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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



ADAM RANDALL

From left: Brooke, Cayley, Maddie and Riley with flowers they planted at Vintage Hills Elementary where they are in the third grade.

## 3rd-graders make the world a better place

Last year, I wrote about Vintage Hills Elementary School teacher Adam Randall and his Read-a-Thon fundraiser that helped alert his third-grade class to the environmental risks in clear-cutting South America's rainforests. Now he's at it again, giving his new class of 25 third-graders practical experience in observing last month's Earth Day.

After learning about the earth's different environments and studying the water crisis in California, Randall's students were determined to make a difference. They looked all over their school and classroom to see the ways that they were being kind to the earth and where they needed to improve. Randall told them to dream big, and he said he would help them achieve whatever end goal that they wanted. They went to work.

Sorted into groups, they tackled different projects, all related to making Vintage Hills (and, by extension, Planet Earth) a better place. One group called Western Garden Nursery on Vineyard Avenue and asked for, and received, a donation of drought resistant plants to plant in the school's garden as part of a beautification project.

Another group called Staples to ask for a donation of whiteboard pens to go along with the homemade whiteboards that they were making for classroom use to reduce paper waste at school. Staples donated them the pens as well. Another group started a lunchtime recycling program, painting a trash bin to look green and earth-friendly, and then collecting the recyclables, taking those to a buy-back center and donating the money to the school's PTA.

Other groups spread the word about Earth Day, started a school-wide cleanup campaign and, through contributed mulch and plants, landscaped and beautified a well-traveled area at the school.

Altogether, Randall's third-grade class did some pretty amazing things at Vintage Hills, and they told me about it:

"When we found out that we

got so many donations, we were shocked and amazed. We felt like we could do anything." — Dylan.

"It felt great to accomplish our goal of making the school prettier. This project is not something that will just last a week, it will continue to help the school for years to come." — Brooke.

"The Earth Day project was a great experience because realizing that you did something for your school makes you feel really good. Even when we move on from this school, we hope this still goes on because one piece of trash can make a huge difference." — Lois.

"I was very proud of myself when we finished our project. Our teacher told us to dream big and we did." — Maddie.

"We were so excited when we finished our project. We felt like we helped the world grow." — Alex.

"Sometimes the world can get messed up by people so we have to work hard to make it beautiful again." — Karissa.

"It really meant a lot to me." — Gus.

"The earth gives so much to me and I wanted to give back. Every day should be Earth Day." — Jonathan.

"These kids were incredibly motivated and determined in their projects and I am really proud of what they have been able to accomplish," Randall said. "They have taken project-based learning to the next level and brought our curriculum to life. We are studying persuasive writing in class, and they are getting real-life applications of its importance by trying to convince businesses to help their cause and spreading awareness about something that is important to them. Not only did they take action on a big project, but they learned valuable life skills along the way."

Randall has been teaching for four years and this is his second year teaching third grade. A graduate of UC Santa Barbara, he's an outdoorsman when not in the classroom and feels strongly about conservation and being kind to the earth. ■

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What makes you cry easily?



### Steve Silva

*Butcher*

Sad movies. When they're done right, and are not too sappy, they really touch a nerve that I can relate to and sympathize with, and that really makes me tear up.



### Amy Lee

*Independent living skills coach*

When someone I really care about has worked very hard to accomplish a goal and is eventually successful at achieving it, I get very emotional and can't help but cry tears of joy.



### Jason Whiting

*Teacher*

Sweet children. When I see my young students being kind and caring toward one another, and showing compassion in the classroom, it makes me feel so good to see that I will often shed a few happy tears.



### Gloria Robertson

*Retired*

Anything involving someone I know, that evokes emotions, like a birth or a death, will make me cry very easily. Sometimes tears of joy, and other times tears of sorrow. I get choked up and emotional any time something significant happens to a loved one, whether it is something good or something bad.



### Arvind Jain

*Executive*

Death. Nothing affects me more, or makes me cry more easily, than losing someone I love. It is the biggest loss imaginable to me and fills me with so much sorrow.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

## Mother's Day Brunch

**May 10, 2015**  
10am - 3pm

- ~ COLD DISPLAY BUFFET ~
  - Fresh Fruit Display
  - Fresh Vegetable Display
  - Assorted Meats and Cheese Display
  - Ceviche Salad,
  - Fresh Tomato, Onion and Cilantro Salad
  - Mixed Green and Caesar Salad
  - Assorted Salad Dressings
- ~ BREAKFAST STATION ~
  - Cooked to Order Omelette
  - Scrambled Eggs
  - with Spinach, Diced Tomatoes and Cheddar Cheese
  - Hickory Smoked Bacon
  - Sausage Links
  - Breakfast Potatoes
  - Waffles
  - Sweet Butter & Syrup
- ~ CARVING STATION ~
  - Roasted Pork Leg with Creamed Chipotle Sauce
  - Slow Roasted NY Strip Slice with Au Jus & Creamed Horseradish
- ~ SEAFOOD STATION ~
  - Fresh Oysters, Shrimp and Clam Display
  - with Cocktail Sauce
  - Dungeness Cracked Crab
  - Poached Fresh Salmon Display
  - Smoked Sliced Salmon
- ~ ENTREES ~
  - Saltimbocca Chicken
  - Cheese Cannoli with Pesto Sauce
  - Roasted Tri Tip with Bourgogne Sauce
  - Broiled Salmon with Cilantro Lemon Sauce
  - Bisi Bisi Rice
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## DIGEST

### Blood drive

The city of Pleasanton will host an American Red Cross blood drive on May 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, located at 4455 Black Ave.

The Red Cross supplies about 40% of the nation's blood supply and provides blood for patients in approximately 2,700 hospitals across the nation.

The organization works with more than 50,000 blood drive sponsors each year to hold more than 200,000 blood drives such as the one slated next Friday in Pleasanton.

To schedule an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code Pleasanton925.

### Calendar committee

The Pleasanton Unified School District is looking for parent applicants for its PUSD Calendar Advisory Committee — made up of parents, staff and students.

The goal of the committee is to explore possible calendar options for the 2016-17 school year and beyond, according to district officials.

The committee will meet for two hours in the late afternoon or early evening once in May and June, and then resume monthly meetings in September.

The application can be found at [www.pleasantonusd.net](http://www.pleasantonusd.net) and is due this Wednesday. Applications can be emailed to Bill Faraghan at [bfarahan@pleasantonusd.net](mailto:bfarahan@pleasantonusd.net) or dropped off at the district office.

### Crystal Apple awards

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will hold its annual Crystal Apple awards ceremony at 7 p.m. Sunday to recognize and honor outstanding educators from high schools in Pleasanton and Dublin.

The award, to be given to seven recipients this year, is based on excellent teaching, consistency in representing strong community values and on having an ability to inspire those around them.

They were nominated by juniors and seniors from the Pleasanton and Dublin LDS stakes who attend high schools within the stakes' boundaries.

The Crystal Apple Award winners are Brett Bowers, Cliff Simms and Rick Sira from Amador Valley High School; Theresa Ochoa-Lionetti and Donna DeGiobbi from Foothill High, and Katina Lewis and Jeanne Morgan from Dublin High.

The public is invited to the awards ceremony at the LDS Pleasanton Stake Center, 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz. ■

## Vranesh, others testify at former principal's dismissal hearing

### Walnut Grove Elementary secretary questions accusing teacher's testimony

BY AMANDA AGUILAR

Earlier testimonies were refuted and the character of one witness was questioned during testimony Monday at former Walnut Grove Elementary School principal Jon Vranesh's hearing to appeal his termination from the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Vranesh, as well as current and former district staff members, testi-



Jon Vranesh

fied at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Oakland on Monday, the fifth day of the hearing.

Vranesh was placed on administrative leave in October 2013 for allegedly creating a "hostile work environment." In July, two Walnut Grove employees, Lynn Cronin and Marissa Swanson, received settlements of \$245,000 each after filing claims alleging sexual harassment and a hostile work environment at the hands of Vranesh.

Cronin and Swanson testified as district witnesses last week. Cronin, a teacher at Walnut Grove, testified April 23 that Vranesh would lock her inside his office whenever he

called her in, noting it was "more than 10 times but less than 20."

Ann O'Neal, Vranesh's former secretary and current Mohr Elementary School attendance clerk, said Monday in response to Cronin's statement, "You can lock someone out of your office but not in your office."

"She felt very comfortable walking in," said O'Neal of Cronin.

Vranesh contended during his testimony that he hardly ever called Cronin into his office.

On April 24, Swanson, a counselor at Walnut Grove, testified that Vranesh used violent language that "made you feel uncomfort-

able." She stated that Vranesh used the terms "perps and victims" to keep track of students being disciplined.

O'Neal testified these terms were used in Zangle, a database for students' information, which included attendance and behavior records.

She said as an example that students in an argument were identified as the "perp" or "victim" depending on their role in the argument.

Greg Giglio, former Village High School principal, testified that

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Students on the Amador Valley High School "We the People" team assembled for this photo before competing in the 28th annual competition civics finals in Washington, D.C. This team, which finished sixth among U.S. high schools, is 14th in Amador Valley's history to qualify for the national competition.

## Amador Valley High finishes 6th in 'We the People' finals

### One of top 10 U.S. high schools in understanding constitutional principles

BY JEB BING

The "We the People" competition civics team from Amador Valley High School finished sixth in a field of 10 finalists at the 28th Annual We the People national finals in Alexandria, Va. last Monday.

This year's team was the 14th in the high school's history to qualify for the national competition.

Grant High School from Portland, Ore. placed first in the competition, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School from Richmond, Va. finished second, with Douglas S. Freeman High School of Henrico, Va. placing third.

The awards ceremony took place at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria.

Conducted by the Center for Civic Education, the competition was held starting last Friday and

through the weekend on the campus of George Mason University and in hearing rooms on Capitol Hill. The final presentations were made Monday morning.

Since 1987 over 30,000 students and 1,000 teachers have participated in the national finals. Over the years, more than 10,000 parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors have traveled to Washington, D.C., to celebrate the accomplishments of the students.

In communities across America, nearly \$30 million has been donated to ensure the success of the events.

Nearly 1,300 high school students from 44 states and the District of Columbia gathered in Washington, D.C., to participate in the national finals. The initial field of 56 classes was

reduced to 10 finalists based on

the combined scores of each class over two days of intense examination of their constitutional knowledge. Classes qualified for the national finals by placing first in their state competition or through wild-card availability.

The national finals take the form of simulated congressional hearings. During the finals, groups of students testify as constitutional experts before panels of judges acting as congressional committees, scoring the groups through a performance-based assessment. Each class is divided into six groups based on the six units of the We the People: The Citizen & the Constitution high school textbook.

Each hearing begins with a

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## Bike to Work Day

### Hacienda hosting workshop before premier cycling event

The Hacienda Owners Association will host a lunchtime commuter workshop at its office this Wednesday in advance of Pleasanton's and the Bay Area's annual Bike to Work Day on May 14.

The one-hour interactive classroom course, funded by the Alameda County Transportation Commission, will focus on bike commuting basics, rights and responsibilities, route planning, crash prevention and required equipment.

The workshop is free, but pre-registration is requested by calling (510) 845-7466, Ext. 2 or online at <https://bikeeastbay.org>.

Bike to Work Day, a premier bicycling event, will take place throughout Northern California with special events occurring in all nine Bay Area counties. In Pleasanton, "Energizer" stations will be set up with Hacienda hosting one at the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station in conjunction with Alameda County Public Works.

Cyclists will receive free T-shirts, a Cycling Commute Companion and a canvas tote bag filled with cycling gear. Participating cyclists can also receive a free bike safety check courtesy of Dublin Cyclery.

Cyclists who fill out a Bike to Work Day registration card will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win raffle prizes donated by local merchants.

The Energizer Station will be open 6:30-9 a.m. in the plaza area just outside the station's turnstiles.

The East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station sits in the middle of I-580 and is easily accessed by Owens Drive from Pleasanton and by Dublin Boulevard from Dublin.

To register, sign on to [www.youcanbikethere.com/user/register](http://www.youcanbikethere.com/user/register). ■

—Jeb Bing

# Congratulations to Rotary for 50 Years of Service to Pleasanton

We salute the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Pleasanton North Rotary and Tri-Valley Evening Rotary Club for their devotion to the principles of "Service Above Self."

The clubs have helped make Pleasanton a healthy, attractive and neighborly place to live since the Rotary Club of Pleasanton was first awarded a charter from Rotary International in 1965.

With the formation of Pleasanton North Rotary in 1987 and Tri-Valley Rotary in 2002, the three clubs have completed hundreds of projects assisting thousands of area residents with food, clothing, housing and financial grants and scholarships amounting to many millions of dollars.

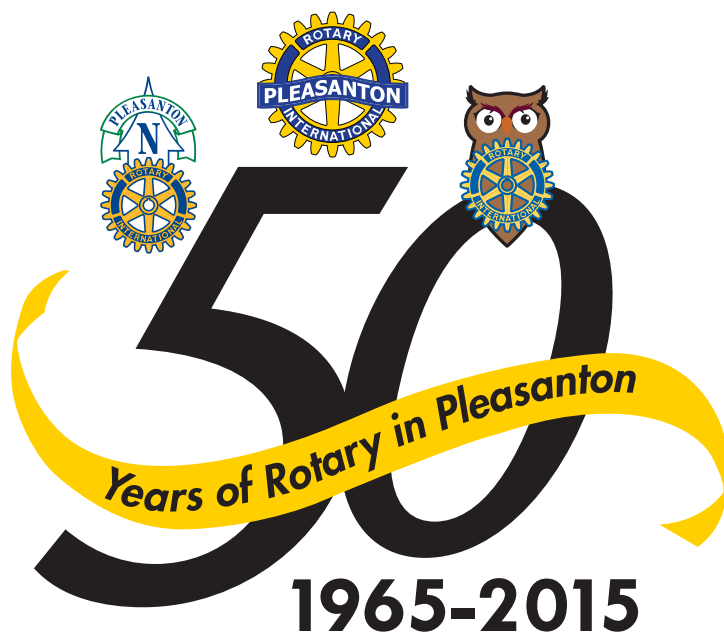
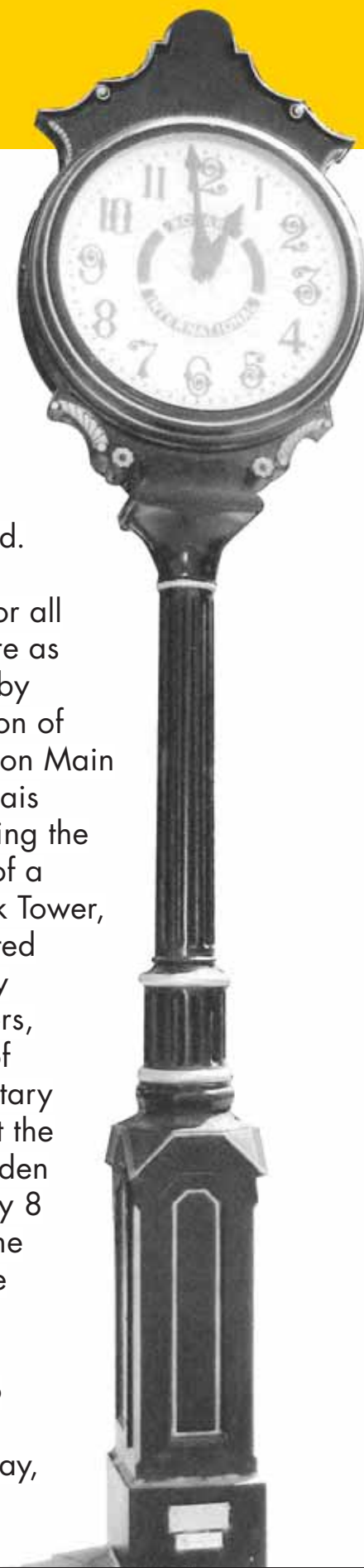
On the international front, Pleasanton's Rotary Clubs have distributed more than 10,000 wheelchairs to the disabled, surgical services correcting cleft palates and facial deformities, modern hospital equipment, fire engines, and assistance to orphaned children.

Their association with Rotary International and PolioPlus has helped force polio to the threshold of eradication, with other projects assisting economic and community development, education and literacy, maternal and child health and peace and conflict resolution around the world.

Thank you for all this and more as recognized by the dedication of Rotary Park on Main St. and Vervais Ave., including the installation of a Rotary Clock Tower, kindly donated to the city by your members, the exhibit of historical Rotary mementos at the

Museum on Main and your Golden Anniversary gala dinner on May 8 at Castlewood Country Club. The public is invited. For details, see [www.PleasantonRotary50.org](http://www.PleasantonRotary50.org).

Good luck with future projects to make Pleasanton an even more congenial place to live, work, play, and do business.



Here's to "Service Above Self" for another 50 years!




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## School board receives updates on district programs

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton school board heard updates about a variety of programs offered within the Pleasanton Unified School District during its meeting Tuesday night.

District staff gave reports about the Extended Day Child Care (EDCC) Program at Walnut Grove, culinary programs, and Response to Intervention (RTI) and Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

Walnut Grove EDCC staff, along with three students, provided trustees information about the program and services offered to parents and students.

EDCC's stated mission is to be the "best in the valley" by maintaining a thriving, well-organized child care and enrichment learning center that is highly respected, at full enrollment and valued by all.

The nonprofit organization collaborates regularly with school and district staff to continue alignment and support for all school and district programs and goals.

In addition, EDCC staff said students have opportunities to do hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) activities while in the program.

Staff also noted that some of the teachers and aides attended EDCC when they were children, one of them being Marin McElhany-D'Acquisto, vice-president of EDCC and daughter of EDCC founder/president Cheryl McElhany.

The students ended the presentation with a poem about how much they enjoy EDCC and that "EDCC rocks."

Also during Tuesday's meeting, coordinator of Career Technical Education (CTE) Glen Sparks and CTE teachers provided trustees a report on the culinary courses offered in the middle and high schools.

Sparks noted that the courses focus on college and career readiness, with a great focus on career.

CTE teachers gave an overview of their classes, with some of the highlights being that students have the opportunity to receive their safety food handler certification and the new Farm to Fork course being offered at Village High School.

Staff and trustees agreed that these culinary courses teach kids more than just cooking skills, but also life skills.

Student board member Sabrina Luk, a Foothill senior, spoke about her experiences with the culinary program and how it has opened doors for her in the hospitality industry.

"I've just been so lucky to have a resume that's already been built," Luk said.

The last program discussed at Tuesday's meeting was the Response to Intervention (RTI) and Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

Staff provided board members information about research based interventions, collaboration, professional development and multiple levels of support in regards to early literacy and supporting all students.

### In other business:

- The school board approved 4-0 the new 2015-16 mathematical courses, with trustee Joan Laursen absent.
- Trustees recognized six Pleasanton students for showing the character trait of respect during the recognition portion of the meeting.

The following students were recognized at the meeting: Jayden Sood, Paige Jackson, Amanda Bilter, Soraia Bohner, Jaxen Gurley and Olivia Larsen.

- The next school board meeting is scheduled on May 12 at 7 p.m. in the district's boardroom, 4665 Bernal Ave. ■

## Museum lecture to feature mountain man

Fur trader is replacement for Susan B. Anthony

Museum on Main has announced a change for the May lecture in its "An Evening with ..." Ed Kinney Speaker Series. James Armstead will portray the mountain man, explorer and fur trader James Beckwourth, replacing Suzan Gallerito who was scheduled to portray Susan B. Anthony, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Beckwourth, born a slave in Virginia in 1798, left for the American west after being freed by his father, who was also his master. As a fur trapper, Beckwourth was captured by the Crow Indians and married into the tribe, later rising to the position of a Crow Chief.

Armstead is a retired professor of strategy and international law from the U.S. Naval War College. He taught international law, strategy and national security policy for nearly 40 years at Stanford University, Pepperdine University, the

University of California and the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. He enjoys portraying historical characters such as Beckwourth, Tuskegee Airman Gen. Benjamin O. Davis and early cowboy Thaddeus Dunkley.

The lectures are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$10, general admission; \$7, seniors 65 and older, and students; and \$5, members.

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at Museum on Main during regular operating hours, or by phoning the museum at 462-2766. Those with tickets to "An Evening with Susan B. Anthony" may use their tickets for "An Evening with James Beckwourth."

For more information on the Ed Kinney Speakers Series, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or phone the museum at 462-2766. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**City Council**

Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Public Hearing: Adopt a resolution approving the allocations for Housing and Human Services Grant and Community Grant Program Funds for the Fiscal Year 2015 Grant Funding Cycle (FY 2015-16); and approval of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (FY 2015-19) and Annual Action Plan (FY 2015-16) for the Use of Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds
- Public Hearing: Renew the Tri-Valley Tourism Marketing District and levy an assessment on lodging businesses; introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 5.36 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code; adopt a resolution modifying the management district plan; and approve an agreement with Visit Tri-Valley to administer the district
- Public Hearing: P15-0008, Wayne Rudick, Appellant; Social Vocational Services, Inc., Applicant – Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a Conditional Use Permit at 6602 Owens Drive, Suite 100, to operate a vocational training center for adults with developmental disabilities
- Public Hearing: P15-0010, Greg Hirata, Appellant; John and Cynthia Rocha, Applicant – Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of Kimberly Connors' appeal, thereby upholding the Zoning Administrator's approval of an application for Administrative Design Review to construct a 1,200 sq. ft. second unit with an approximately 317 sq.ft. one-car garage on the property located at 547 Sycamore Road

**Civic Arts Commission**

Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review Eight (8) Designs Proposed for Project Paint Box
- Review the Location of the Public Artwork "On the Count of Three" at 400 Old Bernal Ave
- Selection of Civic Arts Commission Representatives to Review the Community Grant Program

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
THE 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR 2015-2019  
AND THE FY 2015-2016 ACTION PLAN  
FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANTON  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

The Pleasanton City Council will hold public hearings on April 21, 2015, and May 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers located at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton. The purpose of the public hearings is to receive comments from the City Council and the public regarding the submission of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for 2015-2019 and FY 2015-2016 Action Plan for the City of Pleasanton's federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) activity to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Consolidated Plan describes the CDBG funding goals of the City for 2015-2019. The Action Plan describes how the City will leverage CDBG and other Housing and Human Services Grant Program funding to meet the goals outlined in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for 2015-2019.

A 30-day comment period began on April 6, 2015, and will end on May 6, 2015. If you are unable to attend the public hearings, comments will be accepted by phone, fax, or mail (postmarked before the deadline) until 5:00 p.m. PST on May 6, 2015, at the following address:

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A copy of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan for 2015-2019 and the FY 2015-2016 Action Plan can be reviewed at the Housing Division in City Hall at 200 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The document is also available online at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/resident/housing/grant/program.asp](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/resident/housing/grant/program.asp). If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Scott Erickson, Housing Specialist, at (925) 931-5007

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**AVHS rocket team advances  
to national finals**

By AMANDA AGUILAR

A team of four Amador Valley High students has qualified for the 2015 Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) in The Plains, Va. next weekend.

Sophomores Connor Chen, Brian Cheng, Chris Chi and Eson Liu were part of the 100 top-scoring TARC teams that advanced to the national finals.

"This is a first-time experience for all of us," Liu said in a recent interview.

All of the teens added that their experience level makes them nervous, yet excited for the national competition.

TARC challenges teams to design and build a model rocket that can travel to a height of 800 feet and back within 46-48 seconds. Each rocket will carry one raw egg (representing an astronaut) that must return safely to the ground undamaged. Scores are determined by how close the rockets come to the required height and time, with damaged eggs disqualifying flights.

In an effort to encourage ingenuity and creativity, the competition required the rocket to divide during flight, safely returning the motor and the egg to the ground in separate sections.

The Amador Valley team held their final test flight April 18 at Moffett Federal Airfield in Mountain View before they shipped their rockets to Virginia.

The teens went through rounds of test flights, constantly modifying the rocket in order to launch or deploy better.

Huddling around a table, the



AMANDA AGUILAR

Brian Cheng, Eson Liu, Connor Chen and Chris Chi work together to modify their rocket to launch and deploy better.

team assessed what the problem was and attempted to fix it — whether it was using a new type of motor or remaking the fins of the rocket.

If the Amador Valley students get to the second round of the national finals, they will have to modify their rocket and alter their strategy to meet new height and time restrictions.

At the national finals, held on May 9, the team will be competing for scholarships and prizes totaling more than \$60,000 and the chance to travel to the Paris International Air Show in June. The winning team will represent the United States in the International Rocketry Challenge, facing off against teams from the United Kingdom and France.

"If we win, that'd be great. But it's not like we'll be mad if we don't," Chen said.

The team members said they'll

most likely compete again next year, using this year as a learning experience.

According to Cheng, team captain, this is Amador Valley's first time competing in this competition. "I'm really into aviation and I started researching and I found this competition," he said, adding he asked the other three teens if they wanted to make a team to enter.

The high schoolers started working on their rocket last summer, then went through qualification flights to advance to the national finals.

The AVHS team welcomes any donations to help fund their trip or additional materials needed for their rocket. Contact team adviser Tony Dennis at [tdennis@pleasantonca.gov](mailto:tdennis@pleasantonca.gov) or Brian Cheng at [briancheng205@gmail.com](mailto:briancheng205@gmail.com) for more information. ■

**AMADOR**

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four-minute opening statement by students and is followed by a six-minute period of follow-up questioning during which judges probe students' depth of knowledge, understanding and ability to apply constitutional principles. The format provides students an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles while providing the 72 judges with a means of assessing students' knowledge and application to historical and

current constitutional issues.

Stacey Sklar, who teaches the Amador Valley High School competition class, also was this year's team coach and leader.

Students on the We the People team were: Maryam Awwal, Shriya Bhindwale, Stephen Black, Jesse Cai, Nach Dakwale, Kyra Englert, Megan Gupta, Jerry He, Michael Iglesias, Neel Kant, Rachel Laursen, Amy Le, Nikhil Patil, Shrita Pendekanti, Ria Shroff, Meghna Sinha, Sabari Somanathan, Janani Sundaresan, Branden West, Mei White, Patrick Wu and Akhila Yechuri.

The 2015 We the People: The

Citizen and the Constitution National Finals was partially funded by teachers, students, parents and We the People state coordinators to secure community sponsors. Funding was also provided by the Center for Civic Education, state donors, and the Fund for Freedom and Democracy in honor of the Honorable Patricio M. Serna, retired justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court.

More information about the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution program is available at [www.civiced.org/national-finals-2015](http://www.civiced.org/national-finals-2015). ■

**VRANESH**

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such terms can also be used to communicate with law enforcement, if ever involved.

On April 23, Walnut Grove second-grade teacher Debbie Sweeney testified that she heard Vranesh use profanity in the workplace, specifically after a Discovery Program meeting in spring 2012, referring to a parent as "the 'A' word."

"I never heard a principal speak like that so I was surprised," Sweeney said.

During Vranesh's testimony, he admitted to using the word referring to a parent, adding that the man was

"degrading her (Sweeney)."

"We were walking away and she was pretty fragile, a little bit shaken up," Vranesh said Monday. "She's just a kind person. I said 'Debbie, don't worry about it, that person is an (a\*\*\*\*\*).'"

Also during Monday's hearing, Vranesh's attorney, Paul Kondrick, asked O'Neal and former Walnut Grove secretary Mary Snell, based on their knowledge, if they have formed an opinion about Cronin.

Snell said, "She is not truthful." "I think she lies and I think she needs the attention," said O'Neal.

When asked about the characteristics of the Walnut Grove teachers as a whole, O'Neal said they "almost had a diva-attitude."

"There was a sense of entitlement, a sense that some rules or policies didn't apply to them," Snell added.

The district's attorney, Kim Kingsley Bogard, could not be reached for comment.

Vranesh was the last witness called Monday and did not finish testifying by the end of the hearing day. He is scheduled to resume his testimony at a later time.

This is the second of the estimated three-week hearing. It was scheduled to be held again May 6 to 8. The hearing starts each day at 9 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. at the Office of Administrative Hearing in Oakland, 1515 Clay Street, Ste. 206. ■

# Zone 7 reminds Tri-Valley to 'stay the course' during drought

Prudent for community to continue conserving, agency officials say

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Due to high levels of water conservation in Zone 7 Water Agency's customer service area, the community is already in a position of meeting California's first-ever mandated reduction in water use, according to agency officials.

Gov. Jerry Brown issued an executive order on April 1 for a mandatory statewide 25% reduction in water use, as compared to 2013 levels, through Feb. 28, 2016.

Since then, the State Water Resources Control Board has announced proposed conservation targets for specific communities throughout California, based on their average per-capita water use in September 2014.

Agency officials said the proposed targets for its four water retailers, which includes Pleasanton, are about the same level of conservation as last year.

"Even though Zone 7 will have enough water in 2015 to meet all of its retailers' demands without the state-

mandated conservation, it is prudent for the community to continue to conserve at the new state-required levels in light of the continuing drought," said Zone 7 representatives.

Due to local drought measures taken in 2014, when Zone 7 received 5% of its allocation from the State Water Project (SWP), the Valley's water retailers called for conservation and reduced water use by almost 30%.

"That's enough to meet their respective proposed state targets for 2015," said agency officials. "So for our community, assuming the State Board's proposed regulatory framework is finalized in May following public input, it's essentially a matter of staying the course."

#### 2015 water supplies

The Annual Water Sustainability report notes that Zone 7 can deliver 100% of requested water demand in 2015, and even assuming drought conditions are more severe next year, can deliver 96%

of projected 2016 water demands.

"Zone 7 thanks the community for its excellent 2014 conservation that helped preserve water during the ongoing statewide drought," agency officials said.

The sustainability report also notes: • Zone 7 has received a 20% allocation from the SWP. This allocation is four times the amount of SWP water delivered last year and is not expected to change. The allocation is large enough to allow for water supply exchange opportunities within the SWP system, and

therefore gives Zone 7 certain access to its drought supplies stored in Kern County.

• Lake Del Valle southeast of Livermore also captured more local runoff than in 2014, and Zone 7 anticipates receiving more than 2,000 acre-feet of local runoff this year.

• Of the 172,000 acre-feet of water supply that Zone 7 has in storage, 40,700 acre-feet is available for recovery in 2015, including SWP carryover from last year, groundwater and non-local storage in Kern County. One of the reasons Zone 7

has this much water storage is the job the community did to conserve resources in 2014.

The emergency drought projects Zone 7 completed last year have been helping in 2015 and beyond, according to a statement released by Zone 7. The agency constructed a new municipal well and an inter-tie to move water captures in local mining operations to a lake that has groundwater basin recharge capability.

"Both projects will help Zone 7 optimize management of groundwater supplies," agency officials said. ■

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# Business News

## Shaklee opens global innovation center in Pleasanton

By JEB BING

Pleasanton-based Shaklee Corp. opened a new research center this week with research and development teams assigned to create stronger and more impactful innovations in the field of nutritional science.

The Shaklee Global Innovation Center, named for the company's founder Dr. Forrest C. Shaklee, is located at Shaklee's world headquarters at 4747 Willow Road, in the Hacienda business park.

The new center houses the company's R&D teams in one location to enhance synergy and productivity among all the technical functions, with the goal of creating even stronger and more impactful innovations in the field of nutritional science, said Emanuel Fakoukakis, the company's chief innovation officer.

He added that the facility contains state-of-the-art scientific equipment ensuring Shaklee prod-

ucts meet and surpass the highest industry standards of product purity and safety. All products within the Shaklee portfolio will be developed and tested in this new Pleasanton facility by R&D functions, including nutritional research, ingredient development, product/process development, quality assurance and quality control.

With this new facility, Shaklee will now have more than 50 scientists based in Pleasanton.

"It's exciting to participate on the (Shaklee) Scientific Advisory Board," said Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn, at the center's ribbon-cutting ceremony. "The new Global Innovation Center will allow for collaboration and promote the use of technology and research to help improve the health-span of people all over the world."

This year marks the celebration of 100 years since founder, Dr. Shaklee developed one of the first



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne (center) joins Shaklee CEO Roger Barnett, chief innovation officer Emanuel Fakoukakis, and Nobel Prize Laureate and Shaklee scientific adviser Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn in opening the Dr. Forrest C. Shaklee Global Innovation Center.

multivitamins, which has led to the global success of the Shaklee product portfolio, which now includes more than 100 products designed to improve overall health and wellness.

Building on his research, the center will continue to invest in science, which will fuel technological advances in the health and nutrition industry for years to come,

company representatives said at the opening ceremony.

"Historically, Shaklee has been a leader in the development of testing methodologies," Fakoukakis said. "In fact, many of our testing technologies are being used by the industry after having been developed by Shaklee."

"In addition, we are invested in discovering nutritional trends and technologies through what we call 'open innovation,' a unique strategy of Shaklee, where we partner with renowned PhD scientists and university programs to identify key trends and ingredients with long-lasting benefits," he added.

Roger Barnett, Shaklee's chairman and CEO, said there is more in store for the next 100 years of Shaklee innovation.

"Innovation and science are at the heart of everything we do at Shaklee," he said. "This innovation center is just another step of our continued investment in the future, with the ultimate goal to help people live longer, healthier lives." ■

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## New director named to Alameda County Fair board

Rose Johnson, a Pleasanton resident and chief executive officer of the Davis Street Family Resource Center in San Leandro since 1991, has been selected to serve on the board of the Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association.



Rose Johnson

In addition to her work with the Davis Street center, Johnson is active with the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club and CAPP, a statewide child development advocacy organization.

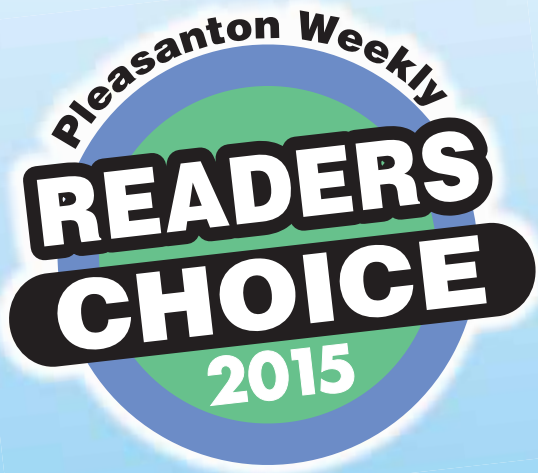
"Rose brings a commitment to the community and is an innovative leader," said Richard Sealana, president of the fair board. "She will be an asset to the board and the fair community."

As one of the largest nonprofit organizations in Northern California, the Fair Association's 26 board members oversee the operations of the Alameda County Fairgrounds, which attracts more than three million visitors each year.

"I am delighted to join this dynamic and dedicated board of directors as they re-envision a new Alameda County Fairgrounds that recognizes the successful history of our annual fair," Johnson said.

"I am ready to roll up my sleeves and lend all of my skills and experiences to make the Fairgrounds a venue that is economically sound, jam-packed with year-round activities, and able to showcase all that's great about Alameda County," she added. ■

—Jeb Bing



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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### PPD helps nab suspects in robbery-kidnap

Police in Pleasanton helped identify two suspects accused of the robbery and kidnapping of a man who met the pair in Cupertino through an online advertisement last month, according to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office.

Pleasanton police arrested Kathleen Stump, 20, of Danville, after a detective recognized her and her alleged accomplice from a composite sketch based on the victim's description of the pair, deputies said.

Deputies on April 23 were preparing a warrant for the arrest of the alleged accomplice, Alexander Nejat, 25, of Dublin, who is suspected of committing the robbery and kidnapping of the victim in Cupertino, sheriff's Sgt. James Jensen said.

On April 10, deputies responded

to the 20000 block of Greenleaf Drive in Cupertino on a report by a man in his 20s who said that on April 5 he contacted a woman from an online advertisement, sheriff's officials said.

The victim met the woman and man at 2:30 a.m. that day about two blocks from the victim's residence, got in their vehicle and drove with them to his home, according to deputies.

When they entered the victim's residence, Stump allegedly threatened the man with a knife and Nejat then allegedly sprayed pepper spray in his face, deputies said.

The pair allegedly proceeded to rob the man of various electronics, prescription medications, cash and other possessions totaling \$7,500, then forced him into their vehicle and drove him about three-quarters of a mile away, where they released him, according to the office.

On April 15, the victim provided deputies with descriptions of the two for sketches and five days later,

a detective in Pleasanton realized the drawings resembled two people arrested in a similar case in Pleasanton, deputies said.

Stump, who had been released on bail in the Pleasanton case, was arrested by deputies in the Cupertino incident and was booked into Santa Clara County Jail in San Jose, deputies said.

Nejat is in custody at the Alameda County Jail following his arrest in the Pleasanton case, with no immediate timetable for when he'd be transferred to Santa Clara County for the Cupertino case, deputies said.

Stump was arrested on suspicion of robbery, kidnapping and making criminal threats, and Nejat is expected to be arrested for similar offenses, Jensen said.

In other police reports:

- A 27-year-old Pleasanton resident was arrested April 22 on suspicion of brandishing a weapon and making criminal threats, which caused a brief lockdown at Lydiksen Elementary School.

Pleasanton police responded to a residence on Foothill Road, in the vicinity of Lydiksen, after the parents reported their son brandished a knife and threatened to kill them.

The son, later identified as Christopher Kliment, allegedly fled as officers were en route.

Due to safety concerns and the unknown whereabouts of Kliment, the school on Highland Oaks Drive was placed on lock down, police said.

"This was precautionary and at no time was there an indication the suspect was an immediate threat or danger to the staff or children," said Sgt. Pat Walsh.

Kliment was located at the West Pleasanton BART station around 1:45 p.m. awaiting a train, according to police reports. He was detained without incident.

Police said the weapon used in the brandishing was recovered at the residence. Kliment was booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. Pleasanton Unified School District officials were notified to lift the lockdown at 2 p.m.

- A Dublin woman and Fremont man were arrested April 21 on suspicion of burglary- and drug-related charges in Pleasanton.

According to police reports, officers were driving around the area of Rose Avenue when they recognized a woman from prior contacts standing outside a vehicle.

When the officers turned their

car around to make contact with the woman, later identified as 28-year-old Jessica Lynn MacDonald, the officers saw a man also standing next to her.

When the officers contacted the duo, they reportedly discovered the man — later identified as 50-year-old Bradley Murry Gaines — was on active parole.

Gaines was standing next to a separate vehicle, which he told police he was in the "process of buying," according to police reports

Officers searched the vehicle and found a stun gun and suspected methamphetamine, police said. Officers also allegedly found shaved keys on a key ring that belonged to MacDonald.

MacDonald was arrested on suspicion of possessing burglary tools and methamphetamine, although police reports said Gaines told police officers the methamphetamine was his.

Gaines was arrested on suspicion of violating parole and possessing methamphetamine.

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

—Amanda Aguilar  
Information from Bay City News Service was used in this report.

## Catherine W. James

June 19, 1933 – April 5, 2015

Cathy passed away peacefully at home, early Easter Sunday surrounded by her family. She was 81 years old.

Cathy was born in Pittsburg, CA to Walter Richard and Ruth Smith Whidden. As the daughter of a Boy Scouts of America Executive, Cathy's early years were spent in Reno, NV, Portland, OR and Sacramento, CA. Cathy graduated from C.K. McClatchy High School in Sacramento. After graduation, she attended UC Berkeley as a

Speech major. While at Berkeley, Cathy was an active member in her sorority, Chi Omega. After graduating from college in 1954,

Cathy took her first teaching job at Viking Elementary school in Fresno, CA. It is here that Cathy's true love of education and children came together. It is also in Fresno that Cathy met the love of her life, Bill on a blind date at the PalmOlive restaurant.

As a young couple, Cathy and Bill spent a short time in Fresno while Cathy honed her teaching skills until their ultimate move to Santa Paula, CA to start a family. Cathy gave birth to a daughter, Lori in 1961 and shortly thereafter she had son Michael in 1962. This was Cathy's true joy in life; raising her two children. She spent countless hours nurturing her children in all of their early life endeavors and later in life, supporting her two grandchildren. Cathy's children and grandchildren are grateful to have had a mother/grandmother who was so selfless, kind forgiving and loving.

Cathy's adult life was full of activities including: book and investment clubs and The American Association of University Women. She loved word games and worked on the daily jumble each morning without fail. Cathy was also a die-hard Los Angeles Dodger's Fan...Go Blue! She was always "at home" in her two favorite places; Westlake Village and Pleasanton, CA. She made many long lasting and loving friendships in both places.

Cathy is survived by her husband of 56 years Bill, daughter Lori James Rice of Pleasanton, son Michael James of Modesto, grandchildren Catie and Kevin Rice and sister Ann of Poway, CA.

A private celebration of Cathy's life will be held on May 9th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made Hope Hospice with gratitude for their amazing dedication: [HopeHospice.com](http://HopeHospice.com)



PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### April 19

#### DUI

■ 1:24 a.m. in the 2900 block of Hopyard Road

### April 20

#### Drug violation

■ 11:46 p.m. in the 6200 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

## Hathily P. Johnson

Pleasanton Resident

Died April 17, 2015

Born in Southern California in 1924, Hathily was raised in the Pasadena area and went to the University of Arizona in Tucson until World War II when her mother wanted her close to home. Hathily met her future husband through a friendship with his sister. After her family moved back to Solano County, Hathily and Walter ("Brady") married and settled briefly on a ranch at Mokelumne Hill. They then moved to Orinda and began many adventures including sailing twice to and living in the South Pacific with their small children. Hathily moved with the children in 1957 to her father-in-law's Pleasanton ranch where they lived until 1979 when she moved to a house "in town." Hathily was a devoted mother and dear friend. She loved being a Cub Scout den mother, cheering on her children in various sports and activities, dancing around the house, family car trips and traveling. She played tennis with her friends at Castlewood for many years and was a founding member of the Golden Acorn Chapter of the Children's Home Society. She was always smiling and cheerful. Hathily was diagnosed in 1997 with Alzheimer's and began the "long goodbye." She was pre-deceased by her parents, Marcus C. and Dorothy Peterson, her brother, Marcus E. Peterson, and her friend and former husband, Walter S. Johnson, Jr. She is survived by her four children, Walt Johnson (Pam) of Seminole, Florida; Marc Johnson of Pleasanton, Hathi Winston (Jerry Prettyman) of Pleasanton and Chris Johnson (Lori) of Sunol, along with 7 grandchildren. The family thanks Eldercare Services, Hope Hospice and Pleasanton Nursing & Rehabilitation for the kind care of their mother. Graveside services were held Friday, April 24th at Suisun-Fairfield Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Aug. 8th.



PAID OBITUARY

#### Theft

■ 12:58 p.m. in the 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; theft from auto  
■ 5:45 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from structure

### April 21

#### Missing person

■ 7:04 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Fraud

■ 2:47 p.m. in the 1100 block of Via Di Salerno  
■ 4:05 p.m. in the 600 block of Audrey Court

#### Theft

■ 11 a.m. in the 3400 block of Smoketree Commons; theft from auto  
■ 1:35 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard  
■ 7:29 p.m. in the 110 block of Arak Court; theft from structure

### April 22

#### Residential burglary

■ 3:40 p.m. in the 5900 block of Hansen Drive

#### Theft

■ 8:22 a.m. in the 700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle; theft from auto  
■ 11:34 a.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard; theft from auto

### April 23

#### Criminal threats

■ 6:27 a.m. in the 400 block of Rose Avenue

#### Residential burglary

■ 8:08 a.m. in the 7300 block of Elmwood Circle  
■ 4:20 p.m. in the 600 block of Rose Avenue

### April 24

#### Commercial burglary

■ 12:06 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

#### Theft

■ 9:47 a.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure  
■ 9:56 a.m. in the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto  
■ 10:52 a.m. in the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto  
■ 6:07 p.m. in the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto

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## GUEST OPINION

### City of Planned Progress?

For nearly three years, we and more than two-dozen Pleasanton citizens have been hard at work to fulfill the direction given in the Pleasanton General Plan to propose and design a Specific Plan for east Pleasanton.

We all volunteered at the City Council's request because we agreed Pleasanton should continue to utilize smart planning as it has done in the past. One of the main reasons this city is a wonderful place to live is our ability to plan for the future.

Today the East Pleasanton Specific Plan area consists of former quarry operations and some small industrial uses. The land is within Pleasanton's city limits and zoned for more millions of square feet of industrial development. The landowners can move forward with an industrial project that conforms to this zoning.

Or, the state will mandate something else. The courts have mandated that Pleasanton provide its share of price-controlled, afford-

able housing. The east Pleasanton area has already been designated as a desirable location for affordable housing.

In last week's opinion section, it was proposed that planning for this area should stop, especially because of the current drought. Why stop planning? Completing the current plan is a much more sensible and responsible approach for several reasons:

- We must coordinate our planning with Zone 7. No one knows when the current drought will ease. Thankfully, our water supplier, Zone 7, has planned well through 2019 for what it has stated is a sufficient water supply for city needs. We also know that the City Council can put off any construction until we all feel comfortable that we have sufficient water resources for the long-term. With continued planning, we can also ensure that any project is water-neutral or better. Let's lead the state in model planning for future water use.

- We must anticipate state housing demands. Someday, something is inevitably going to happen in this area. Through our planning efforts, we have been able to eliminate the need for high-density affordable homes. Let's not squander the opportunity we have today to plan the site for what we want, rather than what is imposed on us by the state or by the existing industrial zoning.

- We must plan for schools. With planning, we can create sufficient resources to help solve our existing school problems. The Task Force has addressed this by ensuring land and \$33.5 million funding from the developers to the school district. Rather than live with the status quo, continued planning gives us the opportunity to work on school solutions.

- We must find traffic fixes. Completing El Charro Road as we have proposed will reduce traffic congestion on Santa Rita Road and Valley Avenue. Let's not squander this.

The city's growth management plan ensures there will be no more than an average of 235 homes per year constructed in Pleasanton citywide. Within this cap, the

Task Force planning process holds great promise for ensuring important amenities like a new school, important trail connections, and greatly expanded parks and recreation opportunities.

Let's be faithful to our community's slogan, "The City of Planned Progress," and complete the East Pleasanton Specific Plan. ■

**Editor's note:** A former director of Leadership Pleasanton, Erin Kvistad has been an attorney with the Pleasanton firm of Randick O'Dea & Tooliatos and Of Counsel to the Pleasanton firm of Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel. She is currently the risk manager at Turman Commercial Painters.

Bob Shapiro has received the Martin Luther King Business Leadership, Community of Character and Pleasanton Mayor's awards. With wife Joyce, he is co-chairman of the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation.

Bob Russman, a retired businessman and Pleasanton resident for 22 years, has served on the Amador Valley High School Boosters Club, as an assistant girls tennis coach at Amador, a tutor of at-risk students at Harvest Park Middle School and as a substitute teacher at Foothill High School.

## LETTERS

### Deception over Lund Ranch II

Dear Editor,

We are not sure at this point how many times we have had to say the same thing. Somehow the facts always get twisted by those who are either ill-informed or have their own agendas. So if you want to write your "opinions," especially in print, please get your facts straight. (See editorial: "City must decide what's a road," Pleasanton Weekly, March 6, 2015)

The truth is the sign at the end of Sycamore Creek Way went up after Greenbriar sold all their homes in Bridle Creek. Many of us original buyers asked Greenbriar what was going to be built on the other side. The reply: "Nothing. It will be open space." This is a well-documented fact!

Regarding the locked gate at the end of Lund Ranch Road, yes it has been there for a long time; however the deal the homeowners made was with Shea Homes. The deal to keep the road blocked was only valid if Shea Homes built there, not if anyone else did. This well-kept secret only recently surfaced.

The homeowners do not have an agreement with anyone who is even relevant to today. However that is not what they want you to believe. Their agreement with Shea Homes to keep the gate closed is worthless, and should not even be considered.

The one thing we can all agree on is there has been a lot of deception regarding this entire development. It is time now for everyone

to tell the truth, and stop fighting against the people's intent when they voted for Measure PP.

**Debi Frost**

### Soccer balls for Guatemala

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring attention to the issue of poverty in Guatemala. Living in Pleasanton, we are sheltered from real world issues such as world hunger, poverty and the lack of education in Third World countries.

Nearly 75% of the population in Guatemala lives in extreme poverty. This means that most children in Guatemala experience a difficult childhood because they must work for their families to provide a source of income and food. While we are blessed to have roofs over our heads, food on our tables and wonderful opportunities to go to public school, the kids in Guatemala don't even have soccer balls.

I am currently working on a leadership project where I am collecting used soccer balls and donating them to an organization called Education for the Children, which funds a school in Guatemala called Escuela Proyecto La Esperanza, or The School of Hope. Soccer balls are precious to the kids of Guatemala because many kids can't afford a ball, so they play with whatever they can find, like rolled balls of paper and twine.

So I propose that we, the people of Pleasanton, bring the children

of Guatemala a happy bit of childhood by donating balls to this worthy cause. There is a big box in the RAGE office — at 173 Spring St., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA, 94566 — where you can bring the balls by Thursday, May 14.

With my project, I hope to bring joy to the poverty-stricken children of Guatemala. If there are any questions, you can contact me at [balls.4.guatemala@gmail.com](mailto:balls.4.guatemala@gmail.com).

**Hannah Landel**  
RAGE U15 ECNL  
AVHS Class of 2018

### Stop work on the East Side EIR

Dear Editor,

It's good to see that the Pleasanton City Council majority is having second thoughts about the 1,300-unit east Pleasanton development they have been supporting for the last two years, and that they will hold a meeting in May to discuss putting a stop to it.

Apparently, overwhelming public opposition is forcing the council to finally take notice. The reason given was the drought, and while that is certainly a good reason, there are many, many more problems with this project.

Development in excess of our state mandates for housing numbers, cut-through traffic, school overcrowding, violating our Urban Growth Boundary, the effects of unsustainable sprawl and a host of other issues make this project bad for Pleasanton. However, to really

"stop the process," they will need to stop work on the environmental impact report (EIR) as well.

If they don't, they will be sending a clear message that this is just a delaying tactic. With the EIR complete, the council can bring the project back in the future and approve it very quickly at a more opportune time — perhaps right after the next election. If they continue with the EIR, we can't take seriously their statements about "stopping the project."

**Matt Sullivan**

### Clarifies water bill reductions

Dear Editor,

The following statement in your article is very misleading: "If your water usage goes down 25%, so does your water bill," he said." ("Penalties are back for excess water users," Pleasanton Weekly, April 24, 2015.)

The fact is that the water usage portion will go down but the water bill is comprised of fixed rates for meter and sewer. When we reduced our usage by 43% (from 7 units to 4 units), our bill went down 4% (\$4). Our bill went from \$94 to \$90. The water bill does not go down in the same proportion to reduction in water usage. Please clarify.

We do not want to mislead the residents and the City Council. Not everyone pays attention to the details of their water bill.

**Patti Van Steenwyk**



# 1st Wednesday kicks off downtown event season

Concerts in the Park, wine stroll, July 4 celebration  
among other summertime happenings

BY CIERRA BAILEY



**P**leasanton is gearing up for the start of its annual 1st Wednesday Street Parties next week, ushering in the season of traditional and new summertime events downtown.

During 1st Wednesdays, which start at 6 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month through September, residents can expect to experience a new wine garden, entertainment by local students and more live music than ever before.

The monthly public street fair is a summer tradition in Pleasanton bringing residents and others downtown to shop, dine, socialize and visit various vendor booths.

"This year we are committed to further enhancing our popular 1st Wednesday Street Parties so that all ages can enjoy a fun and festive night in downtown Pleasanton," Laura Olson, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA), said in a statement last month.

On May 6 — the kick-off to 1st Wednesdays — about 15-20 students from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools will have their science and innovation projects displayed along the 300 block of St. Mary Street, and the Foothill Jazz Ensemble along with the Amador Bollywood Club will provide entertainment at the street fair.

Art students from the two high schools will also be showcasing work during ArtBlock. About 30 artists are expected to submit work to be displayed on Angela Street.

Attendees age 21 and older will find that during 1st Wednesdays, live music will be played inside the all-new downtown wine garden along with some of the most recognizable local wines being served by the glass.

"We are excited about our new partnerships with local schools and organizations and new activities like our improved and elevated Wine Garden," Olson said.

In past years there was a beer and wine garden at 1st Wednesdays, but in 2014 PDA decided to eliminate the alcohol area from the event.

"The response from the community was that they didn't want to bring their families to 1st Wednesdays anymore because they felt like the beer and wine garden had created a different element that wasn't so family friendly," said Julie Vlahon, PDA's events and communication manager.

Upon resident request, PDA officials decided to revamp the outdoor-alcohol concept for this year in the form of a wine garden sponsored by the Alameda County Wine Competition.

"Last year some people did miss the beer and wine garden, so this year we thought, 'Let's start small and just bring back wine.' So we are trying to slowly reintroduce it," Vlahon said.

"We are definitely open to possibly bringing beer back, but no decision has been made on that," she added. The wine garden, to be located at 530 Main St., will be significantly smaller than the beer and wine garden, with a capacity of 500 as opposed to the prior limit of 1,500.

Food Truck Mafia is another new element coming to downtown Pleasanton, with the company providing five different trucks each month, according to Vlahon.

"This is food that you can grab and go and enjoy the rest of the event, and it's food you can't find downtown," Vlahon said. "We want people to frequent our restaurants and sit down, but for those families who don't want to eat at a restaurant, this will be something different."

Some of the 1st Wednesday themes include "Jump into Summer" for June 3, the "Red, White & Blue" celebration on July 1 in honor of Independence Day and "Dog Days of Summer" where pups are invited for the pooch parade down Main Street on Aug. 5.

In addition to the eventful 1st Wednesday schedule, residents can also start marking their calendars for a summer full of downtown activities hosted by the PDA.

About two weeks after the May 6

## Concerts in the Park

6/5 OTR

6/12 Burton & Co.

6/19 Crawdad Republic

6/26 Georgi and the Rough Week

7/3 Ruckatan Latin Tribe

7/10 West Grand Boulevard

7/17 Cooltones

7/24 The Banned

7/31 The Apes

8/7 Tommy and the 4 Speeds

8/14 Max Cruise

8/21 Magic Moments

8/28 Public Eye

Cinco De Mayo-themed 1st Wednesday kick-off will be the Antique and Collectibles Faire set for May 24. Nearly 400 antique dealers will have booths lining Main Street from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., some of them selling items more than 20 years old.

This admission-free event will be the place where attendees can find antique and collectible clothing, furniture, jewelry, toys and other items that have been repurposed and upcycled. Event organizers say the faire is "an antique and collectible lover's dream."

June 5 marks the start of Pleasanton's annual, well-attended Concert in the Park series with rock band OTR as the first performers of the season. Every Friday night through Aug. 28 a different band will play at Lions Wayside Park, located on the corner of First and Neal streets.

A variety of musical genres will be represented throughout the concert series including rock, blues, soul and Latin rock. The free concerts begin each week at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Several bands in this summer's lineup have previously performed at Concerts in the Park, but four

COURTESY OF PDA

Top: Various vendor booths line Main Street on the first Wednesday of each month from May to September.

Bottom: Kids can spot some of their favorite characters at 1st Wednesdays such as Princess Tiana from Disney's "The Princess and the Frog."



Clockwise from top left: OTR will return to downtown Pleasanton kicking off the annual Concerts in the Park series June 5. (Photo courtesy of PDA). Residents line the grass at Lions Wayside Park with blankets and lawn chairs as early as 12 a.m. each Friday for Concerts in the Park. (Photo courtesy of PDA). The Pleasanton Community Concert Band plays patriotic tunes during the annual Lions Club July 4 celebration. (Courtesy of Lisa Lorentz). Several concerts are set this summer at the Firehouse Arts Center along with new art exhibits opening in the Harrington Gallery. (Contributed photo).



new bands will also be introduced including the local folk/bluegrass group Crawdad Republic, The Banned playing '80s hits, contemporary rock band The Apes, and Max Cruise which performs a variety of music from rock, pop and R&B.

Georgi and the Rough Week is returning to Concerts in the Park after a several-year hiatus from performing at the event.

Other bands slated to perform are Burton & Co., The Cooltones Big Band, Ruckatan Latin Tribe, West Grand Boulevard, Tommy and the 4 Speeds, Magic Moments and Public Eye, which is set to close out the series on Aug. 28.

The Summer Wine Stroll also returns to downtown Pleasanton this year, an event during which residents can sample a variety of wines and food tastings from local establishments and wineries. About 25 to 30 businesses are expected to participate.

In previous years, more than 1,000 people made their way downtown for the wine stroll. In addition to sipping and snacking, guests also receive a commemorative wine glass and event map. The stroll is scheduled for July 18 from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are set to go on sale in June, according to Vlahon.

Sizzling Saturdays — returning in August and September from 6-9 p.m. — will be another opportunity for residents to listen to live music while shopping and dining downtown along with the

new weekly "Sunday Fundays" set for August which will be more kid focused and interactive.

"Inside every shop they're going to do something new. For example, Clover Creek might do a bow demonstration for how to make the perfect bow or one of our restaurants might do a quick cooking demonstration. So it's going to be more activities inside the businesses," Vlahon said.

Almost every downtown PDA event will be accompanied by live performances from various artists including a country band from Livermore called Steel Rose and Maddy Hudson, the Pleasanton teen who made it to the top 30 on this season of "American Idol."

"We're really trying to ramp it up this year," Vlahon said. "We take the community voices we hear and definitely the businesses downtown and what they have to tell us, and then we take that to try to figure out something new and fresh that we can do to make these events more exciting for the businesses to participate and for the people who come down to enjoy them."

In addition to the PDA events set for this summer, the Firehouse Arts Center located downtown at 4444 Railroad Ave. has a summer lineup of shows scheduled including the Super Diamond First-Class tribute to Neil Diamond concert in May and a performance by rockabilly and jazz musician Jinx Jones in June.

The Harrington Gallery at the

Firehouse is set to open new exhibits including "Fresh Works V" from May 2 through June 6, which displays the work of 72 Bay Area artists. The "Repurposed" exhibit is set to debut at the gallery on June 23 showcasing art pieces made from discarded materials.

Museum on Main will continue its Ed Kinney Speaker Series throughout the summer hosting evening talks with historical characters such as Franklin Delano Roosevelt on June 9 and Andrew Carnegie on Aug. 11.

The Pleasanton Lions Club will also host its annual Hometown Celebration at Lions Wayside Park to celebrate Independence Day on July 4 during which residents can picnic and listen to live patriotic tunes played by The Pleasanton Community Concert Band. ■



### Learn more about downtown events

- PDA: [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net)
- Firehouse: [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org)
- Lions Club: [www.pleasantonlionsclub.org](http://www.pleasantonlionsclub.org)
- Museum on Main: [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org)



AARON ZWIEFEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Briana Marquez, 17, is ready to go into outer space with action directed by the audience in "Tri-Valley High: Intergalactic 2015."

## Teen improv goes intergalactic

Creatures of Impulse brings new twist to spring classic

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Creatures of Impulse, Pleasanton's teen improv troupe, takes its art form out of this world in the three-night run, May 7-9, of its spring classic at the Firehouse Arts Center. This year the troupe takes up the sci-fi gauntlet, with its new show, "Tri-Valley High: Intergalactic 2015."

Each night, the troupe will take suggestions from the audience at the beginning of the show, then use them

to create a completely improvised teen sci-fi musical from start to finish. Performers will not know what characters they will play until the show starts — and won't know what songs they will sing until they start singing them.

"This year I decided to challenge COI members with an improvised teen sci-fi musical based on my love for sci-fi and what I have seen COI accomplish with bringing the teen story to the stage," said founder and director Mark Duncanson.

Because each night is different in the full-blown improvised teen musical, audience members can enjoy seeing one, two or all three nights. Preview nights, this Tuesday and Wednesday, are free, with no tickets required. All five nights the action begins at 7:30 p.m.

General admission is \$5 students, \$10 adults, and tickets can be purchased at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), at the box office or by calling 931-4848.

Duncanson is a graduate of the Bay

Area Theater Sports improv program, and he also continues to perform professionally. He developed his love for long-form, story-based improv in 1994 when he was cast in "Liquid Soap," an improvised episodic soap opera based out of San Francisco.

"As a youth worker and teaching artist, I aim to push boundaries and give people what they don't expect," Duncanson said. "I have had COI members try to talk themselves out of being in an improvised musi-

cal because they didn't think they could do it, only to discover they have a hidden talent for improvised rap, or that they actually have a great singing voice. Improv is just an exciting theatrical medium."

Creatures of Impulse has been lauded statewide, not only for its high-caliber training and performances, but also for its outreach to the community with theatrical improvisation classes, workshops, camps and performances. ■

## Students' works on display

Celebrating 22 years of 'Art Made Easy'

Students of Charlotte Severin's Art Made Easy classes will exhibit their creations at the Pleasanton Senior Center next week. The show opens with a reception from 7-9 p.m. on Monday.

The works represent this year's fall, winter and spring classes, said Severin, a professional artist who now mainly paints with watercolors. She has been teaching the adult class through the city of Pleasanton for 22 years and encourages anyone interested to give the class a try.

"You never know what talent is lying untapped inside of you," she said. "You'd be surprised how many people never thought they had talent. If you stick with it, you can make it successful."

Severin's students rave not just about the painting techniques they learn from her but the therapeutic value of the sessions. Severin agrees.

"Painting is a meditative experience," she said. "It helps a lot of people get through problems. For those three hours your mind is completely off any troubles you may be having. While doing art, it allows yourself a vacation from worry."

Although Severin works in multimedia, she teaches watercolors in her city-sponsored classes.

"I started as an oil painter when I was 12 but now use acrylics, pastels, drawing with charcoal but primarily do watercolor because I am a plein air artist," she said. "We take trips all over the world — China, Tibet, France, Italy, Sicily."

Severin studied at the California College of Arts and Crafts, then earned a nursing degree at Stanford University because her parents didn't think she could earn a living painting.

"But I always had a love of peo-

ple, and I've always been grateful for my education in nursing," she said. "It helped me be a good mother, and when I had breast cancer in 1976."

Severin's classes include many older people, she said, which is a joy.

"It opens a new world to people, especially as people get on in life," she said. "We have some painting until the very end of life."

She also has middle-aged and younger adults in her classes, which accepts students 13 and older.

Art classes are held at the Firehouse Arts Center on Railroad Avenue. Contact Severin for more information at 846-6382.

But meanwhile check out the exhibit at the Senior Center and see how others are doing. The Pleasanton Senior Center is located at 5353 Sunol Blvd. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



"A Still Life Watercolor Collage" by Cynthia Altman.

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# Coming to a stage near you

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre announces 32nd season

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is opening its 32nd season in October at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore with the gothic thriller, "Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical," followed by "The Pirates of Penzance" and the new Broadway hit, "Mary Poppins."

"Jekyll and Hyde: The Musical" will run Oct. 24 to Nov. 8. The epic struggle between good and evil comes to life on stage in the musical, which is based on the classic story by Robert Louis Stevenson. A

devoted man of science, Dr. Henry Jekyll makes himself the subject of his experiments as he seeks chemical breakthroughs to solve medical dilemmas. Instead he unleashes his inner demons.

"The Pirates of Penzance," a classic comedy, will be on stage Jan. 16-30, 2016, with a fresh take on the Gilbert and Sullivan opera. This updated version took New York by storm when it premiered in Central Park in 1980, leading to the subsequent smash

Broadway hit.

Everyone's favorite nanny, "Mary Poppins," will run July 16-31, 2016 next year. The popular Disney movie is an equally popular stage musical with seven Tony Awards to prove it.

TVRT's next offering this season is "The King and I," which runs this summer from July 18 through Aug. 2.

Find more information at [trivalleyrep.org](http://trivalleyrep.org) or by calling 462-2121. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



BRIAN OLKOWSKI

## Heavens! Such 'Nunsense'

Peggy Coleman stars as Reverend Mother in the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre production of "Nunsense" running May 8-17 at the Village Theatre, 233 Front St., in Danville. The show opens with the Little Sisters of Hoboken discovering that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of funds for the burials. They decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show, and the hilarity ensues. Cast members include Sister Hubert: Shari Oret; Sister Robert Anne: Suzanne Henry; Sister Mary Leo: Sarah Sloan; Sister Amnesia: Suzanne Ochs and Paula Gianetti. The show is directed by Brian Olkowski; musical direction by Sierra Dee; choreography by Paula Wujek Gianetti; and produced by Kathleen Breedveld. Tickets are \$18-\$25; go to [www.trivalleyrep.org](http://www.trivalleyrep.org) or call 462-2121 to join in the fun.

## Fresh Works coming to Firehouse

Spiral 4, a digital manipulation using software filters and printed on an aluminum panel by Steffi Gross, is one of the offerings selected by Juror Philip Linhares for the Fresh Works V Exhibition being held this Saturday to June 6 at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. The exhibit will open with a reception and awards from 1-3 p.m. May 2.



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## Rugged Maniac coming to Fairgrounds

Event features 25-challenge obstacle course, on-site entertainment

By JEREMY WALSH

An intense obstacle course, a raucous festival and thousands of revelers are headed to the Alameda County Fairgrounds later this month as part of a daylong event from obstacle race company Rugged Maniac.

The May 23 stop in Pleasanton is part of an international series that will hit 22 other cities across North America this year, according to organizers.

For the athletes and thrill-seekers, the obstacle course will feature 25 different challenges spread along three off-road miles, including underground tunnels, fire jumps, trampolines and a 50-foot water slide.

For those who want to just watch, the event also features an array of entertainment such as music, mechanical bulls, adult bounce houses, beer, food and exhibition booths.

"We're excited to be returning to the Bay Area for the second consecutive year," said Rob Dickens, chief operating officer of Rugged Maniac. "It's a vibrant area with an adventurous and active population that loves having fun outdoors. We're on pace to sell over 6,000 tickets to this year's event, which is a clear indication that Rugged Maniac is becoming an annual tradition in the area."

Dickens and company CEO Brad Scudder gained national ex-

posure after appearing on ABC's "Shark Tank," where they enticed billionaire entrepreneur Mark Cuban to invest \$1.75 million in Rugged Maniac.

Cuban, also owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, said in a statement, "I'm anticipating the explosion of experiential entertainment and very few people execute this as well as Rob and Brad. I have every intention of helping them grow into a force in the industry."

Tickets for the Rugged Maniac obstacle course are priced at \$89 through May 19 and \$100 on race day. The daylong festival, without race participation, is free to attend.

For more information, visit [www.ruggedmaniac.com](http://www.ruggedmaniac.com). ■

## LPC swimmers, divers competing at state

Swimmers and divers from the Las Positas College men's and women's teams are competing this weekend at the CCCAA State Swimming and Diving Championships at East Los Angeles Community College.

The season-ending state competition comes less than two weeks after the two Hawks teams, consisting of athletes primarily from the Tri-Valley including Pleasanton, each won conference titles — the first for the men and the second for the women.

The men's swimming and diving team captured the Coast Conference title with 820 points, more than 150 points ahead of second-place College of San Mateo in the eight-team conference championships.

The women's team won with 666

points, 140 points ahead of Foothill College in second place.

These were the third and fourth conference championships, respectively, in Las Positas sports history. The women's swimming and men's soccer teams each won titles in 2013.

On the strength of their performances at the conference championship meets, the Hawks had two individual swimmers, five relay teams and six divers earn berths in the state event, which runs through this Saturday.

The diving qualifiers included Pleasanton natives Kaitlin Hausman, Angelica Leporati and Alexa Beaudoin Severn. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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## Concerts

### DUO RENDEZVOUS WITH ANNA LORENZ

Del Valle Fine Arts presents a solo performance by local and rising talented harpist Anna Lorenz at 7 p.m., followed by the Canadian violin/guitar duet Duo Rendezvous at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Tickets are \$28-\$42. Call 373-6800 or go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org).

### INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED

#### BARITONE KRASSEN KARAGIOZOV

Take an opera break at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 3 at the Pleasanton Library for a free concert performed by accomplished baritone and pianist Krassen Karagiozov. Sponsored by Friends of the Pleasanton Library. Call 931-3400 ext. 4 or go to [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/services/library).

### PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will play at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 at the Pleasanton Farmer's Market. The Band will play a medley of tunes fit for a shopping experience, including show tunes, marches and popular songs made famous over the years.

## Events

### FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 2015

Come to Free Comic Book Day from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 at Heroes and Villains Comics. New free comic titles, Jurassic Park Jeep on display, and Cosplayers. Make a donation to Valley Humane Society at Heroes and Villains during Free Comic Book Day to enter to win fabulous prizes. Call 399-5352 or go to [www.heroesvillainscomics.com](http://www.heroesvillainscomics.com).

### GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING

Join for a night of networking, fun, great food and theater tours, from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, May 4 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Cost is \$10 for GNON members, \$15 for non-members. RSVP and prepayment required. Contact 487-4748 or [gnoners@gmail.com](mailto:gnoners@gmail.com). Go to <http://www.gnon.org/rsvp.html>.

### PLEASANTON'S PUBLIC ART WALK

Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead a Northern Art Walk at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 9, leaving from the Pleasanton Civic Offices, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Walkers will receive a brochure with a map of the Art Walk, locations of the art, its name and artist. In partnership with World Walk to Wellness.

### THE BIG DRAW

The Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council is presenting another fun filled Chalk and Arts Celebration from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 in Downtown Pleasanton. There will be painted pianos and poetry chairs on display throughout town, art contests and live musical and dance performances for the entire family. Go to [www.the-big-draw.com](http://www.the-big-draw.com).

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## Fundraisers

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### HIKE FOR HOPE

The Hike for Hope is a memorial hike and fundraiser starting between 8:30-10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 at Del Valle Regional Park in Livermore. All proceeds are used to care for the more than 2,600 area residents Hope Hospice serves each year. Cost is \$30 before April 14, \$40 after. Parking \$6. Call 829-8770 or go to [TheHikeForHope.com](http://TheHikeForHope.com).

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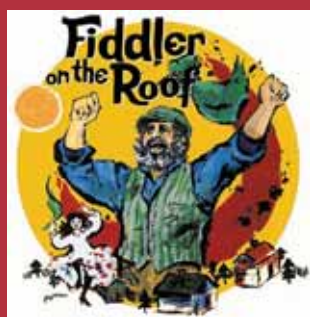
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### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AT CAMP PARKS

This year's Tri-Valley National Day of Prayer will on Thursday, May 7, with a Prayer Breakfast from 7-8:30 a.m. and an Evening

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The following person(s) doing business as: THE VOCAL SYMPHONY PROJECT, 3495 ISLE ROYAL COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kelly D Burge, 3495 Isle Royal 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: Kelly Burge. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/23/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 24, May 1, 8, 15; 2015)

### Classified Deadlines:

**NOON, WEDNESDAY**

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Danville

**6 Bedrooms**  
**5870 Bruce Drive \$3,790,000**  
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

### Dublin

**2 Bedrooms**  
**140 Selby Lane #5 \$575,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**3293 Monaghan St. \$539,888**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**4 Bedrooms**  
**1712 Zenato Place \$2,095,000**  
Sun 1-4 Debby Johnson-Abarta 989-6844

**5 Bedrooms**  
**11779 Bloomington Way \$949,800**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

### Livermore

**3 Bedrooms**  
**6458 Magnolia Common \$618,850**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**4 Bedrooms**  
**5624 Mount Hamilton Court \$809,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Kim Grass 315-7175

**238 Prairie Way \$975,000**  
Sun 1-4 Sally Blaze 998-1284

### Pleasanton

**3 Bedrooms**  
**399 Oak Lane \$1,399,000**  
Sun 1-4 Brad & Ann Walker 899-4084

**4796 Corwin Court Call for price**  
Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-436

**1634 Calle Santa Anna \$599,975**  
Sun 1-4 Alex Watson 437-4204

**4 Bedrooms**  
**4149 Moselle Court \$1,099,000**  
Sat 1-4 Debra McMurphy 699-0604

**6164 Corte Santiago \$1,315,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

**3108 Chardonnay Drive \$998,000**  
Sat 11-1/Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 858-1984

**826 Gray Fox Circle \$1,768,000**  
Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

**653 Abbie St. \$1,449,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**3140 Joanne Circle Call for price**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Cindy Gee 963-1984

**7888 Golden Eagle Way \$1,898,000**  
Sun 1-4 Weiner McDowell Group 872-1416

**8266 Moller Ranch Drive \$1,599,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 621-0680

**3051 E. Ruby Hill Drive \$2,350,000**  
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## Housing production edges up 2% in March

But gains are in the East, Midwest while the West drops 19%

By JEB BING

Nationwide housing starts rose 2% to 926,000 units in March from an upwardly revised February reading, according to newly released data from the U.S. Commerce Department.

Single-family housing production rose 4.4% to 618,000 homes in March while multifamily starts dropped 2.5% to 308,000 units.

"Today's reading demonstrates that the housing industry continues to make gains at a gradual pace," said Tom Woods, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders

and a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo. "There are still some price sensitive buyers who remain on the fence."

"Builders are being careful not to add inventory beyond expected demand, especially as they struggle with increasing costs for lots, labor and materials," said NAHB chief economist David Crowe. "However, pent-up demand, low mortgage interest rates and a growing economy should keep the housing industry moving forward throughout the rest of the year."

Regionally, combined single- and

multifamily starts increased Northeast and Midwest, with respective gains of 114.9% and 31.3%. Housing production dropped 3.5% in the South and 19.3% in the West.

Led by a drop in the volatile multifamily sector, overall permit issuance declined 5.7% in March to a rate of 1.039 million. Multifamily permits fell 15.9% to a rate of 403,000 while single-family permits rose 2.1% to 636,000.

Regionally, the Northeast registered a permit gain of 39.8%, while the Midwest, South and West posted respective losses of 4.4%, 14.2% and 4.3%. ■

## SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during March 21-31

**Pleasanton (March 21-31)**

**Total sales reported:** 9  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$390,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,175,000

**Average sales reported:** \$779,333

**Dublin (March 21-31)**

**Total sales reported:** 23  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$260,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,300,000

**Average sales reported:** \$757,152

**Livermore (March 21-31)**

**Total sales reported:** 22  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$245,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,160,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$632,318

**San Ramon (March 21-31)**

**Total sales reported:** 17  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$328,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,975,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$925,765

Source: California REsource

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 21-31

### Pleasanton

**2022 Alexander Court** D. & E. Pecoraro to R. Roehl for \$570,000  
**3550 Ballantyne Drive** Eudy Trust to B. Kamath for \$925,000  
**4237 Garibaldi Place** J. & M. Scatena to Brumm Trust for \$740,000  
**4500 Mirador Drive** S. & C. Rose to M. Rice for \$1,175,000  
**4552 Shearwater Road** M. & B. Camardese to P. & J. Sampat for \$980,000  
**3332 Smoketree Commons Drive** R. Raman to A. & F. Beronilla for \$390,000

**3529 Touriga Drive** Obrien Trust to S. & M. Pradhan for \$920,000  
**490 Vineyard Place** C. & H. Morgan to B. Peng for \$625,000  
**3410 Zion Canyon Court** Peterson Trust to Molinari Trust for \$689,000

### Dublin

**4355 Belcarra Court** US Bank to I. Pysarevsky for \$950,000  
**5320 Campus Drive** Western Pacific Housing to G. Gamiao for \$725,000  
**5338 Campus Drive** Western Pacific Housing to N. & H. Damle for \$718,000  
**5350 Campus Drive** Western Pacific Housing to J. Duan for \$665,000  
**5360 Campus Drive** Western Pacific

Housing to S. Chen for \$724,000  
**5368 Campus Drive** Western Pacific Housing to C. Doshi for \$735,000  
**5372 Campus Drive** Western Pacific Housing to V. Shrikrishna for \$715,000  
**5380 Campus Drive** Western Pacific Housing to A. Rao for \$761,500  
**5386 Campus Drive** Western Pacific Housing to F. Yu for \$731,000  
**5398 Campus Drive** Western Pacific Housing to B. Lin for \$611,500  
**8283 Cavalier Lane** K. Messina to J. & M. Mandalia for \$645,000  
**2708 Eagles Landing Court** L. Tan to W. Qiu for \$1,032,000  
**11847 Kilcullin Court** Wilhite Trust to M. & G. Huang for \$485,000  
**4815 La Vina Street** T. Richards to Y.

Ru for \$961,000  
**4702 Lee Thompson Street** A. & T. Tayeb to G. Hundi for \$804,000  
**5307 North Esprit Loop** Western Pacific Housing to B. & A. Higashi for \$763,000  
**5315 North Esprit Loop** Western Pacific Housing to N. Beckerman for \$753,500  
**2895 Poppy Hills Lane** Spencer Trust to F. Xiao for \$1,300,000  
**7323 Starward Drive #19** G. Bailey to D. Sen for \$260,000  
**5221 Stoneham Court** US Bank to V. & M. Hatte for \$725,000  
**7500 Sutton Lane** V. & C. Vedar to T. & S. Stanton for \$645,000  
**4967 Trescott Court** Sigkinger Trust

to A. & R. Khandelwal for \$900,000  
**11842 West Vomac Road** Allen Trust to E. & V. Powell for \$805,000

### Livermore

**715 Adams Avenue** M. Dolak to V. Peter for \$534,500  
**4603 Apple Tree Common** Kincaid Trust to I. Kandi for \$430,000  
**6490 Aspenwood Way** S. Carvajal to C. Novelo-Espinosa for \$605,000  
**1389 Calle De Las Granvas** M. Quarry to G. & E. Klein for \$608,000  
**5639 Crestmont Avenue** P. Foster to S. & L. Lane for \$585,000  
**568 Emerald Street** D. & K. Labat to R. & A. Morales for \$700,000

Source: California REsource



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### 4919 Drywood St., Pleasanton

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**MULTIPLE OFFERS — SOLD FOR \$910,000 (\$71K OVER ASKING PRICE)**



### 3289 Cydonia Court, Dublin

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## BUYER NEEDS

- ✓ Country Fair, Kottinger Ranch, Pleasanton Hills, Bridle Creek, & Birdland. I have a Pleasanton family eager to purchase a larger home by this summer. They are hoping for at least 2500 sqft ...the bigger the better for this active family of 5. They need at least 4 bedrooms and a nice size yard if possible. Up to 1.7 million.
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## How Reliable is Price Per Sq Ft for Real Estate Valuation?

Price per sq ft is just one factor in determining the value of a property. It would certainly be nice if we could rely solely on price per sq ft to arrive at a fair price, but that would not yield accurate results.

Price per sq ft is influenced by the neighborhood. In general, WITHIN A GIVEN NEIGHBORHOOD, the smaller homes sell for a higher price per sq ft than larger homes. A small single story floor plan will sell for a higher PPSF (price per sq ft) than the largest model, sometimes significantly so. In this case, the neighborhood pulls up the value of the smaller home, and restrains the price of the larger home. As an example, a 900 sq ft home in downtown Pleasanton may sell for \$550,000 (\$611 per sq ft), while a 3000 sq ft home in the same area may sell for \$1,050,000 (\$350 per sq ft). This would not be unusual. If you take the average price per sq ft of the two properties (\$480 per sq ft), you would under-price the smaller home and over-price the larger home. And as an extreme example, if you took the PPSF of the larger home to price the smaller home, you would come up with a price of \$315,000, and if you took the PPSF of the smaller home to price the larger home, you would end up with \$1,440,000. So obviously price per sq ft must be used carefully.

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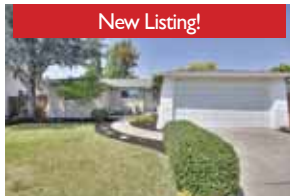


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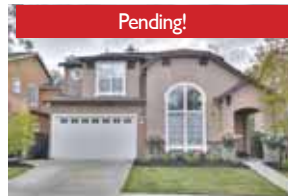
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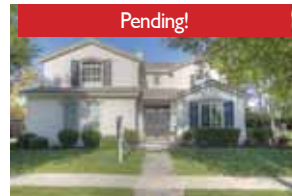
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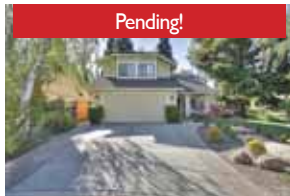
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