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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

828 columns, 579,600 words over the last 16 years

Longtime editor reflects on The Pleasanton Weekly's history

Yep, that's me in a caricature drawn by Shannon Corey, Pleasanton Weekly's designer at the time and who is now the Marketing and Creative Director for all of Embarcadero Media's print and online publications. Yesterday marked the 16th anniversary of this newspaper and those numbers above show how many "Around Pleasanton" columns I have written since we launched the paper on Jan. 28, 2000.

That's a lot of words and far more than former Pleasanton Mayor Ben Tarver expected from me. I remember back in late 1999 when we were preparing the first edition for launch, I paid a visit to the his City Hall office. I showed him the a prototype of that first edition and talked about the Weekly's plans to cover Pleasanton. Tarver, who left office in November 2000 and died in 2010, congratulated me. But then he shook his head, saying it would be a short-lived business venture since there was so little news to report in this small town, and that I would have nothing left to write about within six months.

This column and this 16th year of the Weekly's publication proves him wrong. In the years since then, we have published thousands of stories about Pleasanton and the greater Tri-Valley, including many about Mr. Tarver's final days as mayor. Pleasanton's population is now over 72,000, our weekly press run totals more than 14,000 newspapers, delivered every Friday to homes and apartments as well as to newsstands around town, at the BART station and in neighboring cities that quickly empty out every weekend. Contrary to the late mayor's prediction, we have more news, sports, business and feature stories to fill our paper each week than space to accommodate them and growing columns of advertising that keep our skilled management team and advertising representatives busy 60 hours a week and sometimes longer. We're also publishing special sections regularly on a wide range of issue-focused topics, from Our Neighborhoods, Staying Healthy, Camp Connection, Buying and Selling, Pleasanton Life, Readers Choice, gift guides and more.

Also growing in popularity is our lively and interactive website at www.PleasantonWeekly.com and its popular Town Square interactive site for readers. Almost any time day or night, you can sign on to Town



A caricature of editor Jeb Bing is displayed on a 2007 cover. Bing has been a part of The Weekly since its start 16 years ago..

Square to read someone's comments on current topics. Although there have been some indiscretions which we have to manage and sometimes delete, the vast majority of postings are thoughtful, knowledgeable and sometimes even exclusive news reports that our reporters learn about for the first time along with our readers. Regular bloggers on our website also provide outside commentary about local and even global issues.

Just as we cover the news, the Pleasanton Weekly and our staff also give back to the community we serve. We're a sponsor of key downtown events, including the Pleasanton Downtown Association's Friday night summertime concerts in the park. Our annual Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund has raised more than \$1 million for Pleasanton and Tri-Valley nonprofits since 2002. We're active with veterans' organizations, service clubs, realty groups and the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

Our goal as we start our 17th year as your community newspaper hasn't changed from the start. We are committed to providing the most accurate and consistently reliable news coverage and commentaries of interest to all of us who live and work here. We strive to report that news in an objective, unbiased manner. On our website, as well as in our Friday print editions, we will continue to provide local news not available elsewhere in a year that promises to be one of the most exciting Pleasanton has ever seen.

Thanks for reading. Stay tuned for much more. ■

About the Cover

Today marks the beginning of the Pleasanton Weekly's 17th year covering the local news, features, events, opinions and sports our readers crave. Take a look back on The Weekly's covers to celebrate this Sweet 16. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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Wherever you go, I want to be there. Right there with you. Because you're amazing and no one will ever appreciate your amazing-ness like I will.

Car rides? I love them. Let's go. Walks? We'll work out together, just you and me. You have little humans around? I've lived with them before. I hate being away from you - so it'd be better if you're home a lot. I also would prefer not to have other pets around - I want you all to myself.

I'm Eddie. I'm an 9 y/o Jack Russell terrier mix with a playful disposition and perfect bathroom habits.

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How do you react/respond when a passing stranger says "hello" to you?



Ellen O'Leary

Reading Specialist

It kind of depends entirely on what the person looks like. If they look normal and friendly, I usually just say "hi" right back. But if they look creepy, or like they're about to start following me, or are about to ask me for money, I don't respond at all and just keep walking.



Fred Pollitz

Seismologist

I almost always say "hello" back, and I remember the person's face, and put them on my "good list." That way, if I see them again in the future, I will be the one to say "hello" first.



Anja Pollitz German Teacher

I always reply back with a friendly "hello." I really like when people greet each other in the street. It acknowledges the existence of the other person, and this can mean so much to someone who feels lonely or sad. I grew up in a small village in Germany where everyone greeted one another, whether they knew them or not, and it always gave me a feeling of belonging.



Frannie Shuh with mom, Lisa

Pre-School Student

I just look straight ahead and don't talk to strangers. My mommy says there are a lot of very nice strangers, but that since some strangers are not so nice and might want to hurt me, it is better to just not talk to any strangers at all.



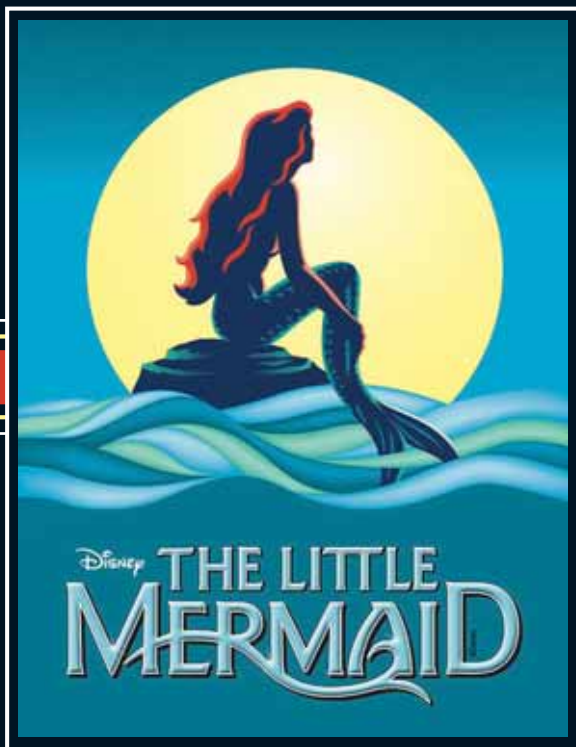
Brendan Demsey

Firefighter

Well, I'm a pretty big guy and never want anyone to feel threatened when they see me walking toward them, so I'm often that stranger who says "hello." If anyone should happen to say "hello" to me first, of course I say "hello" back. I think it is very civilized for people to acknowledge one another.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Cub Scout honored

Fourth-grade Pleasanton student Jeremy Sien was recognized at a Cub Scout event Jan. 19 after he and his scout pack wrote meaningful holiday cards to service men and women in the armed forces and Livermore's veteran hospital.

Cub Scout Pack 901, which meets at Alisal Elementary, wrote letters that were delivered over the holiday season, and Jeremy's letter was sent to serviceman Joel Barnecut, who was deployed on the U.S.S. Ponce.

Barnecut traced the letter back to Cub Scout Pack 901, and Jeremy and Barnecut met last week when the serviceman presented Jeremy with a gift from the U.S.S. Ponce and a letter from Barnecut's commanding officer.

Unemployment drops locally

The state's overall unemployment rate increased slightly last month but many Bay Area counties showed improvement, according to data released Friday by the California Employment Development Department.

California Employment Development Department officials said the unemployment rate increased to 5.8 percent statewide in December, based on a monthly survey.

This represents a slightly worse figure than in November, when unemployment was 5.7 percent, according to the data. There was an estimated decrease of 10,000 Californians holding jobs since November.

But it is an improvement over December 2014, when the statewide unemployment rate was 7.1 percent. The employment total increased by 334,000 jobs since then, according to the data.

Alameda County dropped to 4.3 percent and Contra Costa County to 4.5 percent.

—Bay City News

Job fairs

The East Bay Regional Park District plans to hire more than 400 youth from 15 to 24 years of age to work in its parks, offices and visitor centers this summer.

The park district will hold a job fair Jan. 30 in Oakley and Feb. 6 in Oakland for youth interested in these jobs. The Oakley fair will be located at Big Break Visitor Center, 69 Big Break Road, and the Oakland job fair will be at the Trudeau Training Center, 11500 Skyline Blvd. Both fairs are from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information and current job listings, go to www.ebparks.org/jobs or call 510-544-2154. ■

Backers of measure to stop Lund Ranch development face Feb. 5 deadline

Coalition must collect 4,124 signatures from registered voters to put referendum on June ballot

By JEB BING

Backers of a proposed referendum to overturn the City Council's approval of a housing development on Lund Ranch will be at Pleasanton supermarkets and other high-traffic locations today in their final push to collect enough signatures from registered voters to put the measure on the June ballot.

Proponents of the referendum have until 5 p.m. Feb. 5 to gain signatures from 10% of the city's registered voters, or 4,124 signatures from 41,237 on the city's registered voter rolls as of today.

Kelly Cousins, president of a

grass-roots organization called PleasantonVoters.com, which is gathering signatures in support of a referendum, said her group is actually pushing for 5,500 Pleasanton voter signatures to have a sufficient margin case any of those who signed their petitions are not actually registered voters.

Allen Roberts, another referendum backer, said he's hoping for at least 6,000.

Once the petitions are filed at the end of the day with Pleasanton City Clerk Karen Diaz, she will send them to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' office, which will check each signature against voter

registration records and also look for duplicates.

It's that office's final number that will determine if there are at least 10% of the city's registered voters to call for a referendum.

If there are, Diaz will send that verification to the City Council which could repeal the ordinance it approved Jan. 5 authorizing Greenbriar Homes to build 43 homes on the Lund Ranch parcel on the city's southeast side, or within 88 days call for a special election to ask voters to decide how to proceed. That election would likely be held during the June 7 primary at an estimated cost to city taxpayers of

\$250,000.

It's that cost and the view by many residents, especially those living in the Ventana Hills and Junipero Street neighborhoods of Pleasanton, who supported the council's decision to allow Greenbriar to build its project, that has generated strong opposition to the proposed referendum.

At street corners and at Farmers Market on the last few Saturdays, a citizens' coalition under the online name of ProtectPleasantonNeighborhoods has been countering referendum backers, urging voters not

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YMCA honors those who make a difference

Annual breakfast recognized organizations, honored MLK

More than 250 supporters of the Tri-Valley YMCA filled the ballroom at the DoubleTree Hotel in Pleasanton Monday to salute three Legacy Award winners and to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Y's 16th annual fellowship breakfast was held on the Monday following the actual Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration so that those who were away on the holiday could join in the observance.

This year's program included an inspirational talk by retired Golden State Warriors basketball center Adonal Foyle, the Warriors longest tenured player when he retired in 2007. Foyle founded Democracy Matters, a non-partisan student organization and speaks frequently on college campuses.

As part of the annual event, the Tri-Valley Y honored two organizations and cancer survivor June Mirassou, a former elementary school teacher who learned in September 2014 that she had Stage 4 GBM brain cancer. While the news was devastating to June, her husband Steven and their four children, it also triggered what she calls a "Cancer-Fighting Ninja Warrior" inside of her.

"June began a blog to share her experience with others, as well as the fight that she had inside of her," said Kenny Altenburg, the YMCA's branch operations director. "While this blog was meant as a form of therapy for June and as a way to keep her loved ones informed, it grew into something much bigger, becoming a huge inspiration to many, many people across the nation. It has helped others who are experiencing their own 'fights' in their lives."

Introducing Mirassou to loud applause at the breakfast, Altenburg



LARS HO-TSEUNG

June Mirassou (center), who used her "Cancer-Fighting Ninja Warrior" techniques to successfully battle stage 4 GBM brain cancer, holds Tri-Valley YMCA's Legacy award, presented by Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (left) and Pleasanton City Councilwoman Karla Brown.

added: "We salute June and her Cancer-Fighting Ninja Warrior persona for inspiring hope in so many of those who need it the most. Today we honor you with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award."

Also receiving a Legacy Award were students and teachers of the Pleasanton school district's SEED program.

"This program seeks to engage education professionals to create gender-fair, multiculturally equitable, socio-economically aware and globally informed education, communities, and workplaces," said

Lars Ho-Tseung, chairman of the Tri-Valley Y's board of directors.

"SEED leaders are teachers and administrators who are committed to disrupting systemic injustice within our education system," he said.

They research, plan and facilitate SEED seminars on a monthly basis, along with mentoring a student-led group and by providing other professional development opportunities including film nights, presentations at Leader-

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School board moves forward with bond measure consideration

Community survey to be done by polling firm as first step in process

By MEREDITH BAUER

As a first step toward putting forward a bond measure for school funding, Pleasanton's school board voted to do a survey to gauge community support.

Board members decided at their public meeting last night to send out a survey to get parent, teacher, student and community member input as to whether the district should pursue a bond measure.

School leaders have often stated at board meetings that the district doesn't have the funding it needs to upgrade school facilities, and a district report states that it needs \$500 million for new buildings and renovations to its schools.

That funding would be for new classrooms, modernization of existing buildings, renovations to student drop-off areas, landscaping and technology upgrades, among other construction projects.

District staff will research estimates for polling firms, and the board will pick one to complete the community survey.

Board member Mark Miller said Pleasanton Unified doesn't have the funding it needs to upgrade its facilities because the district doesn't get as much funding from the state as it once did. He said a large chunk of the district's budget

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PDA to host special events day before Super Bowl

Scavenger hunts planned downtown for children, adults

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is sponsoring special events Feb. 6 in recognition of Super Bowl Sunday the following day.

The 50th Super Bowl is in Santa Clara at Levi Stadium on Feb. 7 and Pleasanton has been recognized by the Super Bowl Host Committee as a Super Community.

In celebration of the event, the PDA will host a "Super Scavenger Hunt" event from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 6 while supplies last.

Children 10 years old and younger are invited to come pick up instructions, goody bags and their first clues from the starting location outside of the Museum on Main, 603 Main St. that will be marked with a golden balloon arch and a giant football. They have to solve their first clue in order to find the next downtown location, where they will be given a fun football-themed treat and their next clue.

More than a dozen downtown businesses are participating in the event. Parents will be given the answers to all of the clues to help children find the treat locations.

The "Hunt For The Golden Football," a scavenger hunt for adults, also will take place at 4 p.m. Feb. 6. Those who find a football hidden downtown could win one of several prizes, including \$300 cash.

Here's how it works: Follow the Pleasanton Downtown Association on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Hints to where seven footballs are hidden downtown will be shared on those social media channels.

Each football is color coded and matches a prize. The golden football is worth \$300.

Once you find a football, report to the golden arch outside of the Museum on Main. Redeem the football to receive your prize.

The prizes include a Debbie Wardrope painting from Studio Seven Arts, a Towne Center Books gift card, Coffee Tea Superstore gift card, Drift gift card, Main Street Sunglasses gift card, special glassware from Redcoats, a gift card from Therapy and \$300 cash from the Pleasanton Downtown Association. ■

—Jeb Bing

Hacienda ends 2015 with positive year of growth

Development now home to 650 companies, 4,300 residents

JEB BING

Hacienda, the largest mixed-use development of its kind in Northern California, saw another year of continued growth in its business park last year.

James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager, said more than 735,000 square feet of tenant activity occurred in 2015. This included new project approvals, the completion of an apartment project and the start of construction on a new office building.

Also underway last year was work on three new apartment projects.

"2015 was another great year for Hacienda, the fifth in a row where we saw positive growth, year over year," Paxson said. "By every measure, including new entitlement, investment, construction and occupancy, 2015 was a resounding success."

"Hacienda continues to be a place where business activity wants to occur," he added.

Major transactions in 2015 were seen by companies in a variety of business segments, including The Gap (retail), Roche Molecular Systems (expansion) (biomedical),

Ellie Mae (expansion) (mortgage services), Diebold (financial), SmartZip (real estate), Cisco (networking), Chicago Title (real estate), First American Title (real estate) and Acosta (food).

Hacienda is the largest development of its kind in Northern California. Over 10 million square feet of existing, mixed-use space is occupied by some 650 companies that locally employ approximately 19,000 people. In addition, Hacienda is home to some 4,300 residents in rental units and single family homes. ■

REFERENDUM

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to sign those petitions. At times, both sides have been accused of loud interruptions.

Also, those against a referendum have accused the referendum backers of using paid signature gatherers who are not residents of Pleasanton at a cost of approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000, "bankrolled by an unknown number of wealthy individuals in order to acquire enough signatures to put their referendum on the ballot."

"That's true, we are using some paid signature gatherers," Roberts said, explaining that outside help was needed because of the difficulty in reaching more than 4,000 registered voters in a tight 30-day time frame.

"We originally thought the coun-

cil would vote on Dec. 15 and we would have the busy holiday period to gather our signatures," he said. "It's a lot harder in January, but we still have far more volunteers doing the job than those being paid."

At issue is the council's approval to allow Greenbriar to build 43 homes on the 194-acre Lund Ranch site. As part of the agreement, Greenbriar would donate 177 of those acres to the city as open space, which would be kept free of any future development in perpetuity with hiking trails to be added.

Although the number of homes was reduced from Greenbriar's earlier bid to build more than 100, a road extending Sunset Creek Way to reach the development would have to be built on hillside slopes greater than 25% in violation of Measure PP, a voter-approved measure that now rules against hillside construction.

Many of those backing the referendum to overturn this vote also were among the more than 60% of Pleasanton voters who approved PP three years ago.

Councilwoman Karla Brown voted against the Lund Ranch approval. Councilman Jerry Pentin abstained because he lives close to the neighborhoods affected by the development. Three others — Mayor Jerry Thorne and councilmembers Kathy Narum and Arne Olson — voted for the agreement.

If there is a referendum and a majority of those voting approves it, the council's approval would be rescinded and Greenbriar would have to wait at least a year before returning with another development plan.

If the referendum is put on the ballot and fails, the council's action stands and Greenbriar could proceed with the development. ■

TRI-VALLEY Y

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ship Team meetings, Common Core Cohort sessions, a summer institute and Parent Teacher Association meetings, Ho-Tseung explained.

With Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and interim school superintendent Jim Hansen joining them on stage, the SEED team accepted the Legacy Award from Ho-Tseung. Another award recipient was

Ross Stores and the Ross Stores Foundation. Altenburg presented the award to Leslie Oestreicher, director of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability for Ross, and Glen Boyer, senior vice president of Ross' real estate market research.

"Ross's national partners include the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, First Book, the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross," Altenburg said.

"In addition to these partners, we have also seen firsthand their com-

mitment to the youth in our community and at the Y," he added. "Last year, we had a handful of Youth & Government delegates here in the Tri-Valley and at our branch in Hayward that did not have access to dress clothes for our trip to Sacramento. Within a very short time frame, Ross had provided gift cards to ensure that these students had the same experience that the other 3,000 high school students had in this program." ■

—Jeb Bing

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is spent on salaries, benefits and other inflexible costs.

"The amount of money we have to flex ... is a very small percent of the budget. It's not like we're off spending money on all kinds of weird things," he said.

The district will also create a community committee to provide input on the bond measure, which is to be made up of two board members, two parents, two community members and four administrators from various levels.

"For me, this is a no-brainer," board member Chris Grant said. "I think

we've done a great job at being prudent, and the time to re-invest is now."

"We haven't invested in infrastructure," he said. "We've invested in people. We've invested in initiatives and curriculum" but infrastructure still needs attention.

Pleasanton Unified last passed a bond measure for school facilities construction in 1997, and efforts in 2009 and 2011 to pass a voter-approved parcel tax to fund city schools failed.

In other school news:

Pleasanton Unified is one step closer to revising its calendar, and two draft calendars will be available for public review at community meetings next week.

The district will hold two com-

munity meetings Feb. 3 and Feb. 4 to go over the results of a community survey regarding a potential calendar change. The Feb. 3 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Amador Valley High in the school's library, and the Feb. 4 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Foothill High at the school's multi-purpose room.

The two calendar options will next go before the board for consideration and approval of a final calendar for the upcoming school year.

The options come after a prolonged discussion about whether the district should change its instructional calendar for the 2016-17 year, including whether high school first semester exams should be moved before the winter holidays. ■

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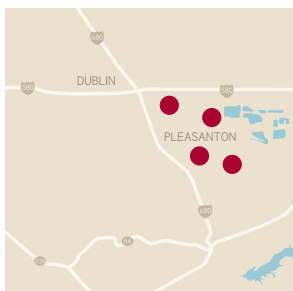


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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Head-on collision on Hwy. 84 injured 2, tears truck in half

A head-on collision injured both drivers and split a pickup truck in half Saturday morning just east of I-680 on Highway 84.

The crash occurred at 10:36 a.m. Alameda County Fire Battalion Chief Stephanie Radecke said a Toyota Tundra and a U-Haul truck crashed head-on, tearing the Tundra in half and rolling the U-Haul over on its side.

One driver was transported to a hospital by helicopter and the other was transported by ground ambulance, Radecke said.

A wet road may have been a factor in the collision, police said.

The crash created debris and one of the vehicles also leaked fuel onto the roadway, causing Hwy. 84 to be closed for several hours while crews cleaned up the scene.

Firefighters from the Alameda County Fire Department, Cal Fire and the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department responded to the incident.

In other police news:

- Several car break-ins were reported last week

outside Stoneridge Shopping Center after someone got inside several cars – in some cases, by smashing car windows – and took items that were left inside vehicles.

One car that was broken into on Jan. 20 between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. contained a GoldCoast long-board and about 20 Nintendo video games, which were stolen. The skateboard and games cost about \$650.

In another case, the window of a rental vehicle was smashed, causing \$300 in damage. About \$880 in items was reported missing, including a \$500 laptop, \$300 wifi hotspot device and an \$80 backpack was stolen. The car was broken into between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Jan. 20.

No arrests had been made in the cases as of Monday.

- A Kaiser office building on Hacienda Drive was broken into late last week, and several iPad Airs were reported as stolen.

Someone broke into the office between 6:20 p.m. Jan. 21 and 11 a.m. Jan. 22, taking three iPad Airs worth \$500 each.

Pleasanton police are investigating the break-in, and no arrests had been made as of Monday in the case. ■

—Meredith Bauer

Information from Bay City News was used in this report.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 23

Theft

- 5:22 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting
- 7:17 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft

Domestic battery

- 6:17 p.m. on Hacienda Drive

Sex offenses

- 1:36 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

Fraud

- 1:14 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Jan. 22

Theft

- 6:51 a.m., 3100 block of Camdon Court; auto theft
- 8:20 a.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 1:13 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto
- 12:33 p.m., 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; theft from structure
- 3:38 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto
- 4:48 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto
- 5:29 p.m., 4400 block of Black Avenue; bike theft
- 7:07 p.m., 6100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 7:27 p.m., 1200 block of Quarry Lane; theft from auto

Burglary

- 12:55 at Stoneridge Mall

Jan. 21

Theft

- 8:01 a.m., 4300 block of Valley Avenue; theft from auto
- 11:25 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting
- 5:28 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft
- 8:14 p.m., 6000 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft

Domestic battery

- 8:06 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Assault/battery

- 3:32 p.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Jan. 20

Burglary

- 5:05 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:41 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall
- 9:49 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Theft

- 7:10 a.m., 1500 block of East Gate Way; theft
- 8:32 a.m., 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft
- 9:56 a.m., 3800 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from auto
- 3:43 p.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; theft
- 5:10 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting
- 5:42 p.m., 6700 block of Koll Center Parkway; auto theft
- 6:21 p.m., 6600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 7:31 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 9:39 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto

Fraud

- 12:04 p.m. in the 5200 block of Forest Hill Drive
- 2:57 p.m. in the 7700 block of Olive Drive
- 4:35 p.m. in the 2100 block of Arroyo Court

Jan. 19

Domestic battery

- 11:14 p.m. on Railroad Avenue

Theft

- 6:31 a.m., 3300 block of Prairie Drive; theft
- 8:40 a.m., 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft
- 9:07 a.m., 4900 block of Owens Drive; bike theft
- 9:22 a.m., 5200 block of Case Avenue; theft from auto
- 10:17 a.m., 4100 block of Remillard Court; theft
- 3:03 p.m., 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft
- 4:44 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting
- 6:38 p.m., 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto

- 9:48 p.m., Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

- 11:18 p.m., 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft

Residential burglary

- 12:28 p.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle
- 6:41 p.m. in the 7200 block of Valley View Court

Sex offenses

- 11:18 a.m. on Beech Court

Jan. 18

Embezzlement

- 6 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Theft

- 11:55 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

John Robert Watson

February 28, 1925-January 17, 2016

John (Jack) Robert Watson died peacefully January 17, 2016. He and sis, Dot(deceased) were born Feb 28, 1925 in Bellevue, PA. He married MaryAnn Horn and had four girls. Jack was a computer programmer with IBM, Memorex and ICOT. He loved sailing, camping, cruising, bingo, cards and building boats. He built his first boat as a teen and last at 89. Survived by Jo,Francis, Karen,Ken, Lynn,Pat, Patti,Jay, Eric,Rikke, Kristi,Kevin, Kyle,Tiff, Kasey, Cassi, Kiki,Matt, Allie,Jeff, Chelsea, Haldan, Bjorn, Ella,Tyler,Lizzy, Mason, Bayley,Austin.

PAID OBITUARY

Meribeth Detweiler

August 9, 1955 – January 23, 2016

After a six year battle with colon cancer, Meribeth Detweiler was called to the Lord at the age of 60 while surrounded by her immediate family.

Meribeth is survived by her husband Karl and their children, Joel(Sarah), Todd and Jayna, her nieces Kathy Houret, Jayne Bower and Mindy Prow, and her “adoptive sister” Janet Kittler.

She was born in Terre Haute, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents Paul and Evelyn Ellingsworth and her sister Jacque Bower. She graduated from West Vigo High School in Terre Haute and San Jose State University.

She was brave to the end as she fought for her life, enduring numerous surgeries and chemo treatments with unbelievable strength and positive emotions. She loved to dance, loved to entertain, loved her children, her husband, her friends and especially her community. She served on the Pleasanton Human Services Commission and was a volunteer Barton Tutor at Valley View Elementary for many years. She also actively supported many local politicians and causes.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy, Pleasanton, CA on Saturday January 30th at 3:00 PM and will be followed by a reception at the church.

Donations in leau of flowers can be made to: Progress Tools (Honduras Project) http://www.progresstools.org/?page_id=862 or American Cancer Society

<https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/donateonlinenow/index>

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Why not a referendum?

The city is abuzz with backers of a proposed referendum to overturn the City Council's Jan. 5 decision to allow development on Lund Ranch in southeast Pleasanton with an equally large number of residents opposing a costly referendum. Both groups, whose coalitions have active websites, are stating their positions in brochures, posters and one-on-one discussions around town and in advertisements in current issues of the Pleasanton Weekly.

At issue is the council's decision Jan. 5 to allow Greenbriar Homes to build 43 upscale homes on the 194 acres of largely undeveloped property

it owns in the hills south of Sunol Boulevard. As part of the agreement, access to 12 of those homes would be on Lund Ranch Road through the Ventana Hills and Mission Park communities, using Independence Drive and Junipero Street to reach Sunol Boulevard. Owners of the other 31 homes would travel on Sunset Creek Lane and Sycamore Creek Way through the Sycamore Creek and Bridle Creek neighborhoods. Greenbriar would also donate 177 acres of its property to the city as open space, which would be kept free of any future development.

Although Greenbriar downsized its original development

plan for more than 100 homes on the site, its proposed extension of Sunset Creek Lane across a creek and through hilly terrain has brought protests. That short extension would be built on hillside slopes greater than 25% in violation of Measure PP, a voter-approved measure that now rules against hillside construction. The council determined that roads are exempted from PP's requirements; those seeking a referendum to overturn that decision disagree.

While we said at the time that the council's decision was equitable and fair, and that it ended agonizing debates and public hearings dating back to

the first Lund Ranch development proposals in 2002, we also see no reason not to put the council's action to a vote. Pleasanton has a long history of taking controversial issues to voters, ranging from development plans for Bernal Community Park (approved), 51 homes on Oak Grove hillsides above Kottinger Ranch (denied), even the approval of Hacienda Business Park (approved).

Sixty percent of Pleasanton voters approved Measure PP, another controversial measure. Give them a chance to decide if roads, along with homes, should or should not be allowed on hillsides to end the debate once and for all. ■

LETTERS

Recall referendum a better choice

Dear Editor, I have been reading all the excited letters for and

against putting a referendum on the general ballot concerning the Lund Ranch II construction. I believe all of you are missing a more important issue: Where will the water come from? Water for construction, landscaping, 100+ new

residents; where will it come from? The Pleasanton water people are adding a surcharge for using an excessive amount of water. The governor, in his "State of the State" address, reminded us that the drought is ongoing, in spite of the recent rain. The scientists and weather experts have cautioned that we would need multiple years of above-average precipitation to fill reservoirs and recharge the ground water.

Why would the Pleasanton City Council approve any new construction? Do they not understand the word emergency? The kickbacks must be very enticing to cause the council to abandon their responsibility to the current residents. Maybe a recall referendum would be a better choice.

Emerson Biggins

Don't spend \$247,000 of taxpayer money

Dear Editor, A paid signature gathering referendum is trying to use \$247K of tax payer money to overturn city planning council's approval on Lund Ranch II projects. Supporters of the referendum want to avoid building a road through their community though they have all signed documents agreeing to that when they purchased their properties. They also used measure PP as their support though original authors of PP rejected their claims multiple times in public city council hearings. Their goal is to steer the road through another community rather than protecting the nature by not building any new development.

Xin Wang

Residents will lose, regardless of outcome

Dear Editor, The Pleasanton City Council majority ignored key provisions of Measure PP on Jan. 5 by approving the Lund Ranch II project. The Council's interpretation of Measure PP's restrictions was flawed and

will result in grading and construction within 100 feet of a ridge and on slopes exceeding 25%.

As a result, a citizen's referendum is underway to put this project on the ballot to overturn the approval. I would urge you to sign the petition, as the Council's action sets a terrible precedent and opens the door for future destructive hillside development.

The issue has been clouded by two adjoining neighborhoods who are at odds over the share of traffic from the project on their streets. While understandable, it is unfortunate, unnecessary, and puts Measure PP at risk. The Council could have found an acceptable compromise, including upholding Measure PP by granting the permitted 10 unit exemption acceptable to both neighborhoods. Instead, the Council approved a project favorable to the developer, Greenbriar Homes, and started a war between Pleasanton neighborhoods and a citizen versus citizen fight over Measure PP. The only winner of this war will be Greenbriar. The people of Pleasanton will be losers regardless of the outcome.

Matt Sullivan, City Council member (2004-12)

Bring Lund Ranch II to the Voters

Signature gathering to put the proposed Lund Ranch II project to a vote of Pleasanton residents is just that, the opportunity for Pleasanton residents to weigh in on a project that will have a long-range impact on the future of our city. Remember that the spacious 318-acre Bernal Community Park, still under construction, would be a housing development with 1,900 homes without a referendum.

We have studied the Lund Ranch II project, made a site inspection and determined that it violates the integrity of Measure PP (Pleasanton's

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Continued from January 19, 2016 – Public Hearing:** PUD-109, H. James Knuppe – Consider a certificate of appropriateness to demolish a 910 sq. ft. single-story commercial building, and introduction of an ordinance approving PUD Rezoning to rezone property located at 273 Spring Street 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 4,074 sq. ft. two-story commercial/office building with an attached 1,225 sq. ft. second-floor apartment unit, and four 2,015 sq. ft. three-story multi-family residential units
- Consider adoption of a resolution for the Disposition of the Estate of Jean P. Jones, including Future Use of 309 Neal Street, potential Endowment for Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society, Recognition for Ms. Jones, and options for recognition for Ms. Jones
- Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and other related audits for the year ending June 30, 2015

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review of Civic Arts Programs and Facilities

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view meeting information

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hillside protection ordinance) and sets a precedent. Passage of a referendum would allow more discussion to take place, which could result in a smaller development in compliance with Measure PP.

We encourage Pleasanton voters to sign the referendum so they can decide whether to defend the integrity of Measure PP. All 5,500+ Pleasanton voter signatures are due by February 3, 2016. Sign the petition at the Saturday Farmer's Market in downtown Pleasanton, in front of grocery stores and other locations. For more infor-

mation, please visit www.SavePleasantonHillsides.com.

Kelly Cousins, Sandy Yamaoda, Al Exner

Research before signing referendum

I am a Pleasanton raising my 3 children in the same house I was brought home to in 1978. I live just houses down and across from the park in Mission Park on Junipero Street. The amount of traffic and lack of respect for speed limits is astounding. I have been in a car that was hit pulling out of the driveway who was cutting through and wait 5 to 10 minutes just to pull out of the driveway. I won't let my son go on his own to the park because

of the traffic and speed. This cut through is not safe and to add more congestions and fast cars we are adding more chances of someone being seriously hurt. Then you add the soccer and baseball practices that occur throughout the year at the neighborhood park and the traffic is even heavier and just as fast.

The residents of Sycamore Heights and Bridle Creek believe that by signing the petition and taking this matter to the voters will stop the development. The developer will come back with yet again another plan. These residents are suggesting that no development be done but the developer can and will sue the City for millions of dollars. They own the

land and it was approved in 91' for development. It could end with the developer be exercising their rights (according to Measure PP) to build on the hillsides and ridges. Please research before signing.

Sara A. Campbell

ABLE Commute

BART to Livermore? They say it's years away. Until it comes, we need a better Livermore to BART link: Allen's BART Livermore Express — I call it ABLE Commute.

My plan would enlarge BART's Airway Park/Ride (at future BART Isabel station), limit parking there just to Livermore (not Central Valley) residents, run a Wheels bus linking

with every weekday daytime train and make the station bus stop close to the fare gates.

Three buses would meet every train in or out. Adult roundtrip bus fare (with farebuster westbound and BART transfer eastbound) is \$2.60 — less than just the cost to park (if one can find a parking space). Run it from early morning through the evening commute, slightly over 14 hours per day. Time bus at station for a nearly seamless transfer.

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—*Robert S. Allen, BART director 1974-1988*

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Sweet 16!

Commemorating another year of The Weekly in Pleasanton

By Jeremy Walsh

Today marks the beginning of the Pleasanton Weekly's 17th year covering the local news, features, events, opinions and sports our readers crave.

And we continue to provide dedicated local journalism with the same drive and commitment as we have since the first issue of our weekly community newspaper published on Jan. 28, 2000.

"With publications going out of print all the time, seeing the Pleasanton Weekly reaching sweet 16 is reason to celebrate," said Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly since 2006. She added:

"A strong local newspaper with quality journalism is no longer the norm in our country, which is unfortunate. What professional journalists do — cover meetings, ask questions and present analyses

for debate and discussion — is so important, but it's not inexpensive. Pleasanton Weekly advertisers and Support Local Journalism members have funded reliable and independent local news coverage of Pleasanton for 16 years, and for that, we are truly grateful."

Our small group of editors, reporters and regular contributing writers remain inspired to cover the stories our readers demand: thorough, on-the-scene reporting of Pleasanton's politics, city government, school district, arts, special events, businesses and community organizations, along with state and regional news, personal profiles, in-depth features and tales of Pleasanton residents past and present making their mark across the country and the world.

At its core, Pleasanton Weekly newspaper hasn't changed dramatically over the past 16 years, of-

fering in tabloid style the best in local and regional advertising, along with the Around Pleasanton column by our longtime Editor Jeb Bing and our Newsfront, Streetwise, Opinion, Community Pulse, Tri-Valley Life, Sports, Calendar, Fogster classifieds and Real Estate.

And as we reflect on our anniversary, we thought you'd enjoy taking a look back at some of our favorite covers from the Weekly's first 16 years in Pleasanton, starting with our very first. ■



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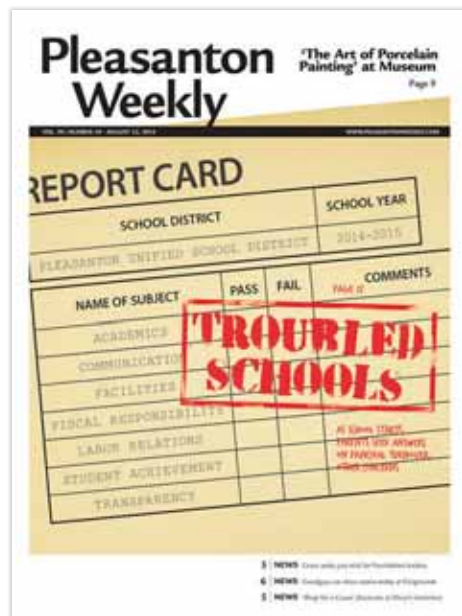
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Clubs

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING

Join GNON for a networking event from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1 at Pans on Fire, 3059 Hopyard Road. Bring friends, business cards and wear your best apron for the cooking demonstration and contest. Cost is \$10-\$15. Contact 487-4748 or gnoners@gmail.com. Go to www.gnon.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS RICHARD FINN

Richard Finn and his cousin have spent several years researching hundreds of people buried at the first formal cemetery in the Livermore-Amador Valley, Oak Knoll Cemetery. He will discuss methods used to determine who was buried in the cemetery and how knowledge was gained about these people on Monday, Feb. 8 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Contact Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, at program@L-AGS.org.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENTS PETER

FRIEDMAN TVRWFF will present Peter Friedman, who has studied and lectured on the threat of Islam to America for over 40 years, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 at Beeb's Restaurant, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore. RSVP by Feb. 8. Contact Linda Krikorian at 426-1474 or krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

'NEVER THE LAST ROAD: A

PARTISAN'S LIFE' Fred Rosenbaum, Founding Director of Lehrhaus Judaica, and Mira Shelub describe her life as a Jewish partisan during WW II, as told in their book, "Never The Last Road, A Partisan's Life" on Saturday, Jan. 30 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court.

Cost is \$10. Go to bethemek.org.

IDENTITY THEFT AND SENIORS The Alameda County District Attorney's Office and Alameda County Public Libraries present a free informational workshop for seniors on avoiding identity theft from 2-3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Topics will include prescription drug scams, Medicare scams, Internet scams, and keeping your personal information secure. Go to www.aclibrary.org/.

Seniors

BALLROOM DANCE The National Charity League will host a free ballroom dessert dance from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The evening will include all of your ballroom favorites. Registration required. Call 931-5365.

COOKING WITH THE SQUASH LADY

The Squash Lady of Perry & Sons returns to the Senior Center as she entertains, educates, demonstrates and shares different ways to enjoy squash and melon. Learn more about the health benefits and take home delicious recipes to share with family and friends at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365.

Support Groups

CELEBRATING VALENTINE'S DAY WITH A BROKEN HEART

Valentine's Day is approaching; are you dreading it? You are not alone. Come join us and meet others who are feeling the same way at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Presented by Dr. Padraig Green. No registration required.



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill girls' soccer team's momentum interrupted by Livermore loss

Some Foothill wrestlers medal in invitationals; Foothill's dance team secures first place in competition

Needing a win to get back on track, the Foothill varsity girls' soccer team got just that, edging rival Amador Valley 1-0 on Jan. 19.

Foothill's effort level was good throughout the match. They were also able to control the pace of play for most of the game, and it paid off in the 35th minute off a corner from Ariana Nino and finish by Julia Densmore after a brief scrum in front of the net, giving Foothill what turned out to be the final margin.

As the match moved to the second half, Foothill was able to keep the pressure on the Dons for a good portion of the final 40 minutes, finishing with seven shots for the match against only two for the Dons.

Two days later, however, the Falcons brief momentum was derailed when they fell 2-0 to Livermore.

Livermore's backline was well-organized throughout the match, catching Foothill offside a number of times with their one-one defending shutting down the Falcons attack. Livermore notched two first half scores with the first in the 11th minute off a free kick from distance that slipped into the far corner of the net.

They followed up with their second goal off a counter attack in the 26th minute. This match continued a trend this season for the Falcons of giving up an early goal and playing up hill for the rest of the match.



MARK VALLEDOR

Cameron Ghodoucy of Foothill finished third at the Albany Kermit Bankson Invitational, going 3-1.

Livermore finished the match with six shots on goal, versus just one for Foothill as Livermore's defense led the way.

Wrestling

The Foothill wrestling team ran into a buzzsaw that is the California wrestling program, dropping a 60-15 decision to the Grizzlies on Jan. 20.

Justin Phillips (113 pounds) had a pin for the Falcons, as did Carter Pierce at the 195-pound match. The other Foothill win went to Cameron Ghodoucy with a 8-1 final at 145 pounds.

On Saturday, the Falcons sent its varsity team to the Albany Kermit Bankson Invitational, while the junior varsity team attended the Livermore Barn Buster.

For the varsity competition, Ghodoucy (10th grade) went 3-1 to take 3rd place. Carter Pierce (9th) went 3-1 but lost in the early rounds to not get to the medal positions. Jeevan Bal (11th), Kevin Kartchner (10th) and Camden McFarlane (9th) all went 2-2 and made it to the final round.

Blake Bettencourt placed fourth in

the junior varsity tournament.

Boys' basketball

The Foothill boys' basketball pulled out a win late in the week to salvage a 1-1 record in a week where they did not play their best basketball.

On Jan. 19, Foothill dropped a 65-57 decision to Granada in a game where they had to play from behind throughout. No one scored in double figures for the Falcons as Seth Cobb, Michael Smith and Sam Novitsky all had nine points each.

On Friday, the 21st, the Falcons got their split for the week with 43-37 win over San Ramon Valley.

Garrett Wrenn had 14 points and Novitsky added 13 as Foothill rallied after being down 11-5 at the end of the first quarter.

Dance

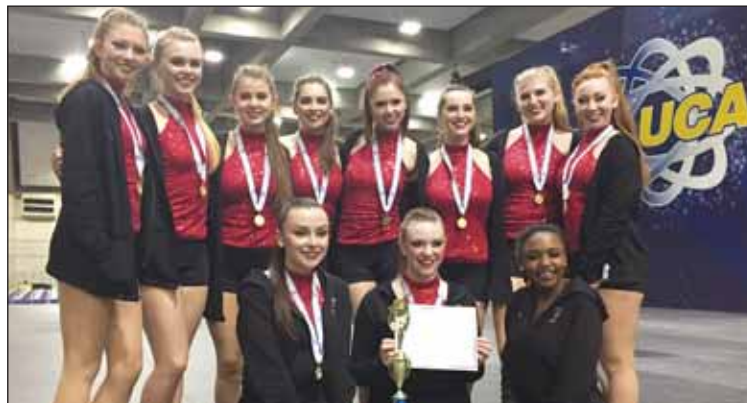
In its first competition ever, Foothill High's varsity dance team came away with the first-place trophy in the varsity jazz division at the Universal Dance Association (UDA) Northern California Championship in Sacramento on Jan. 17.

Looking for results

If you are not seeing your team in here each week, step up and be the person to send in updates.

Send in your results for the week by Sunday afternoon to Dennis Miller at acesmag@aol.com, and any action shots as well, so we can make sure to recognize all the hard work of our local athletes.

Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores and game highlights for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com.



LEANN KANOWSKY

The Foothill Dance team won the UDA Championship in Sacramento.

Seahawks in Austin

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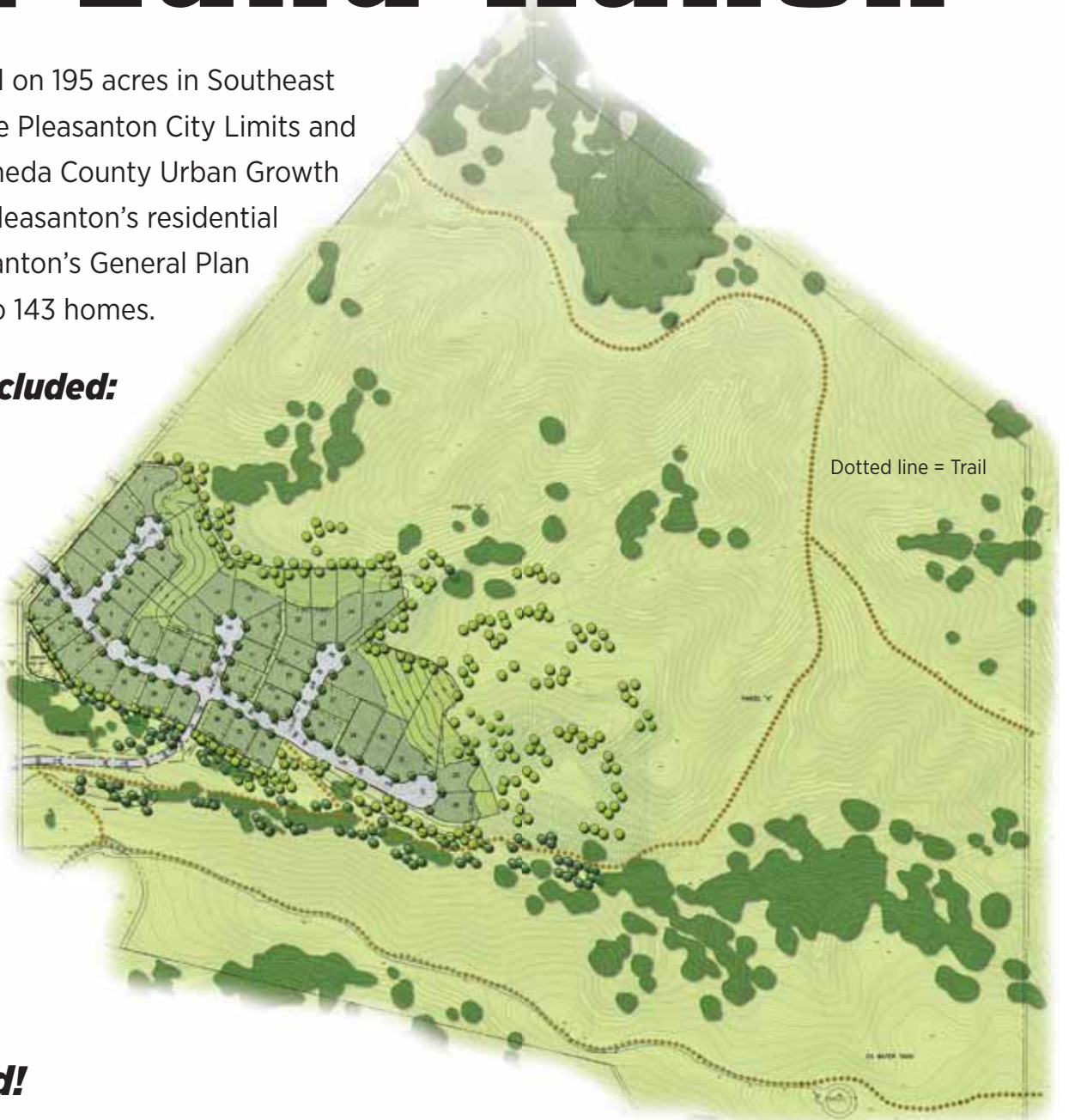
The City Council Approval* included:

- ▶ 43 homes in a valley on 195 acres
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- ▶ 2 miles of public trails
- ▶ Pre-determined house sizes (*shown above*)
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East Bay luxury home sales up 32%

Pleasanton boasts most expensive home sale at \$4.8 million

JEB BING

Luxury home sales in the East Bay closed out 2015 on a high note with sales climbing 32% in December from a year ago, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

The figures are based on Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold for more than \$1 million last month in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

A total of 322 luxury homes changed hands in December in the East Bay, up from 244 high-end sales in December 2014. Luxury home sales last month were also up from the 292 transactions in November.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury home last month edged up 1% from a year ago to reach \$1,275,500. The median was also up nearly 2% from November, when it was \$1,251,500.

"The East Bay's luxury housing market finished up 2015 on a roll with outstanding sales numbers across the board," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "We're starting to see

signs that more listings may be coming on the market in the next few months, and that would be great news for buyers who are competing for the limited number of homes for sale."

Some key findings from this month's Coldwell Banker's report:

The most expensive sale in the East Bay last month was 10-bedroom, seven-bath approximately 7,000 square foot home in Pleasanton that sold for \$4.8 million.

Oakland boasted the most luxury sales with 51, followed by Fremont with 39, Danville with 33, Berkeley with 32, Walnut Creek with 26 and Lafayette with 20.

Homes sold in an average of 34.7 days on the market, up from 31.1 days a year ago and 33.1 days the previous month.

Sellers received an average of 105% of their asking price, up from 104% a year ago but down from 107% the previous month.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has nine East Bay offices serving Pleasanton and eight other municipalities.

For more information, call (925) 771-5285. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 24-Jan. 8

Pleasanton

- 6616 Arlington Drive** N. McReynolds to Q. Wang for \$1,715,000
- 4992 Blackbird Way** Merucci Trust to Y. Bernard for \$1,200,000
- 1619 Calle Santiago** J. Cahill to M. Kellenberger for \$600,000
- 6925 Corte Mateo** D. & R. Dougherty to M. Kutty for \$978,000
- 1939 Foxswallow Circle** S. & L. Luangrath to Bringham Trust for \$1,225,000
- 282 Mission Drive** J. Leclair to Devries Trust for \$978,000
- 4117 Morganfield Court** M. & D. Carpenter to N. Palaniappan for \$965,000
- 8020 Mountain View Drive #B** Tang Trust to R. & A. Oneal for \$500,000

Dublin

- 8512 Beverly Lane** K. Young to S. Banks for \$729,000
- 3348 Bramante Lane** D. & J. Bydalek to C. Lockhart for \$760,000
- 3486 Capoterra Way** Snell Trust to H. Fong for \$870,000
- 2305 Central Parkway** Brookfield Trio to A. & C. Kuruba for \$755,000
- 3657 Dublin Boulevard** S. & M. Yoshida to C. Knolla for \$420,000
- 10890 Glengarry Lane** M. McElfresh to Y. Vempati for \$626,000
- 3809 Highpointe Court** William Lyon Homes to K. & K. Patel for \$1,414,500
- 3836 Highpointe Court** William Lyon Homes to E. Si for \$1,275,000
- 3872 Highpointe Court** William Lyon Homes to D. & C. Neumann for \$1,226,000

- 3894 Highpointe Court** William Lyon Homes to D. Dwivedi for \$1,221,000
- 10792 Inspiration Circle** R. Tan to X. Tang for \$1,180,000
- 6561 South Mariposa Court** J. & S. Elsevier to G. Ramanan for \$685,000
- 4811 Swinford Court** K. Cheung to B. Baindla for \$660,000
- 7287 Thames Court** M. & P. Hauge to R. Dhaliwal for \$755,000
- 3989 Twain Harte Road** LS-SF Jordan Ranch to D. Ayyalusamy for \$788,000
- 3266 Vittoria Loop** H. Lee to D. & K. Mukherjee for \$900,000
- 3734 Whitworth Drive** D. Montalvo to A. Nair for \$620,500

Livermore

- 2773 7th Street** J. Meunier to J. Sievenpiper for \$665,000
- 995 Acacia Way** Musso Trust to F. & R. Abboud for \$630,000
- 1678 Alvarado Court** Salbeck Trust to M. West for \$560,000
- 145 Barber Street** Meyer Trust to F. Hempy for \$540,000
- 645 Catalina Drive** J. & M. Fielding to K. & T. Maes for \$750,000
- 1080 Central Avenue** Vankayalapati Trust to Kelly Trust for \$1,012,500
- 978 Dana Circle** J. & C. Retelle to K. Knearem for \$820,000
- 1849 El Padro Drive** Moore Trust to M. Huntrakorn for \$635,000
- 4956 Erica Way** T. & L. Lopes to J. Hayes for \$480,000
- 546 Escondido Circle** McAfee Trust to J. & M. Fielding for \$905,000

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Dublin

- 2 BEDROOMS**
- 6560 Nottingham Place** \$590,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457

Livermore

- 2 BEDROOMS**
- 161 N. I St.** \$515,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Andrea & Earl Rozran 858-4198
- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 2199 Rapallo Common** Call for price
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200
- 5 BEDROOMS**
- 2425 French Oak Place** \$1,250,000
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- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 4011 Crest Court** \$815,000
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- 5269 Springdale Ave.** \$720,000
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- 3143 Paseo Granada** \$1,289,000
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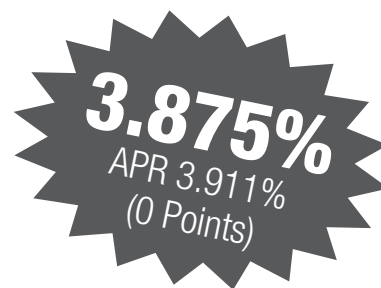
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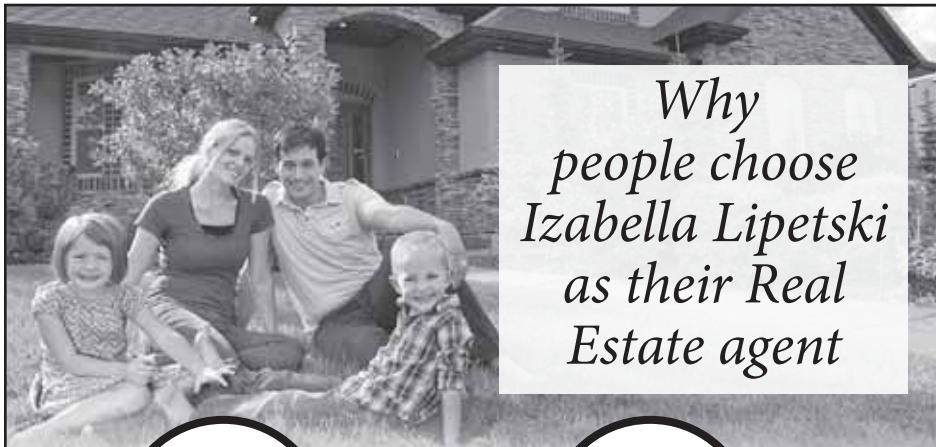


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Listed for \$2,225,950

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7526 Stonedale Dr. Pleasanton

Fabulous townhouse in Pleasanton, close to everything!!! This is a spacious 1,988 square foot townhouse, backs to walking path, and features 3 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. For more info please call: 925-413-4774. Offered at: \$699,000



2757 Lylewood Dr.

Gorgeous semi-custom in sought after Laguna Oaks!! Original model home with over \$150,000 in upgrades. One bedroom and full bath on the first floor. Marble, hardwood, travertine floors, new paint, and carpet. Five total bedrooms, three and a half baths, 3,623 square feet, and a large 15,750 square foot lot. Excellent location, convenient to schools, shopping, and freeways. Wonderful neighborhood with community pool, playground, and tennis courts.

WINDERMERE REAL ESTATE 4637 Chabot Drive, Suite 108, Pleasanton, CA 94588



6109 Everglades Ct

Sharp 4 BR, 2.5 BTH home with new carpet & paint, updated kitchen, & large private 10k lot!
\$860,000



3891 Hot Springs Ct

Remodeled home with 2 master suites!
6 BR + office, 4 BTH, cul-de-sac location
\$1,049,000



2425 French Oak Place

Gorgeous South Livermore one story with 5 BR, 3 BTHS, and .29 Acre cul-de-sac lot backs to open space.
\$1,250,000



Pleasanton Valley

The one you want! Gorgeous Birdland home with 5 BR, 3 BTH, hardwood floors, pool, and more!
\$1,304,000

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If you are considering selling this Spring, now is the time to plan. Call me today for a no-obligation assessment of your home, along with information on how I can get you the **HIGHEST POSSIBLE PRICE.**

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Restored and Upgraded English Country Farmhouse Style Home on Desirable 2nd Street, originally built in 1890. Highly Sought After Downtown Location... just a short walk to Main Street! Front Porch with Sitting Area, Three Bedrooms, Plus Den/TV Room (Guest Suite - 4th Option), Office-Off Master, Two Remodeled Full Bathrooms, Powder Room, Large Kitchen, Formal Dining Room. Approximately 2,005 Square Feet, Large 6,750 Square Foot Lot, Detached 720 Square Foot Two Car Garage (Workshop Option), Upgraded Plumbing and Electrical, Double Hung Dual Pane Windows, Refinished Wood Flooring, Crown Molding, 7" Baseboards, Ten Foot Ceilings, Private Rear Yard with Upgraded Landscaping and Driveway. For more information or to schedule a private showing, please contact Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group!

\$1,395,000



Julia Korpi

339 S 1st. St Ave- Pleasant Hill- \$ 637,000

Country quiet, city close - Gorgeous remodel throughout! Granite counters, stainless appl., stylish lighting, plantation shutters & much more. Laminate flooring throughout first floor. All bathrooms have been remodeled too! Move in condition - just enjoy. Cooperative tenant keeps home immaculate.



Julia Korpi

5501 DeMarcus- Dublin - \$ 595,000

Fabulous corner unit with wall to ceiling windows. Upper blinds on remote. Gorgeous hardwood floors & the kitchen features granite counters, stainless appliances, dining area & lots of sun! Spacious bathrooms, guest bedroom on lower floor, nice balcony for a BBQ. Gym and 2 spas for enjoyment!



Coming Soon

Linda Newton

3301 Hadsell Ct. - Pleasanton

Extremely well maintained 1 story home. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms beautiful & comfortable! Located in desirable Pleasanton neighborhood. Close to park, school, shopping and freeway access.



Meraj Khan

3240 Maguire Way - Dublin- \$301,429

Meticulously kept BMR Condo unit in the desirable community of The Terraces in Dublin Ranch! This single storied unit located on 4th floor features light and bright interiors, open floor plan, spacious kitchen, nice sized bedroom and a bath. Great views from of the mountains and the Tri- valley!



Open Sat & Sun 1-4

Andrea & Earl Rozran

161 N. L St.- Livermore - \$ 515,000

Charming 2 bedroom plus office/music room, has 2 full baths and 2 car garage. Located in the heart of downtown Livermore.



Gina Piper

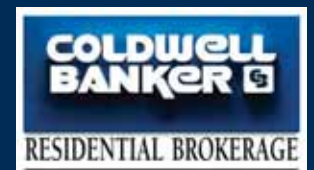
2090 Ray ST. - Pleasanton- \$800,000

Create your dream downtown home or potentially develop this commercial-ly zoned property. Features main house and updated cottage in rear with its own address. Live in 1 while remodeling the other. Excellent, rarely available location within 1 block of Main Street. Lots of potential!

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Charming Reserve Community!!
Wonderful Reserve Community Home w/3 BD
2 BA. Open Floor Plan & SS Appliances.
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5672 Bobby Drive
BEAUTIFUL HOME ~ MUST SEE!!
Charming Home - A Must See!New Frlng & SS
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Deep water lot near fast water;skiing. 9 X 40
dock needs repair. Sewer, water & phone.
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PLEASANTON \$2,599,999
3708 Raboli St
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\$3,750,000

SOLD!



1977 Armondo Court, Ruby Hill
Represented Seller and Buyer
\$3,089,000

SOLD!



3785 Smallwood Court, Pleasanton
Represented Seller and Buyer
\$2,420,000

SOLD!



4128 Stanley Boulevard, Pleasanton
Represented Seller and Buyer
\$2,250,000

SOLD!



4164 Grant Court, Pleasanton
Represented Seller and Buyer
\$1,998,000

SOLD!



5011 Forest Hill Drive, Pleasanton
Represented Buyer
\$1,650,000

SOLD!



865 Montevino Drive, Pleasanton
\$91,000 Over List Price
\$1,580,000

SOLD!



8015 Oak Creek Drive, Pleasanton
Represented Buyer
\$1,540,000

SOLD!



3225 Arbor Drive, Pleasanton
Represented Seller and Buyer
\$1,207,000

SOLD!



2279 Montarossa Court, Livermore
\$11,000 Over List Price
\$1,180,000

SOLD!



2155 Dry Creek Court, Livermore
\$61,000 Over List Price
\$1,050,000

SOLD!



740 Saint John Circle, Pleasanton
\$41,000 Over List Price
\$1,030,000

SOLD!



986 Crellin Road, Pleasanton
\$21,000 Over List Price
\$1,010,000

SOLD!



5117 Live Oak Court, Pleasanton
Represented Buyer
\$1,010,000

SOLD!



1347 Vintner Way, Pleasanton
Represented Buyer
\$995,000

SOLD!



3228 Picadilly Court, Pleasanton
Represented Seller and Buyer
\$936,000



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COMING SOON PORTOLA GLEN

One level duet in Livermore! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a 2 car garage! Wonderful end unit.



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1520 VIA DI SALERNO, RUBY HILL
Stunning Mediterranean estate! 6BR, 6.5 BA among 7053+/-sq. ft. Dramatic architectural details, luxurious amenities. Gourmet kitchen, executive office, bonus room, main level BR and full BA. Expansive 20,000+/- sq. ft. lot and 4 car garage. OFFERED AT \$3,199,000

PENDING!



8604 WHITE OAK COURT, GOLDEN EAGLE
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NEW PRICE!



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