catch your creativity, you start paying attention to things," he said. "There is a simple way to pull it out of your head and make it happen."

"Nothing is ever lost if you dream wisely," he added.

He held out a plain yellow pencil with his website on it: www.garyawinter.com.

"A pencil is the simplest tool," he said. "If you get an idea and write it down, you've caught it." ■

Clockwise from top left: Buckets of old square nails were collected and needed to be cleaned; Winter works on his sketch of Kolln Hardware on specially prepared redwood, with the tiny cardboard replica he made when he was exploring ways to capture Pleasanton's old buildings in miniature; Winter's \$100 bill, which took more than 360 hours, is made of 22,000 finishing nails on a 7-foot-by-3-foot surface; Winter shows the sketches he did of Kolln Hardware, which he used to create the building in miniature.

Tap into your creativity

Gary Winter will be speaking at the Pleasanton Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. this Tuesday on "Thoughts from the Artist: The Power of Imagination." His contact information is at www.garyawinter.com to arrange a talk on how to catch your creativity. He can also be found each Saturday morning selling his miniatures in front of Berry Patch at the corner of Main Street and Angela.



ROBERT SHOLTY

Left: The Thenardiers, played by DC Scarpelli and Jennifer Stark, make life tough for young Cosette (Emily Joy Kessel). **Above:** Jean Valjean (Mischa Stephens) finds and raises Cosette (Kristen Vellinger) after he feels responsible for the death of her mother, Fantine.

‘Les Misérables’ opens next week at Bankhead

Ticket sales brisk, TVRT adds Thursday performance

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI



ROBERT SHOLTY

The bishop is played by Robert Sholty; Jean Valjean by Mischa Stephens; Fantine, left, by Morgan Breedveld; and Eponine by Katherine DelaCruz.

In a tribute to the excellence of Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre and its choice of “Les Misérables” to kick off 2015, tickets for the popular musical are selling so fast that a Thursday night performance has been added, on Jan. 22.

“Les Misérables,” based on the classic by French novelist Victor Hugo, is the world’s longest-running musical and has been seen by more than 65 million people in 42 countries.

“This epic tale of passion and sacrifice will be a phenomenal way to share live theater with the family in the new year,” noted a press release from Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre. It will be at the Bankhead Theater from Jan. 17-31, produced by Kathleen Breedveld, directed by Kendall Tieck, with musical direction by Mark Aubel, choreography by Christopher Olson, and vocal direction by Sierra Dee.

Set in early 19th-century France, “Les Mis” is the story of Jean Valjean and his quest for redemption after serving 19 years in jail, five for stealing a loaf of bread for his sister’s starving family and the rest for trying to escape. When he gets out on parole, a kindly bishop inspires him with an act of mercy, and Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew.

But a police inspector named Javert relentlessly pursues Valjean so, although he becomes successful, he must keep moving on to avoid arrest. Along the way, he promises a dying woman he fails to protect in the factory he owns that he will

care for her young daughter, Cosette.

As the story continues, Valjean and a cast of compelling characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists makes its last stand at a street barricade. And all of this action is accompanied in this “sung-through musical” by sometimes haunting and often lively melodious numbers, many memorable pieces now heard in other venues.

The cast includes Mischa Stephens playing Jean Valjean; Matthew Liebowitz, Javert; Robert Sholty, the bishop; Kristen Vellinger, Cosette; Katherine DelaCruz, Eponine; DC Scarpelli, Thenardier; Jennifer Stark, Madame Thenardier; Morgan Breedveld, Fantine; and Nikita Burshiteyn, Marius, as well as Greg Zema, Ron Houk, Peter Budinger, Sam Leeper, Lucas deAyora, Dominic Dagdagan, Mike Freeman, Scott DiLorenzo, JD Cerruti, Emily Joy Kessel, Juliana Morrow, Matt Busbee, Steve Kirch, Charlie Gay and Kurt Hornbacker.

Ensemble members are Pam Ballin, Annika Bergman, Rebecca Davis, Max DeSantis, Kaylyn Dowd, Aimee Hennessy, Leslie Lawrence, Alexandria Lish, Dennis Logsdon, Carrie Menefee, Anne Milbourne, Abby Peterson, Aimee Roylance, Lisa Saaz, Taylor Sundstrom, Carly Tilson-Lumetta and Susan Tonkin.

Regular tickets are \$39; call 373-6800, go to www.trivalleyrep.org, or visit the Bankhead Theater box office at 2400 First St. in Livermore. ■



SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS (SITE)/LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Vernon Evans stands next to his family's car during a stop along their journey from South Dakota in July 1936.

'Journey Stories' exhibition opening at Museum on Main

Visitors can add their own stories of migration

Pleasanton's Museum on Main is hosting "Journey Stories," a presentation provided by Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Services and Exhibit Envoy, from Jan. 14 through March 8.

The Smithsonian exhibit examines how transportation and migration helped build our nation, how it has changed us, and how our mobile world looked to travelers along the way. An opening reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. next Wednesday (Jan. 14).

"This is a huge opportunity for our community to enjoy a Smithsonian traveling exhibition," said the museum executive director Jim DeMersman.

"This exhibition will resonate with people throughout the community. Our history is filled with stories of people leaving behind everything — families and possessions

— to reach a new life in another city, state, across the continent, or even across an ocean."

The exhibit features themes ranging from early explorers, those brought against their will as slaves, westward movement, forced native migration, the rise of the railroad, and accelerated mobility including automobiles, trucks and airplanes.

"Another exciting feature of this exhibition is the opportunity for visitors to become part of the experience by adding their own stories through an application called Stories from Main Street," DeMersman said. "Available as a free download, the application allows people across the country to add more stories to the exhibition."

Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. For more information, visit www.museumonmain.org or call 462-2776. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



Left: Polish and Russian immigrants gather on the deck of a ship during their journey to America in 1905.

Below: A young girl and her family migrate from Florida to New Jersey in 1940.

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KEN MANO

Prospective volunteers meet with nonprofit organization reps during last year's Make a Difference for Pleasanton Festival.

Learn how to 'Make a Difference'

Dozens of groups offer volunteer opportunities

Is one of your new year's resolutions to give back? Then check out the Make a Difference for Pleasanton Festival 2015, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Pleasanton Public Library.

The festival matches people with volunteer opportunities and helps them discover the joy of helping others. More than two dozen nonprofit organizations will have booths set up with information on how folks can "Get Connected and Stay Connected" with their community through volunteer service for adults, families and teens.

"We used to try to tie in with the national Make A Difference Day, which is held in October, but here in Pleasanton that date has long been reserved for the Foothill High School Band Review, so we changed to the date closest to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which has become a global service day," said W. Ron Sutton, founder of Make A Difference, Today & Always. "Also, we felt that people should make a commitment to community service on more than one day per year. That is why we came up with the '50/50 Pledge' and the slogan, 'Get Connected, Stay Connected.'"

Visitors will have a chance to sign the 50/50 Pledge: "I pledge to

spend at least 50 hours in community service, and to spend 50 more hours with my family in the next year."

They can also sign a banner from the first local Make a Difference Festivals, which were sponsored by the Pleasanton Unified School District in the 1990s.

Now the festival is produced by the nonprofit group Make A Difference, Today & Always; the event is co-sponsored by the city of Pleasanton, the Community of Character Coalition and ACCUSPLIT Make A Difference Programs.

Besides the co-sponsors, the following groups will have exhibits:

- Alameda County CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates)
- Alviso Adobe Community Park
- Amador Valley Quilters
- American Cancer Society — Pleasanton Relay for Life
- American Red Cross
- Boy Scouts of America — Twin Valley District
- CityServe of the Tri-Valley
- Eden Information & Referral (Alameda County 211)
- Hope Hospice
- JustServe.org
- KIVA.org
- Livermore-Amador Valley Garden Club

- Lynnewood Methodist Church
- Meals on Wheels (Spectrum Community Services)
- Museum On Main
- Northern California Special Olympics
- Open Heart Kitchen
- Paws in Need
- Pleasanton Lions Club
- Rotary — Celebrating 50 years in Pleasanton, as of 2015 — Downtown, Pleasanton North and Tri-Valley clubs working together
- Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation
- Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation
- Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley
- Tri-Valley SOCKS
- Tri-Valley YMCA

Volunteer Ken Mano has created the website www.MakeADifference-ForPleasanton.org, which lists the growing number of organizations that will be at the festival. At this site, people can learn more in advance of the festival about where they may want to donate their time and energy.

The festival is free of charge, as is the parking at the city library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Valley Concert Chorale holding auditions

Season will feature Fauré Requiem in March

The Valley Concert Chorale, the Tri-Valley's premier chorus, is now scheduling appointments for auditions for singers who would like to be a part of its March and May performances.

Auditions will be held Mondays, Jan. 12 and Jan. 19, at

the First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, located at 2020 Fifth St. Rehearsals are also held there.

The Chorale is seeking experienced singers with sight-reading skills who enjoy singing exciting and challenging music. The chorus performs a wide variety

of music ranging from classical to contemporary, and folk to jazz.

This 51st concert season, under the direction of John Emory Bush, will feature the following performances and events:

- March — Requiem by Gabriel Fauré; Luminous Night of the Soul by Ola Gjeilo
- May — Oscar Winning Songs from the movies

To schedule an audition, call 462-4205. For more information, visit www.valleyconcertchorale.org or call 866-4003. ■

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THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

A tall order for Brown's fourth term

Gov. Jerry Brown will unveil his fiscal year 2015-16 budget proposal today, just four days after his fourth inaugural address where he painted a rosy picture of the state's finances.

Although he cautioned that more work needs to be done in order to ensure California's future financial stability and economic advancement, his promise to "repay a billion dollars borrowed from schools and community colleges and another \$533 million owed to local governments" is good news for the city of Pleasanton, the Pleasanton Unified School District and Las Positas College, as well as hundreds of other governmental jurisdictions throughout the state.

But it's his obsession with climate change, high-speed rail, clean energy and nationalizing his liberal agenda at a time when last November's congressional votes took the country in a different direction that are troubling in thinking Brown can achieve many, if any, of his goals. Granted, Democrats control both houses of the state legislature as well as the statehouse, but Brown's views on the environment, health care, climate change and undocumented immigrants, to name a few, range far afield from current political trends.

After being sworn in for a record fourth term, Brown— at age 76, the state's longest serving and the country's oldest governor — told supporters that the state is at a crossroads in his effort to remain a national trendsetter on issues affecting the health and quality of life for Americans. To advance the pace, he wants to cut gasoline consumption by half by 2030, transform the state's electrical grid with clean energy (windmills and solar), provide a \$68 billion bullet-train to serve the length of the state, ban fracking and never tap the state's oil reserves that could add to carbon pollution.

Although some of Brown's rhetoric bordered on delusional, there was much to applaud, including his bid to improve water storage capacities and delivery systems, upgrade the state's deteriorating roads and bridges, and work more closely with local leaders on community needs.

He vowed to seek higher-education funding solutions that will head off tuition increases at University of California and Cal State campuses. He said the state will pay off debts faster and put money toward a rainy-day fund to help the government ride out future economic ups and downs. He said the state will soon make the last payment on the \$15 billion of borrowing made to cover budget deficits dating back to 2002.

Brown noted that the state's problems never completely go away. They remain to challenge and elicit the best from us. To that end, over the next four years — and beyond — Brown said Californians must dedicate themselves to making what they have done work, and to see that the massive changes in education, health care and public safety are actually carried out and endure. The financial promises the state has already made must be confronted honestly so that they are properly funded. "The health of our state depends on it," he said.

"As we oversee these important changes to education, health care and public safety, we must not lose sight of our long-term liabilities," Brown continued. "We have to face honestly the enormous and ever-growing burden of the many commitments we have already made. Among these are the costs of pensions and retiree health care, the new obligations under the Affordable Care Act, the growing government costs of dealing with our aging population, bonded indebtedness and the deferred maintenance on our roads and other infrastructure. These specific liabilities reach into the hundreds of billions of dollars."

We'll have a better look at how Brown and the legislature will meet these financial obligations when the new fiscal year budget is introduced today. ■

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Elite Seahawks swim at junior nationals

The Pleasanton Seahawks sent elite division swimmers (left to right) Eva Chung, RJ Scott and Sarah Wang to the Speedo Winter Junior National Championships last month in Federal Way, Wash.

Chung had personal bests in the 200 individual medley (IM) and 200 breaststroke, and she also competed in the 400 IM. Scott swam a personal best in the 100 backstroke (53.22 seconds) and also participated in the 200 and 500 freestyle. Wang competed in the 200 IM and 100 and 200 butterfly.

PREP LINE-UP

Today

- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Monte Vista at Foothill
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador at California
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill at Monte Vista
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., California at Amador
- Girls Wrestling: Foothill at Napa Valley Girls Classic

Jan. 10

- Boys Wrestling: 7 a.m., Foothill at San Ramon Valley Invitational
- Boys Wrestling: Foothill and Amador at Clayton Valley
- Girls Wrestling: Foothill at Napa Valley Girls Classic

Jan. 13

- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Granada at Amador
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., De La Salle at Foothill
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador at Livermore
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill at San Ramon Valley
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill at Carondelet
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Livermore at Amador
- Boys Wrestling: 7 p.m., San Ramon Valley at Amador
- Boys Wrestling: California at Foothill

Jan. 15

- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador at Monte Vista
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Livermore at Foothill

Jan. 16

- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill at Granada
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., De La Salle at Amador
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Granada at Foothill
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador at Carondelet

Jan. 17

- Boys Soccer: 1 p.m., College Park at Amador
- Girls Soccer: 1 p.m., Foothill at Dougherty Valley
- Boys Wrestling: 7 a.m., Amador at Armijo Invitational
- Boys Wrestling: Foothill at Chris Snowden Memorial (Drake)
- Girls Wrestling: Foothill at Lady Tiger Invitational (Tokay)

Jan 20

- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill at Amador
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., San Ramon Valley at Foothill
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Granada at Amador
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador at Foothill
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill at San Ramon Valley
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador at Granada

Jan 21

- Boys Wrestling: 7 p.m., Amador at Livermore

Jan. 22

- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., California at Amador
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Monte Vista at Foothill

Jan. 23

- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill at Livermore
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador at Monte Vista
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Livermore at Foothill
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Monte Vista at Amador
- Boys Wrestling: 7 a.m., Amador at MidCals Tournament (Gilroy)

Jan. 24

- Boys Soccer: 6:15 p.m., Amador at Dublin
- Boys Wrestling: Foothill at Albany
- Boys Wrestling: Foothill at Tri Valley Cup (Dublin)

Jan. 27

- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Amador at San Ramon Valley
- Boys Basketball: 7 p.m., Foothill at Amador
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., California at Foothill
- Girls Basketball: 7 p.m., Amador at Foothill

Jan. 28

- Boys Wrestling: Foothill at Granada

Jan. 29

- Boys Soccer: 6 p.m., Livermore at Amador
- Girls Soccer: 6 p.m., Foothill at Carondelet
- Boys Wrestling: 7 p.m., Granada at Amador
- Boys Wrestling: San Ramon Valley at Foothill



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CCOP boys go undefeated in Holiday Classic

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) fourth-grade boys basketball team went 3-0 and placed first in their division during the recent Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD) Holiday Classic Tournament at the Robert Livermore Community Center. The round robin tournament featured teams from Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon.

Shown: CCOP team members (top, left to right) coach Jason Kubo, Joshua Asturias, Ross Kobayashi, Evan Liu, coach Chris Torrey, Brady Lederer, Matthew Dou and coach Rodger Kobayashi, and (bottom, left to right) Nicholas Tan, Jackson Devoe, Tyler Kubo and Kellen Torrey.

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BY PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

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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.

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

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

Classes

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

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SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS Weekly social enhancement and development classes for children/teens with and without developmental challenges. Zones of regulation classes and bully-proofing classes also available. Call 484-0074.

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.

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PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB The Pleasanton Lions Club meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at The Regalia House, 4133 Regalia Court. The dinner fee is \$10. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasanton-newcomers.com. Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

Concerts

LARRY CORYELL: GUITAR'S 'GODFATHER OF FUSION' Larry Coryell, master performer of jazz, classical and rock, recording artist, composer, innovator, and mentor, will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10 at Firehouse Arts Center. If you love guitar, you can't miss the master in live performance. Tickets are \$28-\$38. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

VIBES JAZZ MASTER BOBBY HUTCHERSON Legendary Vibes Jazz Master and 2010 NEA Jazz Master Award winner Bobby Hutcherson will perform from 8-10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17 at Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$35-\$45. Call 931-4848 or go to <http://www.firehousearts.org>.

Events

EXCHANGE STUDENT CANDIDATES FOR PTSCA 2015 DELEGATION The Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association youth cultural exchange summer program is beginning the candidate process. Students need to be entering sophomore-senior year in high school in the fall and have completed a second year of Spanish by the end of this school year. Students can attend any meeting regardless of their school of attendance to learn about the application and selection process. Meetings are: at lunch time on Wednesday, Jan. 7 in room B27 at Foothill HS; at lunch time on Thursday, Jan. 8 in room Q201 at Amador HS; 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 14 in room C-6 at Foothill HS; 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 in room Q201 at Amador HS; 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Chamber of Commerce; 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at Chamber of Commerce.

For more information contact 209-5825 or annangst@sbcglobal.net, or go to ptsca.org.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING GNON is a great opportunity to not only meet new friends, but network in a fun and informal environment. Join from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 at Coco Cabana Restaurant in Dublin. Cost is \$10-\$15. Call 487-4748 or go to <http://www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html>.

HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for Happy Hour on Thursday, Jan. 15 at the Sheraton Hotel. RSVP to Ruby at 462-9636 or hskoog@comcast.net by Tuesday, Jan. 13. Your choice of food and/or beverage Sheraton Hotel, 5990 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton.

LUNCH IN DUBLIN The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to join for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18 at Outback Steak House in Dublin. RSVP to Bette at (510) 357-7873 or hskoog@comcast.net by Thursday, Jan. 15.

Fundraisers

WINTER TALENT SHOW Join for an evening filled with exceptional acts, inspiring speakers, and food with friends, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9 at the Amador Theater. From magic to dancing to singing, this should be an unforgettable night. All proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Tickets are \$8 in advance at mdawintertalentshow.yapsody.com or \$10 at the door.

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.

Lectures/ Workshops

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Merrilyn Scott, a quilting teacher and designer, will present "Essential Embellishments" from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10 at Pleasanton Middle School for the Amador Valley Quilters. Go to www.amadorvalleyquilters.org.

On Stage

'LES MISERABLES' See "Les Miserables" at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, from Jan. 17-31 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. An additional matinee will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31. Tickets are \$20-\$39. Call 373-6800 or go to <http://tickets.livermoreperformingarts.org>.

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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.

MEET THE ARTIST: GARY WINTER Gary Winter is a master artisan and fourth generation resident with over 40 years of creating and designing experience. Gary has created work not only for the City of Pleasanton but for Presidents, actors and museums. See this special presentation and learn more about Gary at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365 or go to pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Support Groups

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

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

CLUTTERLESS SELF HELP GROUP

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

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

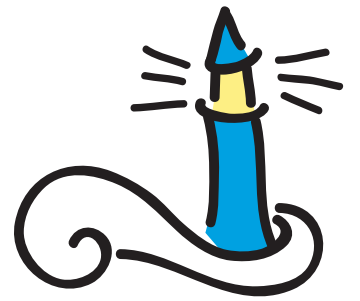
TRI-VALLEY AD/HD SUPPORT GROUP Parents of all-aged children who have challenges with self-regulation, attention, impulsiveness, and/or executive functioning are welcome to join from 7-8:45 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the preschool area, classroom 3 at Harvest Park Middle School. Share resources, concerns and successes in raising AD/HD children. Free to CHADD members, \$5 donation suggested for non-members. Call 426-0411 or go to www.chaddnorcal.org/calendar.

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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The following person(s) doing business as: KH LINE, 4257 PASSEGGI COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by the following owner(s): Kyungmee Choi, 4257 Passeggi Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Kyungmee Choi. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 12/11/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 19, 26; 2014, Jan. 2, 9; 2015)

P & K'S
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 498729

The following person(s) doing business as: P & K'S, 5581 SONOMA DRIVE APT. C, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Patrick D. O'Leary, 5581 Sonoma Drive Apt. C, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Karina R. O'Leary, 5581 Sonoma Drive Apt. C, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Married Couple. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Patrick D. O'Leary. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 12/02/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 19, 26; 2014, Jan. 2, 9; 2015)

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HEALING OASIS MASSAGE & REFLEXOLOGY
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The following person(s) doing business as: HEALING OASIS MASSAGE & REFLEXOLOGY, 712 BANCROFT ROAD #853, WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Katherine Li-Young, 712 Bancroft Road #853, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Katherine Li-Young. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 12/15/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30; 2015)

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Tri-Valley home builders heading to Las Vegas for Jan. 20 show

By JEB BING

The National Association of Home Builders will kick off its three-day 2015 International Builders' Show at the Las Vegas Convention Center on Jan. 20 during the annual Design & Construction Week.

Developers, home builders and their affiliated businesses and professionals from throughout the Tri-Valley are expected to attend. The show will include exhibitors from the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

Also part of this year's show will be the International Window Coverings Expo, along with two new additions, the International Surface Event and the Las Vegas Market, making the event the largest housing industry gathering of its kind.

While all of the shows will remain separate and distinct, registrants will have access to the exhibits of all five shows held during Design & Construction Week.

This year's International Builders' Show will feature nearly 1,200 exhibitors, ac-

counting for 476,000 net square feet of exhibit space, almost 50,000 more square feet than last year. Exhibitors represent the industry's top manufacturers and suppliers showcasing the latest and most innovative products.

"The International Builders' Show boasts an expansive exhibit hall featuring manufacturers representing every facet of the housing industry, all in one spot," said NAHB chairman Kevin Kelly, a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del.

"Housing professionals can really take their business to the next level by taking advantage of the access to all of the top industry professionals, networking opportunities and business deals available to them at Design & Construction Week in general and the IBS in particular," he added.

Among the other highlights of the show will be more than 100 education sessions offered on a variety of topics that cover every aspect of the industry, numerous networking oppor-

tunities, awards competitions, home tours, industry experts and speakers and other special events.

Former NFL head coach and current ESPN analyst Jon Gruden will headline the opening ceremonies, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame band ZZ Top will close out the show at the "Spike Concert."

Building industry professionals and their affiliates who have not yet registered can do so at www.BuildersShow.com. Online registration is available through the last day of the show. However fees do increase after Jan. 18.

The NAHB is a Washington-based trade association representing more than 140,000 members involved in home building, remodeling, multi-family construction, property management, subcontracting, design, housing finance, building product manufacturing, and other aspects of residential and light commercial construction.

Its members and their affiliates construct about 80% of all new housing units in the U.S. ■

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5770 Belleza Drive Jang Trust to S. Dorn for \$545,000

3238 Belvedere Court C. Sears to R. & M. Dhindsa for \$1,631,000

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2802 Calle Reynoso P. Ornellas to Z. Yu for \$820,000

2223 Cameron Circle H. Ponderosa to B. Bowers for \$1,600,000

1121 Donahue Drive T. Dang to G. Liu for \$968,000

4217 Dorman Road Faddis Trust to R. Prafulchandra for \$738,000

4253 Dorman Road Louwaert Trust to J. & D. Zentner for \$446,000

577 Gerard Court Hansen Trust to G. & E. Robitaille for \$968,000

3415 Gravina Place Sage Trust to J. Sangani for \$1,470,000

1046 Harvest Circle C. Wagner to M. & J. Romant for \$853,500

7887 Kentwood Way S. Gopalswamy to N. & S. Gutierrez for \$837,500

226 Mavis Drive King Trust to B. Carmichael for \$490,000

179 Monaco Court R. Geib to Smith Trust for \$1,310,000

1168 Paladin Way J. & S. Cho to J. Chen for \$2,510,000

7472 Palm Court Fuller Trust to N. & P. Sharma for \$875,000

444 San Gabriel Court S. & S. Teal to N. &

S. Mirchandani for \$818,000
2380 Sandpiper Way EJ & J Investments to Berkowitz Trust for \$1,150,000

3828 Stone Pointe Way N. Tollefsen to L. Fasman for \$790,000

7333 Stonedale Drive G. Osaki to M. & Y. Wong for \$485,000

4191 Torino Court Y. Wang to A. Thuse for \$510,000

4164 Veneto Court R. & V. Byram to A. & A. Capovilla for \$685,000

3505 Villero Court Carrozza Trust to A. & N. Ehrhardt for \$1,729,000

3229 West Las Positas Boulevard G. Itagi to P. Pallevenkata for \$890,000

1580 Whispering Oaks Way A. & O. Soares to S. & L. Paka for \$1,040,000

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723 Acorn Court Lunn Trust to M. & H. Lunn for \$810,000

2520 Canyon Lakes Drive Frickel Trust to M. Ezeir for \$920,000

106 Compton Circle #A Gerecke Trust to C. Degolia for \$368,000

354 Eastridge Drive EB Homes to R. & K. Pairish for \$375,000

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404 Old Ranch Court J. & C. Fielder to A. & K. Schultz for \$1,255,000

3200 Spicewood Lane A. & V. Ahuja to R. Poddar for \$1,125,000

7766 Stoneleaf Road N. Milan to C. Nishida for \$642,000

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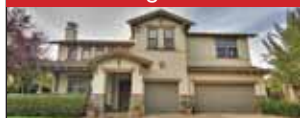
RARE Gorgeous single level custom with breath taking panoramic views! Approx 4000 sq ft., 4 bedroom, 3 baths. This home is perfect for entertaining! Please call Gail for more information.



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\$1,655,000

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Brentwood

4 BEDROOMS

1381 Sunflower Lane Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5 BEDROOMS

2918 Spanish Bay Drive \$620,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Dublin

1 BEDROOMS

6933-A Stagecoach Road \$318,000
Sun 1-4 Kathy Westernoff 577-2600

3 BEDROOMS

10779 Ruthven Lane \$583,000
Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS

680 Heligan Lane #3 \$668,000
Sat/Sun 1-3 Cindy Gee 963-1984

1446 Lillian St. \$559,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS

5622 Mount Hamilton Call for price
Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Pleasanton

4 BEDROOMS

551 Montori Court \$1,299,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

1279 Lozano Court \$2,425,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

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

6 BEDROOMS

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

San Ramon

5 BEDROOMS

3557 Ashbourne Circle \$1,798,000
Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Find more open home listings at
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 3-17

Pleasanton (Dec. 3-11)

Total sales reported: 27
Lowest sale reported: \$330,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,510,000
Average sales reported: \$993,222

Dublin (Dec. 3-11)

Total sales reported: 28
Lowest sale reported: \$380,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,450,000
Average sales reported: \$717,375

Livermore (Dec. 3-11)

Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$335,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,360,000
Average sales reported: \$609,021

San Ramon (Dec. 12-17)

Total sales reported: 10
Lowest sale reported: \$368,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,255,000
Average sales reported: \$759,900

Source: California REsource

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JUST SOLD

673 Palomino Drive

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

MULTIPLE OFFERS
SOLD FOR \$400,000



JUST SOLD

303 Neal Street, Pleasanton

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

REPRESENTED BUYERS
SOLD FOR \$1,925,000



JUST SOLD

6231 Camino Del Lago, Pleasanton

*Fabulous home in Country Fair Park within steps from tennis, shops & great dining. This lovingly upgraded 4 bedroom/3 bath home has 2420 sq ft of generous living space. Spacious back yard & covered patio are great for entertaining.

MULTIPLE OFFERS
SOLD FOR \$1,065,000



PREMIUM LOT

Coming Soon!

Beautiful home in Dublin Hills, Built in 2012. This 4 bed / 2 bath home is just under 2400 sqft. This home has a great layout, and stunning views with no rear neighbors. Call Julia for more information.

BUYER NEEDS

- ✓ Large Family home with Pool. Buyer prefers Vintage Hills or Pleasanton Hills, up to 1.6 million
- ✓ Buyers ready to go! Looking for a home in Country Fair or Foothill Knolls. Have lived in Pleasanton for many years, need a bigger home, up to 1.5 million
- ✓ Buyer looking for a home in Moller Ranch or Windsor preferred up to 1 million

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4 BR 3 BA Gorgeous home Granite kchn cters, tile flring dnstrs & wderful open fir plan.
Shannon Shepherd, CalBRE #01350212 925.847.2200



LIVERMORE

Open SAT/SUN 1-4 1446 LILLIAN STREET
CHARMING NEW LISTING! 559,950
3 BR 2 BA 3BD, 2BA 1600sqft inside laundry, high ceilings fresh paint updated floor coverings.
Mike Riley, CalBRE #00374197 925.847.2200



LIVERMORE

Open SAT 1-4 5622 MOUNT HAMILTON
NEW LISTING! CALL FOR PRICING
4 BR 3 BA Spacious 4bdm, 3 ba, w/over 2500sqft.
Open ktch w/eat n dining, family rm combo.
Daisy Ng, CalBRE #01311067 925.847.2200



MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Open SAT/SUN 12-3 761 ANTIGUA TER
BETTER THAN NEW! 575,000
5 BR 4.5 BA Plus lrg office & bonus room. Gourmet kitch w/granite & built-ins. 1 BD & full BA down.
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BRENTWOOD

2265 HARMONY CT
TRULY A VISION OF BRENTWOOD! 625,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Huge front yard, Crtyard w/Fireplace accessible from Family Room & Dine Rm Upper bedrooms w/wrap-arud balcony.
Sandra Burt, CalBRE #01205844 925.847.2200

Open SAT/SUN 1-4 2918 SPANISH BAY DRIVE
EXECUTIVE HOME IN DEER RIDGE! 620,000
5 BR 3 BA Elegant 5BR/3BA home with amazing views. 1BR/BA on main level. HW floors upgrades throughout.
Dedorah Levine, CalBRE #01386245 925.847.2200

DUBLIN

7314 EMERALD AVE
MUST SEE! 950,000
7 BR 3 BA 2 mast. suts. total of 7 Bdrs. 3 handcpd BA. Gormt kin/w gran. slab contrs, cherywood cabnts.
Carmen Nica, CalBRE #01134456 925.847.2200

4150 MUNOZ CT BEAUTIFUL TASSAJARA MEADOWS HOME 829,000

3 BR 2.5 BA Completely upgraded w/Cherry Wood Kitchen, Slab Granite Counters, Oversize Ceramic Tile Flooring.
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Open SUN 1-4 10779 RUTHVEN LANE WONDERFUL CAL HIGHLANDS TOWNHOME 583,000

3 BR 2.5 BA 3bd/2.5 ba 1520 sq ft. end unit quiet location 2 car garage space patio area.
Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.847.2200

LIVERMORE

12457 MINES ROAD
FABULOUS ESTATE! 1,099,000
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