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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Remembering Pearl Harbor

Pleasanton's new and majestic Veterans Memorial atop the hill at Pioneer Cemetery was dedicated last month in time to be a symbol of remembrance as we observe the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor next Wednesday.

Although most in Pleasanton aren't old enough to remember that Dec. 7, 1941 morning when just before 8 a.m. hundreds of Japanese fighter planes attacked the American naval base at Pearl Harbor near Honolulu, the impact of that attack changed our city forever.

The attack especially sent chills through those in the small senior class at Amador Valley High, then the city's only high school. Seven months later, the senior boys quickly enlisted or were drafted into the armed services. Most of the co-eds went to college or took jobs in the defense industry. When the war ended in 1945, none in the class had been a war casualty and most came back to Pleasanton where their families had weathered the war and the Great Depression before that, and settled down.

Unlike other Amador classes that now number in the 500s and find they have too few or too widely scattered alumni to meet regularly, the Class of '42 stayed together, often holding reunions at the home of Shirley and Bob Butler on Valley Avenue, directly across from Harvest Park Middle School. With so few left from that class, those reunions have now mostly ended.

"It was always great to see old classmates, especially when you realize it's been 60 years since we graduated," Joe Wolfenberger told the Weekly in an interview in 2002.

Wolfenberger, who died in 2008, recalled: "When we graduated, a lot of us went into the service. When we came back three years later, we wanted to stay home and we were content to stay right here in Pleasanton. After seeing a lot of the Pacific and Europe in the war, this was a pretty good place to be, to get married and to start raising our families."

He served in the Navy, at one of the most eastern islands (and closest to Japan) in the war, where he was responsible for replacing airplanes on carriers to make up for those that had been shot down.

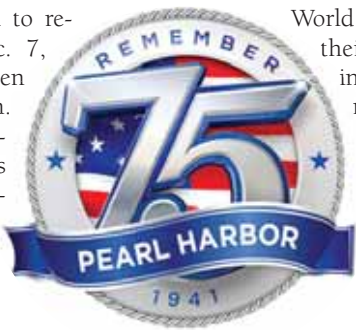
Wolfenberger was one of six classmates who served during World War II who found their future spouses in the Class of '42, marrying classmate Barbara Lanini. Besides the Butlers and Wolfenbergers, Verna and George Garibaldi were the other classmates who married.

Four of the 34 members of the Class of 1942 were shipped off to internment camps the April before graduation. One of the teenagers, Tom Sakata (now deceased), enlisted in the famous all-Japanese-American battalion. That battalion was sent on harrowing missions and suffered many casualties.

Pleasanton was invaded after Pearl Harbor, but not by enemy agents. The government took over farmland just north of Pleasanton (now Dublin) for the site of Camp Parks and Camp Shoemaker. McNeil Construction Company of Southern California won the bid for the job, and they moved 4,000 construction workers to the site for the sped-up project.

That's when the town changed, when they built Camp Parks for Seabees (CB for Construction Battalions) and Camp Shoemaker for the Navy. Almost everyone in town worked out there at one time or another. The military hospital at Camp Shoemaker served 45,960 military patients between October 1943 and January 1946.

Also changing Pleasanton after Pearl Harbor were the 60,000 military personnel that were housed in 60 barracks and 1,000 Quonset huts. This led to a tremendous local housing shortage as wives of sailors came to say farewell before their husbands were deployed or later, to visit husbands recovering in the hospital, awaiting discharge. Many ended up staying in Pleasanton whose families can now observe the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack without fear. ■



About the Cover

Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday parade kicks off at 5 p.m. Saturday on Main Street followed by the annual tree-lighting in front of the Museum on Main. Photo by Chuck Deckert. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

If you could control your dreams while you are sleeping, what would you choose to dream about?



Shivani Ranganathan
College student

I would dream about visiting different places around the world and living through specific historic periods. For example, the Roaring 20s, the British rule in India and the Polynesian voyage in the Pacific that led to the discovery of Hawaii.



Khai Wu
Martial artist

I can occasionally control my dreams even when I'm sleeping. When I'm able to do that, my dreams are always about being some kind of superhero vigilante and saving innocent victims of crime. So I guess if I could always control my dreams, that is what I'd dream about.



Ruby Gorrostieta
Vocalist

I would be able to fly and float, way up high, all over the Bay Area, in order to get a bird's-eye perspective of the area where I grew up — and I'd be singing to the entire world while I was in flight. Everyone would be able to hear me, like real, live surround sound.



Mia Lee *Retired*

I would be running marathons in all of them. Every step would be painless, I would never feel tired, I would pass by each one of my competitors, and eventually I would cross the finish line, first! Chances are, it's only in my dreams that I would be the one to break the tape across the finish line and actually win a marathon.



Andrew Worth
Broadcast journalist

I would dream about my family and friends always being safe. I would also hope to dream about having a job and career where I enjoy what I do every day, and then wake up itching to get to work.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Newsfront

DIGEST

PFLL evaluations

Pleasanton Foothill Little League is holding player evaluations this weekend for youth baseball players living within its boundaries. All kids who want to play in Majors, AAA or AA divisions must attend and be registered.

Evaluations tomorrow are for Majors from 9-10:30 a.m., for AAA (players with last names A-K) from 10:30 a.m. to noon and for AAA (last names L-Z) from 1-2:30 p.m.

The schedule for Sunday is AA (last names A-K) from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and AA (last names L-Z) from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

All evaluations will take place at the Stadium Field at Patello Park. Players must arrive 20 minutes early for check-in. For more information or to register for the 2017 season, visit www.pflonline.org.

Blood donations

The American Red Cross is seeking eligible donors to contribute blood or platelets this holiday season, when donations can decline because of busy holiday schedules and travel plans while the need remains constant.

Blood donors with type O, B negative and A negative blood can help more patients with one appointment by making a Power Red donation at select Red Cross blood donation centers and blood drives — a concentrated dose of red blood cells, the most commonly transfused blood component.

The Pleasanton Blood Donation Center at 5556-B Springdale Ave. has a series of donation days scheduled over the next couple weeks: today, tomorrow, Dec. 9 and Dec. 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 8, Dec. 13 and Dec. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

To make an appointment or learn more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Holiday boutique

The Amador Valley High School cheerleading program is hosting its second annual holiday boutique on Thursday from 6-9 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the school, 1155 Santa Rita Road.

The free holiday boutique will feature a variety of commercial and handcrafted arts and crafts, jewelry, home decor and trinkets, and the event offers a good opportunity for people looking to find that unique gift, according to organizers.

Gift baskets featuring items from vendors will be raffled off for \$1 per ticket during the event. Proceeds benefit the Amador Valley cheer program. ■

Mayor, 2 council members to be sworn in to new terms Tuesday

Then it's down to business with new tennis courts on agenda

By JEB BING

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and City Council members Karla Brown and Jerry Pentin will be installed for their new terms in office Tuesday after winning reelection on Nov. 8.

Thorne will be sworn in to a third two-year term by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Stephen M. Pulido, also a former Pleasanton school board member. Pleasanton mayors can hold the office for up to eight years.

Pentin and Brown will be sworn in to second four-year terms by City

Clerk Karen Diaz. Council members also are limited to eight years on the council.

The ceremony will lead off a regular City Council meeting starting at 7 p.m. in the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Highlighting Tuesday's meeting will be the council's consideration of its Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendations for adding more tennis courts at the Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park at Hopyard Road and Valley Avenue.

The commission and city staff have been working on a revised expansion

plan since Aug. 12 when the council scuttled the construction of two new courts near neighborhood homes.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said the new recommendation is aimed at addressing everyone's concerns, but will be more costly than the original proposal.

The Tennis and Community Park was master-planned in 1985 to include 12 tennis courts. Ten courts were originally constructed in phases when the complex was built in 1994, and the remaining two courts were put on hold. In 2012, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was updated

and contained the design for the final phase of the two additional courts. It's a second update that will go before the council Tuesday.

Among eight alternatives to its earlier plan, which the council rejected, the Parks and Recreation Commission is offering a more expensive alternative, which would retain all of the existing parking spaces. It also keeps the current volleyball courts.

The plan does, however, call for cutting down some of the trees near Hopyard, although most are less than

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FILE PHOTO/ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

The Alameda County Fairgrounds will host horse racing during the annual fair next summer and for two weekends in the fall, but training opportunities are about to become more limited at the fairgrounds, with a new seasonal closure of the horse stables and track set to begin Dec. 26.

Fairgrounds horse track, stables closing for winter

Officials: Decision resulted from end of funding agreement with Golden Gate Fields

By JULIA REIS

The Alameda County Agricultural Fair Association has decided to close down its horse training operation for the winter beginning Dec. 26, leaving Tri-Valley owners and trainers without a local facility to practice and Pleasanton fairgrounds workers uncertain about their future employment.

The association's CEO Jerome Hoban, along with director of racing Jeanne Wasserman, are set to meet with owners and trainers on Thursday morning in the fairgrounds' Palm Pavilion to discuss

the transition and get feedback, according to Angel Moore, the fair's marketing and communications manager. At this time, the meeting is not open to the public or press.

After Christmas, horses in Pleasanton will be sent to Berkeley horse racing venue Golden Gate Fields, where races are being held throughout the winter. The racing season in Pleasanton runs only in the summer and fall, but the fairgrounds had been used as a training facility year-round under a funding agreement with Golden Gate

Fields that is not being renewed.

Fair officials anticipate the Pleasanton fairgrounds' stables and track would reopen for thoroughbred race-horse training May 1 through the end of October, with the facilities shutting down again once the 2017 race circuit ends in the fall.

"I am sad to say, after decades of the Alameda County Fair supporting the Northern California horse racing circuit, Golden Gate Fields has determined it will no longer

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Hintzke secures final seat

School board incumbent's victory confirmed with all ballots counted

With all votes counted, two-term incumbent Jamie Hintzke has solidified her re-election to the Pleasanton school board with a 144-vote victory over challenger Kathleen Ruegsegger for the final board seat, according to the final election update released by the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office.

Hintzke, the current board president, maintained a narrow lead over Ruegsegger that was established with the office's first post-election results update



Jamie Hintzke

Nov. 11. Challenger Steve Maher and incumbent Valerie Arkin had finished comfortably ahead in first- and second-place, respectively, in the three-seat election.

The race between Hintzke and Ruegsegger went back and forth as votes were counted and released on Nov. 8, and Ruegsegger actually held a 26-vote lead at the end of Election Night before being passed by Hintzke as county election officials continued tallying pending ballots.

The unofficial final results released by the registrar's office Friday before Thanksgiving show Ruegsegger did

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Hacienda's Helping Hands awards grants to 4 nonprofits

Program has distributed more than \$150,000 to community service groups

By JEB BING

Hacienda Helping Hands has awarded four grants to organizations providing local services.

They are Tri-Valley Haven, Child-care Links, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation and Close Up Foundation.

Tri-Valley Haven was given a \$5,000 grant to help pay for a commercial refrigerator in support of its food pantry programs.

Child Care Links was given a \$2,000 grant in support of the organization's new diaper bank.

Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation was given a \$2,250 grant to provide underwriting for a special cancer caregiver seminar series.

Close Up Foundation was given a \$2,100 grant to provide scholarship funding for local, low-income student participation in their program.

The grants were made through a Donor Advised Fund held by the East Bay Community Foundation.

"Hacienda Helping Hands is pleased to help make a difference by supporting these organization's great work," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "We specifically wanted to provide funding where we could help further the special projects being undertaken by groups that contribute

to the community in key ways."

"Tri-Valley Haven is appreciative and relieved to be awarded help from Hacienda Helping Hands to purchase a new refrigerator," said Ann King, Tri-Valley Haven's executive director.

"We were really in a bind as two refrigerators at our food pantry stopped working recently," she added. "This is before our busiest time, the holiday season. During the holidays alone we will provide groceries to about 1,600 families, totaling over 4,000 individuals."

Laura Page, Child Care Links community events and outreach coordinator, praised Hacienda Helping Hands for its support of the organization's diaper program.

"This generous contribution brings the total number of diapers raised by Child Care Links since Oct. 24 to 55,000 diapers," Page said. "The average child uses six diapers a day, which means an estimated 1,300 children will have a week's supply of diapers to keep them clean, dry and healthy."

Sandra J. Wing, CEO of the organization that bears her name, said the Helping Hands grant will help fund 2017 workshops that will cover a number of topics related to cancer patient care and care-giving. The workshops are offered free-of-charge.

"Typically, attendees at these workshops include cancer patients, their family and friends and caregivers," Wing said. "A cancer diagnosis impacts not only a cancer patient but all those in that person's circle of influence."

The Close Up Foundation award will support local students participating in the organization's nationally recognized civic education program, said Eleanor Vogelsang, the foundation's community relations manager.

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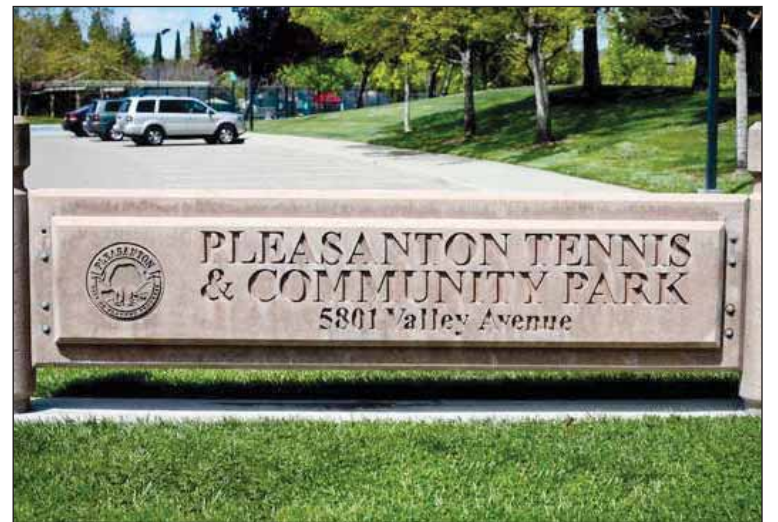
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8 inches in diameter. They would be replaced by planting 12 new, drought-tolerant trees.

In addition to the tennis courts, the council will close out the city's fiscal books for the 2015-16 fiscal year for the operating and capital budgets.

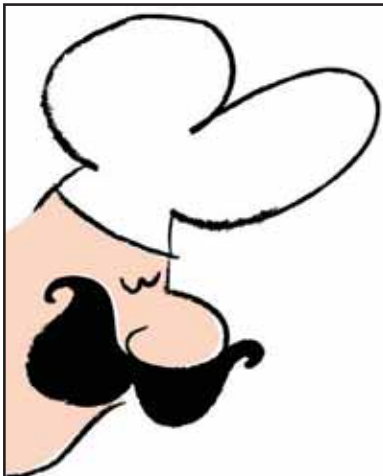
Another item the council will consider is a commercial organics program that will adhere to Alameda County's new mandated regulations. The program would include a discounted commercial rate for participating and eligible businesses.

After Tuesday, the City Council is scheduled to hold its last meeting of the year on Dec. 20. ■



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The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night will consider recommendations for adding tennis courts to the Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park.



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Museum announces 2017 speakers for popular series

‘An Evening with ...’ famous people continues to sell out

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

“An Evening with Booker T. Washington” will kick off the 2017 Ed Kinney Speaker Series at the Firehouse Arts Center in January.

“People have been clamoring to find out who will be visiting Pleasanton for the 2017 Speaker Series,” said coordinator Sarah Schaefer, director of education for Museum on Main. “We have an exciting lineup for 2017.”

The speaker series is going into its seventh year of monthly performances at the Firehouse Arts Center, and attendance has continued to grow, with 2,200 people attending last year.

“This community continues to embrace the performance style known as ‘Chautauqua,’” Schaefer said. “Actors bring historical characters ... on to the stage providing the audience with a monolog as a historical character and then answering the audiences’ questions as the character.”

The events are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. With early purchase recommended, tickets may be bought at www.museumonmain.org, at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., or by phoning the museum at 462-2766.

This year’s corporate sponsors are Chevron Corp. and Republic Urban Properties. Community sponsors this year are the city of Pleasanton and Cellar Door.

The 2017 schedule is as follows:

- “An Evening with Booker T. Washington” — Jan. 17

Although born into slavery, Washington lived much of his life in a post-Civil War America where advancing racial equality was a precarious endeavor. He was a guest of American presidents and even Queen Victoria and is most well known as a proponent of equal access to education and African-American economic independence.

- “An Evening with Harriett

Tubman” — Feb. 14

Tubman is a name synonymous with courage, freedom, the underground railroad, and soon the \$20 bill. She escaped slavery and returned to the south to escort hundreds of slaves to freedom, and later became one of the leaders of the abolitionist movement and attended many anti-slavery meetings.

- “An Evening with Bernardo de Galvez” — March 21

Gov. Gen. Bernardo de Galvez was the Spanish-born aristocratic governor to Spain’s territories in the new world, who later fed and clothed the ragged army dying in Valley Forge and the warrior who drove the British from the western and southern borders in the Mississippi Valley.

- “An Evening with Hugh Liang” — April 11

The 1906 San Francisco earthquake and subsequent fire destroyed nearly all of Chinatown. Liang survived the fire and wrote about it in his journal. His recounting of the earthquake is one of the only surviving records of the quake’s impact on Chinatown.

- “An Evening with Louisa May Alcott” — May 9

Alcott is a beloved American author (“Little Women”) and self-declared woman’s rights advocate. She devoted her life to supporting her entire family and repaying family debts amassed over decades.

- “An Evening with Huey Long”



MUSEUM ON MAIN

The 2017 season of the Museum on Main’s “An Evening with ...” speaker series will include performances by (from left) Charlie Chin as Hugh Liang, Betty Jewell Slater as Harriett Tubman and Frank X. Mullen as Huey Long.

— June 13

Sen. Huey P. Long was a populist demagogue from Louisiana. In 1935 he was on track to become the nation’s first “dictator” when he was assassinated. Long promised to get government away from the corporate fat cats and give it back to the people and thus, was both loved and despised.

- “An Evening with George Washington” — July 11

Everyone can name the first president of the United States, but how well do they know the military general, plantation owner and founding father? Washington was a complex man who believed in ethical practices and refused to seek a third term in presidential office for the benefit of a democratic government.

- “An Evening with John D. Rockefeller” — Aug. 8

A man with wealth beyond imagination, Rockefeller’s reputation and legacy is intermixed with a negative

perception of big business, big oil and American greed. Beyond a businessman, Rockefeller was one of the first American philanthropists giving almost all his wealth away to charities and foundations.

- “An Evening with Winston Churchill” — Sept. 9

Before becoming the cigar toting British Prime Minister who became famous during WWII, Churchill thought he could provide a victory in WWI. He fought at the front lines in France and eventually became Minister of Munitions and Secretary of State for Air and War.

- “An Evening with Buffalo Bill Cody” — Oct. 10

Viewed as one of the quintessential American showman, Cody had a larger than life character. He was a pony express rider, soldier, American scout, bison hunter and Medal of Honor winner. He is most known for Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show. ■



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What a view: Ann and Bill Stekelberg brought the Pleasanton Weekly to Mount Denali at Denali National Park in Alaska. They were fortunate enough that the mountain, which is most often covered in clouds, appeared in full majesty all seven days they were in the park.



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'Sound of Music' for families

Pleasanton's youth theater company is presenting an adapted version of "The Sound of Music," one of a series of Broadway musicals shortened to about 70 minutes to introduce children to live musical theater while keeping their well-known songs and essence. This holiday production by Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with the Bay Area Children's Theater will be presented Dec. 9-18 on Fridays through Sundays at the Amador Theater. For tickets and info, go to www.firehousearts.org.

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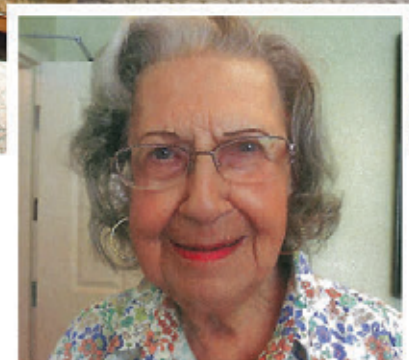
*"Every day is a great day
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Gayle and Rex, her cat, recently made the move to The Parkview. It was a good move for Gayle — and for her family, who know she is now getting the support she needs. At The Parkview, Gayle discovered:

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Best of all, Rex was welcomed to The Parkview with open arms. Gayle says his favorite pastime is laying in her lap watching TV.

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edge closer to Hintzke, as Hintzke held a 209-vote lead when the Registrar of Voters' Office updated numbers Nov. 14. Though all ballots are now counted, the totals are considered unofficial until confirmed by county officials and certified by California's secretary of state.

The final 144-vote margin wasn't enough to convince Ruegsegger, a retired executive assistant to Pleasanton and Palo Alto school superintendents and former Pleasanton school board member (1990-93), to request a recount.

Any registered voter can request a recount, but they are required to cover the costs of the recount unless it reverses the results of that race, according to state law. There is no provision in California law that mandates an automatic recount in any election contest.

Ruegsegger explained that recount process in an email to supporters last week announcing her concession.

"(The recount) could cost more than the election did, and I have a better idea of where to spend money for the benefit of PUSD and the community," Ruegsegger said. "And so, instead, I am taking a step back today and thanking a friend who pointed out to me that if I won, that would be great; and if I didn't win, I still had a good life."

Ruegsegger went on to say that she will remain involved with Pleasanton Unified School District and called Hintzke, Arkin and Maher "excellent choices."

Hintzke, who works as a community relations coordinator and youth CPR program manager for Alameda County, said in an email last week that she wishes Ruegsegger the best and wants her to stay involved.

"She is very knowledgeable and has the best interest of the community in her heart," Hintzke said.

Hintzke added that with the

\$270 million school facilities bond measure also being passed this month, one of her priorities will be to ensure funds are being used appropriately "and in the best interests of our students."

She will rejoin fellow two-term incumbent Arkin and new member Maher on the board.

Maher, a retired principal in the district, led the way in the four-candidate race, sitting in first place by nearly 10,000 votes, according to the final election results posted by the county. He effectively takes over the school board seat that opened up when incumbent Chris Grant decided not to run for re-election.

Incumbent Arkin, who is not currently employed, finished comfortably in second place with a nearly 2,700-vote lead.

Alameda County has until next Thursday to certify its election results, per California law. As part of that process, the registrar's office had its 1% manual tally Nov. 21, a procedure mandated by state law to verify vote totals.

The Pleasanton school board will next meet Dec. 13, when re-elected and new members are slated to be sworn in and a new board president will be picked for the upcoming year.

Final unofficial election results stood at:

- Steve Maher, 24,668 total votes, or 38.63% of the total number of votes cast in the school board election.
- Valerie Arkin, 14,736 votes, or 23.26%.
- Jamie Hintzke, 12,071 votes, or 19.06%.
- Kathleen Ruegsegger, 11,927 votes, or 18.83%.

There were 143 write-in votes on the ballots cast.

Unofficial final results for Measure 11, the \$270 million school facilities bond measure, show it passed with a 69.1% yes vote, well above the 55% threshold required. ■

—Julia Reis

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Livermore's 140-year history now airing on TV30

Brings to life pictorial presentation of Livermore's pivotal place in Tri-Valley history

By JEB BING

A television program commemorating the 140th anniversary of the city of Livermore is now being broadcast several times a week on TV30, the Tri-Valley's community television station.

The program is part of TV30's "About the Tri-Valley" series.

The program features former Livermore Mayor Marshall Kamena, president of the Tri-Valley Community Television Foundation, who is the host of the show, and Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts.

"After research with

historians and the Livermore Heritage Guild, the program traces the 140 years Livermore has been a city," Kamena said.

In the first chapter of two shows, Roberts brings to life a pictorial presentation of Livermore's pivotal place in Tri-Valley history.

Roberts, Livermore's city manager for the past five years, chronicles the history of the city, including its incorporation, the creation of the wine industry, ranching and pictures of the city's popular rodeo never before shown.

He also covers rail transportation, the post-war housing boom and the establishment of two national laboratories.

"Probably one of the most surprising things early in our history was the Paris International Exposition in 1889," Roberts said.

"The French take their wine very seriously," he added. "It was a huge exposition with 17,000 entries. For the very first time the top prize was awarded to a non-French wine — an 1886 Cresta Blanca Livermore Valley Sauterne."

About the Tri-Valley is currently airing on Comcast TV Channel 30 and AT&T U-verse on Channel 99. The program may also be viewed anytime and anywhere via video on demand on the TV30 website at tv30.org. ■

Enrollment open for Citizens' Police Academy

Classes begin Jan. 19, aim to foster closer community relationships

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton Police Department is now accepting applications for its 25th Citizens' Police Academy, which will run from Jan. 19 through April 27.

The academy aims to foster closer partnerships within the community through education and exposure to law enforcement procedures, as well as highlight the importance of community engagement in policing, according to the department.

Weekly classes are taught primarily by department personnel and cover a wide range of topics, including crime prevention, traffic enforcement, SWAT and use of force issues among other subjects. All sessions

will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Pleasanton Police Department.

The program is open only to adults and enrollment is limited to those who live or work in the city of Pleasanton. Applicants must be free of any felony convictions, have no misdemeanor arrests within one year of applying and successfully complete a background investigation.

Applications are available at the front counter of the Pleasanton Police Department, located at 4833 Bernal Ave., or online at www.pleasantonpd.com. Any questions can be directed to Crime Prevention Officer Limon at 931-5295 or via email at mlimon@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

TRACK CLOSURE

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fund the Pleasanton training facility," said Hoban, who heads the nonprofit entity responsible for producing the annual Alameda County Fair and managing the 267-acre fairgrounds property on Pleasanton Avenue.

"We will work on a transition plan with our trainers and employees for the seasonal closure and get ready

for our reopening in the spring as we ramp up for our Fair Race Meet," Hoban added.

While training opportunities will become more limited at the fairgrounds because of the upcoming closure, Moore said horse racing will not disappear.

"Horse racing is not going away in Pleasanton," she said.

Since October 2008, Golden Gate Fields has been using the Pleasanton

stables and track as an auxiliary training facility because it lacked space, according to Moore. Golden Gate Fields had been paying the fair association \$7,100 per day for transporting and stabling of race horses in Pleasanton.

But with more space available at the Berkeley facility due to a combination of expansion and a declining race horse population, it was determined that Golden Gate Fields did not need Pleasanton stables to accommodate its upcoming races.

When Golden Gate Fields submitted its proposed 2017 race dates to the California Horse Racing Board — the regulatory body that oversees tracks, fairgrounds and wagering — for approval, the application called for housing horses in their enlarged 1,500-stall stable area without needing the Pleasanton fairgrounds as an additional space.

The state board approved that request, along with the 2017 race dates throughout Northern California, at its Nov. 17 meeting.

It will review the matter in the spring to determine whether Golden Gate Fields continues to have a sufficient number of stalls to accommodate its horse population; if not, the board could require them to start using Pleasanton stables again, triggering the facility's reopening before May 1, according to California Horse Racing Board spokesman Mike Marten.

"Golden Gate Fields decided they reached the end of the line as far as going into their pockets to keep Pleasanton open because it's not only expensive, but they said, 'We don't need Pleasanton,'" Marten said. "The board agreed 1,500 stalls at Golden Gate was a sufficient number for them to hold their meets without Pleasanton."

There are 325 horses on the Pleasanton fairgrounds on average year-round for training, Wasserman said in an email, with the track currently open as a practice facility six days a week. The facility has 684 stalls, which she said are full during live race meets for the annual Alameda County Fair.

The closure of the stables and track will not impact the off-track betting facility or the fairgrounds' RV park, Moore said.

It will, however, affect fairgrounds employees, some of whom will transition into other positions within the organization, according to Moore. Others will go to Golden Gate Fields during the winter, as some staff already work between the Berkeley and Pleasanton tracks.

Moore said Tuesday she is not aware of plans to lay off anyone who works at the fairgrounds.

"But with that said, we are working on a transition plan right now," she said.

While Golden Gate Fields has races scheduled throughout the year, save for two months in the summer and one in the fall, horse racing will take place on a more limited basis at the Pleasanton fairgrounds.

The fair association recently announced horse racing will take place as usual during the Alameda County Fair next year on June 22-25, June 29 to July 2, July 4 and July 6-9 — with the fair itself running 20 full days June 16 to July 9, closing only Mondays and Tuesdays except for Independence Day.

Fall horse racing will also return to the fairgrounds for its second year from Sept. 21-24 and Sept. 28 to Oct. 1.

The fairgrounds has a long history of horse racing and training. Its one-mile horse racing track is the oldest in the country and was originally used as a workout camp for East Coast race horses whose owners would ship them out to train during the winter, according to the fair association. ■

Lael Arie Moffitt

June 23, 1933 – November 16, 2016

Lael Arie Moffitt passed away November 16, 2016 in Woodstock, Georgia at the age of 83 surrounded by her loving family. Lee was born on June 23, 1933 in Eureka, California and graduated from Eureka High School in 1951. She moved to San Lorenzo, California where she worked at Clayworth Drugs, there she met the love of her life, William Lyle Moffitt. Together, they owned six successful pharmacies in the East San Francisco Bay Area. Lee was an avid golfer and member of the Castlewood Country Club and successful real estate agent with Alain Pinel in Pleasanton, California. Retiring in June 2005, Lee moved to Canton, Georgia to live near family. She will always be remembered as a stylish and classy lady. Lee is survived by her four children and their spouses, Ned and Deborah Yost of Georgia, Danny and Linda Yost of Grass Valley, Karen and Bill Lehto of Canton Georgia, and William and Nicole Moffitt of Half Moon Bay. Lee was blessed with 15 grandchildren, Ned, Josh, Jenny and Andrew Yost, Ryan, Matthew, and Nicky Yost, Katie and Emma Lehto, Michael Frazier, and Lily, Chloe, William, Gracie and Audrey Moffitt. One great grandchild Jordan. She is also survived by her sister Janet Clair Bird. Lee was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, William Moffitt, and her loving sister Sue Lynn Tonini and her parents Auda and Leslie Hammock.

Lee's funeral was held at Sanders Funeral Home in Eureka, California on November 29 at 10am.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to The American Lung Association, PO Box 7000, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8001,



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Keith William Mielke

November 15, 1933 – November 22, 2016

Keith was born in Oklahoma in the middle of the great depression. He was the first in his family to attend college. There, he met and married his wife, Patricia, to whom he was happily married for 61 years. He died peacefully with Patricia and family by his side.

Keith served three years on active duty in the Army Security Agency, serving in Germany for two years as a Russian translator. Keith worked in children's television research, and at Children's Television Workshop (Sesame Street) where he had a significant impact on literacy throughout the world.

Keith and Patricia retired to Pleasanton in 1998 to be closer to family. He served several years on the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council and was active in his church, the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore.

Keith was a loving father and husband, admired by all who worked with him for his analytic ability and willingness to help others, as well as his wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial will be held Dec. 17 at 2 PM at the Unitarian Church, 1893 N. Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94550. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice, or the Unitarian Church.



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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Officials offer tips for safe holiday shopping

With the holiday shopping season in full swing, the Pleasanton Police Department is offering up tips for safe gift-hunting to prevent unwanted steals.

In a holiday shopping safety flier distributed by the department, police provide several pieces of advice for patrons. Besides warning against leaving packages visible in cars, law enforcement officials say shoppers should not buy more than they can carry.

"If you must, drop some items at your vehicle and re-enter for more shopping, but not before hiding your loot and moving your vehicle to another location," an excerpt from the guide reads.

Other tips include:

- Deter pickpockets by carrying a wallet or purse close to your body, and only keep on hand the credit cards and cash intended for use.
- Have keys in hand when walking from the store to your car, and be aware of your surroundings when doing so.
- If shopping with small children, make a plan in case separated.
- Keep track of your personal information.

For those who eschew the long mall lines for online shopping, the National Cyber Security Alliance has these tips:

- Before you start looking, make sure all web-connected devices are free from malware and infections by running only the most current versions of software and apps.

- Use the strongest authentication tools possible, such as security keys or a one-time code, to protect access to key online accounts like email and banking.
- When using a new website for holiday shopping, read reviews and see what other customers have to say about it.
- When you're on the go, limit the type of business you conduct over public WiFi connections.
- Toss emails and texts with suspicious links.

In other news

- The Pleasanton Police Department is collecting presents for local families and seniors in need this holiday season.

Now through Dec. 15, residents can stop by the department's front lobby at 4833 Bernal Ave. and ask to see the 2016 Giving Tree tags. Each tag includes the gender and age of a resident, as well as a gift request.

Donors pick a tag and purchase the affiliated present. The department asks that presents be brought back, wrapped and with the tag attached to the outside by Dec. 15.

Families and senior citizens were preselected as Giving Tree beneficiaries with the help of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley and Pleasanton Unified School District; therefore, walk-ins cannot be accepted, according to the police department.

Local families in need due to an emergency this holiday season are still encouraged to call the Pleasanton Police Department's main line at 931-5100 and ask to speak with dispatcher Betsy Jones.

- The Alameda County District Attorney's office has activated a

telephone hotline for reporting hate-related crimes.

The number, (510) 208-4824, features messages in Spanish, Farsi, Mandarin, Cantonese and Tagalog in addition to English.

"The DA's office will treat every individual in this county with the care, respect and dignity that each of us deserves and expects," District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said in a statement.

"The current aggressive nature of hate speech and conduct has heightened the moral imperative to stand up for what is right. My office will be a leader in the fight against hate-based crimes and hateful rhetoric that targets any person or group of people," O'Malley said.

The Southern Poverty Law Center documented 701 hateful incidents nationwide in the week following the election of Donald Trump as U.S. president. Immigrants and blacks were the two groups most often targeted.

Following Trump's campaign promise to deport millions of undocumented immigrants, some people have been targeted with fraudulent activity, O'Malley said.

Some fraudulent provider schemes offer to "fix" immigrants' legal issues, to "secure" immigration status, to "push through" Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals applications or to "represent" immigrants in court.

Other immigrants have reported receiving official-looking letters threatening deportation. These are fraudulent, O'Malley said. Such fraudulent activity can be reported to the DA's consumer protection line at (510) 383-8600. ■

—Julia Reis and Bay City News Service

Benjamin "Big Ben" Sarasua

April 23, 1948 – October 30, 2016

Benjamin "Big Ben" Sarasua Sr., a 26-year resident of Pleasanton, died October 30, 2016. He was born April 23, 1948 in San Francisco, California. He is survived by his wife, Judy Sarasua of Pleasanton and his son, Benjamin Sarasua Jr., and 3 grandchildren, Hunter, Madilynn, and Mason.

A memorial service will be held Friday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Graham-Hitch Mortuary, 4167 First Street, Pleasanton.

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Bernis Mendiboure

August 10, 1929 – November 17, 2016

A devoted Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Bernis had a caring nature for every person that she met. Even while ill, she would know all about every care giver that she had and their families. She grew up in the Bay Area and then moved to the Central Valley. Nine years ago she moved to Pleasanton to be closer to her children. She was 87 years old when she went home to be with the Lord.

Services will be at 3 Crosses Church, 20600 John Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546 on December 10th at 11am. A reception will follow at the church afterwards. Service will be in the chapel.



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Todd Kenneth Montell

September 25, 1988–November 14, 2016

Todd Kenneth Montell passed away due to an unfortunate accident on Monday, November 14, 2016. Todd grew up attending schools in the Pleasanton Tri-Valley area, graduated from Redwood H.S. in Castro Valley and attended Chabot College in Hayward.

Todd is a kind, sensitive soul and was loved by all his family and friends. He was very passionate about all the Bay Area sport teams, Oakland Raiders, A's, Warriors, San Jose Sharks and attended games frequently. Todd loved skateboarding and perfected his skills over the years, which made him an excellent snowboarder. Todd also loved the outdoors, and spent many vacations at his mother's family property in Brownsville, CA and at his father's property in Fort Jones, CA. He loved to fish Dry Creek in Brownsville, Lake Chabot in Castro Valley, Alameda rock wall, San Leandro Marina, the California coastline from Monterey to Baker Beach in San Francisco.

Todd is survived by his father Ken Montell and his fiancée Linda Burr, brother Travis Montell, mother Jennifer (McBride) Gottesman, her husband Rick Gottesman, his loving grandmother Frances McBride, many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Todd is preceded in death by his grandpa Gordon McBride, uncles John and James Montell.

Services will be held on Thursday, December 1st, at 11am at The Historical Pleasanton Hotel, 855 Main St. Pleasanton CA, 94566

Donations can be made to: Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, CA., www.marinemammalcenter.org/



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Nov. 26

Domestic battery

- 12:35 a.m. on Arroyo Court

Theft

- 11:12 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto
- 2:07 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road
- 9:02 p.m. on the 4600 block of Augustine Street

Nov. 25

Theft from auto

- 12:49 a.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:44 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:19 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 3:32 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 4:59 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 10:24 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 7:49 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:51 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Other theft

- 11:57 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive
- 3:44 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Robbery

- 2 a.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Stoneridge Creek Way

Nov. 24

Warrant arrest

- 9:44 p.m. on the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive

Bicycle theft

- 7:25 p.m. on the 3100 block of Pawnee Way

Residential burglary

- 3:25 p.m. on the 7600 block of Applewood Way

Assault/battery

- 1:17 p.m. on the 1500 block of Santa Rita Road

Alcohol violations

- 1:22 a.m. at Main Street and Ray Street
- 10:37 a.m. on the 5700 block of Valley Avenue

Nov. 23

DUI

- 7:56 p.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and Apache Drive

Fraud

- 12:31 p.m. on the 7800 block of Medinah Court
- 3:52 p.m. on the 2000 block of Olivia Court

Theft

- 2:25 p.m. on the 2600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:30 p.m. on the 2200 block of Segundo Court

Nov. 22

Theft from auto

- 1:02 p.m. on the 4300 block of Black Avenue
- 5:32 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:04 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 10:22 p.m. on the 6900 block of Koll Center Parkway

Residential burglary

- 5:35 p.m. on the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violations

- 9:21 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 6:56 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and Christina Court

Vehicle tampering

- 10:19 a.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Opinion

GUEST OPINION

By JULIE TESTA

A call to action to Pleasanton residents

The Pleasanton City Council voted to accept a draft proposal for a new civic center complex on the Bernal property; the current estimate is up to \$200 million.

Pleasanton would benefit from an improved library and a community center, however I do not support the cost of moving the police station (it has been confirmed that there is nothing inadequate with our current police station; it is a "policy decision").

I do not believe the city offices are a priority for such a significant commitment of financial resources. Also the Bernal land is a community asset that voters preserved for citizen amenities, not city offices.

Pleasanton residents should understand that the agenda for moving our city buildings, at a tremendous cost, is to rezone the land where those buildings currently reside to mixed-use-residential. Picture downtown packed with three- to five-story buildings like the building on Owens Drive across from BART, which is an example of existing mixed-use-residential currently in Pleasanton.

For years, we were told moving the police station is cost prohibitive due to the fuel station and homeland security reinforcement requirements.

Now the "land use" decision is to rezone the land to residential so it can be sold at a profit of an additional \$8 million. However, the cost of moving the police station will cost tens of millions more — a tremendous cost to Pleasanton citizens with a resulting negative consequence of more high-density housing.

Pleasanton must pay attention to the pro-growth agenda that is threatening the small-town character that we value. Consider the traffic and parking demand that this will generate for downtown. Our treasured downtown will be dramatically altered and our city will suffer the impacts of hundreds of housing units, while costing us hundreds of millions of dollars.

Don't be misled when we are told that nothing is decided. At the recent council meeting, Councilman Jerry Pentin was agitated, saying, after a year of work on this proposal, it is too late "this far down the road" to consider an amendment to the plan.

Now is the time to speak up; this plan will have tremendous consequences to Pleasanton. Please email the Pleasanton City Council at citycouncil@ci.pleasanton.ca.us or contact me at JulieTesta.com. ■

Editor's note: A 30-year Pleasanton community advocate, Julie Testa is a former member of the Pleasanton Human Services Commission and has participated on various budget committees and planning task forces.



Julie Testa

EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY



It's the season for giving

With December, comes the traditional season for giving and the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund awaits your much needed donation.

Ten nonprofits will benefit from your contributions at a time when these charitable organizations are faced with rising costs and rising numbers of the needy they serve. Even though we are seeing an economic surge, the good times have not reached the nonprofit caregivers that depend on public contributions to serve our community.

Contributions to the 2016 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund will be distributed equally to:

- Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, which finds homes for abused and neglected children throughout 14 counties in Northern California, including here in Alameda County.
- Axis Community Health, is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical and mental health services for individuals and families who have a low income or who are uninsured. It serves more than 14,000 members of our community.
- Hope Hospice, which for more than 35 years has provided end-of-life care to families in the Tri-Valley regardless of insurance or income status.
- REACH, an acronym for Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for special adults of the Tri-Valley, which uses funds collected through the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund to enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.
- Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, which offers therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy.
- Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, an independent, nonprofit agency serving seniors over 60 in the communities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol.
- Sunflower Hill, an organization that is working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs, similar to senior living facilities.
- Tri-Valley YMCA, which recently moved from Dublin to Pleasanton and promotes healthy living, fostering a sense of social responsibility and open to all families.
- ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, part of Stanford Health at ValleyCare, which uses its share of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund to support its breast cancer Patient Navigator program.
- Valley Humane Society, a well-known organization that rescues and rehabilitates dogs and cats and supports and preserves existing pet-guardian relationships.

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

The Pleasanton Weekly handles all costs of the campaign so that every dollar contributed goes directly to these 10 nonprofits with no administrative expenses.

Contributions can be sent to:
Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund
c/o Silicon Valley Community Foundation
2440 West El Camino Real, Suite 300
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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to proceed with the proposed Two New Lighted Tennis Courts at the Tennis and Community Park
- Consider a resolution accepting the FY 2015/16 Year-End Financial Report for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget and amend the FY 2015/16 CIP Budget
- Consider resolution accepting the FY 2015/16 Year-End Operating Budget Report and Designate General Fund Reserves
- Consider a resolution to approve a discounted rate for commercial organic and mixed recycling in the amount of 25% per cubic yard for metal container bins and for 96 gallon cart for Organics collection

Human Services Commission and Library Commission Meetings

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information for these meetings.

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

NCS still stands for 'No Common Sense'

New football playoff format shows the more things change, the more they stay the same

I think over the years my two favorite sayings have been, "It is what it is" and "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

"It is what it is" has always been a favorite as I am a firm believer that you should only worry about what you can control and not let the things you don't control burden you down.

"The more things change, the more they stay the same" applies to many things in life, but to me, it has always been about the disaster that is decision-making by ruling organizations of high school athletics.

The North Coast Section and the California Interscholastic Federation are the two organizations that control high school sports for the section that Amador Valley and Foothill fall into.

In my 20 years as a sportswriter/editor for the Tri-Valley Herald, I spent countless hours sitting in NCS at-large and seeding meetings for the playoffs. There have been many times I left shaking my head at some of the decisions handed down.

This year may have taken it to a new level. In football, NCS opted for a new Open Division, as there is an Open Division in the CIF State Bowl games. In the past, you needed to be a section champ to advance to the NorCal playoffs and have a chance to advance to the CIF State Bowl games.

Last year, the old way stung Foothill, as the Falcons went through the regular season unbeaten, only to fall in the Division I finals to De La Salle in a game where the Falcons gave the Spartans all sorts of problems.

De La Salle then went to the Open Division, but Foothill's season ended because they were not a section champion. A boneheaded procedure to be sure, and a disservice to the Falcons as they very realistically had a good chance to advance to the state finals.

This year NCS decided to have an "Open" division, as well as the Division 1-5 tournaments. Four teams were selected to participate in the Open NCS playoffs. OK, things are simple enough — win

your division and move on to the NorCal and have a chance at the State Bowl game.

Not so fast.

If you advance to the Open finals at the section level and lose, you can displace the Division I champion and move on to the NorCal playoffs. This year, it could be another East Bay Athletic League team that gets dumped on by NCS.

Monte Vista has but one loss — a 45-17 final to De La Salle in a game much closer than the final score indicated. They have a loaded, talented team, yet even if they beat a very good Antioch team in the Division I finals and win a section title, their season is over.

How is that fair?

This ineptitude directly affects Amador Valley and Foothill moving forward. People scream about a competitive imbalance between De La Salle and everyone else. This adds to the fire, for if the Spartans continue winning and go to the Open bowl game, the Division I champion is rendered worthless.

There is a simple solution out there, but I would be shocked if it was implemented. For some reason, there were no Division I or Open Division games during Thanksgiving weekend. The championship games are set for today and tomorrow.

Had the games been played last weekend, then a game could be played between the D-I winner — this year either Monte Vista or Antioch — and the Open loser, likely Freedom.

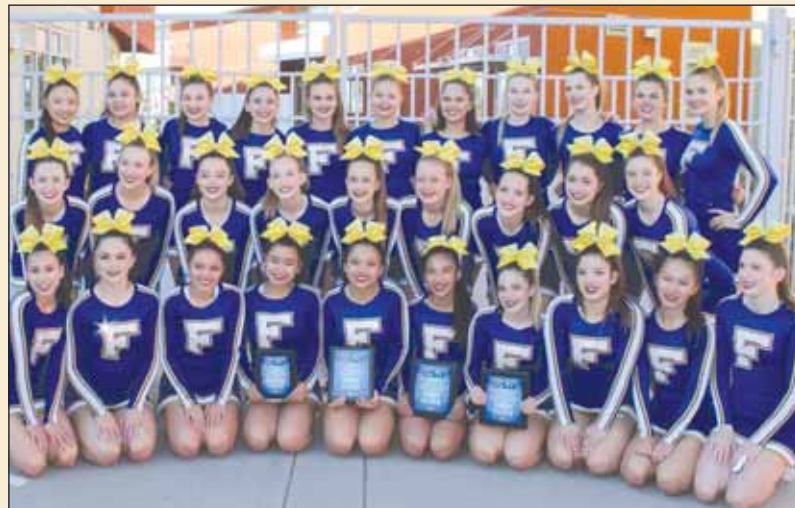
That way the D-I representative would be decided on the field and not in a boardroom. Let's give the athletes the right to represent themselves.

For many years now NCS meant "No Common Sense" to me, and over the years it has not changed. In other words, the more things change, the more they stay the same. ■

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Foothill cheer squads going to nationals

The four Foothill High School competition cheer teams celebrate after securing spots in nationals next March as a result of their strong finishes in the USA Regional Competition in American Canyon on Nov. 13. The varsity, junior varsity and group stunt team No. 1 all won their respective divisions while group stunt team No. 2 took second place to also earn a nationals berth.



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Tri-Valley golfers win PGA Jr. Championship

Las Positas ACE Junior Team dominates final in Arizona

By JEREMY WALSH

Ten young golfers from the Las Positas ACE Junior Team have brought home the national title after controlling Team Georgia in the final match of the 2016 PGA Junior League Golf National Championship in Arizona.

This marked the second national title in five years for the ACE (Athletic Commitment to Excellence) team program, which trains at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. ACE golfers won in 2012, plus posted a second-place finish the following year.

The 2016 ACE team consists of boys and girls from 12 to 14 years old from communities like Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and as far away as Fresno. They were among 80 young players on eight teams competing in the championship event Nov. 19-21 at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"These kids fight," Jeff DeBenedetti, Las Positas' director of golf who heads up the junior program, said in a statement released by the PGA of America after the event. "They grind. They go after it."

Competing as Team California, the ACE golfers opened the tournament by winning the Wanamaker Division in round-robin play with a record of 2-0-1 during the first two days.

That set up a showdown with Team Georgia, which won the opposing Ryder Division at 3-0 in round-robin play. The squad from Alpharetta, a suburb of Atlanta, was looking to rebound after a tough loss in a playoff in last year's tournament.

In the final Nov. 21, the Las Positas team got out to an early



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The Las Positas ACE Junior Team won the 2016 PGA Junior League Golf National Championship presented by National Rental Car Nov. 19-21 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

lead and never looked back, formally winning eight points to four in the match-play team contest.

They locked up the title mathematically with plenty of golf left to play when Pleasanton's Alice Liu sank a 3-foot birdie putt on the par-4 sixth hole in her two-person scramble match-up. Liu said she wasn't even aware her short putt was the potential championship-clincher when she was lining it up.

"When I was setting up to the ball, I just wanted to make it," she added. "When everyone started jumping and cheering, that's when I realized it was the winning putt."

ACE team families cheered "Go Las Po!" throughout the morning final, which was played with a fast-approaching desert storm.

"They heard the cheering, and they kept going because they knew it was for them. It was fun

to watch," DeBenedetti said.

For Pleasanton player Drew Kim, this marked his second PGA Junior League Golf National Championship. The 13-year-old, who sent his team to nationals with a clinching putt at regionals, was also a member of the title-winning 2012 ACE team when he was 9.

"Drew has always been a solid player," DeBenedetti said. "Drew's golf age is about 4-5 years older than his actual age. He's a competitor. It's great for him to work for four years, and get back."

In addition to Liu and Kim, the 2016 champions consisted of Darren Pang, Anay Roge and Jacob Ponce of San Ramon, Madison Wu of Dublin, Ethan Jaehn of Fremont, Austin Tran and Aidan Tran of Fresno and Ian Gillian of Corte Madera.

To learn more about the competition or see photos and highlights, visit www.pgajlg.com. ■



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Santa comes t

STORY BY JEB BING. PHO

Pleasanton's annual Hometown Holiday parade and tree-lighting ceremony will be held starting at 5 p.m. tomorrow on Main Street.

The centerpiece of this free event is a festive community-based parade with 75 entries, including the marching bands from both Foothill and Amador

Valley high schools, other musical groups, Scouts and, of course, Santa Claus at the end.

Many of our elected leaders will be there, too. Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, who represents Pleasanton on the county board, will ride in a "Cowboy Christmas" float with a

few constituents and members of his staff.

Also waving to crowds of thousands of onlookers along Main Street will be:

- State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) in a car
- Pleasanton's Mayor Jerry Thorne and members of the City Council in a horse-drawn carriage
- Members of the Pleasanton school board, walking
- Uniformed veterans who are members of Pleasanton's American Legion Post 237 and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6298, walking.

There will be more colorful floats than ever among the hundreds of walkers and decorated cars. This year's floats represent Abbie 4-H, the Alameda County Fair, Cub Scout Pack 901 from Alisal Elementary School, Characterz Cafe & Coffee Roasterz and Cub Scout Pack 938.

Other floats will represent East Dublin Girl Scouts, Fairlands Elementary School's Girl Scout Troop, Dublin's Frederiksen Elementary School's Girl Scouts and a float by local artist Gary Winter.

Cub Scout packs 948 from Valley View Elementary School and 910 from Walnut Grove Elementary also will parade on Main Street in home-built floats.



Downtown tree-lighting follows parade

Cedar tree's 3,000 lights will stay lit through New Year's Day

Mayor Jerry Thorne will pull a switch on the stand in front of the Museum on Main at about 6:45 p.m. tomorrow to light the city's holiday tree.

The annual tree-lighting ceremony follows the holiday parade on Main Street and includes holiday songs by Voices in Harmony, a men's cappella chorus.

About 120 strands of LED lights are used to wrap the branches of the deodar cedar tree, which was planted about 15 years ago. That comes out to about 3,000 lights on the tree.



The tree has grown to over 60 feet tall, which is now taller than the boom that the parks maintenance crew uses to string the lights and hang the ornaments.

"It's becoming a challenge to get to the top of the tree," said Michelle Dunaway, the city's event

administrator.

Working with Dunaway in coordinating the tree-lighting ceremony and entertainment are Chuck Deckert, Susan Andrade-Wax, Linda Ebright and Rob Vogt.

The tree will stay lighted through New Year's Day. ■



Scores of floats like this one (center photo) in last year's parade will be among 75 entries in Saturday's Holiday Parade; (upper left) Girls Scouts parade under the Pleasanton Arch; (lower left) Girl Scouts show off their Rudolph costumes; (lower right) Pleasanton's famed Balloon Platoon will be back Saturday with their antics.



Holiday season to Pleasanton

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

Meadowlark Dairy's popular float will be back in the parade this year, along with floats representing the Pleasanton Middle School cheer team, Pleasanton Military Families, the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association, the Tri-Valley Lady Blue Devils and the Valley View Elementary Girl Scouts.

Besides the horses pulling the Pleasanton City Council, two other horses will be in the parade, representing the East Bay Regional Park District volunteer safety patrol and the "Spirit of Christmas" white Baroque horse from the Baroque Horses of Northern California.

Dancers in the parade will include Expressions, Jazz N Taps Dance Studio and the Yangge Dance Team.

Even the Wheels Rapid Bus will be in the parade, but with its representatives riding in a car.

And, of course, we'll be there with Pleasanton Weekly president and publisher Gina Channell and editor Jeb Bing riding in a decorated convertible reminding everyone along the way to give to the 2016 Holiday Fund campaign now underway.

No holiday parade is complete without Santa, who is being saved for the end by parade managers Brian Dutchover, the event

chairman, and Michelle Dunaway, the city's event administrator.

Santa Claus — and new this year Mrs. Claus — will close the parade riding on the top of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire

Department's 1945 Mack classic fire engine.

Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at 4 p.m. tomorrow until the parade and tree-lighting events are over. ■



It takes a village to put on a parade

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.

They start with a debriefing shortly after the prior year's parade and then begin planning the next holiday parade in summer.

Then volunteer parade chairman Brian Dutchover and the city's event administrator Michelle Dunaway start holding monthly meetings with members of the parade steering committee, later holding those meetings at 7:30 a.m. every Tuesday as the event nears.



Working with Dutchover and Dunaway are the heads of six committees: Parade, Special Activities, Volunteers/Staff Assignments, Operations, Tree Lighting & Entertainment and Publicity/Contract.

Tom Medina serves as parade

coordinator, aided by Julie Parkinson and Derek Logan who handle the formations, Brad Kinney and Sean Welch keep units on the parade route, Mark Duncanson and Nile Velazquez give units the step-off signal, and Mark Spiller and Kara Yost help

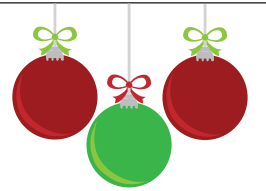
units disband at the end of the parade.

Another 15 volunteers and city employees staff the committees, including Tracy Dunne, who handles the event's publicity.

In addition, more than 80 other volunteers are signed up to

help on the day of the event. "We are so fortunate to live in a community where people like to get involved," Dunaway said. "This event would not be possible without the help from these wonderful volunteers, many of whom return each year." ■





O Christmas tree! O Christmas tree!



Is yours a grand ol' tradition
or an evolving decoration?



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Razzle dazzle bling or heartwarming red and green — and everything in between. Christmas trees vary as much as the people who welcome them into their homes.

Some allow only one — *The* Christmas tree, to be lovingly adorned and cherished, the pile of gifts underneath growing as the yuletide unfolds. The beloved “Tannenbaum” is the centerpiece with all other decorations emanating from its theme.

Other folks just like Christmas trees and there can never be too many — high style shining silver in the living room, pristine crystal on the dining room table, large cozy evergreen in the family room, individual trees in bedrooms and on hallway tables, and of course a whimsical tiny tree in the kitchen with cooking-themed ornaments.

The elongated triangle shape decorates cards, clothes, wrapping paper, placemats, etc., with a few basic lines denoting that beloved, sharp smelling evergreen traditionally harvested from a chilly hillside and adopted into a family's heart and hearth for the season.

We even sing about it.

*O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy leaves are so unchanging;
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy leaves are so unchanging;
Not only green when summer's here,
But also when 'tis cold and drear.
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Thy leaves are so unchanging!*



This popular song was originally the German carol, “O Tannenbaum,” although a “Tannenbaum” is a fir tree and most Christmas trees are now spruce or “Fichten.” But still they share the evergreen qualities that inspired the song.

The melody is an old folk tune and the lyrics date back to at least 1550, although many versions have been sung throughout the intervening centuries. The best known version was written in 1824 by an organist in Leipzig, although it does not refer to the Christmas holiday but rather the tree's ability to dependably give enjoyment.

*O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Much pleasure you do give me;
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Much pleasure you do give me;
How often has the Christmas tree
Afforded me the greatest glee!
O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!
Much pleasure you do give me.*

When celebrants began to bring the evergreen trees into their homes to honor Christmas, the song became associated with the holiday. Some versions do include a line about “our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.” But most merely laud this symbol of the season as secular.

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Stagger the heights of holiday candles for eye-catching appeal.

STATEPOINT

Add a *unique twist* to your *holiday decor* this season

Breathe new life into your tried-and-true look

We all love our holiday traditions, and that includes the way we deck the halls — from special ornaments to favorite festive wreaths. However, you may be looking for ways to revamp the tried-and-true look, especially when entertaining friends and family.

Here are some unique ideas for adding a twist to your usual holiday decorating routine.

Mix and match

Add dynamism and vitality to your home by infusing older, vintage elements that you've had and enjoyed for years with more modern pieces that speak to you today.

You can also breathe new life into these items by using them differently this year — for example, moving your favorite garland from the bannister to the mantel or hanging a wreath on a wall instead of a door.

Think scent

When many people plan their holiday decorations, they start with visuals. Why not try mixing it up by focusing on fragrance first? Scent is closely associated with memory, so adding holiday fragrances to your home allows you to both build new memories for future seasons and reflect on happy times in the past. For inspiration, draw on the vibrant spirit and brisk weather that the holidays bring.

Use candles to add a finishing touch to a holiday gathering. They also make for a great host or hostess gift, such as new holiday fragrance offerings from Yankee Candle, which offers both classic favorites, as well as new modern takes on traditional themes.

Get cozy

Incorporate wintry throw pillows, quilts and blankets into living areas. Fabrics like table runners and tapestries can also add warmth around the house. Crank up the fireplace. Be sure that all your efforts work to combat the brisk season with a touch of coziness.

Beautiful tablescapes

When hosting guests, don't just set the table, create an impressive and unforgettable tablescape. One sleek and modern way to do so is to add candles, tumblers, vases, ornamental table toppers, fresh greens and seasonal flowers.

Tumbler candles come in various sizes and designs, so you can stagger the heights for eye-catching appeal. Some feature a crackling sound to evoke a fireside.

This season, add fragrance, beauty, and brightness to your home with unique twists on traditional holiday themes. ■

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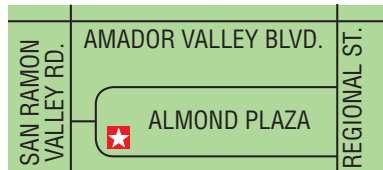
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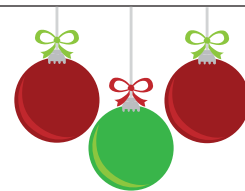
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Giving to loved ones and those in need

Nonprofit wish lists to help everyone spread holiday spirit

As we begin to fill our homes with holiday cheer, we often include the tradition of remembering others and sharing our bounty. Several local nonprofit groups, which are always in need, have provided their wish lists for those who want to include them in their gift giving.

Open Heart Kitchen

Founded in 1995, Open Heart Kitchen's mission is to serve nutritious meals to the hungry people of the Tri-Valley area. It is the largest hot-meal program of its kind, feeding the hungry every weekday at multiple locations in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. It serves any hungry person in need who walks in the doors, and all are welcome.

Its guests come from all walks of life — homeless, veterans, seniors on a fixed income, the un-employed and under-employed, and low-income, single-parent families. There is no qualifying process, and meals may be eaten at its multiple serving sites or taken as "to go" meals. In 2015, it served more than 300,000 meals.

Wish list:

- Canned chicken
- Canned beans
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit
- Parboiled rice
- Cream of chicken soup
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Gallon Ziploc bags
- Cooking oil

Items may be dropped off at its

kitchen at Ridgeview Commons, 5200 Case Ave. in Pleasanton between 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 580-6793, email operationsdirector@openheartkitchen.org or visit www.openheartkitchen.org.

Valley Humane Society

Valley Humane Society (VHS) creates a brighter future for cats and dogs by encouraging and strengthening the bond between people and pets. VHS 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.

Wish list:

- Pine litter (non-clumping)
- Dry cat food: Royal Canin Mother and Babycat
- Wet kitten food: Hill's Science Diet Kitten Liver & Chicken Entree
- Gerber brand baby food, poultry flavor (pure chicken or turkey, not blended with veggies)
- Canine Training Treats (such as Zuke's, Charlie Bear)
- Cat toys: catnip pillows, mice, balls (no feathers or external bells, please)
- Dog toys (except Kongs)
- Gift cards to purchase supplies: ACE Hardware, Costco, gas gift cards, Home Depot, JoAnn Craft Store, Office Max, Pet Food Express, Petco, PetSmart and Safeway
- Unopened bags of dog and cat food (any brand) for use with AniMeals program

Items may be dropped off at our adoption center, 3670 Nevada St., Pleasanton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 426-8656, email info@ValleyHumane.org, or visit valleyhumane.org.

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley

The Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley is an independent, nonprofit agency serving seniors over 60 years old in the cities of Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin and Sunol.

Its mission is to provide services and assistance to seniors that will foster independence, promote safety and well-being, preserve dignity and improve quality of life.

Wish list:

- Volunteers to visit with seniors and assist them with errands, shopping and having fun.
- Volunteer drivers to escort seniors to medical appointments
- Grocery gift cards for use in emergency situations
- New board members to help oversee the agency
- Community seniors to serve on

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Ninety percent of Americans have forgotten batteries for a holiday gift in the past, according to a survey by Energizer in 2016. And 44% of consumers take batteries out of their other devices to power a holiday gift if they forgot to purchase batteries at the store.

So don't let the phrase "Batteries Not Included" crush holiday cheer or require an anti-climactic run to the store.

Parents will want to be especially mindful of ensuring gifts are ready to use, as kids can be extra eager

to play with their new toys once opened. But whether it's a remote-controlled car, video game controller or robotic pet, recipients of all ages will want to enjoy their gifts right away, so don't forget to read the labels on holiday items and be prepared.

Remember, batteries make for great stocking stuffers. And this year, you can get prepped for holidays present and future, as some batteries hold power for up to 10 years while in storage and also offer long-lasting power and are designed to prevent damaging leaks, so gifts stay fun longer.

Even the best holiday gifts can



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Make sure to buy batteries for presents if they aren't included, especially for children who are eager to play with new toys.

lose their luster without batteries to operate them. Ensure the holidays end on a high note

by remembering the batteries with your gifts this year. ■

—StatePoint

TREE

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From top to bottom
You're so bright
There's only splendor for the sight
O Christmas tree,
O Christmas tree
Your lights are shining brightly

O Christmas tree,
O Christmas tree
Your lights are shining brightly.

Each year more families succumb to the convenience of an artificial tree with tiny lights built in, which does away with that age-old tradition of untangling the jumble of light strings. It also removes the need for vigilant checking of the water bowl beneath the tree and careful monitoring of the branches as they slowly evolve into a fire hazard with the passing of each day.

Synthetic trees are improving in appearance each year, and certainly entail easy up and easy down. But how do their owners know that Christmas is truly over when there are no pine needles to vacuum up? ■



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Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area

The Down Syndrome Connection is passionate and dedicated to encouraging the unlimited potential in children and adults with Down syndrome throughout the Bay Area.

Open since 1998, its mission is to empower, inspire and support people with Down syndrome, their families and the community that serves them, while fostering awareness and acceptance in all areas of life.

Wish list:

- Gift cards for Michaels, Jo-Ann Stores, Hobby Lobby (to purchase supplies for classroom use)
- Gift cards for Target, Toys R Us (to purchase toys for family meetings for parents and their children, up to age 3)
- Gift cards for Amazon (to purchase books for its lending library)
- Gift cards for Costco, Office Depot (to purchase in-house items)
- Digital camera for use in classes
- Laptop for off-site presentations
- Portable CD player for music therapy classes
- Karaoke CDs for use in class with karaoke machine (Party Time or Top 10 Billboard)
- Wii Just Dance-2015, 2016, 2017 (for use in class)
- Monetary donations always welcomed.

Donations can be dropped off at 101-J Town & Country Drive in Danville from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 362-8660 or email Marianne@dsconnection.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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'A Rocky Mountain Christmas'

Jim Curry will present his salute to John Denver at two shows this Sunday, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the Firehouse Arts Center. Curry's voice is heard in the CBS movie "Take Me Home: The John Denver Story," and this special holiday concert includes songs from Denver's legacy of multi-platinum hits, plus holiday favorites for the whole family. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

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HARVEST PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA PRESENTS 'HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL' Harvest Park Middle School Drama presents "High School Musical" at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1-3 at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Go to harvest.pleasantonusd.net.

Concerts

LIVERMORE-AMADOR SYMPHONY The Livermore-Amador Symphony will open its fifty-fourth regular season with "A Heavenly Life" at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Conducted by Music Director Lara Webber, the concert will feature Mozart's "Exsultate, Jubilate" and Mahler's Symphony No. 4. Soprano Emily Helenbrook will be the guest soloist for both of these joyful works. A free family concert will be held at 3 p.m., featuring holiday favorites and a portion of "Exsultate, Jubilate." Tickets for afternoon concert are free but required. Tickets for evening concert are \$12-\$35. Call 373-6800 or go to www.bankheadtheater.org.

Talks & Lectures

GROWING UP WITH A SIBLING WITH SPECIAL NEEDS Come to a Pleasanton SNC event panel discussion on "Growing Up With a Sibling With Special Needs" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road. For parents and caregivers interested in learning more about the dynamics of raising a family that includes both special needs and typically developing children. To register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/Dec2016SNC>. If you have any questions about this event or would like to request a sign (ASL) or spoken language interpreter, contact snc@pleasantonpta.org by Nov. 30.

AMADOR VALLEY TOASTMASTERS Learn how to give speeches, gain feedback, lead teams, and guide others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere at 7 a.m. every Thursday at Black Bear Diner, 5100 Hopyard Road. Breakfast is available to order from menu. Go to www.facebook.com/AmadorValleyToastmasters/.

HOPE HOSPICE HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP The holiday season is typically filled with merriment, celebrations and long standing traditions. But many individuals and families who have lost a loved one feel lost, alone and overcome with sadness and anxiety. To help those who have experienced a loss, Hope Hospice is holding a Handling the Holidays Workshop from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, or 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Dublin. Registration required. Call 829-8770 or go to HopeHospice.com.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

Fundraisers

LAUGH YOUR STRESS OFF WITH MARGARET ZHAO Margaret Zhao, winner of the Sharp Writ Book award for her biography "Really Enough," and teacher of Natural Healing Arts, will present her unique blend of humor, movements and demonstration to bring you a remarkable evening of energy and laughter at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Cost is \$20-\$22. Go to www.lvpac.org.

Health & Wellness

PLEASANTON SOLE MATES Join this weekly walking group at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday mornings departing from the Pleasanton Senior Center. Participants must be able to walk 2.5-3 miles and keep a moderate

pace with the group. Stop by the Center to pick a monthly walk schedule or call 925-931-5365 for more information.

PLEASANTON PEDALERS If you love cycling, this group is for you. Join at 9 a.m. every Thursday. Rides will be at an easy pace from 15 to 25 miles, with no rider left behind. A signed waiver is required for all riders. Go to meetup.com/PleasantonPedalers.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

Seniors

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.

EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND CLEANING Stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month to have your eye glasses and sunglasses cleaned and adjusted by a representative from Sears Optical. For more information call 931-5365.

PHOTO CLUB The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. The group shares photos and makes suggestions how the photos might be improved. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips, and are from 2-4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Religion & Spirituality

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Sunday morning services are at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided at both services, and Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m.. Children's choir is at 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.. At 5:30 p.m. on Sundays the church offers an informal service called "Come As You Are" with music, prayer, and discussion. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221 or office@lynnewood.org. Go to www.lynnewood.org.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY Join the Sunday service with Reverend Micah Murdock, minister,

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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 www.unityoftrivalley.org/.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY Celebrate the wonder of Jesus' birth with treasured displays of Christmas Nativity scenes from around the world from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Sponsored by Italian Catholic Federation.

Community Groups

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Call 556-2333 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

CLUTTERLESS (CL) SELF HELP SUPPORT GROUP ClutterLess (CL) Self Help Support Group, for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions, meets at 7 p.m. every Monday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. We are for the Clutterer who is ready to change. Go to www.ClutterLessEastBay.org.

LIVERMORE LIONESS CLUB The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. Lioness is a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

PLEASANTON COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS: GUESTS WELCOME Learn more about public speaking in a fun-filled and supporting environment at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Highland Oaks Recreation Center, 4530 Sandalwood Drive. Enjoy improving your leadership skills, building confidence and

meeting new friends. Go to pleasantont toastmasters.com.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB Pleasanton Newcomers is open to all families in the Tri-Valley. We offer a variety of activities and clubs: something for everyone, including monthly get-togethers, games and book clubs, shared interest groups, community service, outdoor activities such as hiking, walking and golf, monthly luncheons at local restaurants, a welcome coffee for new members, and much more. The Welcome Coffee is held at 10 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Contact us for activities, dates and locations at 215-8405 or pnewcomers@gmail.com.

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION Federal employees and retirees are invited to attend the NARFE meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 at Emil Villa's Restaurant, 3064 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Guest speaker will be Annette Langer, author of "Healing Through Humor: Change Your Focus, Change Your Life." For more information, directions or transportation to the meeting, call Gary at 373-6758 or go to www.narfe.org.

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

Volunteers

WREATHS ACROSS PLEASANTON Local volunteers are working hard to ensure that all veterans laid to rest at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery are honored this December on National Wreaths Across America Day. The ceremony will take place at noon on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Pioneer Cemetery. Help is needed from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Amador Recreation Building, 4443 Black Ave. to assemble about 600 wreaths. Volunteers can come for however long they can spare; all help big and small is appreciated.

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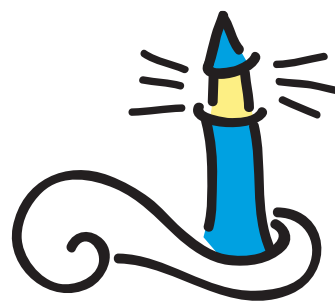


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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 524162

The following person(s) doing business as: BEAUTY AND THE BOUTIQUE, 6911 MARIPOSA CIRCLE SUITE #204, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Kisha Prince, 6911 Mariposa Circle Suite #204, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 10/01/2016. Signature of Registrant: Kisha Prince. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/03/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 2016)

THE LEAN LANE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 524271

The following person(s) doing business as: THE LEAN LANE, 1411 KILKARE ROAD, SUNOL, CA 94586, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Andrew Martin Kenny, 1411 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586. 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: Andrew Kenny. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/07/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2016)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 524020

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The following person(s) doing business as: L & T LANDSCAPING, 7378 TAMARACK DRIVE, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Toan T. Le, 7378 Tamarack Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. 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: Toan T. Le. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/18/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016)

KLS FOUNDATION

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 524979

The following person(s) doing business as: KLS FOUNDATION, 7662 COTTONWOOD LANE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Knowledge Life Service Foundation, 7662 Cottonwood Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Ambrish P. Patel, CEO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/28/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 524702

The following person(s) doing business as: PAIX COMPANY, 330 KILKARE ROAD, SUNOL, CA 94586, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elisabeth Marie Kizanis, 330 Kilkare Road, Sunol, CA 94586; Sophia Louise Bartolomucci, 4922 Golden Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a General partnership. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Sophia Louise Bartolomucci, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 11/16/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016)

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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Oct. 13-Nov. 15

Pleasanton (Oct. 13-19)
 Total sales reported: 16
 Lowest sale reported: \$480,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,615,000
 Average sales reported: \$988,594

Dublin (Oct. 13-19)
 Total sales reported: 21
 Lowest sale reported: \$415,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,437,000
 Average sales reported: \$787,976

Livermore (Oct. 13-19)
 Total sales reported: 31

Lowest sale reported: \$465,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,449,000
Average sales reported: \$704,226

San Ramon (Nov. 7-15)
 Total sales reported: 21
 Lowest sale reported: \$280,000
 Highest sale reported: \$1,220,000
 Average sales reported: \$846,476

Sunol (Oct. 13-19)
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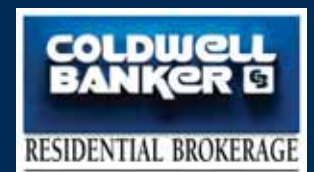
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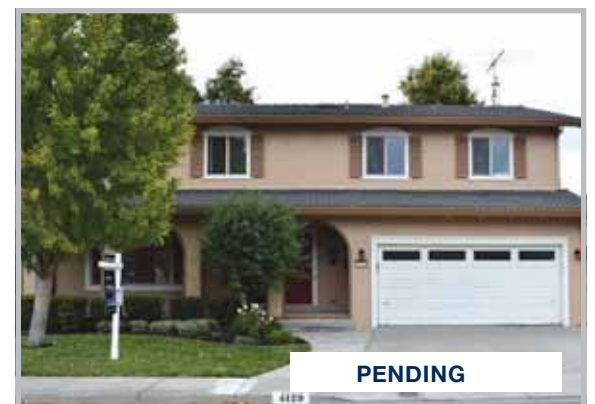
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