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By Rob Rosas

IF YOU suffer from lower back pain and sciatica, you are among four out of five Americans who will suffer with this crippling spinal condition.

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AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

Pleasanton holiday parade, tree-lighting tomorrow



CHUCK DECKERT

"A Cowifornia Christmas" float helps usher in the holiday season at last year's Hometown Holiday Celebration in downtown Pleasanton.

Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday Celebration, the city's most festive event, starts with a parade at 5 p.m. tomorrow on Main Street with 77 entries and more than 2,800 participants and, of course, Santa at the end.

The marching bands from Foothill and Amador Valley high schools will play festive Christmas music as the holiday-inspired participants walk from the Amador Valley High parking lot to the south end of Main Street.

Other highlights of the parade will include Pleasanton's own Balloon Platoon, Wreaths Across Pleasanton, the Tri-Valley Quarter Midget Association, Tri-Valley Y-Guides and Y-Princesses, East Bay Regional Park District Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol and hundreds of Cub Scouts and Brownies, local car clubs and dog clubs, along with many others.

Some Scout troops and KKIQ will have music with their floats. Animal entries include the Baroque Horses of Northern California, California State Horsemen's Association Royalty and Valley Humane Society.

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

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

And we'll be there too. I'll be riding with our publisher Gina Channell-Allen in a Mercedes-Benz convertible decorated with holiday lights as we promote the Pleasanton Weekly's 2015 Holiday Fund and ask for your donations.

Alongside will be the Pleasanton City Council, perhaps even more traditional and festive as Mayor Jerry Thorne and council members Karla Brown, Kathy Narum, Arne Olson and Jerry Pentin wave from their chilly seats in a horse-drawn carriage.

The parade will be followed by the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the Museum on Main at approximately 7:15 p.m. The Jukebox Heroes

will join Santa and the City Council on stage near the Pleasanton Arch for holiday music. Then Thorne will join Santa in pulling the large old-fashioned switch.

Not to be forgotten as the annual Hometown Holiday Celebration gets underway are the members of the Pleasanton city staff and community volunteers who plan and conduct the event, starting in February when they reviewed the 2014 festivities.

"We all work together as a team to put on a great event for the community," said parade coordinator Michelle Dunaway.

In addition to a steering committee, there are also approximately 75 volunteers on the day of the event to assist, Dunaway added. Those duties range anywhere from being an announcer on one of the three stages to hospitality and check-in, parade marshals, operations and logistics, and even our 'beautification technicians' who assist with clean-up and tear-down at the end of the event.

Members of the Hometown Holiday steering committee are Bernie Billen, Brad Kinney, Brian Dutchover, Chuck Deckert, Derek Logan, Gene Smith, Karen Burton-Lind, Tom Gannon and Tom Medina.

With Pleasanton dealing with a much-publicized severe drought this year, Dunaway added a "rain-out protocol" almost in jest until recent showers came along. So now she said a parade weather hotline will be activated on Saturday so everyone can keep up with any rain-out possibilities starting at 1:15 p.m. and then hourly at 931-5352.

She adds, however: "Mother Nature says she will be giving us a balmy 41 degrees with a few clouds from time to time, with 0% chance of precipitation. Winds will be light and variable."

A traffic reminder: Main Street will close to vehicular traffic beginning at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow. But many stores and all restaurants will be open with early diners able to claim outdoor tables on Main Street for comfortable viewing. ■

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What traditions are you looking forward to this holiday season?



Roy Thompson

Project manager

Mostly I am looking forward to my entire family all being together, enjoying one another's company and sitting down to enjoy a wonderful meal. It is only around the holidays that this happens because during the rest of the year, everyone is just so busy with their own lives.



Susan Wacek

Retired speech pathologist

I look forward to spending time in the kitchen, baking several different varieties of cookies that I then pack up into tins and deliver all over town to family and friends, and also to the break room at Valley Humane Society, where I volunteer.



Jasmine Setiyadi

High school student

My favorite tradition is the big family dinner. Both of my parents work a lot, so it's just really nice when we create a time to all sit down together for Christmas dinner and have a good family bonding experience.



Morgan Wacek

Recent college graduate

I love decorating our Christmas tree with all of the ornaments we've either made by hand or accumulated over the years during our travels. We love to reminisce over all of the memories associated with each ornament as we hang it up. Every single one has a story.



Nate Huey

High school student

Every year for as long as I can remember, I've looked forward to not having to go to school over the Christmas break and being able to just relax in our family room in front of the fire.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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Decorating contest

Downtown Pleasanton visitors are invited to vote for their favorite storefront in the inaugural Downtown Pleasanton Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and the Pleasanton Weekly.

Voting remains open until this Monday. Only one vote is allowed per email address. Two voters will be randomly selected to win a \$50 Downtown Pleasanton Gift Card. The winning business and the gift card recipients will be announced on the Pleasanton Weekly website Dec. 14.

The ballot is available at PleasantonWeekly.com/decorating_contest.

Holiday toe-tapper

Kick your holiday spirits into high gear at the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's Broadway Chorus and Broadway Chorus Kids' "Jingle, Ring and Fa-la-la" this weekend at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Songs from favorite holidays shows include "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "A Christmas Story," "White Christmas," "A Christmas Carol" and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Other seasonal favorites are "Hanukkah Nagilah," "Feliz Navidad" and "Mele Kalikimaka." Top this off with an audience sing-along and everyone is sure to leave with the holiday spirit.

Performances are at 7 p.m. tonight and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 426-2121; go to www.trivalleyrep.org; or buy tickets at the door. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$17, seniors 60 and older; and \$10, juniors under 18.

FHS garage sale

The Foothill High School senior class is hosting a garage sale later this month to help raise money for its senior ball.

The senior Falcons are collecting items such as books, clothing, Foothill High apparel and sporting equipment now through Dec. 10, according to senior class president Olivia Larsen. The drop-off zone is in the Foothill loop from 7:30-10:30 a.m. weekdays, and students can also take items to Room B-16.

The garage sale is set for Dec. 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Foothill High parking lot, 4375 Foothill Road. ■

Council OKs 48-home development on Lund Ranch II

Lawmakers vote to split development to ease impact on complaining neighborhoods

By JEB BING

Despite threats of lawsuits and several demands to continue the public hearing for a fourth time, the City Council voted 3-1 Tuesday night to allow a developer to build 48 upscale homes in Pleasanton's southeast hills with access roads slicing through two heavily populated neighborhoods.

The vote came after another lengthy public hearing — the third by the council — with the council chamber packed at standing-room-only capacity. It also ended years of debate over building houses on the 195-acre Lund Ranch II site in the hills south of Sunol Boulevard, which

started in 2002 and at one time involved a builder's bid for 113 homes.

Mayor Jerry Thorne and council members Kathy Narum and Arne Olson voted in favor of the current bid by Greenbriar Homes Community to develop the site, allowing 29 of the new homes to have access to Sunol Boulevard through Sycamore Creek and Bridle Creek neighborhoods and the other 19 to use Lund Ranch Road, Independence Drive and Junipero Street to reach the main thoroughfares in Pleasanton.

Councilwoman Karla Brown voted against the Greenbriar plan, arguing that construction of a road connecting Sunset Creek Way to

the new development from Sycamore Creek would have to cut through hilly terrain in violation of voter-approved Measure PP, which bans residential and commercial construction on Pleasanton hills with slopes greater than 25%.

Councilman Jerry Pentin recused himself from voting on the issue because he lives close to one of the proposed routes. That decision brought complaints from several speakers who noted that the state Fair Political Practices Commission had ruled that he could participate.

"By not casting a vote, Mr. Pentin has avoided his responsibility," one speaker told the council. "As an

elected official, I would expect you to uphold all the responsibilities of office regardless of how you may feel about this issue."

At a previous hearing on the Greenbriar issue, Pentin recused himself after another speaker accused him of living too close to the affected neighborhoods to remain impartial.

Besides concerns over Measure PP's reach over roadways as well as hillside residential construction, the council fielded comments from 23 speakers at Tuesday night's meeting, mostly from homeowners on Independence and Junipero

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School calendar survey

PUSD board to debate proposed questionnaire next week

By MEREDITH BAUER

Parents, teachers, students and other stakeholders may be able to have their say in how — and whether — Pleasanton's public schools should adjust their instructional calendar.

The Pleasanton Unified School District board will be presented with the proposed survey questions at its public meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at district headquarters on Bernal Avenue.

The survey will address if the district should adjust its instructional calendar — whether by shortening the summer break, altering vacations or through other variations.

The issue of making changes to the instructional calendar caused tension in the district over the past couple years, and Pleasanton Unified decided in January to take a step back and begin a calendar committee to research the issue further before implementing schedule changes.

The survey questions to be proposed Tuesday are a result of work done by that calendar committee, which includes district staff, students and other stakeholders.

If the board decides to move forward with the survey, the questions will be sent out on Wednesday to as many stakeholders as the district can reach, interim assistant superintendent of human resources Dianne Howell said.

"We're really going to try to blast it out everywhere we can," she said.

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The \$16.5 million expansion of Bernal Community Park takes shape in this aerial photo of sports fields and "Grand Meadow" sandwiched between Bernal and Valley avenues.

Work continuing on Bernal Park expansion with opening set for May

\$16.5 million project will add lighted sports fields, 'Grand Meadow'

Construction of the \$16.5 million expansion of Bernal Community Park is proceeding on schedule with plans now to open the new sports fields and a "Grand Meadow" called Oak Woodland next May.

The project includes three lighted multipurpose all-weather synthetic sports fields, small grass areas, group picnic areas, an area for children's play equipment and drinking fountains. These fields will be an extension of the two lighted baseball fields built several years ago and will include playing areas and bleachers for soccer, rugby, lacrosse, youth football and more baseball fields.

The Oak Woodland area includes asphalt and decomposed granite walkways, benches and a boardwalk with trees and foliage

that will eventually make this a dense forest-like park for strollers, relaxing and family get-togethers. All of the new landscape will be irrigated with recycled water.

A split rail fence, already installed, replaces the chain-link fence at the end of the park along Bernal Avenue and along Oak Vista Way, the park's border with homes built on the Bernal site more than 10 years ago.

All underground water and sewer facilities and storm drains have been installed, as well as all grading for the Woodland. Topsoil has been added and trees were planted Sept. 30.

Motorists on both Bernal and Valley avenues can also see green native grasses just starting to germinate from hydro seeding and

the recent rains.

The contractor is currently working on hardwiring the tall field lights that were installed last month, so far the most dominant feature of the new park. This work should be completed this month.

Parking lots to accommodate the sports fields and woodlands visitors will be paved in January.

Shade structures and other small buildings planned for the park are being built off-site and will be installed in the early part of 2016.

"We are on time and on track with our projected milestones for the Bernal Community Park and are very excited with the progress and the way things are starting to shape up," said Tracy Dunne, the

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State legislators discuss education issues

Tri-Valley forum covers topics from UC system enrollment to district rainy day funds

BY MEREDITH BAUER

The Tri-Valley's state legislators held an education forum this week to answer residents' burning questions about overcrowding at schools, Common Core and other frustrations.

State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) held a joint town hall-style meeting Monday night to discuss education issues with their constituents, garnering a crowd of about 100 people at a San Ramon community center.

Bipartisanship was a strong theme of the education forum, and both legislators shared the audiences' frustrations that education policy appears to be undermined by a political tug-of-war.

"We don't see Republican and Democratic solutions," Glazer told the crowd before a question-and-answer session.

Both legislatures are relatively new to state government.

Baker, whose Assembly District 16 reaches from Walnut Creek to Livermore and includes Pleasanton, took her post in the State

Assembly last December. Glazer — who represents District 7, which spans from Pleasanton to Orinda to Oakley — assumed office in May.

Both have spent their brief tenure emphasizing bipartisan solutions to issues, as well as using their posts to push for more local control over fiscal issues.

"It's very unusual, a Democrat supporting a Republican. A Republican supporting a Democrat," Glazer lamented. "There is no center anymore. Everyone is afraid to use that center because you lose."

Baker and Glazer emphasized their current education priorities, including pushing for the passing of a bill that would remove or reduce the cap on public school districts' reserves. Current law essentially limits districts' rainy day funds to about 6% of a district's total budget, and Baker and Glazer have introduced bills — AB 1048 and SB 799 — to increase the cap up to 17% or repeal the cap altogether.

Also on their radar are concerns about the Cal State and UC systems'

budgets, grumblings related to those colleges' reliance on out-of-state students, a decrease in state funding for local school districts, a need for more opportunities for teacher and administrator training and the two lawmakers' concerns about the removal of the California High School Exit Exam.

Baker and Glazer said many of these issues could be remediated by handing control of the issue over to local school districts, rather than relying on state legislation.

Residents from the Tri-Valley and beyond, including some elected school officials, asked the legislators about how the state government can help solve issues affecting their students and children.

Some of those concerns included a lack of informational materials and training opportunities for educators prior to the roll-out of Common Core, a need for more school infrastructure as the Tri-Valley outgrows its current resources and a concern that the per-pupil funding for school districts is far too low compared to other states.

"We're stuck," one audience



MEREDITH BAUER

State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and State Sen. Steve Glazer discuss education issues with a crowd of constituents at a forum Monday night.

member said. "We have a desire to build more homes, new schools, and how are we going to fund it?"

He noted some Dublin schools, including Fallon Middle School, have been adding portables because the campuses are over their intended capacity.

Glazer said school funding was once a three-legged stool, where the state, district and developers would pay in equal parts to the equation. Now, he said, state funding has decreased.

He and Baker said they're hoping a ballot measure will pass in November

to secure a \$9 billion bond for construction projects at California schools to help alleviate these pressures.

After one audience member brought up a point about encouraging volunteerism within public school classrooms, Baker noted that local districts should also encourage partnerships with nearby companies and agencies.

"We live in an area of incredible STEM resources. Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Sandia Lab, Silicon Valley," she said, adding all of these can be leveraged as resources for students' enrichment in and out of the classroom. ■

Vacancies down, new construction ahead in Hacienda community

BY JEB BING

Hacienda has seen an increase in occupancy over the year with a corresponding growth in tenant activity, a trend that is expected to continue into 2016.

"Vacancy declines are continuing at the same steady rate that has occurred over the last few years," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager.

"Furthermore, in addition to the substantial investment being made in existing facilities, new project activity is strong and new facilities will commence construction in Hacienda before the end of the year," he added. "This means that, in addition to increasing the occupancy of our existing base, we expect to expand our base of occupancy as well."

A summary of major business activity follows:

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MEREDITH BAUER

Donlon students name turkeys pardoned by President Obama

Gaggle of students excited to dub famous fowl 'Honest' and 'Abe'

BY MEREDITH BAUER

The Donlon Elementary students knew naming turkeys takes a certain finesse.

These fowl couldn't be named the same as the children's dogs or cats. These names had to be special — presidential, even — and couldn't ruffle any feathers.

And that fifth-grade Donlon class would choose wisely, selecting the winning names for the two turkeys that were pardoned last week by President Barack Obama in a 68-year tradition of sparing the lives of two American turkeys that were destined for Thanksgiving dinner plates.

Michele Pollack's class entered the names "Honest" and "Abe" into a Foster Farms competition — the presidential turkeys have been raised at Foster Farms' Modesto ranch since 2010 — and found out through a parent who is employed at the company that their selection had won.

Upon students' return to class Monday, Pollack had taped a newspaper clipping to the whiteboard above the sentiment "We love Honest and Abe!!" with a tiny heart in place of "love."

When considering names to enter into the contest, students cast away their usual approach.

Ten-year-old Amber Zeng had experience naming animals, but hers were based on her aquatic pets' color palette. Her orange fish was dubbed Tangerine, and her fish with lines across its torso was named Stripes.

Given turkeys' less-than-fetching natural complexions, names based on their appearances wouldn't work. And cute, affectionate names didn't seem quite right.

"I've seen a turkey, and been attacked by a turkey, and a lot of turkeys are not," said 10-year-old

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LUND RANCH

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who said those streets were already congested with peak rush hour traffic and should bear no more.

Several homeowners in the Sycamore Creek and Bridle Creek neighborhoods also urged the council to reject the proposed extension of Sunset Creek Way, which would have future Lund Ranch II traffic going their way.

Both Narum and Olson expressed some angst over their votes favoring the Greenbriar development. Narum has said repeatedly that she did not want to separate neighborhoods in the new housing development, which

the council's final decision orders.

Homes in the 19/29 split will have access to each side only by pedestrian and bicycle paths. To drive from one neighborhood to the other, motorists will have to travel circuitous routes by way of Sunol Boulevard to reach the other side.

As part of its plan, Greenbriar agreed to contribute 150 acres of its Lund Ranch property to the city of Pleasanton to be used in perpetuity as open space. Although how the public will reach that land was unclear in Tuesday night's presentation, it most likely will require traveling through Sycamore Creek.

Changes to the connector road that must be built to extend Sunset Creek

Way into Lund Ranch were made by Greenbriar just 24 hours before the Tuesday hearing, aggravating Brown who said the public didn't have adequate time to evaluate the changes.

But Greenbriar's spokeswoman, Angela Ramirez Holmes, said the changes were moderate and reduced the amount of retaining wall that will be needed for the roadway to cross a creek and the amount of dirt that will have to be excavated and trucked off the site.

That modification is what caused Olson to shift his previous opposition to the project to a favorable vote, allowing a majority to support the plan. At a hearing two weeks earlier, he had sided with Brown, which would have led to a 2-2

deadlock if a vote had been taken. Thorne, seeing the dilemma, continued the hearing in hope that the possible tie vote, which would have killed the project, could be broken.

"We've been working on this for years and it's time to make a decision," Olson said.

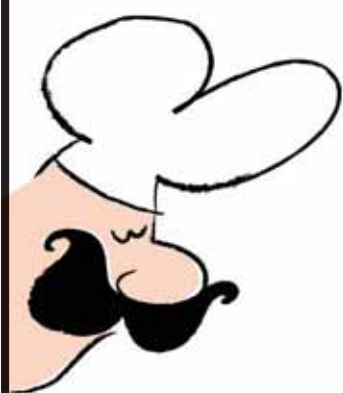
"While I said previously that a road was a structure, there are others who say that it was not intention of including roads as structures in Measure PP," he added. "The modified plan we have before us tonight will have less of an impact on PP. Therefore I can support this modified plan."

Olson continued: "Let me say that for those of you who are disappointed that I choose not to follow

PP rigidly in this case, I must point out that PP already has had a major impact on this project and will continue to affect other projects."

He added, however, as part of his motion that the council accepted, that "If our interpretation of this is successfully challenged (in court), this entire (action) is considered null and void and must return to the Planning Commission and the City Council for future consideration."

After hearing from many speakers Tuesday about increasingly heavy traffic on Independence and Junipero in the Mission Park neighborhood, the council also asked traffic engineer Mike Tassano to move quickly to lessen the impact. ■



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‘The Importance of Being Earnest’ at LPC theater opens tonight

Oscar Wilde’s play runs Fridays, Saturdays through Dec. 12



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Starring in the Las Positas College Theater Arts Department production of “The Importance of Being Earnest” are (from left) Nicholas Shannon, Cindy Lagodzinski and Alex Bru.

For the first time in Las Positas College history, the Theater Arts Department will stage a second main stage production in a single semester.

Starting today and continuing through Dec. 12, the school will perform Oscar Wilde’s “The Importance of Being Earnest” with two newcomers performing in the title roles: Alex Bru as John Worthing and Nicholas Shannon as Algernon Moncrieff, in the roles of two young gentlemen who have taken to bending the truth in order to put some excitement into their lives.

As part of their plan, Worthing invents a brother, Earnest, whom he uses as an excuse to leave his dull life behind to visit Gwendolyn. Moncrieff then decides to take the name Earnest when visiting Worthing’s young and beautiful ward, Cecily.

Of course, no comedy would be complete without a kink thrown

into the mix, and things begin to go awry when the pair end up together in the country and their deceptions are discovered.

“Though the show was written for the later 1800’s, we will be setting it in the 1950’s, an era closely related to Victorian social values,” said Titian Lish, director and Theater Arts Department coordinator.

“This touch of recognizable modernity sheds new light on the comedy, and lends itself to fabulous costume design by our student costume designer, Lenée Madeera, with impeccable execution from our new costume design class under the guidance of Wes Morgan,” Lish added.

With a modernized setting and Wilde’s witty dialogue, The Importance of Being Earnest is, according to Lish, a “trivial comedy for serious people” and “delightful in its artifice, speed and character development.”

Who: Las Positas College Theater Arts Department

What: The Importance of Being Earnest

When: Dec. 4-12, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Where: Mertes Center for the Arts Black Box, 3000 Campus Hill Drive, Livermore.

Tickets: \$10 students, staff, seniors 55+ and military/veterans; \$15 general admission.

Call: 424-1120 or visit <http://bit.ly/1SEWPY4>. Parking \$2. Permits available in Lots AA, A and B. Free Parking Saturday after 6 p.m.

Additional cast members include: Niall Malone as Rev. Canon Chasuble, Jake Casados as Lane, Cynthia Lagodzinski as Lady Bracknell, Chae Hyden as Gwendolyn Fairfax, Hannah Ramirez as Cecily Cardew and Sarah Warren as Miss Prism. ■

—Jeb Bing

Free donation closet holds soft opening

The Hangar to open in January; PUSD seeks donations

Pleasanton Unified School District held a soft opening of its new donation closet, The Hangar, Thursday night for low-income residents to receive free clothing.

The donation closet in Room 703B at Village High School will open officially during a ceremony in January, director of special education Marla Silversmith said. The district is also encouraging families to donate clothing they no longer need.

“They just need to be someone who has a need. They don’t have to have a student in the district,” she said. “We just know that we have extra clothes in the community, and we want to turn it around and make sure everyone has a warm winter.”

The Hangar will be staffed by Pleasanton Unified special education students who will learn critical

job-training skills as part of the curriculum. Students sixth grade and up will be able to participate in running the shop.

“They’re learning things like washing and folding and hanging and also learning personal shopping for people,” Silversmith said.

Families who would like to donate items can drop them off at the donation room or at the district’s special education office at 4661 Bernal Ave.

“One of the big things we’re hearing from parents is, ‘My kid is going to grow out of these shorts before next year.’ So give them to us,” she said. “We have everything from baby clothes to suits to rain coats. We’re open to taking anything. We’re just trying to build it right now.” ■

—Meredith Bauer

TURKEY

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Malachi Bryant, pausing to find the right word to describe the gobbling gaggles, “they’re not really evil, but they’re not really social.”

So names like Fluffy and Sweetie were out.

Students said they stuck with Thanksgiving food names in line with previous winners such as Mac and Cheese, serving up Apple Pie and Ice Cream and Peaches and Cobbler.

Some went for popularity, nominating Hillary and Clinton, Donald and Trump, Mickey and Minnie, and Buzz and Woody.

Apollo and Buzz, Mars and Pluto, James and Bond, Steph and Curry, and San and Francisco also made the class’s list, along with the now-famous “Honest” and “Abe.”

Some students heard that their selection was bestowed upon the chosen turkeys — which won the poultry lottery themselves — that will now go on to live the rest of their lives on a farm in Virginia.

Annabelle Kim, 10, said she was astonished to find out her class’s effort had paid off.

“I had like a seizure kind of,” she said, eliciting laughter from her classmates. “I felt supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.”

Pollack said the contest was not only a great way to apply American history to modern issues, but it taught students about the importance of trying new experiences.

“It gave us an opportunity to talk about the historical aspect of it, and we talk a lot about if you never enter or try something, you never know if you’re going to win,” she said. ■

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VACANCIES

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"Our Mackrell membership allows us to provide them with a ready platform throughout the world," he added. "Now we can seamlessly assist our clients in San Jose, California, and San Jose, Costa Rica."

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Retrofit magazine has named Strong-Wall SB wood shearwall, a product from Hacienda's Simpson Strong-Tie, to its list of the top 50

products of 2014.

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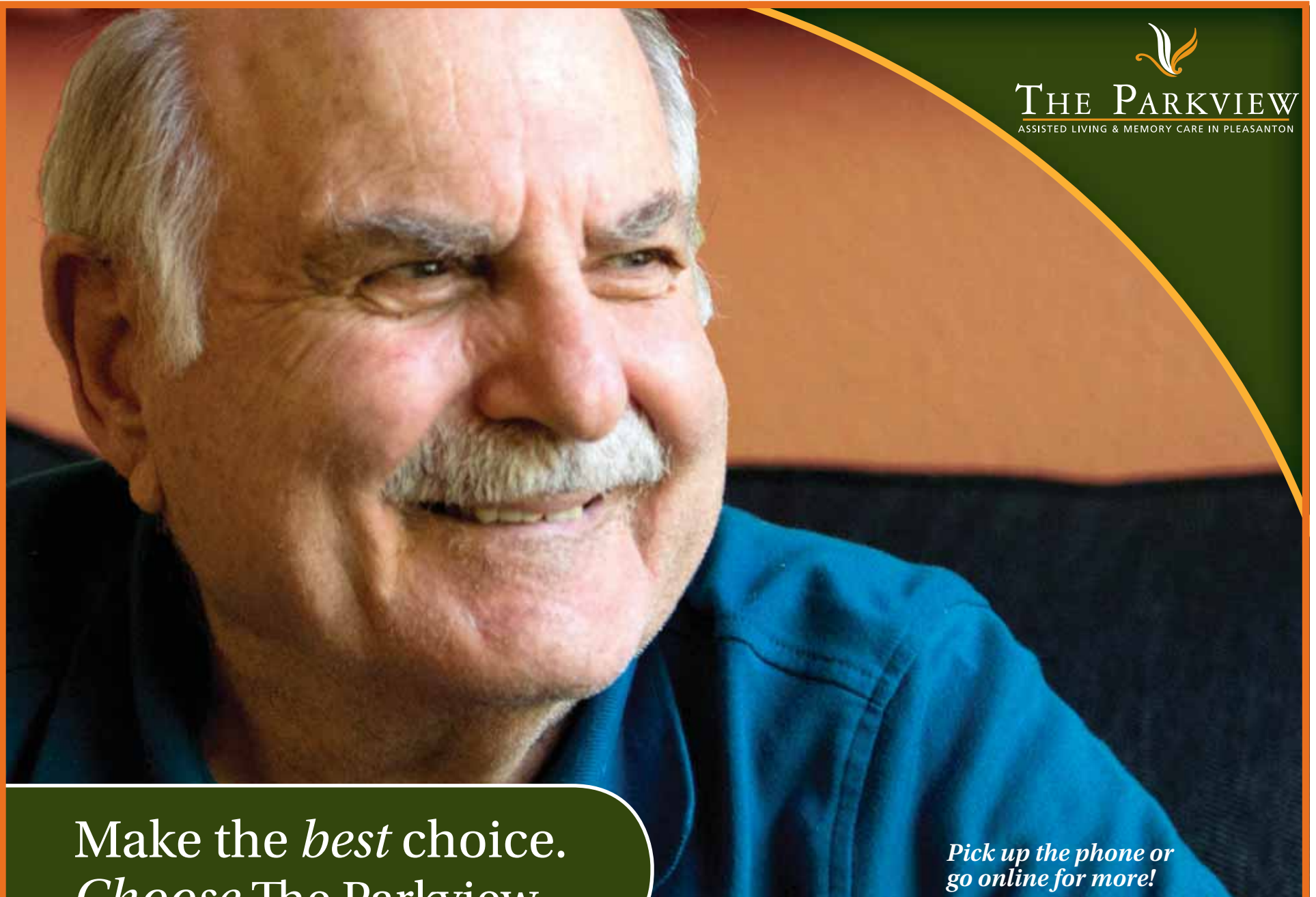
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Pleasanton Chamber accepting nominations for Community Service Awards

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its 53rd annual Community Service Awards program to be held in March.

Nominations may be made for awards to deserving businesses, nonprofit organizations and individuals in five categories: Business Philanthropy, Excellence in Business, Excellence in Service,

Distinguished Individual and Green Service.

The Community Service Awards began in 1963 to recognize those doing great things in the community and since then hundreds of recipients have been honored.

Anyone may submit nominations for these awards.

Nomination forms and information regarding the criteria for each

award category are available on the Pleasanton Chamber website.

Nominations are due Jan. 15 and may be submitted online, via email to susie@pleasanton.org, faxed to 846-9697 or mailed to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave., Pleasanton, CA, 94566.

Sponsorship opportunities also are available for the Community Service Awards event. ■

CALENDAR

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Students in grades 8-12, managers, Association of Pleasanton Teachers members and California School Employees Association members will receive the survey via email, families will get the survey via the electronic newsletter E-Connection and the survey will be posted on the Pleasanton Unified's website, Howell said.

In addition, the district plans to use its auto-dialer system to remind families to fill out the survey, and it expects to send postcards home to families as an additional reminder. Howell also said there

are plans to put a reminder in the PTA newsletter.

The school calendar has been on the front burner for many in the Pleasanton school community since 2014.

The school board that June approved switching to a modified lite calendar for 2015-16 that scheduled school to begin early August and end late May. The calendar also included a one-week break in October, the first semester ending before winter break and a nine-week summer break.

But the board rescinded that calendar plan in January 2015 amid criticism from some residents and new board member Mark Miller, who was elected in

November 2014.

The district opted to revert back to the traditional calendar for 2015-16 and allow time for more public debate on potential future changes. The traditional calendar has school starting in late August and ending in mid-June, the first semester ending in January and a 10-week summer break.

Howell said if the calendar survey is approved by the board and distributed next week, she plans to have analysis on the community's thoughts available for the board by January.

A proposed timeline for the measure will also be presented and discussed at Tuesday's board meeting. ■

BERNAL

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city's public information officer.

The main contractor for the project is Goodland Landscape Construction of Tracy, which is being paid \$12,186,991 for the work. Other contracts went to Valley Precision Grading for \$2,090,778 for the purchase and installation of all-weather turf fields, and to Harris Design for \$408,861, the project's landscape architect, to provide construction support services.

Representatives of Pleasanton's major youth sports organizations have pledged to reimburse the city with \$2 million to be raised through

fundraisers. In the meantime, the city borrowed that amount from a reserve fund so that the Bernal project could get underway.

Bernal Community Park is a 318-acre tract of city-owned land that was given to the city of Pleasanton in 2000 by Greenbriar Homes.

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

Voters approved the Bernal park master plan three years ago. ■

—Jeb Bing

TAKE US ALONG



A long way to see Mickey: Laurie Erceg, her daughter Jennifer and grandchildren Jack and Kohl enjoyed a trip with the Pleasanton Weekly to Disneyland Tokyo in Japan.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Livermore woman dies in police chase

A young Livermore woman was killed and two other people were seriously injured in a crash following a police pursuit that started in Danville and ended in San Ramon early Sunday morning, according to Danville police.

Hannah Meecham, 19, was identified as the driver who died after crashing into a tree off Camino Ramon while trying to flee police, according to Danville police chief Steve Simpkins.

Investigators later discovered the car Meecham was driving had been reported stolen from Dublin, Simpkins said in a statement.

The incident began when two Danville police officers saw a white, four-door Honda driving recklessly at 1:09 a.m. Sunday turning onto Sycamore Valley Road and hopping a curb while trying to get onto southbound Interstate 680, Simpkins said.

The two officers tried to initiate a traffic stop, but the driver — later identified as Meecham — failed to yield and tried to elude police, resulting in a pursuit, according to the police chief.

During the three-minute chase, the Honda got off the freeway onto eastbound Crow Canyon Road, then flipped a U-turn at the Iron Horse Regional Trail crossing and turned south onto Camino Ramon, Simpkins said.

The car would soon travel off Camino Ramon at a high rate

of speed and strike a tree south of the Bollinger Canyon Road intersection, he added. Meecham was pronounced dead at the scene.

Another 19-year-old woman and a 37-year-old man, both from Livermore, were passengers in the Honda, suffered serious injuries in the crash and were transported to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek, the police chief added. The passengers' names were not released as of Tuesday.

During the investigation after the crash, authorities determined the Honda had been "recently stolen" from Dublin, Simpkins said.

No charges have been filed in the case, and the incident remains under investigation, he added.

In other police news:

- Black Friday was relatively quiet for Pleasanton police, with little more than a handful of shoplifting incidents and thefts from vehicles on record.

Five cars were broken into, two shoplifting incidents were reported, two other thefts occurred and one house was burglarized, according to Pleasanton police. The cases where items were stolen from cars on Black Friday happened at fitness centers, a hotel and the mall.

In one case, a woman left her car at 24 Hour Fitness on Willow Road around noon on Black Friday with bags from Target and Nordstrom inside, which contained Swarovski necklaces, rings, makeup, sunglasses and other items. An unknown individual smashed the car window and stole \$30,000 worth of items, including a \$15,000 cashier's check.

Other thefts from vehicles that day included an incident outside ClubSport where about \$340 in computer equipment was stolen, a car at Stoneridge Shopping Center where \$1,300 in auto parts and medical supplies were stolen, another theft outside 24 Hour Fitness where \$270 in per-

fume and personal documents were stolen and an incident outside the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel that left a car owner without personal items and a \$50 gate opener, Pleasanton police stated. No arrests had been made in the thefts as of Monday.

A Pleasanton home was also burglarized on Black Friday. A \$700 bike was reported stolen from the open garage of a home in the 3100 block of Cranwood Court at about 7:20 a.m., police stated. No arrests had been made in the case as of Monday.

A Modesto woman was arrested the afternoon of Black Friday in connection with the theft of packages from residents' doors.

Barbara Ann Garcia, 31, was arrested on the corner of Main and Ray streets after a Pleasanton police officer pulled her over for a traffic stop at about 1:40 p.m. The officer noticed Garcia had seven packages in her car that did not belong to her, according to police.

Police allege Garcia took the packages — which included items such as a baseball cap, a lava lamp and a medical pump — from five residents' front porches.

She was booked into Santa Rita Jail and was being held on a bail of \$10,485 as of Monday.

- Pleasanton police are searching for a person who apparently jumped on two cars until their windshields broke.

The reports came in around 10 a.m. Nov. 26 while the cars were parked along the street in the 400 block of St. Mary Street. Both cars had muddy footprints on the hood and windshield, and both cars' windshields were smashed, police stated. No arrests had been made in the case as of Monday.

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

—Meredith Bauer and Jeremy Walsh

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 28

Theft

- 4:52 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 9:54 p.m., 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto

Domestic battery

- 11:06 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

Residential burglary

- 8:47 p.m. in the 4000 block of Payne Road

Nov. 27

Theft

- 3:45 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 12:02 p.m., 5000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

- 12:58 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

- 1:43 p.m., Ray and Main streets; theft

- 2:06 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

- 4:07 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 4:35 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

- 7:31 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft

- 9:59 p.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Residential burglary

- 9:31 a.m. in the 3100 block of Cranwood Court

Nov. 26

Missing person report

- 9:05 a.m. on Owens Drive

Domestic battery

- 9:11 a.m. on Bernal Avenue

Nov. 25

Residential burglary

- 7:08 p.m. in the 3400 block of Beecham Court

Trespass/prowl

- 12:58 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Nov. 24

Theft

- 9:19 p.m., 1200 block of Quarry Lane; theft

- 12:39 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto

- 1:34 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

- 1:42 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

- 3:14 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

- 10:28 p.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Fraud

- 2:33 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 3:11 p.m. in the 6300 block of Calle Altamira

- 6 p.m. in the 100 block of Birch Creek Terrace

Residential burglary

- 1:05 p.m. in the 7400 block of Muirwood Court

- 1:49 p.m. in the 6700 block of Menlo Court

Nov. 23

Bike theft

- 8:43 p.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive

Domestic battery

- 12:52 p.m. on Owens Drive

Residential burglary

- 10:46 a.m. in the 7300 block of Stonedale Drive

Theft from auto

- 10:10 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

Nov. 22

Missing person report

- 3:08 a.m. on Fairlands Drive

- 8:38 p.m. on Chestnut Way

Nov. 21

Assault

- 10:49 p.m. in the 300 block of St. Mary Street

Theft from auto

- 7:45 a.m., 400 block of Arlington Court

- 8:54 a.m., 3400 block Andrews Drive

- 5:49 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road

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This banner will stretch across Main Street later this month reminding everyone that the Pleasanton Weekly's 2015 Holiday Fund campaign is underway.

As of Saturday, contributions total \$17,781, with the 12 nonprofits that benefit from your donations hoping for more, much more, by the time the 2015 campaign ends on Jan. 15.

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



FILE PHOTO

We keep track of the annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund with this banner, seen here outside our office during a past year's campaign.

Contributions to the 2015 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will be distributed in two tiers, with 65% of all dollars raised going to Axis Community Health, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, Valley Humane Society and Stanford

Health at ValleyCare.

Another 35% of the contributions will go to Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, Hope Hospice, the Museum on Main, REACH, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley and Sunflower Hill.

Valley Humane Society (VHS), one of the longtime recipients of the Holiday Fund, creates a brighter future for cats and dogs by encouraging and strengthening the bond between people and pets.

It rescues and rehabilitates companion animals, champions responsible caretaking, shares pets' soothing affections with people in need of comfort and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships. Since 1987, VHS has worked to save and improve the lives of Tri-Valley companion animals. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, its programs and services are made possible with the help of contributors to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund.

Located at 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton, VHS is dedicated to rescuing and re-homing adoptable companion animals. It prioritizes pulling adoptable animals out of municipal shelters, where space is always needed for incoming animals. All adopted animals have age-appropriate vaccinations, microchips and spay/neuter surgery. In addition, many of the

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Thanks to the Holiday Fund and your contributions, VHS is able to spare no expense on funding medical treatments to help otherwise at-risk animals start a new life with a family who will love them forever.

In addition to this exceptional life-saving work, Valley Humane Society is well known as a group that cares just as much about people as it does for animals. It partners with a number of groups like Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven and Meals on Wheels to ensure low-income families have food and supplies for their pets. This keeps the pets with their loving families and out of the municipal shelters.

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It is the success of this organization and its many programs that earn Valley Humane Society a top spot on our list of Holiday Fund recipients each year.

Again this year, the Weekly is partnering with Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which will handle all finances related to the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund. This will allow donors to take advantage of a tax deduction for the dollars they contribute through the foundation's 501(c)(3) status to the fullest extent of the law.

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Donate to the Holiday Fund online at siliconvalleycf.org/pleasantonweeklyholidayfund or use our donation form on Page 18.

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Planning Commission

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P15-0577, W. Mark Lortz, for Inklings Coffee and Tea**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a meeting hall for community events (concerts, lectures, art displays, and various meetings) in conjunction with a coffee house at 530 Main Street
- **P15-0604, Payal and Nishit Gokli for Bottle and Bottega**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a wine art studio (group painting lessons with wine and beer service) with up to 40 people within an existing tenant space in the Bernal Plaza Shopping Center located at 6654 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 355
- **P15-0626, Christine Darrah**
Application for a Conditional Use Permit to use the tenant space located at 5671 Sonoma Drive, Suite C, as a warehouse for furniture storage
- **PUD-109, H. James Knappe**
Applications at 273 Spring Street for: (1) a certificate of appropriateness to demolish the existing 910-square-foot single-story commercial building; and (2) a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning and Development Plan approval to rezone the site from the C-C (Central Commercial), Downtown Revitalization, Core Area Overlay District to PUD-C-C (Planned Unit Development - Central Commercial), Downtown Revitalization, Core Area Overlay District; and to construct an approximately 4,074-square-foot, two-story commercial/office building with an attached approximately 1,225-square-foot second-floor apartment unit, and four, approximately 2,015-square-foot, three-story multifamily residential units

Youth Commission

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Operations Service Center - 3333 Busch Road

- Review FY 2014/15 Community Grant Midterm Reports
- Youth Commission Presentation

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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Deck the Halls



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The Weber house on Gray Fox Circle is a popular stop for people touring decorated homes in Pleasanton during the holidays.

Let there be lights

Elaborate home decorations,
colorful downtown parade help
spread holiday joy

By Cathy Jetter



If last week's turkey feasts and midnight-to-sunrise shopping sprees left you looking for ways to celebrate the holiday season with a little less impact on your wallet and waistline, consider continuing the countdown to Christmas this Saturday night at the Hometown Holiday Celebration in downtown Pleasanton.

The free, family-friendly annual event begins at 5 p.m. with the Amador Valley High School marching band leading an old-fashioned holiday parade down the middle of Main Street.

Featuring holiday-inspired entrants, the event brings together nearly 2,500 participants in a great mix of original Pleasanton favorites, including the ever-popular Balloon Platoon, dozens of community organizations walking, dancing and waving to the crowd, a wide variety of floats, hot rods and even a horse-drawn carriage to transport Pleasanton's Mayor Jerry Thorne and the City Council down the mile-long route.

Rumor has it a special guest in a red suit will be on hand to share the moment after the parade when Thorne lights the tree in front of the Museum on Main, signifying the official start to Pleasanton's holiday season.

For many, seeing the lights go up on trees and houses around the neighborhoods truly has become an integral part of the holiday experience.

No one knows this better than Livermore's Alex Dourov.

While the rest of us are struggling to keep track of Christmas lists and shopping notes, Dourov has been main-

taining a growing database of nearly 400 over-the-top Christmas-lit homes since 1999. He shares his findings with the rest of the world on his year-round website, www.CaliforniaChristmasLights.com, which he also promotes through his Facebook page bearing the same name.

Dourov first recognized a need for a list of visit-worthy light displays back in 1992 when he and his wife, Cindy, moved to Livermore and found an article in the Tri-Valley Herald offering advice for Christmas light viewing.

"Unfortunately, what the paper was printing was just a bunch of addresses submitted by people or neighbors who claimed the houses were decorated," Dourov explained. "We mapped out a few to visit and ended up being disappointed too many times by houses that had nothing more than a couple of strands of lights strung around the roof. I was looking for displays well beyond the average. I wanted something interesting. Just an address didn't guarantee a display was worth a drive across town."

By 1999, Dourov owned a website development company, and it was a natural step to use his high-tech talents to take Christmas light promotion to the next level.

He set up www.lightsofthevalley.com (renamed in 2011 to reflect the site's expansion outside of the Tri-Valley) and began scanning the 35mm pictures he took at each house he visited, a time-consuming but integral

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Hanukkah begins Sunday

Interesting facts about the Festival of Lights

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights in the Jewish faith, celebrates the military victory of Judah and his Maccabees army over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 BCE, and commemorates the miracle at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Syrians desecrated the Temple, and once it had been cleaned and purified, the Jews needed to relight the eternal light. Although there was only enough oil for one day, it miraculously lasted for eight.

The eight-day Hanukkah observance always falls on different dates since it is based on the Jewish calendar, which is lunar. This year it begins at sundown Sunday, Dec. 6.

Here are some more interesting facts about Hanukkah:

- During the eight days, gifts are given and

traditional foods are eaten.

- The Hanukkah candleholder is called a “menorah”. It has eight branches, and a ninth, special branch (which is often, but not necessarily) in the middle, to hold the “shamash”, which is the one candle that is used to light all of the others. The shamash and a single candle are lit on the first night of Hanukkah, and on each subsequent night, a new candle is added to the menorah and lit until eventually, on the eighth and final night, the Menorah is completely illuminated, with each of the eight branches, as well as the shamash branch, occupied by a glowing candle.

- Hanukkah candles come in many shapes and colors. They come 45 to a box, which is the number that will be needed plus one.

- Because of all the candle-lighting, the holiday is called “The Festival of Lights.”

- One traditional way to celebrate the miracle of the oil is to serve foods cooked in oil,



NANCY LYNNESS

A Hanukkah menorah fully lit on the final night.

such as potato latkes. In Israel it is traditional to eat jelly doughnuts called “sufganiyot,” and many Hebrew schools in the U.S. also give them to students as a Hanukkah treat.

- The word “Hanukkah” means dedication, and kindergartners or first-graders often have their Consecration ceremony during the holiday to begin to dedicate themselves to their Jewish studies, which will lead to their Bar

Mitzvah or Bat Mitzvah when they are 13.

- The dreidel, a type of spinning top, is a traditional game during Hanukkah. When Jews were forbidden to study the Torah, during the time of Antiochus (who reigned 175-164 BCE), children would study the Torah with their dreidels handy. When soldiers walked by, the children would play with the dreidels instead of studying.

- Each side of the dreidel has a Hebrew letter on it that forms the sentence “Nes Gadol Haya Sham,” which translates in Hebrew to “a great miracle happened here.” How a person fares in the game depends on what letter the dreidel falls on when it is their turn to spin, as each letter has a different significance.

- Hanukkah presents and decorations are relatively new as the holiday has become more commercial and due to the fact that it falls during the Christmas season. Traditionally, Hanukkah did not involve gift-giving.

- The most important Jewish holidays are Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when schools in some areas close and adults take time off work.

- New music is also being written for the Hanukkah holiday. In 1994, comedian Adam Sandler first sang “The Hanukkah Song” on “Saturday Night Live,” which lists well-known people who are Jewish; he continues to offer updated versions. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

LIGHTS

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process even for the initial online inventory of 25 homes across Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

Even now, with 232 houses listed in 136 cities in 33 counties across the state, Dourov will not add an address without a photo and confirmation that the light display is up and worthy of a visit.

“I never post an address without verification,” Dourov said. “I get about 120 submissions a year that end up being rejected.”

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, Dourov admits, which is why the photos are so important.

“There are different themes, different types of decorations, and they all appeal to different people,” he said. “Some people have very expensive synchronized light shows that are elaborate in what they do, not in the amount of decorations. Some have virtual Santa themes. Others have walking neighborhoods, with many decorated houses on the same block — like Walnut Street in downtown Pleasanton.”

“But if they are on my site, they have one thing in common: they are all over-the-top displays in one way or another. These are the houses and neighborhoods people will want to see,” he added.

This includes his Livermore home, where Christmas is definitely a year-round project. Aside from the 120-180 hours per year spent maintaining www.CaliforniaChristmasLights.com, Dourov and his wife spend at least part of every month of the year getting ready for December.

The truth of this is easily seen on Dourov’s personal Facebook page, where detailed analyses of the watts saved when displays are converted to LED lights (this year 1,539) and updates on the latest display additions are posted between the family photos.

Hooks, supports and pulleys are camouflaged and hidden under eaves, on the roof and behind the chimney while the garage hosts a wealth of shelves, neatly organized and painstakingly labeled with last year’s, next year’s and this year’s projects.

Though his house is a stunning display of Christmas both outside and in, Dourov estimates he’s only spent \$3,000 to \$4,000 on his decorations.

“I do a lot of stocking up at the after-Christmas sales,” he explained. “And many of my displays are homemade — the three-foot-tall Peace On Earth sign is homemade; you couldn’t buy that anywhere.”

Even the Dourov’s vacation time can get tangled up with the Christmas lights. “Cindy

and I take road trips to see the best displays,” Dourov said. “We like to meet these people. We’ve gotten to know quite a few of them.”

Pleasanton’s Tracey Weber certainly understands how Christmas lights can bring people together.

The Webers’ house at the entrance to Gray Fox Circle has been one of Dourov’s most elaborate listings since the family’s first Christmas there several years ago. But it’s only recently that she realized how much her family’s labor of love means to those who come to see the house each holiday season.

“A few years ago, we hosted a holiday party at the house, and we had dozens and dozens of cookies left over,” she said. “The next night, we grabbed some trays and decided to stand outside and share the cookies with the people who were coming by to see our lights.”

This interaction changed everything. “I had no idea that people had made coming to our house a part of their family tradition,” Weber said. “Talking with the people who were just walking around, taking it all in, to hear of how much joy it brings to people to return every year was just amazing.”

After that, the cookies became a new part of the tradition, until last year when a death in the family meant the Webers would be out of town on Christmas Eve, the busiest night for light gazing.

“Some of our neighbors realized we wouldn’t be home to hand out the cookies and asked if we would mind if they took our place to make sure the tradition continued,” Weber said.

She said she has heard of some neighborhoods that get tired of the evening traffic — Gray Fox gets 50 cars a night after Thanksgiving, at least 1,000 on Christmas Eve. “But our neighbors don’t complain,” she added. “They are out there enjoying it with us. We get thank you notes and cookies in our mailbox.”

Dourov, too, has received numerous thank-you’s from people expressing their gratitude for his website. It is these notes, he said, that make all the hours and attention to detail worthwhile.

“That my displays bring so much joy to kids and adults, when I hear families laughing outside my house, is a real gift,” he explained.

It’s not just the listings and the lights he puts up that make people happy.

The website has pictures and videos and even aerial drone footage that bring a whole new perspective to the viewing of Christmas light displays, especially for those who can’t get around so easily.

“I received an email from a lady in a retirement home who told me she can’t get outside to see the lights anymore,” Dourov said, “but she said she loves looking at them on my website. This is the joy I get from what I do.” ■

Must-see displays

What to see if you never leave Pleasanton:

- 4148 Walnut Drive, also known as “Candy Cane Lane” (walking neighborhood)
- 802 Gray Fox Cir.
- 1279 Hearst Ave.
- 2612 Calle Reynoso (Bob’s World)
- 3671 Chelsea Court (Widmer World)

Explore a little further:

- 467 Knottingham Cir., Livermore
- 644 Zermatt St., Livermore (park at 685 E. Jack London Blvd.)
- 352 Hillcrest Ave., Livermore (Deacon Dave’s Casa del Pomba)
- 108 Dana Highlands, Danville
- 106 Woodview Cir., San Ramon (walking neighborhood)

Best of the best:

Four Northern California homes are among the 20 nationwide that will be featured in “The Great Christmas Light Fight” on ABC this month beginning Monday. They were chosen to decorate their homes for Christmas and compete for prizes totaling \$250,000.

- 3671 Chelsea Court, Widmer World (Pleasanton)
- 644 Zermatt Street (Livermore)
- 9855 Oak Ranch Place (Elk Grove)
- A Fremont house is participating but the addresses wasn’t released by press time. Check www.CaliforniaChristmasLights.com for updates and a complete list of amazing houses to visit this holiday season.



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STORY AND PHOTOS
BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

A happy holiday season draws family members together in the planning and the decorating. Here are some easy ideas that might be fun to try if you feel your home still needs an extra festive touch:

1. Add Santa's stack of reading to your bookshelves. Cover a few books with red paper and print out the titles in white pen. Some title suggestions are "Reindeer Care," "Fifty Shades of Red" and "Toymaking for Dummies," but your family can probably come up with its own.
2. Wrap up a hassock to look like a Christmas present by tying a big ribbon with a bow around it. Such a large-scale gift will add a touch of whimsy to any room.
3. Fill glass jars with different types

of red and white candy mints for a decorative touch to a mantle or shelf.

4. Even though your Pleasanton windows do not survey a snowy scene, you can add fake snow to the corners of a few window panes for the winter wonderland effect.
5. Add holiday fragrance to a large candle by surrounding it with cinnamon sticks held in place by a Christmas ribbon.
6. Any shelf can be transformed by putting a festive cloth beneath the photos or other year-round decorations. Add in a few loose holiday ornaments.

These decorating ideas were on display at a previous AAUW Holiday Home Tour held by the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek branch to benefit women scholars and Tech Trek Science Camps for middle-school girls. ■



Adding fake snow in front of your windows (above) and placing decorative jars on your mantle (left) are just a few simple touches that can create an easy holiday feel throughout your home.

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Six style tips to prepare your home for the holiday season

Bored with the whirlwind of red and green decor that inundates every home during the holiday season? This year, more homeowners are thinking beyond the traditional when decorating for winter celebrations.

Expert insight into the year's top decor trends can help anyone create impressive, elegant holiday style with minimal effort.

"Red and green will always be classic, but when it comes to holiday decor, rules are meant to be broken," said Kirsty Froelich, design director for the Tile Shop. "Anyone can use inventive color schemes, fun patterns and smart home updates to create spaces that embrace the essence of the season."

Froelich notes six top trends to keep in mind when decorating for the holiday season:

1. Feel festive with florals. An easy first step to bring your home into the holiday season is to add festive fresh or dry floral arrangements. Evergreens and poinsettias always convey the essence of the season, but blooms in hues of rich purple, crisp white and even funky fuchsia will add cheerful energy to any room. A small floral arrangement on a bathroom vanity, for example, adds warmth and color — a particularly nice touch if you're hosting guests.

2. Beautify with backsplashes. Tiling your backsplash is an easy update that instantly upgrades a kitchen or bar space, and serves as a great conversation starter for guests. Start this project in the fall so you have plenty of time to finish before the thick of the holidays. A backsplash also can be a relatively inexpensive project with a stunning impact.

3. Be merry with metallics. To create a show-stopping visual effect, use metallics in details throughout your home. Chrome and nickel are hot, and there's a current resurgence of brass and gold. If you have metal in your backsplash tiles, add a centerpiece in the same metal to tie the entire room together. Keep in mind that less is more. Thoughtful touches of holiday decor will have bigger visual impact than an overload of figurines and frills.

4. Get jolly with geometric patterns. From gift wrap to seasonal fabric, geometric patterns are on trend for the upcoming holiday. A gorgeous geometric tablecloth is the ideal backdrop for a big family feast. Geometric mosaic backsplashes leave a lasting impression during the holiday season and into the new year. Finally, geometric wrapping paper in vivid colors like teal or chartreuse, make for an extra stylish tree.

5. Wow with window treatments. Don't overlook the potential of your windows when adding holiday pizzazz to your home. By using fabrics that feature a festive theme or pattern, you can easily create temporary window treatments that bring a space together. Simply visit your local craft store, pick out a bolt of two of fabric that blends with your holiday aesthetic, and have the appropriate lengths cut. Then simply drape and enjoy.

6. Give your fireplace a facelift. A fireplace is the quintessential gathering spot for friends and family during holiday celebrations. A sleek stone makeover will update any drab or dated fireplace into a stylish focal point in your home. Add extra ambiance with candles, flowers and other simple decor on the mantel to make the space feel special.

"There's no better time to let your home shine than the holidays," Froelich said. "Adding holiday greenery, a few metallic touches and whimsical window updates will make your home feel festive. Now's the perfect time to get that tile project done that's been on the back burner, so you can show off your hard work and the amazing new space to all visitors." ■

—BPT



BPT

The fireplace is often a focal point during any holiday. This fireplace renovation has a neutral color palette that integrates seamlessly as holiday decor changes throughout the year. Seasonal embellishments like greenery, accessories and a stunning gold mirror complement beautifully crafted tile patterns to highlight the hearth and facade.



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PLEASANTON'S YOUTH COMMISSION no smoking



By Jeb Bing

Never underestimate the influence youths have in our community.

Thanks to the recommendation of the Pleasanton Youth Commission, smoking is now banned in all Pleasanton parks, and Mayor Jerry Thorne was on a TV30 program this week suggesting that the ban might be extended to the city's downtown business district.

The Youth Commission won the City Council's endorsement of the public parks ban last summer after offering an exhaustive study of the dangers secondhand smoke pose to others in the parks. The study earlier had been reviewed and the park-wide ban was supported by the city's Parks and Recreation and Human Services commissions.

Members of the Youth Commission, in their report, said that they were concerned about negative health effects from cigarette butts they found in parks, fire risks from improper cigarette disposal and "general health, safety and welfare concerns for persons using city parks and trails."

The ordinance adopted by the council also prohibits smoking on public trails and in city parking lots serving parks and trails. The commission exempted, however — and curiously — Callippe Preserve Golf Course, although the course's clubhouse already prohibits smoking inside the building or on its outdoors patio.

The Youth Commission had been investigating the city's current smoking restrictions and participated in the Alameda County Public Health Department's "Project Teen Friendly" program.

The project involved surveying the community about tobacco products being sold in local stores and observing how tobacco is being used in Pleasanton. It also gathered information from various health organizations, and members organized and undertook two weekend cigarette butt clean-ups at Ken Mercer Sports Park to quantify the amount of litter there.

Commissioners also sent along with their study to the council documents showing similar and even more onerous smoking bans in the neighboring communities of Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon.

For their work and their determination and strength of character, members of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 commissions were presented with the Tri-Valley Heroes Envi-

ronmental Stewardship Award by Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, which includes the Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com. The presentation was made at an awards ceremony held in late October at the DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club.

"We look around us every day and see heroes who deserve recognition," Pleasanton Weekly president and publisher Gina Channell-Allen said.

"Our staff decided in 2012 to create a program to recognize those individuals, groups and organizations that stand out because of their actions, integrity and honor — whether that hero is a firefighter who rescues a child from a burning house, the girl who is courageously battling leukemia, the business that allows its employees to mentor teens for an hour a week or the neighborhood group that cleans up the creek," she added.

Award recipients were nominated by community members for excellence in eight categories in all.

About 125 residents attended the ceremony at the Pleasanton hotel, congratulating the honorees before the presentation and then watching as each accepted their award and talked about their efforts in the community.

Several Youth Commission members and Pleasanton city officials were on hand to accept the award at the ceremony on behalf of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 commissions.

The Youth Commission acts as the liaison between Pleasanton's youth community and the City Council, advises the council on youth-related issues and promotes an understanding and appreciation of community affairs among the youth of Pleasanton.

The commission has 11 regular members and three alternate members who serve a maximum of six years with three terms of two years. The regular adult commission is eligible to serve a maximum term of eight years with two four-year terms.

Those interested in being on the commission can apply online at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/boards.asp> by completing the application and questionnaire.

"The Youth Commission provides a great opportunity for Pleasanton youth and teen population to get involved in their community and develop leadership skills," said Samu Tiumalu, the city's recreation supervisor for



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Accepting on behalf of the Pleasanton Youth Commission at the Tri-Valley Heroes ceremony in October were Becky Hopkins, Jonathan Pearce, Kim Chew, Louisa Dubose, Russell Ambrosiewicz, Samu Tiumalu and Megan Slonkis.

Hero FYI

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- ▲ The commission has 11 regular members and 3 alternate members, including representatives from the high school and middle school communities.
- ▲ They can serve a maximum of six years, with three terms of two years. The regular adult commission member is eligible to serve a maximum term of eight years, with two four-year terms.
- ▲ Current projects include expanding its cigarette smoking study that led to a ban on smoking in public parks in Pleasanton, and also planning a drought awareness campaign.
- ▲ The 2015-16 Youth Commission consists of chairman Jonathan Pearce, vice chair Ardin Lo, Charles "Alex" Rigl, Taylor Sowers, Avni Patel, Louisa DuBose, Michelle Zhou, Russell Ambrosiewicz, Kate Inman, Elisa Allari and Arthur Hwang, along with Lori Franklin, adult representative, and Kimberly Chew, alternate adult representative.
- ▲ The commission is currently seeking a middle school representative. Those interested can apply online at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/boards.asp.

preschool, youth and teens.

Tiumalu said the commission is currently working on extending the no-smoking ban and also on a drought awareness campaign.

It also is now updating the content on the Ptownlife.org website and planning for the Teen Job Fair on March 5 and the Youth in Government Day on March 8. ■



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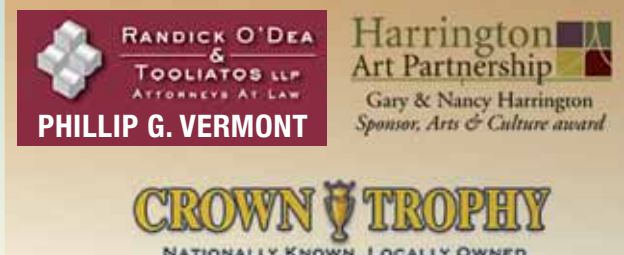
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COURTESY OF TRI-VALLEY JUDO

Local judo athletes star in Palo Alto

Athletes from Pleasanton's Tri-Valley Judo took home various medals from the 62nd-annual Palo Alto Judo Invitational on Nov. 15. Local participants were (back row, left to right) Cameron Hibbard first place, Madison Hibbard, Isabella Yciano first place, Eric Livshiz, Zoe Eugenio second place, Alexis Yciano first place and Brian Lee first place, and (front, left to right) Gabby Yciano second place, Candice Carandang first place, Etta Dikeman third place, Jacob Kaminsky third place and Henry Dikeman third place. Not pictured: Dan Ikegami first place.



PLEASANTON PREPS

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KARI DUKLETH

Foothill's Isaiah Floyd carries the ball downfield in the win over Antioch, as Dustin Dukleth (No. 57) follows to block.



KARI DUKLETH

Falcons defender Tate Alley brings down Alabama-bound Antioch running back Najee Harris.

Foothill faces De La Salle tomorrow for NCS football crown

Falcons book spot in championship with thrilling win over Antioch

Turning in arguably its hardest fought effort of the season, the Foothill football team pulled off a one-for-the-ages win, beating Antioch 55-54 in the North Coast Section Division I semifinals last weekend.

The Falcons will now face off against De La Salle at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the NCS championship game to be played at Dublin High School.

In last Saturday's thriller against Antioch, it came down to an Antioch two-point conversion attempt in the final minute that the Falcons stopped to clinch a spot in the title game.

And for all the effort it took to get there, the reward for Foothill is a date with De La Salle.

The Spartans, currently ranked No. 6 in the nation, are coming off a 70-14 win over a very good Pittsburg team in the other NCS semifinal. De La Salle jumped out to a 35-0 lead before half of the first quarter was over.

The starting De La Salle defense has not given up a touchdown since the second week of the season.

Not enough? De La Salle (11-1) has also won 23 straight NCS titles and have 30 NCS championships overall.

Foothill (12-0) will be playing in its seventh NCS title game — the last of which was 2006, when the Falcons also won their first 12 games before falling 33-7 to De La Salle.

Under the guidance of coach

Matt Sweeney, the Falcons have won four sectional titles, the last of which came in 2000 (when De La Salle competed in a different division).

It is a daunting task to be sure, but after the effort the Falcons turned in against Antioch, if there is a team with the heart to take on De La Salle, it is Foothill.

Foothill had seen a 55-40 lead with just 1:48 left all but disappear after Antioch running back Najee Harris scored his sixth touchdown of the game, making it 55-54 with under a minute to play.

The Panthers had gone — and converted — on all their previous two-point conversion attempts and with Harris, the University of Alabama-bound running back having racked up 390 yards rushing at that point, it seemed nearly automatic that Antioch would take the lead.

Foothill and Sweeney had other ideas.

"We needed to change the defense, but with so many of my guys playing both ways, we didn't have a chance to make those changes," Sweeney said.

In one timeout, Sweeney made the changes that would save the game.

Much like the rest of the two-point attempts, Harris got the ball and headed into the line. This time he was met with more resistance as Matt Gates, Dallas Martin and Brennan Gallagher made contact with Harris at the point of attack.

Harris, once the middle was shut down, slid off to the side. But again

the new scheme was working as Dario Dondero and Blake Braden were waiting. The duo, as well as other members of the defense, stopped Harris less than three feet short of the line.

"Our guys are resilient," Sweeney said. "We knew we would make the play."

Tickets for tomorrow's championship game will be sold through today at Foothill High's front office from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., as supplies last. Tickets are \$11 general/\$6 students and senior citizens.

Cross country

In any sport, hitting your stride as the postseason rolls along is always an athlete's goal.

For Amador Valley senior Melodie Leroudier, her postseason run was an example of just that, capping off her Amador career with a 16th-place finish in the California State Meet last Saturday in Fresno.

Leroudier started her run with a fourth-place finish in the East Bay Athletic League meet and followed by finishing seventh in the NCS Meet to get her to State.

Once in Fresno, Leroudier ran a near perfect race to finish her high school career.

"I would venture to say that no one in Amador Valley history has overachieved at the state meet to the degree that Melodie did," Amador coach Jason Oswald said.

Leroudier finished with an official time of 18:04, good enough for No. 2 in Amador history and a personal best time by 68 seconds. ■



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Seahawks swim in Qatar

The Pleasanton Seahawks Swim Club sent seven swimmers to the World Cup in Doha, Qatar earlier this fall.

Christie Chong swam a personal best in the 100 freestyle, and Miranda Heckman's personal-best performance in the 800 free earned her a new summer Junior National cut. Maxime Rooney swam a best time in the 400 free and finished in the top-eight in the 100 and 200 free.

Shown from left: Katie Woods, Samantha Howell, Anthony Jhong, Rooney, Chong, Chris Jhong, coach Steve Morsilli and Heckman.



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OutRageOus championship

The U14 Flight OutRageOus girls wrapped up their 2015 Pleasanton Rage season by winning the California Cup in Fremont in come-from-behind fashion last month.

Trailing 1-0 in the final against fellow Pleasanton squad Rage Revolution, Jordyn Self evened the score early in the second half with a goal off an Abbey Baer cross. Constanze Huebner put home the game-winner on a long shot that found the upper corner with four minutes left, giving OutRageOus the 2-1 victory in the championship game.

"The entire OutRageOus team contributed to the win with tremendous defensive and goal-keeping efforts as well," coach Jack Gerard said.

Calendar

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Auditions

SUNOL REP ANNUAL MELODRAMA Come join the fun. Try out for the annual Sunol Melodrama at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Sunol Glen School, 11601 Main St., Sunol. Parts for ages 16 and older. Fun costumes and great sets. Interesting jobs behind the scenes also. Profits go to Sunol Glen School liberal arts programs. Contact 519-4839 or SUNOLREP@gmail.com.

Book Clubs

TOWNE CENTER BOOK CLUB The club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 or visit www.townecenter-books.com for the current selection.

Civic Meetings

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

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

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

Clubs

AMADOR VALLEY TOASTMASTERS OPEN HOUSE Do you want to be a confident public speaker and confident leader? Toastmasters International is a Non-profit orga-

nization developing public speaking and leadership skills through practice and feedback. Amador Valley Toastmasters will host an Open House at 7 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10 at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. For more information and to RSVP, contact Michael Duong, Vice President of Public Relations, at friendlyod@gmail.com.

FOUNDING MOM'S MEETUP This group of Mompreneurs tackles business strategies while engaging in a fun and enlightened way. Join from noon-1:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. Cover is \$10. Call (480) 703-4632 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/FoundingMoms-EastBay>.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING Join GNON for a holiday bash, good food and great networking from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7 at Cellar Door Wine Bar, 4469 Railroad Ave. Feel free to bring a guest. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. RSVP and prepayment required. Call 487-4748 or go to www.gnon.org/rsvp.html.

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

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

PLEASANTON-TULANCINGO SISTER CITY All are welcome to join for

"Taco Tuesday" at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road Unit J. We are an active organization promoting cultural exchange, goodwill and friendship. We have a youth and adult exchange program. Call 989-6882 or go to www.ptsca.org.

Concerts

ALL-AMERICAN HOLIDAY CONCERT The Pleasanton Community Concert Band will perform seasonal music composed or arranged by American musicians about American traditions at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Free. Call 846-5897 or go to pleasantonband.org.

CANDLELIGHT STARLIGHT Let 200 children brighten your holidays with the "Choir of Angels." The International Award-Winning Cantabella Children's Chorus presents a choral celebration of light for Christmas, Hanukkah, and Diwali with two concerts; K-5th children perform at 1 p.m., 5-12th graders perform at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 12 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Tickets are \$22, children under 18 free. Contact president@cantabella.org or go to www.cantabella.org.

CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND GATHERING Get in the Christmas Spirit with Irish Folk band Pog Mo Thoin and guest Steve Kritzer on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Bring food to share at 6 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m. Free cider and tea. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 447-2787 or go to www.bothwellartscenter.org.

Events

MUSEUM ON MAIN READING TIME Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their

PET OF THE WEEK

EAST BAY SPCA



Ooh la la

Tresemme is the Queen Supreme. This young adult female King Charles Spaniel-Japanese Chin mix loves to stroll around the neighborhood to check on her subjects, but she enjoys the times you shower her with affection even more. Originally a shy wallflower, Tresemme now knows the world is not only a fun and safe place, but it's actually her kingdom. Meet her at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center, 4651 Gleason Drive. For more info, call 479-9670.

families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for books and crafts at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9. The theme is "Hanukkah Celebration." Admission is free. No reservations required. Call 462-2766 or go to <http://www.museumon-main.org/moms-reading-time.html>.

SECOND SATURDAY ART WALK Join Nancy and Gary Harrington on their Second Saturday Public Art Walk at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, 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.

Exhibits

SPECIAL FALL EXHIBITS Harrington Gallery and Firehouse Arts Center present works by prolific Los Gatos artist Ed Lucey, with works in oil of Central California farmland; and Oakland artist Jon Steven Walters, whose technique juxtaposes mixed layers of media, colors and shapes to transform figures into skewed after-images harnessed in layers of translucent paint. Exhibits run Oct. 15-Dec. 5. Contact the Gallery Director at 931-4849 or JFinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Fundraisers

FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS GARAGE SALE Foothill High School's senior class will hold a garage sale to raise money for their senior ball from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sat Dec. 12 in the Foothill High School parking lot. They will collect books, clothing, Foothill apparel, and sporting equipment from 7:30-10:30 a.m. weekdays, from Nov. 30-Dec. 10.

FRIENDS OF THE DUBLIN LIBRARY HOLIDAY BOOK SALE Friends of the Dublin Library will hold a Holiday Book Sale from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. You will find a great selection of beautiful hardcover books in excellent condition, ideal for gift giving. Call 803-7252 or go to www.dublinfriends.org.

PAWS IN NEED PHOTOS WITH SANTA Want a festive photo with Santa?

Photos with Santa will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Pet Extreme, 4500 Arroyo Vista, Livermore. Use your camera or our photographer for \$10 donation to Paws In Need. No reservations. Dogs on leashes, cats in carriers. Call Gay at 447-8903 or go to Paws-In-Need.org.

SLEEP TRAIN'S TOY DRIVE FOR FOSTER KIDS AND PHOTO CONTEST Christmas is an exciting time of year, but foster children often have the added worry of wondering whether Santa will find them. To help ensure every foster child wakes up with a gift on Christmas morning, Sleep Train is hosting its Toy Drive for Foster Kids and #SleepTrainSecretSanta photo contest, now through Dec. 13 at any Sleep Train location.

Health

COVERED CA/MEDI-CAL INFORMATION TABLE A Certified Enrollment Counselor from Axis Community Health will provide information, forms, and in-person assistance with health insurance from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday of the month, now through Jan. 31 at the Pleasanton Library. Call 201-6018 or go to www.axishealth.org/news_events/news_events.html.

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 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. Call 201-6018 or go to www.axishealth.org/news_events/news_events.html.

Holiday

BRING YOUR HANUKKAH MENORAH Join congregants and friends and bring a Hanukkiyah, a Hanukkah Menorah, to light before Shabbat services at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. The Hanukkiyot are lit before Shabbat services, so be sure to arrive early to set yours up. All are welcome, even if you don't bring a Hanukkiyah. Go to www.bethemek.org.



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'Classic Rock Christmas'

December People will star in the "Classic Rock Christmas" coming at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 12 to the Firehouse Arts Center, although the 8 p.m. show is already sold out. Tickets are \$30-\$40, and barrels will be in the lobby to benefit Open Heart Kitchen since December People is passionate about feeding the hungry as well as performing rock 'n' roll. The quintet of stars from renowned rock bands will perform holiday favorites in the styles of rock 'n' roll hits. The show will include appearances by the Amador Valley High School marching band drumline and the San Francisco hand-bell choir, Bell Appeal. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or purchase at the center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY TEA PARTY

Children can experience a real tea in a historic barn from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Child friendly menu, table amusements and a merry sing-a-long. Old St. Nick will a visit and take photos with the children. Cost is \$25. Call 452-2100.

HOLIDAY TEA Take a break from the holiday hustle-and-bustle for a traditional holiday tea, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, and at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Featuring classic tea sandwiches, scones, delectable desserts and peaceful holiday music. Cost is \$25. Call 452-2100.

SEVENTH NIGHT INITIATIVE Join a Hanukkah celebration for families with kids under 8, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. On this special night, instead of receiving a gift, our children give a gift. Families will create and decorate a pillow to donate to the Tri-Valley Haven. With candle lighting, Hanukkah songs with Rabbi Milder, latke dinner and crafts. Cost is \$20 per family. Go to www.bethemek.org.

Kids & Teens

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT OUT: MURDER MYSTERY AND UGLY SWEATER PARTY The City of Pleasanton will host the next Middle School Night Out: Murder Mystery Ugly Sweater Party with Creatures of Impulse Teen Improv Troupe from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11 at the Amador Recreation Center, 4455 Black Ave. With a pizza dinner, and prize for best holiday sweater. Tickets are \$15 for residents, \$17 for non-residents. Contact David Weisgerber at 931-3474 or dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov. Register at pleasantonfun.com course 60860.

Lectures/ Workshops

HOPE HOSPICE GRIEF SUPPORT**WORKSHOP: HANDLING THE**

HOLIDAYS Hope Hospice will offer a special workshop for those experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one, from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Learn about ideas and choices that can make a difference in handling the holidays. Call 829-8770 or go to <http://hopehospice.com/>.

HOPE HOSPICE: CREATIVE GRIEF, HEALING THROUGH EXPRESSION

Holidays can be an especially difficult time for grieving families. This workshop helps children acknowledge the upcoming holidays and honor them in the process. We create various keepsakes that not only connect them to their loved one, but serve as a method of grief expression and healthy coping. Join from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Call 829-8770.

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER

PLAN WORKSHOP The City of Pleasanton is in the process of updating its Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, focusing on improving biking and walking citywide for people of all ages and abilities. Join this workshop from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Pleasanton Library to share ideas and strategies. Contact Matt Nelson, Associate Traffic Engineer, at 931-5671 or manelson@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Miscellaneous

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ONLINE

BOOK SALE Did you know you could buy books from the Friends of the Library at Amazon.com? The Friends have a year round magazine and paperback book sale in the library and have two major book sales a year. To buy books, visit www.amazon.com/shops/ptwnfriends or call Nancy Bering at 462-4368.

VFW-AL COFFEE AND DONUTS Every Saturday morning from 7:30-9 a.m., the VFW and American Legion host coffee and donuts for all veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. All veterans are welcome. Visit www.vfwpost6298.com.

On Stage

‘ELF, JR.’ Based on the beloved holiday film, this fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf on his quest to find his true identity, presented by City of Pleasanton's Civic Arts Stage Company and the award-winning Bay Area Children's Theatre Company. The show runs at 7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, from Dec. 11-20. Tickets are \$7-\$18. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

VALLEY DANCE THEATRE

NUTCRACKER See Tchaikovsky's magical holiday classic "The Nutcracker" at 7 p.m. Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 12-20 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. No 2 p.m. performance Dec. 12. Tickets are \$25-\$38, \$19 for students 17 and under. Call 373-6800 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Seniors

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS

Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT THE DUBLIN

SENIOR CENTER Enjoy delicious food,

close friends and songs sung by Janice Reid at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. With holiday chicken roast, cornbread stuffing, roasted vegetables, sweet potato mash, gravy and apple cinnamon cobbler. Register in person, by mail or online by Dec. 11. Cost is \$15 for Dublin residents, \$18 for non-residents. Call 556-4511 or go to seniorctr.dublin.ca.gov.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR

CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.com.

ROTARY HOLIDAY DINNER TICKET

DISTRIBUTION Tickets for the annual Rotary Holiday Dinner will be distributed on Tuesday, Dec. 8 on a first come first served basis at the Pleasanton Senior Center. One ticket per senior, 62 years of age and older. Open to Pleasanton residents, proof of residency required. To pick up a ticket for a spouse bring their ID. Call 931-5365 or go to www.pleasanton-seniorcenter.org.

TRANSCRIBING FOR YOU

Transcribing for You has volunteers that will transcribe and print your letters to be sent. The service is located at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$1.50. Call 556-4511 for an appointment or email seniorctr@ci.dublin.us.

Spiritual

‘THE STORY’ EVENING BIBLE STUDY

God has gone to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. "The Story" is about the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, come find your story in God's story in the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation, at 6 p.m. every Sunday at Faith Chapel, 6656 Alisal St. Workbook is \$10. Call 846-8650 or go to www.fcpleasanton.org.

CENTERPOINTE CHURCH SUNDAY

WORSHIP Centerpointe Church, located at 3410 Cornerstone Court, will hold a worship service called "Ancient Future," rooted as the early church was in God's story, which is central to participants' lives, at 10 a.m. Sundays. Gatherings include songs, hymns, Scripture, art, ancient prayers and creeds and a biblically based message designed to deepen worshipers' relationship with Jesus as well as apply to their lives and equip them for the world. Call 846-4436 or go to www.centerpointechurch.org.

CRYSTAL SINGING BOWL CONCERT

Come to a sound-healing concert, played by Shala, from noon-1:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Everyone's experience will be unique and suited to their own specific needs. \$10 suggested love offering. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org.

ECKANKAR, COMMUNITY HU SONG

ECKANKAR, Community HU Song is

the theme of a non-denominational prayer activity at noon on Saturday, Dec. 5 at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. HU is a love song to God that can help you. Go to <http://eck-ca.org/>.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Lynnewood United Methodist Church offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship is at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221 or office@lynnewood.org.

SHAMANIC DRUM CIRCLE

Drumming will help you to gain access to your inner guidance and learn to work with your helping spirits. Presented by Ashleigh Pevey, a Shamanic healer, sessions are usually 3-4:15 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. For December only, session will be on Saturday, Dec. 12. Bring a drum or rattle; a few will be available. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT UNITY OF TRI-

VALLEY Join the Sunday service at 10 a.m. every week at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. All are welcome. Ongoing classes, groups, and activities. Call 829-2733 or go to <http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/>.

Support Groups

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GROUP Overwhelmed? Clutter stressing you out? CL is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. in the second floor Activity Room. Free. Optional \$3-\$5 donation appreciated. Call 922-1467 or go to www.ClutterLess.org.

MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE

Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit www.motherswithapurpose.org.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

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

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES

SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.



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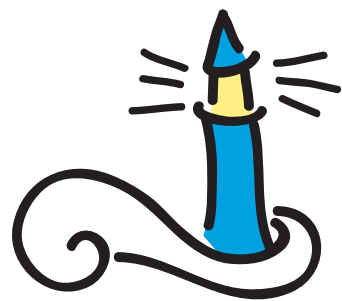
Golden Follies strut their stuff

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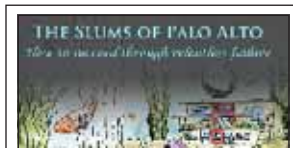
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115 Announcements

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

ZEN FITNESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 511474
The following person(s) doing business as: ZEN FITNESS, 3059 HOPYARD ROAD #C, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Traci Saba, 128 Alamo Lane, Tracy, CA 95377. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 09/01/2010. Signature of Registrant: Traci Saba. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/06/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11; 2015)

FASTEK TECHNICAL SERVICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 511564
The following person(s) doing business as: FASTEK TECHNICAL SERVICES, 4479 STONERIDGE DRIVE, SUITE C, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fastemps, Inc., 4479 Stoneridge Drive, Suite C, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 07/01/1989. Signature of Registrant: Mari Ghazey, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/10/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11; 2015)

DESIGN WORKS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 511272
The following person(s) doing business as: DESIGN WORKS, 275 ROSE AVE. #200, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MonaFox, Inc., 9104 Longview Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 09/03/2008. Signature of Registrant: Mona Fox, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/03/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11; 2015)

SWEET AND SAVORY CAFE AND BAKERY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 511566
The following person(s) doing business as: SWEET AND SAVORY CAFE AND BAKERY, 5685 GIBRALTAR DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SIDA, Inc., 5685 Gibraltar Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 11/03/1992. Signature of Registrant: Donald L. Eichler, CFO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/10/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11; 2015)

ACHIEVE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 511738
The following person(s) doing business as: ACHIEVE, 3550 BERNAL AVE. UNIT 140, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gabriel Araiza, 3513 Kamp Drive, 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: Gabriel Araiza. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/17/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18; 2015)

PSPS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 511141
The following person(s) doing business as: PSPS, 4300 BLACK AVE. #415, PLEASANTON, CA 94566; PO BOX 415, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joseph Upchurch, 4300 Black Ave. #415, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: Joseph Upchurch. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 10/29/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18; 2015)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG15793198 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: JAMES DERRICK GIBRON and TRACY LYN GIBRON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JAMES DERRICK GIBRON to JAMES DERRICK STARK; TRACY LYN GIBRON to TRACY LYN STARK. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: APRIL 7, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Dept.: 503 of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA, 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: Nov. 13, 2015 /s/ Winifred Y Smith, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 20, 27, Dec. 4, 11; 2015)



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Pleasanton

1057 Bartlett Place Griffus Trust to Wright Trust for \$1,432,000
6320 Benner Court W. Joerger to N. & J. Dreyfus for \$775,000
3923 Blacow Court M. Ridout to D. Tran for \$1,055,000
3105 Chardonay Drive W. Cheung to M. & R. Binsale for \$1,153,000
4881 Cobbler Court D. Fogel to V. Gandur for \$1,065,000
7750 Country Lane Chapman Trust to A.

Jutkowitz for \$1,700,000
986 Crellin Road M. & R. McLaughlin to J. & B. Martinez for \$1,010,000
3107 East Ruby Hill Drive Wright Trust to S. & H. Nibber for \$2,413,000
4290 Fairlands Drive D. & L. Morris to V. Punati for \$943,500
3615 Fieldview Court McCloskey Trust to X. & X. Wang for \$1,460,000
2567 Grappa Place T. Samuel to M. Singh for \$2,190,000
564 Gyles Place Ponderosa Homes to P. Kulkarni for \$1,197,500
199 Junipero Street L. Corsetti to D. Rae for \$640,000

2928 Lethbridge Court I. & L. Parker to W. Zheng for \$930,000
9512 MacDonald Court T. & A. Yan to B. Guo for \$2,183,000
849 Madeira Drive R. Petersen to J. & S. Zarfoss for \$1,000,000
1966 Paseo Del Cajon P. Yang to G. & Z. Liu for \$930,000
3721 Rocky Mountain Court A. Williams to S. Bidaye for \$815,000
541 Rose Avenue #3 Dermaur Trust to Page Trust for \$470,000
3494 Smoketree Commons Drive R. Nakano to Blackford-Johnson Trust for \$225,000

Dublin

3693 Aviano Way Keenan Trust to Y. Liu for \$848,000
4519 Brannigan Street J. Saberi to P. Venkataswamy for \$772,500
7561 Brigadoon Way R. & A. Miura to L. Nichols for \$651,000
7612 Brighton Drive L. & R. Cassity to S. & K. King for \$710,000
7211 Burton Street Heller Trust to M. Mantooth for \$770,000
2360 Carbondale Way Brookfield Trio to H. Liu for \$759,000
4842 Central Parkway #80 T. Hardin to L. Yuan for \$604,000
7231 Cronin Circle D. Harding to T. Li for \$485,000
2731 East Cog Hill Terrace S. & Y. Lee to A. Khan for \$1,550,000
4321 Fitzwilliam Street M. Gloyd to A. Kapoor for \$565,000
4192 Forest Springs Road Brookfield Trio to B. & J. Yan for \$780,000
2196 Forino Drive Brown Trust to G. & E. Madan for \$1,295,000

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 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Livermore

5 BEDROOMS
1899 Smoke Bellew Road **\$1,229,000**
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 947-2200

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3 BEDROOMS
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 Sun 1-4 Sonali Sethna 525-2569

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