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FINALLY - Straight talk About Sciatica

Are you suffering from back pain or sciatica? Then it's likely your biggest problem is pain. But there's another major problem: bad information.

To end sciatica misery, you must have the right information. Pay close attention because I'm going to destroy sciatica myths and give you the facts.

MYTH: Sciatica will just "go away" with some rest.

FACT: If you are dealing with back pain, buttock pain or leg pain, then you must seek help from a sciatica specialist *immediately*. Left untreated, sciatica can lead to permanent nerve damage - and lifelong pain.

MYTH: Pain is the only problem associated with sciatica.

FACT: In severe cases, sciatica can be associated with inability to control your bowels or bladder - leading to embarrassing situations.

MYTH: You must take pain medications to deal with sciatica.

FACT: Drugs like muscle relaxants, pain killers, narcotics, antidepressants, and anti-seizure medications have serious potential side-effects and do not cure the root cause of sciatica.

MYTH: "I must have done something wrong to get sciatica."

FACT: Physical work or simply sitting at a desk for long periods can lead to sciatica. Accidents and trauma can also be the culprits. Pregnancy can cause sciatica. Sciatica can affect anyone - including

super-fit celebrities like Tiger Woods, Sylvester Stallone, and British Olympic medalist Ian Wynne.

MYTH: Stop exercising and get several weeks of bed rest to overcome sciatica.

FACT: Staying active can help to relieve sciatic pain and prevent the pain getting worse. Staying inactive in bed could be the worst advice - based on a recent study in the Netherlands.

MYTH: Sciatica requires surgery.

FACT: NO! There's been a huge breakthrough in the treatment of sciatica and lower back pain. It's a procedure called **Non-Surgical Re-Constructive Spinal Care**. The excellent results from this treatment have been published in major medical journals. Success rates are up to 90%.

MYTH: "There's nothing anyone can really do. I'm just stuck with this for the rest of my life."

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MYTH: Getting sciatica properly diagnosed is expensive.

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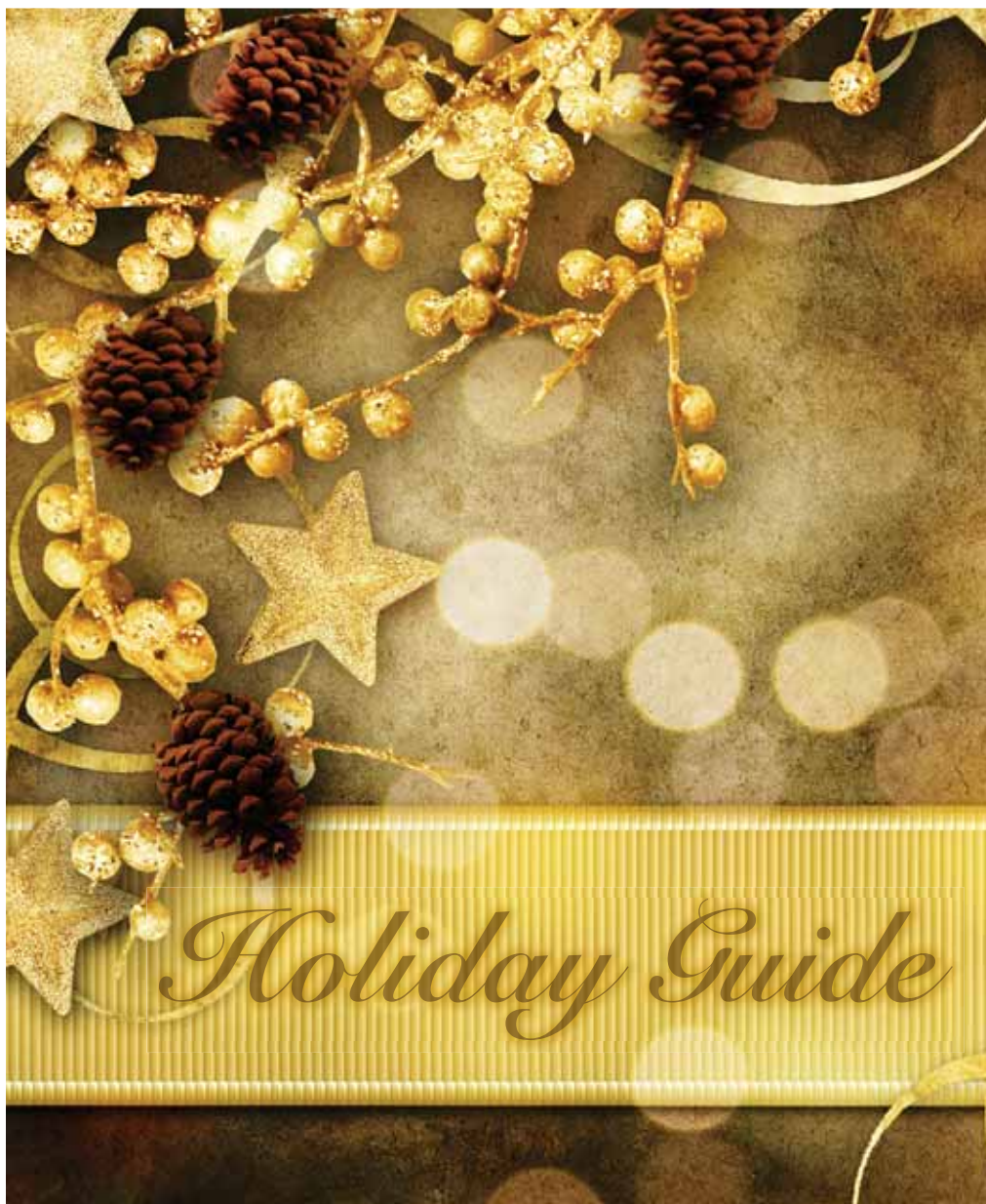
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Council's action protects 88 homes as historic



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JEB BING

These Queen Annes and Victorians along First Street are among many older homes in Pleasanton's downtown area that will be preserved under terms of an amendment to the city's Municipal Code.

The City Council's decision to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to identify historic homes creates more protections for many houses in the downtown area built before 1942 and eases the uncertainty both owners and city planners have had in dealing with major changes or expansions to these properties.

In accepting the Historic Resource Survey, a compendium of information of all residential structures built prior to 1942 in the downtown zone, the council agreed to require administrative design review approval for certain exterior changes. But the council also decided to limit the review to exterior modifications only and mainly to any proposed changes that would affect the architectural style of the home.

In the past, without clear guidelines, it was uncertain if an owner of a pre-war-built home could install new front windows, enclose a front porch or even install new door handles. The uncertainty even carried over to whether the home had any historic value at all.

Until now, property owners and applicants had to hire consultants to prepare individual property surveys, which could cost at least \$5,000 and take 30-45 days to complete. Only then would they and city planners know if their structure was considered historic or if they could proceed with additions and modifications.

To end the uncertainty, the council commissioned Katherine Petrin Consulting and the Agricultural Resources Group to research data on older homes in the downtown area, focusing on those built prior to 1942, which architects consider a specific pre-war design era that changed with the housing boom that followed World War II.

Petrin found 201 homes that qualified, and then reviewed hundreds of pages of photographs and commen-

taries, building permits and more. Her voluminous Historic Resource Survey found that 88 of the homes qualify as historic and, in fact, could be included in the prestigious California Register of Historical Resources.

Her report now is a tool that allows the city and homeowners to ascertain whether their homes should be considered historic and subject to design review before changes can be made. Before proceeding, the city's zoning administrator will now need to review and approve certain exterior modifications, such as wall material and finishes, porches and balconies, window shape, size and placement, roof material, color and pitch, chimney material, location and size, front doors and architectural trim.

As for the other pre-war homes, Petrin determined that many of these structures had already been altered, resulting in the loss of original material and form, making them no longer eligible as historic resources and not required to have a special design review if more modifications are sought. These changes significantly affected character-defining features of these homes that might have retained their historic values if the new code had been in place earlier. For the 88 left that still meet the historic designation, they now will be preserved.

"The process is the culmination of a collective effort aimed at preserving and protecting the architectural integrity of historic residences in the downtown area," said Adam Weinstein, Pleasanton's planning manager.

"As a City of Planned Progress, we take great pride in properly planning for the future and protecting our past," Weinstein added. "This survey benefits both current and potential homeowners of historic homes, as well as city planners who are tasked with protecting the historic character of our downtown area." ■

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you think things tend to happen for a reason?



Jack Dales
High School Student

I personally don't think things happen for a reason. I think everything that happens is just random and up to chance. Some people happen to be in the right place at the right time, but it is not for any particular reason.



Sam Bruin
Plumber

I do! I think that God has a master plan for all of us. And that while sometimes we don't understand God's choices, as long as we have faith and believe in His higher power, things turn out for the best.



Kimmy Nguyen
High School Student

Yes, I do think things happen for a reason. For me, I believe everything happens for a reason and somehow the universe knows exactly what needs to happen in each person's life. The things that happen are things we can't control, but they ultimately make us who we are.



Karen McDonnell
Horticulturist

It kind of depends on the day of the week. When I like the way things are going in my life I believe they are happening for a reason. But when bad things happen, I choose to believe it is just random, and is not anything that I or anyone else has any control over.



Ernest Booker
Forensic Scientist

Well, as a scientist, I only believe in randomness and chance when things happen. Nature is fortuitous and it takes billions of years for things to fall into place in an orderly fashion. So, in a nutshell, no, I would have to say I do not believe that things happen for a reason.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Turkey Burn

The first-ever Tri-Valley Turkey Burn free run is intended to be a family friendly event to get families exercising together before the Thanksgiving Day feast. The event on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, will feature 5K and 10K running paths.

"Thanksgiving Day is the No. 1 day in the USA for organized walking and running events," said founder W. Ron Sutton, whose nonprofit ACCUSPLIT Make A Difference Program is sponsoring the event. "In the past, Tri-Valley residents have had to travel to either Walnut Creek or San Jose to participate in such an event. Now we will have a local option."

The event is free, and participants are encouraged to bring canned food items for local food pantries or monetary donations for local youth development programs run through Tri-Valley rotary clubs.

Registration is encouraged. To register, visit www.TriValley-TurkeyBurn.org. To volunteer, contact route coordinator Kevin Greenlee at either kygreenlee@gmail.com or 381-7315.

The event will take place from 9-11 a.m. Nov. 26 at the Ken Mercer Sports and Recreation Community Park, 5800 Parkside Drive in Pleasanton.

Sandbag stations

With the city finally seeing some of that winter rain, Pleasanton officials have opened three sandbag stations in anticipation of more storms.

The stations, which provide free sandbags to help prevent flooding damage, are located at the city's Operation Services Center (3333 Busch Road), the Senior Center (5353 Sunol Blvd.) and the offices of the Ken Mercer Sports and Recreation Community Park (5800 Parkside Drive).

Hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Residents must bring a shovel.

Gold Glove

San Francisco Giants shortstop Brandon Crawford, a 2005 graduate of Foothill High, received his first Rawlings Gold Glove Award this week, honored as the top defensive shortstop in the National League for 2015.

Crawford was among the group of Gold Glove winners announced Tuesday. At his position, he beat out fellow finalists Andrelton Simmons of the Atlanta Braves and Adeiny Hechavarria of the Miami Marlins.

The 28-year-old Pleasanton native has been the Giants' everyday shortstop since 2012. ■

PUSD leaders' departures: expected or exodus?

District officials reference promotions, life events while others point to previous administration

By MEREDITH BAUER

Several Pleasanton Unified School District leaders have left the district in the past six months, prompting questions from critics about the district's management.

Four upper-level district leaders have left since June, including the superintendent. The district spokesperson also recently resigned.

Some suspect tension within the district last school year led some leaders to seek other options. Others say the departures are less of an exodus and more of the expected — albeit frustrating — turnover after a superintendent leaves. And

some say the departures would have happened anyway, particularly when considering retirements and promotions.

Former superintendent Parvin Ahmadi resigned in May to take a job as Castro Valley's superintendent.

At the cabinet level, assistant superintendent of human resources Bill Faraghan retired in June after a 27-year career in education. When reached by phone, he said he'd been expecting to retire for some time.

"I had been planning to retire when I reached retirement age for quite a while," he said. "There's no mystery to it."

Director of human resources Mark McCoy, who had been with Pleasanton Unified for about 19 years, resigned in October to take a job as Dublin Unified School District's assistant superintendent of human resources, a significant promotion that puts him in a cabinet-level position at Dublin's school district.

Director of technology services Chris Hobbs also resigned in October to take a parallel position at Union City's New Haven Unified School District, where he had worked before he stepped into his most recent post in Pleasanton.

Adding what some perceive as an

"exodus" is the fact deputy superintendent of business services Luz Cazares is on medical-related personal leave, according to district officials. Interim superintendent Jim Hansen confirmed she is away on personal leave, not for any negative reason, and she intends to return. He declined to state when Cazares will return due to rules regarding disclosure of personnel information.

"We've lost good people, but there are a lot of good people who are interested in our positions as well," Hansen said. "I'm not feeling

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Pleasanton Military Families will staff a booth at the Goodguys to collect goods to send to local troops in Afghanistan for Thanksgiving.

Goodguys show set for this weekend at Fairgrounds

Autumn Get-Together features holiday food drive, tribute to veterans

By JEB BING

California hot rodders and classic car aficionados from all over the west will take over the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend for one last Goodguys Rod and Custom Association show before it's time to put the cars away for the winter.

As in past years, Goodguys will use its Autumn Get-Together as a chance to salute veterans and active military, offering free ad-

mission to all current active duty military personnel as well as retired military personnel with valid military IDs at the two-day show.

Goodguys will also team up with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, hosting a food drive tomorrow. The Amador Valley High School varsity cheerleading team will be onsite accepting food donations.

"With four events annually in Pleasanton and deep roots in Al-

ameda County, we feel it is so important to participate and help those in our local community," said Marc Meadors, Goodguys' president.

Here's how you can help, too. Bring two canned goods or two non-perishable items to the spectator gates and get a \$3-off coupon for a general admission ticket. The discount offer is good

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Urging immigration enforcement reform

Congressman sends letter asking for DHS update after Steinle's slaying

Months after the fatal shooting of Pleasanton native Kate Steinle by an undocumented immigrant, U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) has called for renewed reform to immigration enforcement.

Swalwell, whose district includes Pleasanton, sent a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson last week, requesting an update as to "what the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has done so far to address any deficiencies in immigration reform" that led to Steinle's death.

Steinle died in July after she was shot by Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an undocumented immigrant who had been held earlier this year by the San Francisco Sheriff's Office on a decades-old drug charge. He was released because the charge had been dropped, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement was not notified upon his release.

"Kate's murder made national headlines, but it is personal to me and our Tri-Valley community. I have known Kate's family for years and grew up with her brother. The Steinle family's strength in the face



Eric Swalwell

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Amador Valley High gym class practices how to avoid abduction

Self-defense course credited with helping teens stay safe

By MEREDITH BAUER

The large male lumbered toward the teenage girl, grabbing her by the arm and jerking her toward a waiting van.

Fifteen-year-old Amanda Furrer was ready. She hit her would-be assailant in the face, broke his grip and ran.

Her gym class — watching from 10 feet away — cheered. In reality, the assailant was a volunteering sophomore wearing padded armor, the van was two cones on the floor and the entire episode was a self-defense exercise at Amador Valley High.

About 30 teens in Dawn Silva's Lifetime Fitness physical education course at Amador Valley — which includes lessons throughout the year on Zumba, yoga and pilates — learned techniques to avoid and escape abduction and assault over the course of three weeks. Their final examination came early this month, when students practiced their wrist escapes, groin kicks and

other techniques.

Ron Esteller, owner of Esteller Martial Arts and lead instructor of the anti-abduction lessons, said the goal is two-fold: To give teenagers the skills to get away in an emergency, and to give them the confidence to know how to respond if they're in danger. He's taught the lessons to Silva's classes for six years.

"If I've saved one child, it's worth it. More importantly, giving these young ladies the confidence and the assurance that they can escape," he said, noting the vast majority of the students he teaches in Silva's class are women, but a few boys have taken her course.

Esteller knows the statistics. Abductions by strangers are extremely rare; however, the skills he teaches are applicable in other scenarios, such as avoiding date rape or other dangerous situations.

It's personal to Esteller, whose young cousin was one of the few children to be kidnapped and

killed by a stranger in 1979. He has dedicated his life to giving others the tools to prevent such a tragedy.

Silva said a student of hers who took this course was able to escape when a stranger grabbed her arm at a Capitola beach. Esteller shared a story with students about a young woman whose drunk boyfriend tried to drag her into his van so they could drive away together.

Silva said a course like this helps students "be aware of their surroundings and to not be afraid but be confident that they have some power."

One of Esteller's lessons teaches students how to get away when someone's grabbed their wrist by targeting the weak point in their grip. If that doesn't work right away, some ear slaps, groin kicks and punches get thrown in.

Part of the class is prevention, he said. Dangerous people often look for easy targets to rob or attack, and women who are looking around or walking intently aren't as easy to



MEREDITH BAUER

Moe Shibuya, an Amador Valley High sophomore, fights off Nick Palma, a 15-year-old student volunteering as a mock abductor, during a school physical education course earlier this month. Shibuya used the skills she learned in class to break his grip and run back to her peers.

sneak up on.

Furrer, a sophomore, said she and her mom have discussed what to do if someone follows her or if someone grabs her, but taking a course like this calms most of her

anxiety about that possibility.

"I'm not super worried about it, but I know to be aware of my surroundings," she said. "It teaches me to use my strength because I know women are strong." ■

Open Heart Kitchen seeks donations for upcoming holiday season

Anonymous donor to match each donated meal with another meal

By JEB BING

Open Heart Kitchen (OHK), the only hot-meal program in the Tri-Valley, is seeking funds that will be used to purchase frozen turkeys and fixings for families in need during the upcoming holiday season.

Linda McKeever, the organization's executive director, said more than 1,500 turkeys are needed to meet the needs of the hungry in the Tri-Valley each holiday season.

To facilitate donations during the busy holiday season, OHK will use an online program launched last year on the Open Heart Kitchen website at www.openheartkitchen.org/holiday-meal-drive.

Once there, click on the red "DONATE NOW!" button to make your holiday contribution.

Donors also can mail checks to Open Heart Kitchen, 1141 Catalina Drive, Mailbox #137, Livermore, CA 94550. All donations are tax-deductible.

"The new donation site offers convenience to the community," McKeever said. "Last year, donors helped to fund more than 18,600 meals and 750 holiday food bags

that were distributed to families in need during the holiday season in November and December."

The online Holiday Meal Drive site provides donors with several options: a \$20 donation that will provide a turkey for a local family, a \$50 donation that provides a turkey and ingredients for a full holiday meal for a local family and a \$250 donation that will provide a turkey and full holiday meal for five local families.

For a limited time, an anonymous donor will match each meal donated by donating an additional meal.

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

"The optimal size is a 10-14 pound turkey that can feed a family with some leftovers," McKeever said. "The associated non-perishable holiday meal fixings are also very much appreciated during this

time, such as stuffing mix, canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce."

For more information about food donations to Open Heart Kitchen, contact the operations director at 580-6793.

Open Heart Kitchen feeds the hungry every weekday as an interfaith effort and serves more than 313,000 meals annually.

There is no qualifying process to receive meals. Meals can be eaten at OHK's multiple serving sites or taken to go. OHK works in cooperation with the Alameda County Community Food Bank, more than a dozen local food pantries and various Tri-Valley nonprofits with missions to promote nutrition and hunger relief.

It is the only hot meal program of its kind in the Tri-Valley area. The program feeds the hungry at five locations in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

In addition, Open Heart Kitchen provides the low-income seniors of the Tri-Valley area a senior meal program at Ridgeview Commons from 4-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. ■

School board OKs search firm contract

Increased budget for wireless project, approval of classified union proposal among other meeting topics

Omaha-based search firm McPherson & Jacobson LLC was formally approved Tuesday night as the Pleasanton Unified School District's choice to run its superintendent search.

The search firm will be in charge of multiple aspects of the hunt for a new superintendent. The firm will seek out qualified leaders who may not be looking for a job, will accept applications from candidates who are actively seeking jobs and will be in charge of soliciting community comment.

The firm will also be in charge of facilitating board interviews and background screening. Its contract is for \$28,000, including travel and incidental expenses.

The district is searching for a new superintendent after former superintendent Parvin Ahmadi resigned in May to take a job as Castro Valley's superintendent. Former Amador Valley High principal Jim Hansen is filling the role of interim superintendent.

In other business Tuesday, the board decided to increase the district's budget for renovations to the wireless network from \$946,973 to \$1,060,820.

District staff said the funding increase is necessary because some important hardware wasn't included in the

initial project budget, such as enough access points, cabling and switches.

The district is undergoing an upgrade to its Wi-Fi capabilities, with the expectation that the program will increase download speeds from 25 megabits per second to 252 megabits per second.

The board also heard public comment about and approved an agreement with the California Schools Employees' Association, the union that represents district employees who are not teachers.

The agreement includes a 3.8% salary raise, a 3.8% increase in the district's contribution to health and welfare benefits and the agreement that the district will track how many internal and external candidates applied for positions, how many were granted interviews and whether an internal or external candidate was awarded the position.

The agreement also allows for reclassification of an employee's job title if extra duties get added that are auxiliary of that employee's job description, and if those duties continue for six months or more.

The board also voted to restore adult education courses in the district, starting with English as a second language. ■

— Meredith Bauer

GOODGUYS

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for Saturday only.

At the 26th Autumn Get-Together, Goodguys car fans will get a close up glimpse of just how eclectic the modern day hot rodding scene is. Acres of American made and powered hot rods, customs, classics, and trucks, many glistening with candy colors, will sprawl

through the Fairgrounds. Plus, there will be exhibits, swap meets, cars for sale and the always popular Goodguys AutoCross event.

Coming just after Veterans Day, Goodguys also will feature a veterans parade at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at noon. The Young American Patriots also will perform with the Pleasanton Military Families organization hosting its Pack-out program, giving show-goers a chance to donate care packages

that will be sent to local troops deployed in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

The Autumn Get-Together will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$20 for those over 12 years of age, \$6 for those 7-12. Alameda County Fairgrounds parking is \$10. \$17 general admission tickets are available at good-guys.com until midnight tonight. ■



MEREDITH BAUER

Producing public art

A new statue was unveiled outside the Pleasanton library on Bernal Avenue last week. The statue, "On the Count of Three," was a gift to the city from the Harrington Art Partnership. Plans to bring the \$70,000 statue to Pleasanton have been in the works for four years, and the city's Chamber of Commerce Leadership Pleasanton class of 2015 (pictured) pitched in \$2,000. The bronze statue — created by Jane DeDecker, a studio artist in Loveland, Colo. — is made up of a life-sized replica of a mother and father swinging their child between them by the hands.

Pleasanton man set to receive Eagle Scout award

Harrison William Misfeldt, an 18-year-old who graduated from Amador Valley High last spring, is set to receive his Eagle Scout award at a special ceremony later this month at Centerpointe Church.

A member of Pleasanton Boy Scout Troop 948, Misfeldt began his scouting career as a Tiger Cub with Alisal Pack 901.

He first showed interest in his life's passion — photography, theater and filmmaking — when he saved his hard-earned allowance to buy a camera at the age of 8. His artistic accomplishments include award-winning photos at the Alameda County Fair, a lead role in the Harvest Park Middle School drama class production of "Some Like it Hot" in 2009 and serving as a sound technician for Amador/Foothill Theater productions from 2012-15.

As a senior at Amador Valley, Misfeldt directed and filmed two rival sports music videos for AVHS, created the Diversity film "Win-



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Harrison Misfeldt (third from right) is set to receive his Eagle Scout award during a special ceremony Nov. 22. Also pictured (from left) are Michael Allison, Peter Zischka, Jon Reinemann, Jay Johnson and Frank Gouveia.

dows and Mirrors" for PUSD, and led the tech committee that produced commercials and a documentary for the Mr. Amador Fund-

raiser supporting the George Mark Children's House, which raised

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Amador Valley student to compete in Siemens Competition finals

Prestigious math and science contest to be held in December

BY MEREDITH BAUER

Amador Valley High senior Sidharth "Sid" Bommakanti advanced to the final round of the 2015 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology last week.

Bommakanti will compete at The George Washington University in December. A total of \$500,000 in scholarships will be awarded at the finals, including two top awards of \$100,000.

The Siemens Competition is hosted by the Siemens Foundation to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. The competition began with



Sidharth Bommakanti

1,800 submitted projects and was narrowed to 97 regional finalists, who each competed at universities across the U.S.

As a student at Amador Valley, Bommakanti presented a project on how 3D printing could be used to replace dental pulp stem cells for implants, and he participates in Project Wellness Water, which researches methods of water purification for rural communities. ■

SWALWELL

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of such tragedy has been remarkable, and I share their commitment to making sure something positive comes from her senseless death," Swalwell said in the letter.

"Now that there has been ample time for DHS to assess the situation, I am asking for an update on actions taken and planned to address any failures in our immigration system that could have contributed to Kate's murder. We owe it to Kate and her family to make sure this tragedy never happens again," he added.

Swalwell wrote in his letter to DHS that he understood why municipalities are hesitant to deport non-criminal, undocumented immigrants because it can "break apart families, and sows distrust in communities."

"There are good reasons to ensure we aren't deporting victims or witnesses of crimes. However, there is no reason to shield felons from removal. Federal and local officials must find a way to work together to make necessary corrections to our immigration practices for our public safety and the memory of Kate Steinle," added Swalwell. ■

—Meredith Bauer



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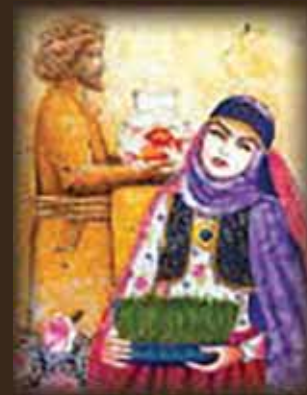
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Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit now being shown on Channels 29, 30

Mayors discuss 'Obstacles and Opportunities for the Regional Economy' on TV30 broadcast

By JEB BING

The 2015 Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit, featuring the mayors of the five Tri-Valley municipalities, is now being broadcast on TV30, the area's community television station.

The summit, held at Casa Real at Ruby Hill Winery on Oct. 21, was moderated by Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon). The speakers were Mayors Jerry Thorne of Pleasanton; David Haurbert, Dublin; John Marchand, Livermore; and Bill Clarkson, San

Ramon, along with Vice Mayor Karen Stepper of Danville.

Their discussion topic was "Obstacles and Opportunities for the Regional Economy."

The event was taped on location at Casa Real. In addition to airing on Comcast TV Channel 30, it can also be seen on AT&T U-verse Channel 29 and can be viewed streaming live and via video on demand on the station's website at tv30.org.

The Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit was sponsored by the Pleasanton

Chamber of Commerce. The event brought together 300 business leaders, city staff and policy makers from five cities to discuss transportation, water and local control and other regional issues.

The Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit airs for one hour the following times: TV30 on Mondays at 6 p.m., Tuesdays at 12 noon, Fridays at 9 p.m. and Saturdays at 6 p.m.; TV29 on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Thursdays at 1 p.m., Saturdays at 12 noon and Sundays at 7 p.m. ■

Dentist fights scary cavities with Halloween candy buy-back

Candy sent to troops overseas

Every year, Pleasanton dentist Steven Nerad pursues candy with a singular intent: To get it out of kids' mouths in exchange for treats of the less-sugary variety.

Nerad, a pediatric dentist and orthodontist dual specialist, held his annual two-day candy buy-back early this month, collecting more than 700 pounds this year and beating last year's record by 150 pounds, according to his dental office.

Children are encouraged to sell their candy at Nerad's office after Halloween for \$1 per pound, up to \$20. The 2016 goal is 1,000 pounds.

Students also competed for cash for their school. Tallies were kept with the amount of candy students from each local school brought in, and the school that tallied the most amount of candy received a donation of \$250, with second and

third places earning \$100 and \$50, respectively.

"The candy that is being brought in goes to a patriotic cause. The candy is packaged and sent to our American troops overseas," according to a statement from Nerad's office. "They'll do a much more thorough job of brushing their teeth after enjoying their treats than our little ghosts and goblins do." ■

—Meredith Bauer

TURNOVER

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that there's dissatisfaction. Things like this do happen, where situations in their lives change."

PTA president Katie Brunner said she doesn't feel there's dissatisfaction currently, but turmoil in the previous administration could have made leaving an easy call for some leaders when a better alternative presented itself.

"Pretty much over the course of Superintendent Ahmadi's tenure, fairly divisive issues seemed to come up related to education," she said, referring to the issues of changing the district's instructional calendar, legal action against former Walnut Grove principal Jon Vranesh and a discordant school board election. "I think a lot of the leaders are looking for a less-fraught environment somewhere else."

She also pointed out that while district-level resignations are more visible, she's spoken with teachers who have left the district due to similar reasons.

"I think last year was just a breaking point for a lot of people, and administrators are the easiest ones to see, but I think there are a lot of

community members who were really broken last year," she said.

School board member Mark Miller, who ran on a platform that included reducing principal turnover, said there could be several reasons some people have decided to pursue jobs elsewhere.

"First, I think our district's success makes our employees that much more attractive to other districts. Second, I think people get concerned in times of uncertainty, and the departure of a superintendent certainly contributes to uncertainty. Finally, I think a few people were frustrated with decisions made by the board, such as who we picked as our interim superintendent," he said in an email.

He noted the attrition of school administrators has slowed. Five new principals, including one interim principal, were placed in time for this school year — most of whom are longtime district educators.

Brunner said she's seen a turnaround so far this school year with the way district operations have been managed, which may translate to less attrition.

"I think they're trying really hard this year to be open and transparent about hard decisions that are

being made," she said. "Hopefully, we will start focusing on the great things our students and teachers are doing, and we'll remember why you come to Pleasanton."

Hansen said a lot of effort has gone into recruitment of talented people for the open positions.

Most recently, Pleasanton Middle School principal Aileen Parsons was named as the district's new director of human resources.

In addition, Dianne Howell is filling the post of interim assistant superintendent of human resources, Micaela Ochoa is working as substitute assistant superintendent of business services and Hansen started as the district's interim superintendent this summer.

A replacement has not been named for Hobbs' position, nor has a new district spokesperson been named. The previous spokesperson, Nicole Steward, resigned in October to take a job at Milpitas Unified.

Steward said by leaving Pleasanton, she could better pursue her goal of being an on-campus social worker, and the change would also give her a chance to pursue volunteer opportunities she participates in related to sexual assault and courtroom advocacy for foster children. ■

EAGLE SCOUT

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over \$27,000 this year.

His Eagle Scout project was also film-related: building a green screen studio and conference table

in the AVHS Library for use by students and faculty.

Misfeldt is currently working an internship at the Spring Street Studios HD for Pleasanton City Councilman Jerry Pentin, and he plans to relocate to Burbank after the holidays to pursue a bachelor's

degree in filmmaking at the New York Film Academy, Los Angeles Campus.

The Eagle Scout ceremony, open to the public, is set for 5 p.m. Nov. 22 at the church, 3410 Cornerstone Court in Pleasanton. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Walmart employee arrested for allegedly stealing \$500 in gift cards, Gatorade

A Pleasanton man was arrested Saturday after Walmart loss-prevention employees allegedly discovered he had been falsifying gift card transactions while on shift at the Rosewood Drive store.

While double-checking store transactions, loss-prevention employees allegedly noticed the register that Seongha Chang, 19, manned was lower than it should have been, police stated.

According to loss-prevention, Chang had allegedly rung up \$450 in gift cards without paying for the cards and took \$50 worth of Gatorade to drink during his shifts.

Chang was arrested just before 3 p.m. on Nov. 7 and booked into Santa Rita Jail.

In other police reports:

- A Dublin man was arrested the afternoon of Nov. 6 for allegedly punching a paramedic who was trying to provide assistance.

EMTs arrived after a call came in reporting Jose Oswaldo Rizo, 24, was stumbling around near the intersection of West Angela Street and Pleasanton Avenue, police stated.

When paramedics arrived, Rizo was allegedly exhibiting signs of alcohol intoxication. When paramedics tried to put him into the ambulance, Rizo punched one, prompting the arrest around 2:40 p.m., police stated.

No report was made of the paramedic needing medical assistance.

Rizo was booked into Santa Rita Jail on allegations of public intoxication and assault. As of Monday, his bail was \$10,000.

- A Pleasanton home was burglarized Nov. 4, and the culprit stole almost \$8,000 in valuables.

A home in the 6200 block of Corte Altamira was broken into around 6:30 p.m. Nov. 4. The culprit got into the home by breaking the glass sliding door to the master bedroom, police stated.

The homeowner told police he thinks he interrupted the burglary and heard a loud noise coming from the back of the house when he was coming inside through the garage door. When he went to check out the noise, he didn't see anyone, but the gate to his backyard was left open, police stated.

Jewelry, a set of pocket knives, a bundle of \$250 in cash, and at least nine expensive watches — including one that was engraved to say “Happy Father's Day, Dad” — were reported missing. The total loss was estimated at \$7,935.

- A unidentified man flashed a gun at a person who was pumping gas at a Pleasanton Shell station.

The man flashed his gun, walked toward the individual and took a \$10 oil cap from his or her engine before leaving the Shell Pimlico at 6750 Santa Rita Road, police stated.

The man had not been arrested as of Monday, according to police.

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

—Meredith Bauer

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 30

Theft

- 10:49 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 12 p.m., 5000 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 1:38 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting
- 5:16 p.m., 7600 block of Maywood Drive; theft from auto
- 5:21 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Oct. 31

Missing person report

- 1:24 a.m. on East Gate Way

Theft

- 6:24 p.m., 7500 block of Homewood Court; theft from auto
- 8:58 p.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft

Residential burglary

- 8:48 p.m. in the 4300 block of Diavila Avenue
- 10:27 p.m. in the 3600 block of Huff Court

Nov. 1

Domestic battery

- 1:55 a.m. in the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Theft

- 12:09 p.m., 4200 block of Payne Road
- 1:07 p.m., 4600 block of Sierrawood Lane; theft from auto

Residential burglary

- 12:45 p.m. in the 4300 block of Diavila Avenue

Fraud

- 3:26 p.m. in the 7200 block of Huntswood Court

Nov. 2

Fraud

- 8:27 a.m. in the 200 block of Napier Court

Residential burglary

- 9:25 a.m. in the 2900 block of Moreno Avenue

Theft

- 4:48 p.m., 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road; auto theft
- 7:52 p.m., 4500 block of Chabot Drive; theft from auto

Nov. 3

Theft

- 7:46 a.m., 4400 block of Willow Road
- 8:18 a.m., 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard; theft from auto
- 8:12 p.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Fraud

- 10:25 a.m. at Stoneridge Mall

- 3:08 p.m. in the 300 block of Main Street

Residential burglary

- 6:49 p.m. in the 1500 block of Harvest Road

Nov. 4

Theft

- 10:05 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 12:33 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 1:34 p.m., 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road; auto theft

Sex offenses

- 12:18 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

- 1:34 p.m. in the 7600 block of Olive Drive

Residential burglary

- 6:35 p.m. in the 6200 block of Corte Altamira

Kathleen “Kay” O’Leary Josephine

March 19, 1932 - November 9, 2015

Kathleen “Kay” O’Leary passed away at her home in Pleasanton on Monday. Kay was born in San Francisco and graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy. Kay worked for Pac Bell for 25 plus years and retired in 1987. Kay is survived by her daughters Kathleen O’Leary and Peggy (Jim) Frasier and son-in-law Jim Brunicardi. She also leaves behind adored nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Patrick O’Leary, her loving children, daughter Theresa Brunicardi, and her son Patrick O’Leary. She will always be in our hearts. Please contact Graham-Hitch Mortuary for service times 925-846-5624.



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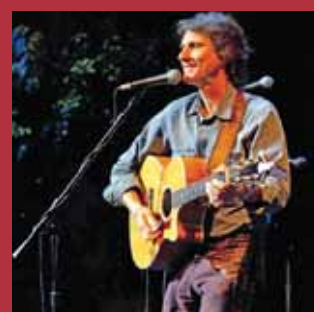
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Drought rules still in place despite rain

Despite the recent rains, the California drought is entering its fourth year, continuing the need for mandatory water restrictions.

The State Water Resources Control Board voted 5-0 on its final rules, which requires Pleasanton to reduce water consumption by 24% compared to the 2013 water consumption bills. At its last meeting, the City Council continued the local emergency drought declaration through

the winter months.

The council also ruled excess use penalties would continue. Although onerous to those penalized, these fees are providing needed additional revenue for the city's water department, which has seen significantly diminished receipts as residents and businesses cut back on consumption.

The department is also shouldering extra costs as it installs recycled water lines, adds staff to manage the new system

and steps up assistance to current users. In recent months, it has responded to record numbers of telephone calls and email inquiries, while also making home and business visits to advise on irrigation programs, leak detection assistance, excess use penalty appeal resolutions and water waste enforcement.

Some of these penalties are significant. A report published last week in the San Francisco Chronicle stated that 99 Ranch Market in the Rose Pavilion was fined \$7,676 for excessive water use during the most recent two-month billing period.

Other users hit with big fines were the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, the Eden Villa assisted-living facility, and even City Councilwoman Karla Brown, who was fined \$358 for excessive water use during the last billing period. In fact, accord-

ing to the article, Pleasanton has levied about \$500,000 in penalties this year.

‘Congrats to all Pleasanton residents and businesses along with City Staff... we’ve saved over 2 Billion gallons of water this year!’

Jerry Pentin,
City Councilman

Still, 97.1% of the city's water customers are in compliance with the 25% mandatory cutback, with Pleasanton actually topping other cities with a savings of 37.8% so far this year, city utilities superintendent Dan Martin told the council at its last meeting.

That prompted this response from Councilman Jerry Pentin on Facebook: “Congrats to all Pleasanton residents and businesses along with City Staff...we’ve saved over 2 Billion gallons of water this year! Yep, that’s a B as in Billions! Nice work! You get it!”

Although the recent rain is encouraging, state and local water managers say it will take several years of winter rains and Sierra snowpacks to take us out of the drought. At least the welcome rainfall we’ve seen so far is a start.■



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Continued from November 3, 2015 - Public Hearing:** PUD-25, Greenbriar Homes/Lund Ranch II – Consider introduction of ordinances (1) approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning and Development Plan approval to construct 50 single-family, two story homes and related improvements on the approximately 194.7-acre Lund Ranch II property located at 1500 Lund Ranch Road at the end of Lund Ranch Road, and (2) Development Agreement to vest entitlements for the project; and approval of a resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the project
- Update on Kottinger Gardens project
- Update on the Stage 3 drought emergency
- Consider adoption of a resolution accepting the FY 2014/15 year-end operating budget report and designating General Fund reserves

Planning Commission

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P14-1024 (General Plan Amendment), P14-1025 (Specific Plan Amendment), and PUD-107 (Rezoning and Development Plan), Fireside Investors, LLC**
Applications at 377 St. Mary Street for: (1) a General Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Retail/Highway/Service Commercial; Business and Professional Offices to Retail/Highway/Service Commercial; Business and Professional Offices and High Density Residential; (2) a Downtown Specific Plan Amendment to change the land use designation from Office to Downtown Commercial and High Density Residential; and (3) a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning and Development Plan to rezone the site from the C-C (Central Commercial), Downtown Revitalization, Core Area Overlay District to a PUD-HDR/C-C, District, to convert the existing single-family residence into a commercial use building including site and exterior building modifications, and to construct three new, 2,400-square-foot, three-story detached single-family residences
- **P15-0223, Pick 6 Enterprises LLC**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a bar/lounge within an existing, approximately 10,746-square-foot tenant space located at 4825 Hopyard Road, Suites 4-10, in the Gateway Square Shopping Center.

Housing Commission

Wednesday, November 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approval of the Annual Operating Budget for Ridge View Commons for 2016
- Annual Survey of Apartment Rents and Vacancy Rates (2015)

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

Conference Room #3, 157 Main Street

- Update and discussion on Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone

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Falcons reign supreme with East Bay Athletic League title

Cross country, water polo teams compete in North Coast Section playoffs

The Foothill High football team left little doubt as to who gets the bragging rights in Pleasanton this year with a 35-7 win over Amador Valley on Nov. 6.

The Falcons captured the East Bay Athletic League title with a perfect 6-0 record and are 10-0 overall. Amador finished 4-2 in league and 7-3 overall.

The Falcons got four touchdowns from Isaiah Floyd and one from Cash Connolly for their scoring. The lone Amador score came on a 41-yard pass from Ronnie Jones to Hakim Tokhi.

Up next for both teams are the North Coast Section playoffs. Foothill somehow was bypassed for the second seed of the tournament and was seeded third, still earning a first-round bye. The Falcons will play the winner of Freedom and Dublin on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Foothill.

Amador was seeded seventh but will have to play No. 10 seed San Leandro on the road — thanks to the absurd seeding process of NCS. The Dons will take on the Pirates tonight at Burrell Field in at 7 p.m. With a win, Amador would then travel to second-seeded Antioch on Nov. 20.

Cross country

On a day when the times were very fast, the Amador boys' cross country team ran to a third-place finish in the EBAL championships on Friday, Nov. 6.

The Dons finished behind only Monte Vista and Granada by seeing their top five runners finish within 38 seconds of each other.

Thomas Gallagher finished ninth for the Dons with a personal best time on the course. Brett Walsh, who returned from an injury to race for the first time since September, was 14th, and freshman Sean Carrick was 15th. Alex Laurence and Drew Helmers rounded out the top five.

On the girls' side, the Dons had a solid day in their own right, but they were no match for the top three teams of Monte Vista, Granada and San Ramon Valley.

Melodie Leroudier led the way with a fourth-place finish and was followed by Kaitlin Cartwright, Karly Laffer, Isabelle Smedley, Kayla Schroeder, Maura Carrick and Bliss Bergmark.

Next up for both teams is the North Coast Section (NCS) meet on Nov. 21 at Hayward High.

Water polo

The Foothill girls redeemed one

of their losses from earlier in the season, thumping Liberty 15-5 in the first round of the NCS playoffs during the week of Nov. 2.

Seven players scored for the Falcons. Hailey Morse (4 goals, 3 assists), Madison Weiglein and Maddie David (3 goals and 2 assists each), Mikayla Theide (2 goals and 2 assists), Meghan Hogue and Emily McElroy (1 goal and 1 assist each) and Katie Earle (1 goal) all got on the score sheet.

Langi Kailahi and Laura Belichak both had assists. Goalie Negar Tehranian had four saves and six steals. Maddie Hobbs also got time in the goal and made a pair of saves.

The Falcons' run came to an end on Saturday, losing to third-seeded Lomas 16-8.

The Foothill boys' team ended their season with a 17-8 loss to De La Salle on Nov. 5 in NCS.

The Falcons ended the season 4-3 in league, with a 13-10 overall

record. Leading the way was All American, First Team All-League, Academic All-American, and co-captain Joe Schafer with 92 goals this season.

Senior co-captain Dominic Scalise (41 goals, 52 assists, 54 steals), junior Aaron Li (26 goals, 23 assists, 34 steals), junior Fabio Salvioni (17 goals, 25 assists, 59 steals), senior co-captain and goalie Bryan Meyn (157 saves, 36 steals, 15 assists), Matthew Dotson (27 goals, 26 assists, 33 steals) and freshman Nathan Williams (16 goals, 30 assists, 41 steals) also had great seasons.

Note to winter coaches

With winter sports practices having started, we wanted to make sure every team has the opportunity to regularly report their week of games — win or lose — to us each week. Send results to Dennis Miller at acesmag@aol.com by 4 p.m. each Sunday. ■



SUSAN WEIGELIN

Maddie David had three goals and two assists in a 15-5 Foothill win over Liberty in the NCS Playoffs.



KELLY SWEENEY

Foothill coach Matt Sweeney is carried off by his team after beating Amador 35-7 to win the EBAL title.



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Basketball champions

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP) seventh-grade boys team went 3-0 to capture the championship in the St. Joachim CYO 7th-Grade National Tournament over Halloween weekend. Team members were (back, left to right) coach Rodger Kobayashi, Alex Mah, Ryan Kobayashi, Max Lee, Michael Chheng and coach Ricky Mah, (front left to right) Tanner McMillen, Nathan French, Adelric Lo and Ryan Hughes, and (not pictured) coach Kevin McMillen, Anish Anburaja and Dev Gupta.



College crunch time

Students push through last weeks of application season for universities, colleges

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MEREDITH BAUER

If you see Pleasanton teenagers who look like they haven't slept in three days, they're likely seniors who are going through the gauntlet of college applications.

College application season is upon us, with Early Admissions/Early Action applications already submitted last month, and the first round of regular applications complete as of Nov. 1.

Students have taken and retaken standardized tests, built up their resumes and fine tuned their essays for just this moment — or they're frantically doing so in the final weeks.

While college applications are nothing new, the competition appears to increase every year, and this year is no exception.

The UC system's average GPA, SAT and ACT scores have been particularly noteworthy, and schools that once had requirements a B-level student could meet now average GPAs greater than a 4.0. UC Santa Barbara and UC Davis, for example, recently climbed over the 4.0 GPA mark for average freshman admissions, said Foothill High college counselor Adrianna Raefield.

"I'm truthfully shocked every

year on the increases of standardized test averages the students strive for," she said.

Since more and more colleges are upping their requirements, Pleasanton's students and school college counselors are taking more varied approaches. Many are expanding their net as wide as they can manage, rather than focusing on one or two dream schools.

And some students are learning to cope with the pressure of this perennial coming-of-age event by getting creative or taking the stress in stride.

"They're becoming more flexible as it's gotten more competitive," Amador Valley High college counselor Winter Jones said.

Inside the Schools

Every year, Raefield and her colleague Kerry Stroud attend several conferences to glean what cutting-edge tips their students need to know to get into the UCs, the Cal States and even the Ivys.

At UC conferences, they pour over personal essays that worked — and ones that didn't — and bring that advice back to their students.

(Top) Rebecca Pollitz, a 17-year-old Amador Valley senior, is among the hundreds of Pleasanton teens polishing their essays and perfecting their applications in the final weeks of application season. Pollitz said she's focused on schools with strong humanities programs.

(Right) Seniors are likely to receive dozens of brochures from colleges during the fall months preceding application deadlines.



Pleasanton statistics

- At Foothill High, 98% of students from the class of 2015 graduated
- 62% attended a 4-year college
- There are 448 seniors, five full-time college counselors and two part-time counselors
- At Amador Valley High, 97.2% of students from the class of 2015 graduated
- 64% attended a 4-year college
- There are 638 seniors, four full-time counselors and three part-time counselors

Back on their home turf, Foothill and Amador Valley counselors create a game plan together, syncing certain requirements and technologies to provide students across the city with as many resources as possible.

Both schools recently rolled out Naviance, a college-planning website that helps students keep track of college requirements and deadlines. The website also helps students research potential colleges by matching their scores with the average scores of students who were accepted at various schools in previous years.

Both schools also did away with class rankings in the past few years, saying it was not the right approach for these schools.

And counselors at both schools recently began meeting with seniors one-on-one from the start of their senior year, rather than beginning introductions in classrooms or assemblies.

“We’re meeting them where they are — and that could be at the very beginning where they’re Googling schools to right at the very end,” Jones said.

While Village High students won’t apply for colleges until the spring — all the seniors considering college this year at Village will be pursuing acceptance at community college and vocational school — alternative education counselor Terese Ghilarducci uses the same approaches when helping her students through the process.

“I know what’s going to work based on some of my kids and how much help they need,” she said.

She knows which students have dreams of becoming chefs or art teachers, and she directs them toward specific programs.

Counselors at Foothill and Amador Valley also sit down with each student to assess their dreams, their strengths and their resumes.

Raeffeld said if a student has a particular subject in mind, whether it be engineering or music or art, they’ll review the schools the student is applying to and make sure the student meets not only the school’s general requirements but also meets that engineering college’s requirements or is submitting all the correct materials to the art college.

“We try to make sure they’re making an informed decision,” she said.

That perfect application

Students themselves have spent the last years bolstering their grades



Foothill High senior Ardin Lo looks through college brochures that were mailed to him throughout the fall semester. Lo plans to apply to eight colleges and said he spends at least five hours a week on applications, research and essays.



Foothill college counselors Adrianna Raeffeld, left, and Kerry Stroud said they meet with each of their assigned seniors at the beginning of the year to lead them through the college application process. College counselors help students make an application plan, including ensuring students know each school’s supplemental requirements. They also make sure students are taking care of themselves and aren’t suffering from excessive stress.

and fluffing up their resumes for this season, and many have focused their current extracurriculars on their future job aspirations.

“We counsel kids toward finding things that they’re passionate about,” Jones said. “If your thing is volleyball, try to become the captain of the volleyball team or the president of a club. If you’re in the band, try to become first chair.”

Some students are in the process of retaking SAT or ACT tests to climb a few more points toward their goal, and some students are honing in on their grades to push their GPA slightly higher for when the next deadline rolls around.

But one aspect of the application seems to be the hardest for most students: Those dreaded essays.

Ardin Lo, a Foothill senior, said it can be tough to summarize 17

years in two or three pages.

“You try to make it as perfect as you can, and edit it over and over again,” he said. “Personally, I’ve never had to talk about myself and lessons I’ve learned.”

Some students said they focus on being genuine, while still trying to strike a professional tone.

“For essays, I think the mindset I’ve been having is to show my true voice and try to be authentic with my essays, rather than faking it or being overly focused on my achievements,” said Foothill senior Arthur Hwang.

Amador Valley High senior Rebecca Pollitz said she tried to hone in on her longterm goals — wanting to teach English abroad — to show admissions officers how that passion will direct her education.

“I tried to go really deep into

that,” she said. “Anything I can do to make that happen.”

Semester of stress

While counselors are confident that each of their students will land in a great spot, they do worry about one aspect of application season: the stress it puts on their students.

“I think it puts a lot of stress (on students) because they have this additional thing to do. Their courses are rigorous, they do sports, some of them do jobs, and you’re adding on this additional thing to do after school and on the weekends,” Jones said. “I think mostly it’s coming from themselves and maybe their peers.”

Counselors at both schools said most of the stress isn’t coming from parents or teachers.

“Students will share with me that

they’re putting this pressure on themselves,” Stroud said.

Part of it is due to the increased competition, and part is because of the rise in number of colleges each student is applying to — between 15 and 20 on average at Foothill and Amador Valley — and some is simply due to procrastination, but students readily admit they’ll be wound tight for the next few weeks.

“I feel like the biggest thing is after you finish all your homework, you still have these deadlines coming up,” Lo said. “For me and most of my friends, there’s still a little bit of pressure and stress, but the overall sentiment is you try your best and see what happens.”

One of those big deadlines recently passed. Nov. 1 is a big day for regular college admissions across the country, but the UC system’s deadline is Nov. 30, so the marathon isn’t over yet.

In fact, it may not be over until summer.

“Once we return for spring, the stress will probably rise when scholarships come,” Pollitz said, noting federal, college-based and private financial aid deadlines come with their own applications and essays.

But that doesn’t mean seniors aren’t excited to be done.

Lo said he’s particularly looking forward to second semester of senior year to enjoy “just having it all done and being able to spend good quality time with your friends.”

Stroud said seniors have many resources for managing their emotional and mental health during this time, and she encourages any student who is struggling to reach out.

“The biggest thing is they’re doing something to take care of themselves,” she said. ■

JOSH BURGER

Inspirational speaker



By Meredith Bauer

Josh Burger wasn't expected to get much out of life. The disease that made it unlikely he would live past birth also limited his growth and movement. But 24 years later, he's a high school graduate, a local public speaker and an inspiration to children and adults in the Tri-Valley.

Burger, a Pleasanton resident, has Atelosteogenesis Syndrome Type III, which impedes regular bone growth. He was born with underdeveloped, stunted bones and disjointed limbs, which has led to numerous hospitalizations throughout his life.

When sharing his life story to teens at local high schools or adults in nonprofits, he starts before his birth — at the moment his parents learned of his deformed bones and were given an option: Give birth and work through many challenges, or abort?

His parents decided to give birth, hoping against doctors' warnings that he may not live through the night. But Burger, now known across the Tri-Valley for his uplifting speeches on living life to the fullest, survived a tough medical battle and is now 24.

"I'm so thankful to be alive. My life is full. I know that people talk about quality of life, but who can judge that quality? Well, I believe that because God loves us, every life has quality. I've been able to do

as much in my life as many normal people," he said in one of those inspirational speeches, a Tedx event at Greenbrook Elementary in Danville when he was 22.

Burger, a 2010 Amador Valley High graduate, often says in his talks he is one of five people known to be living with this disease. About 24 have ever been diagnosed with the genetic condition, according to the National Library of Medicine, and most die within a year of birth.

He said his parents tried to give him a normal life. When it was time to go to school, Burger went to Pleasanton public schools. When Sunday came around, he would go to church with his family, coasting along in a motorized wheelchair.

It wasn't until Burger turned 13 that he realized he had a special gift. He was volunteering as a Vacation Bible School counselor at Valley Community Church, and his students wanted to raise money for a foundation.

They had some ideas, but he went to them and asked: Why not raise money for wheelchairs for children with disabilities? After all, he said, his first wheelchair was a donation from the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, and it changed his life.

His group raised \$3,750, enough money for 50 wheelchairs through the Wheelchair Foundation, which donates wheelchairs to children across the globe. Burger said after that day, he knew he was meant to



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Josh Burger accepts his Tri-Valley Hero award at an October ceremony as Pleasanton Weekly publisher Gina Channell-Allen, right, looks on. Burger encouraged the audience to live every day to the fullest.

spend his life helping others.

Throughout his teenage years, he attended The Painted Turtle, a summer camp for children with disabilities in the foothills of the Sierra Pelona Mountains. When he was old enough, he returned as a counselor and spent weeks with the singular goal to raise campers' spirits.

His campers have serious medical conditions and had rarely been able to enjoy summer camp like their peers. Some felt isolated from others their age, and some have been bullied because of their differences.

Burger said he dealt with his fair share of bullying when he was young.

"The main part of why I go back is making these kids smile,"

he said. "They didn't choose to be born this way. That's just how they are."

Burger said he once shaved his hair down to a mohawk, then bleached it. Once, he wore a dress and made an entire bunk of kids burst out in laughter. "They loved every second of it."

By the time he was 18, Burger had brought his message of inclusiveness to the public stage. He made his first appearance as a public speaker at the Angel Stadium of Anaheim for a crowd of 250.

Now he gives about 20 talks a year to schools and nonprofits.

When he's at churches, he acts as a voice for his father's Pleasanton-based organization, Valley Pregnancy Center, and talks about his par-

ents' decision to decline abortion. When he's at schools, he focuses on fighting bullying and normalizing disabilities.

He has longterm goals, including ones that may seem like a reach. For example, he hopes to get a car retrofitted so he can drive it with hand controls.

He said mostly he tries to get people to think about their lives differently, particularly by helping them see some obstacles as opportunities. Other times, he hopes he can just help others enjoy every day they've been given.

"I was not supposed to be alive, so I take every opportunity to bring out the positivity in people," he said. "I always feel like it's my duty to get them to smile or to laugh." ■

Hero FYI

- ▲ Burger does photography at his church and does aerial drone videography of natural scenes.
- ▲ His new wheelchair travels up to 12 miles per hour.
- ▲ He does some talks at charities pro-bono; he's paid for others.
- ▲ In addition to Amador Valley, he attended Pleasanton Middle School and Vintage Hills Elementary.
- ▲ He was inspired to raise money for wheelchairs after meeting Cheryl Barnes, then-director of the Wheelchair Foundation's Washington D.C. chapter.



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ELLEN AGUIRRE Raising guide dog puppies

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli

When Ellen and Joe Aguirre turned off the freeway in San Rafael 22 years ago to check out Guide Dogs for the Blind, Ellen didn't know it would be a turning point in her life.

"We just happened to be driving by, and we had never been there," Ellen Aguirre recalled. "We thought, 'We're right here; let's check it out.'"

"Coincidentally, it was graduation day, and it was open to the public," she continued. "We walked in, watched and started asking questions."

Her main question was: How could her family raise a guide dog puppy? One great way, she was told, was to get her children into 4-H, and her daughter Joelle was happy to comply.

"So my daughter started doing it at 10. My daughter and I — basically the whole family," she said.

Since that fateful day in San Rafael, Aguirre has had a pup in her home for training almost continually.

"No one told me when I got involved that it is addicting," Aguirre said with a laugh. "It's been my

drug of choice for 22 years."

The volunteer raisers receive the pups when they are 8 weeks old, and volunteers are responsible for them until age 15-16 months. Then the dog is turned back in to the San Rafael facility for its formal training.

"At that point, when the dog goes back, dog puppy raisers can choose to start the process all over again," Aguirre said. "That's usually what I do."

The first time the Aguirre family went to San Rafael to return the puppy they had lovingly raised for the past 14 months, Ellen had secretly arranged for them to pick up their next puppy at the same time. The new little pup helped make it easier to say goodbye to their first charge.

"It worked well then, so we continued doing that," Aguirre said.

Aguirre also became active in the community with puppy-raising endeavors. When the local support group, Alameda County Guide Dog Puppy Raising Club, became too large, Aguirre established the Tri-Valley chapter of Guide Dogs for the Blind in 2004. The organization is key in helping its 50 or so members with training, plus it has outings to give the puppies new experiences.



"Guide dogs need confidence to deal with whatever the big world is going to throw at it," Aguirre explained. "When the dog is returned, it basically has seen it all, done it all and heard it all."

Perhaps her best-known outreach is the popular Pleasanton Pooch Parade, which she took over from Valley Humane Society 18 years ago. Pet owners gather at Lions Wayside Park with their dogs in costumes, then parade up and down Main Street as part of the First Wednesday Street Party in August.

"The community has embraced it, and it's our main fundraising event," Aguirre said. "It has helped a lot of people around here who maybe couldn't afford to raise a guide dog puppy."

Aguirre said puppy raising isn't for everyone, but when it's a fit, it's wonderful. Although it is a long time commitment, she noted, the nice thing is that people can schedule raising a puppy as events in their lives allow.



COURTESY ELLEN AGUIRRE

Ellen Aguirre with Diesel, her current Guide Dogs for the Blind pup.

"We have had people who've had babies and said, 'Babies, puppies, that's more work than I can handle,'" she said, but when the children are older they resume puppy raising as a family.

The puppy becomes a community project, she added, because an important part of rearing the pup is having a sitter to take over during vacations or other absences. Puppy sitting is another way for people to help.

"It takes a village to raise a pup, as we say, and the puppy really benefits from going to other people's homes," Aguirre said.

Since she started the Tri-Valley puppy raising chapter, it has had 169 puppies in the program: 49 have become certified Guide Dogs, and some were trained to be other types of service dogs.

"It's a wonderful way to give back if you enjoy working with dogs," Aguirre said. ■

Hero FYI

- ▲ Ellen and Joe Aguirre have lived in Pleasanton for 25 years and have two grown children, Joelle and Zachary, and a granddaughter, Lacey.
- ▲ Ellen was born in Southern California and moved to Fremont when she was 9.
- ▲ Once or twice a month, she delivers puppies to be raised to the nine Western states, driving a specially equipped truck on trips that last two to eight days.
- ▲ She was a scrapbooking and photo organization coach for 18 years.
- ▲ She studied horticulture at Ohlone College and worked in the field for six years for a plant rental business.
- ▲ To learn more about raising a puppy for Guide Dogs for the Blind, visit trivalleyguidedogs.com.

Congratulations Tri-Valley Heroes!

Here at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, we salute all of our heroes, including our volunteer heroes who have dedicated their time to serving the community for over 25 years.



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Calendar

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Clubs

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Amador Valley Quilters will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Cindy Needham, award winning quilter, will present "For the Love of Linens." Go to amador-valleyquilters.org.

TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITIES AGAINST A RADIOACTIVE ENVIRONMENT Tri-Valley CAREs monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities throughout the US nuclear weapons complex, with a special focus on Livermore Lab and surrounding communities. Their overarching mission is to promote peace, justice and a healthy environment. Their next meeting will be from 7:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19 at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Call 443-7148 or go to <http://tri-valleycares.org>.

TRI-VALLEY DEMOCRATIC CLUB PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE PARTY The TriValley Democratic Club invites you to The Second Democratic Presidential Candidate Debate Party, with the debates projected on the big screen and a pot luck dinner at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at IBEW Hall, 6250 Village Parkway, Dublin. Bring food and beverages to share. All democrats invited.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Sergeant Brandon Stocking will share the ins and outs of writing crime/police scenes with his discussion on the inside story of police investigation, from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21 at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Cost is \$12 for members, \$17 for non-members. Call 828-7687 or go to www.trivalleywriters.org.

Events

CROSSROADS DOLL AND BEAR SHOW Come to this premiere event featuring antique to modern dolls, teddy bears and miniatures, books, supplies, and more on Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Building C, 4501 Pleasanton Ave. Bring up to 2 dolls or bears for a free informal appraisal. Cost is \$8, \$4 for children under 12. Contact (775) 348-7713 or info@crossroadsshow.com.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE Looking for a one of a kind gift for someone special? Need a gift for a gift exchange, hostess, special friend or teacher? Choose from a variety of quality, unique, hand-made gifts from local crafters, artisans and seamstresses at the Holiday Boutique, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Contact 484-2482, ext. 121 or valerie@harvestvalley.org.

SECOND SATURDAY ART WALK Join Nancy and Gary Harrington on their Second Saturday Public Art Walk at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, starting at the Pleasanton Civic Center parking lot, 200 Old Bernal Ave. In partnership with World Walk to Wellness. Go to harringtonartpartnership.org to learn more about the Harrington Art Partnership and Art Walks.

Film

'DELI MAN' MOVIE AND ETHNIC POTLUCK TriValley Cultural Jews will host a movie night and ethnic potluck from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. "Deli Man" is a documentary about how recipes and culinary flavors brought by Jewish immigrants flowed into turn of the century America, and soon became part of Jewish and American culinary culture in the form of the Jewish Deli. Free to

TVCJ members and children, \$15 for non-member adults. Call 485-1049.

Fundraisers

ONE WARM COAT Girl Scout Junior Troop 31497 and Project Outreach Inc. are collecting coats for the "Coats for Kids and Adults" service project. Project Outreach will distribute coats to children and adults in the Oakland area who need a warm coat for winter. Drop off your gently used coats from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Nov. 16-19 in the bins at the Fairlands Elementary School office, 4151 West Las Positas Blvd.

TURKEY BINGO Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 will hold the annual Turkey Bingo at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. Bingo cards are \$10 each for all games. \$50 prize and turkey for games 8 and 16. Have fun while supporting our veterans. Call Dave Ham at 455-1488, David Caldwell at 462-7893, Bill Danko at 548-7051, or Phil Stage at 872-2639.

Health

GETTING STARTED WITH COVERED CA AND MEDI-CAL Hosted by a Certified Enrollment Counselor from Axis Community Health, this presentation will cover basic features of both programs, local resources for in-person help, and tips for a successful enrollment application at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 in the Program Room at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Call 201-6018 or go to www.axishealth.org/news_events/news_events.html.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial

PET OF THE WEEK

TRI VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE



True companion

Chanco is a 7 year old Min Pin that was surrendered to the shelter by his family when they were moving. Full time life in a shelter was a big change for this sweet boy but he has been a trooper. He adores his volunteer friends, going for walks and just hanging out. Chanco is neutered, up to date on shots and has his bag packed with a bed and dog items. His adoption fee is being sponsored by TVAR. Chanco is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Dr., Dublin. They are open 7 days a week from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information about Chanco, please call (925) 803-7040.

Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

Kids & Teens

TEEN LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP The City of Pleasanton will host a Teen Leadership Conference from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14. Open to all high school students to give them the opportunity to collaborate and develop a citywide event in Pleasanton while learning leadership skills. Keynote speaker will be Laurie Bodine of START Leadership. Cost is \$40 for residents, \$44 for non-residents. Contact David Weisgerber at 931-3474 or dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Register at Pleasantonfun.com, course 60857.

Lectures/Workshops

'WHAT KIDS WISH THEIR PARENTS KNEW' The City of Pleasanton continues its free Community Education Series with "What Kids Wish Their Parents Knew," presented by Teen Esteem from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at the Pleasanton Library. This is for parents who want to better understand how to relate to their kids through their formative years. Contact 931-5359 or info@ptownlife.org. Register at Pleasantonfun.com using code 61124.

HOPE HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP: HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS This holiday season, Hope Hospice will offer a special workshop for those experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Learn about ideas and choices that can make a difference in the way you handle the holidays. Call 829-8770 or go to <http://hopehospice.com/>.

LEARN THE 411 OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND TEENS Spend an afternoon learning the latest in social media and how to protect children and teens, from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at Keller Williams, 5994 West Las Positas Blvd. Suite 101. Parents are invited to bring

phones, iPads or other devices for this hands-on workshop from Teen Esteem. Contact info@teenesteem.com.

On Stage

PCRT PRESENTS: SOUTH PACIFIC PCRT kicks off their 6th Season of professional musical theater with the beloved Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific," running at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, from Nov. 7-22 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$18-\$39. Call 931-4848 or go to www.pcrtproductions.org.

Seniors

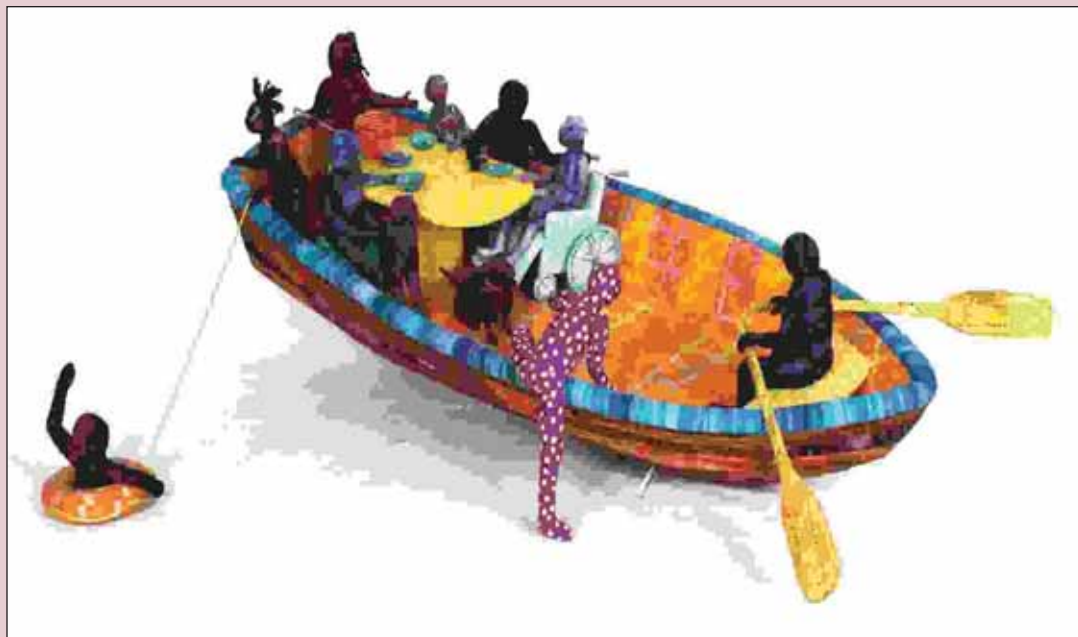
BALLROOM DESSERT DANCE Come dance the night away to all of your ballroom favorites with DJ Jeri Foley at the Ballroom Dessert Dance, from 7-9:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$7 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. Call 931-5365 or go to www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Spiritual

'FINDING REFUGE' INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE Interfaith Interconnect will hold its third annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore. See and hear how different faiths express thankfulness. Contact interfaith.interconnect@gmail.com. Space limited. Register at [http://\\$interfaiththanksgiving.eventbrite.com](http://$interfaiththanksgiving.eventbrite.com).

ECKANKAR, ECK WORSHIP SERVICE ECKANKAR, "The Spiritual Power of Gratitude" is the theme of the ECK Worship Service at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Go to <http://eck-ca.org/>.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Honor those you have loved, who have died, in a special Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. All are invited. If you wish, bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.



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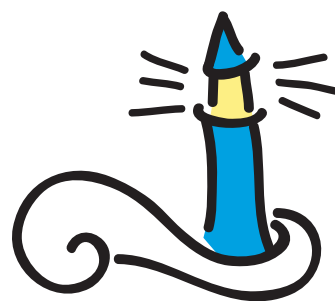
Far-out quilting

Susan Else's 3-dimensional fabric sculpture "Hard Times" is part of the Harrington Gallery's juried exhibition, "STRATA: Studio Art Quilt Associates," that opened yesterday and runs through Dec. 16. The mind-blowing variety of textile works are not your grandmother's quilts but include colorful wall and sculpture pieces that integrate materials such as hand-dyed and painted cottons, crinolines, silk, organza, batting and beads. Gallery hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday; and before and during performances, at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

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Metro housing markets across country continue to recover at modest pace

Market improving as economy strengthens, job creation continues

By JEB BING

Markets in 79 of the approximately 360 metro areas nationwide returned to or exceeded their last normal levels of economic and housing activity in the third quarter of 2015.

A report by the National Association of Home Builders showed a nationwide index score edged up to 0.93, meaning that based on current permit, price and employment data, the nationwide average is running at 93% of normal economic and housing activity.

At the same time, 69% of markets have shown an improvement year-over-year.

"Housing markets are improving gradually as the economy strengthens and job creation continues," said NAHB chairman Tom Woods, a home builder and developer from Blue Springs, Mo.

"In especially encouraging news, markets most affected by the downturn posted the largest year-over-year increases in their LMI score," he added. "This shows that the recovery is taking hold in those areas."

"The employment metric of the (index) is making solid gains, with the number of metros that reached or surpassed their norms rising by 32 in a year," NAHB chief economist David Crowe said. "Single-family permits keep inching forward, but remain at only 47% of normal activity, and continue to be the sluggish component of the index."

"The number of markets on this quarter at or above 90% has risen to 175 — almost half of all markets nationwide," said Kurt Pfothenhauer,

vice chairman of First American Title Insurance Company, which co-sponsors the report. "This is a strong indicator that the overall housing market continues to make headway, and bodes well for the rest of the year."

Baton Rouge, La., continues to top the list of major metros on the LMI, with a score of 1.53 — or 53 percent better than its last normal market level. Other major metros leading the list include Austin, Texas; Honolulu; Houston; and Oklahoma City. Rounding out the top 10 are San Jose, Los Angeles, Charleston, Nashville and Salt Lake City.

Looking at smaller metros, both Midland and Odessa, Texas, have scores of 2.0 or better, meaning that their markets are now at double their strength prior to the recession. Also at the top of the list of smaller metros are Manhattan, Kan.; Casper, Wyo.; and Grand Forks, N.D.; respectively.

The LMI shifts the focus from identifying markets that have recently begun to recover, which was the aim of a previous gauge known as the Improving Markets Index, to identifying those areas that are now approaching and exceeding their previous normal levels of economic and housing activity.

More than 350 metro areas are scored by taking their average permit, price and employment levels for the past 12 months and dividing each by their annual average over the last period of normal growth.

For single-family permits and home prices, 2000-2003 is used as the last normal period. For employment, 2007 is the base comparison. ■

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 2-15.

Pleasanton (Oct. 2-14)

Total sales reported: 22
Lowest sale reported: \$267,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,936,000
Average sales reported: \$883,455

Dublin (Oct. 2-14)

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$276,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,045,000
Average sales reported: \$670,525

Livermore (Oct. 2-14)

Total sales reported: 45
Lowest sale reported: \$265,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,620,000
Average sales reported: \$724,322

San Ramon (Oct. 5-Oct. 15)

Total sales reported: 42
Lowest sale reported: \$333,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,433,000
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1420 Chadbourn Court M. Fey to D. & R. Dougherty for \$1,535,000

7730 Creekside Drive Myers Trust to C. & T. Cassady for \$710,000

3325 Dennis Drive G. Kralik to A. & S. Chandra for \$1,023,000

4292 Diavila Avenue S. Karinka to R. Konka for \$860,000

860 Division Street D. & S. Persin to A. & S. Wilson for \$1,936,000

4433 Fairlands Drive J. Ames to I. Omarali for \$430,000

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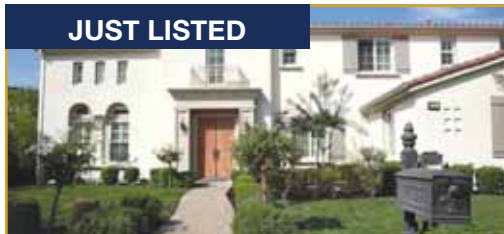
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Pleasanton Market Update: The "Dalmatian" market

While the Pleasanton real estate market generally continued to slip into an autumn lull, that was not necessarily the case for all homes in all neighborhoods. It's what I would term a Dalmatian market, with some homes receiving a great deal of attention, while others languished on the market longer. The demand has been neighborhood and price (and in some cases home) specific. Demand for lower priced homes remains strong. Inventory, which has been falling since June, continues to be a constraint. In general, we're seeing more homes staying on the market longer and fewer homes are receiving multiple offers or selling for more than their list price than has been the case most of this year.

After falling for four straight months, pending sales increased 15%, from 53 in September to 61 in October. Two thirds of those sales were homes priced under \$1 million. October's pending sales were also six units higher than a year ago. Seven fewer homes were for sales in October (77) than in September (84); however, October's inventory was higher than October 2014's by seven units. Closed sales fell to 46 homes in October, down from 55 units in September and 51 a year earlier.

Price indicators were mixed in October, with the median sales price rising but the price per square foot and the sales price to list price ...Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.



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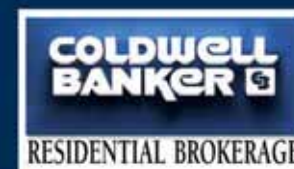
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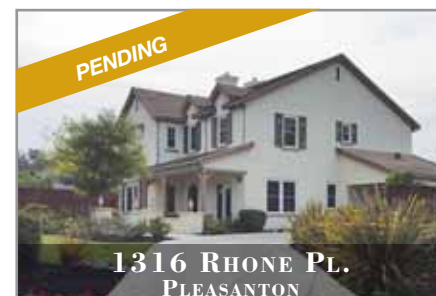
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