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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Pioneer Cemetery: For those who want to stay here

A City Council-appointed task force is expected to issue its long-awaited report later this year on improvements needed to make Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery a better place to be buried and a more attractive place to visit. The seven-member committee was asked to determine how the historic site can be beautified and made more accessible — and how much all that will cost.



AERIAL PHOTO BY MIKE SEDLAK

Pleasanton's Pioneer Cemetery on Sunol Boulevard (upper left in photo) may get a major facelift as part of a task force's review of the site.

Once inside the gates, they would be directed to a staging area where the cemetery's history, the names of early Pleasanton settlers and the more than 400 veterans buried there would be listed with a locator map to their graves. All through the cemetery, markers would provide more historic details.

Although a number of the pricey new grave sites have been sold, there's still reluctance on the part of survivors who would like to have a warmer, friendlier place to pay respects to their loved ones. The new allowable grave markers, although similar to what newer cemetery locations require, are flat on the ground with room for a name and dates. Without a friend's help, you could walk some distance before finding the deceased buried below. The Veterans Cemetery at Los Banos has the same ground-level ruling, but its headstones are elevated and slanted enough so names are visible by motorists traveling along the roadways.

Another stumbling block that discourages burials at Pioneer is the ruling that stipulates the sites can't be re-sold once purchased. Pleasanton families that buy plots with good intentions of being buried here and then find themselves moving to distant locations are stuck with the grave sites, which means there could be a number of unused plots at Pioneer where space is limited.

The city has made an effort to focus on high quality of life for residents, through youth programs, excellent schools, a strong job base in its business parks, well-built and attractive homes and neighborhoods, and the opening of the Stoneridge Creek and other retirement developments. The next step will be to renovate Pioneer as a desired resting place for those of us who want to stay here forever. ■

The 120-year-old cemetery, which the city purchased in 2007 from the International Order of Oddfellows, has seen some improvements since the Pleasanton Parks and Community Services Department and the Rotary Club of Pleasanton invested time and money to cart away litter, repair broken benches, tombstones and pavement, and spruce up the landscape.

But for many, including those who have purchased the new grave sites made available over the last three years, Pioneer is still a mess. It's a community eyesore for those who think of Pleasanton as a city of well-groomed parks and trails. On rainy days, though those have been few this season, visitors come away with muddy shoes and disappointment. These are survivors who spent up to \$10,198 for a full double-burial grave site after the 400 new plots were added, close to what nearby public cemeteries charge, but they have green grass and usually an on-site caretaker.

In many ways, Pioneer hasn't changed much since the days the Oddfellows owned it and probably not a lot since John Kottinger was buried there. The task force hopes to change that at a Council-imposed limit of \$50,000, which may not buy a lot of improvements. The council and task force hope to enlist the volunteer support of more organizations, such as Rotary, as well as history aficionados who see the value of Pioneer as a teaching tool and possibly even a tourist attraction.

Veterans organizations have already promised helping hands and donations, offering to create a privately funded means of rebuilding the veterans memorial and to help pay future maintenance costs. The price tag for the memorial alone is \$50,000.

Local arts contributors Nancy and Gary Harrington want to go even further. They're calling for a creative sign facing traffic on Sunol Boulevard inviting passersby to visit historic Pioneer Cemetery.

About the Cover

Students and parents prepare for classes to start at Hearst Elementary School earlier this school year. Hearst is the third most populated elementary campus in the district. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Shannon Corey.

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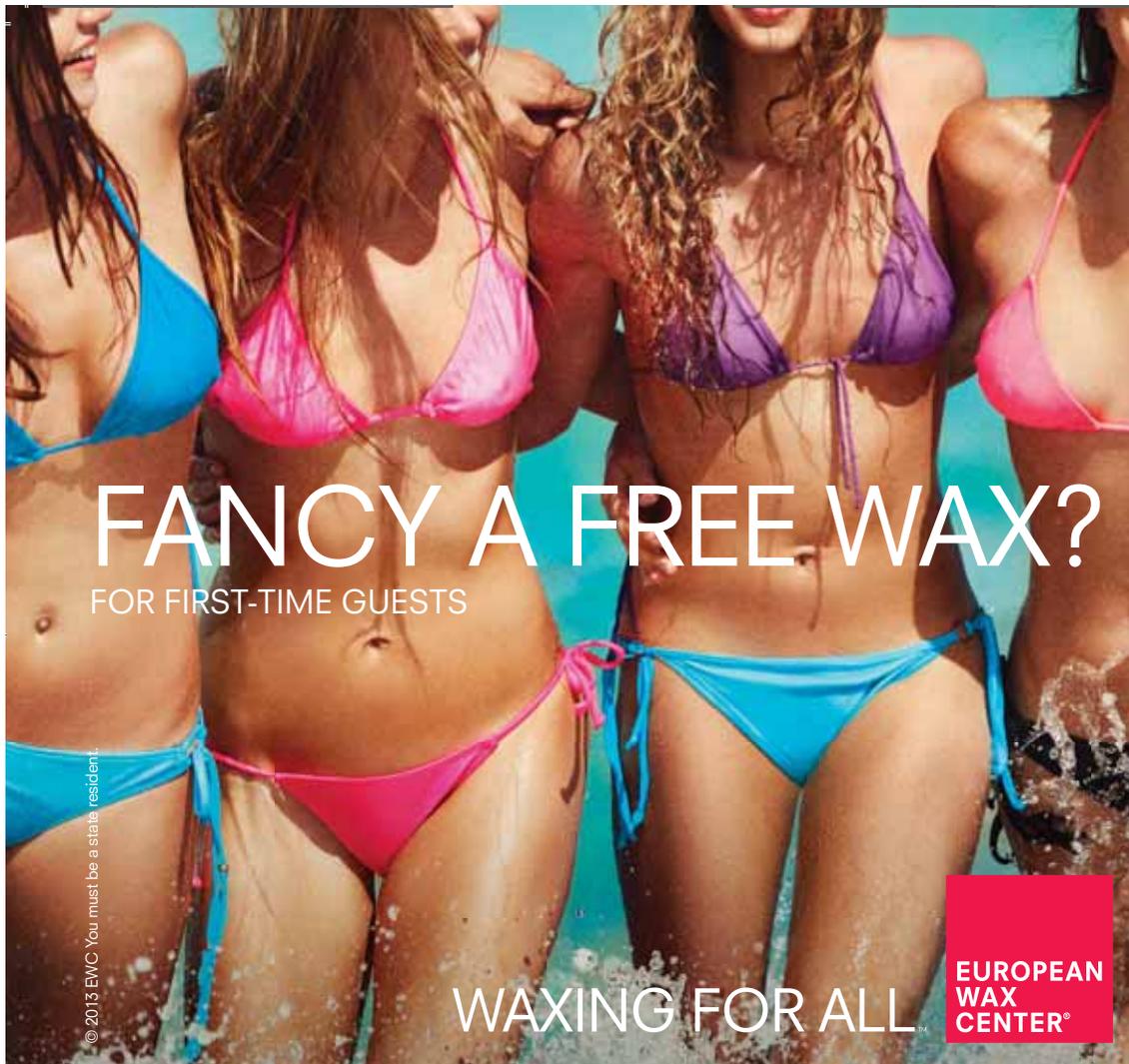
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What is the nicest thing anyone has ever said to you?



Lettie Camp

Retired

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Brad Boldrini

Caregiver

Every time someone says "thank you" in a sincere way, I think that that is the nicest thing anyone can say to me because it shows gratitude and appreciation, and too many people today just don't say it.



Christa Greiner

Personal stylist

The nicest thing anyone has ever said to me is that I look just like my daughter.



Amanda Greiner

Event coordinator

I love it when people tell me I look just like my mother. That is most definitely the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me.



Randy Janssen

Retired

When my wife says "I love you" to me, that is the nicest thing anyone can say to me. We've been married for 43 years and she still says it.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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DIGEST

Ragin' Cajun

Tickets are now on sale for the Ragin' Cajun Mardi Gras cancer fundraiser, set for March 7 from 6-11 p.m.

This annual fundraiser for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation will be held at Casa Real at the Ruby Hill Winery, 410 Vineyard Ave. in Pleasanton. It will feature music, dancing, a gourmet dinner, beads, live and silent auctions, and more.

The foundation provides cancer patients in the Tri-Valley area with financial assistance for complementary healing services during the course of their chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy that are not covered by insurance.

Tickets are available online at www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org or by calling (866) 862-7270.

Bill introduced

State Sen. Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) introduced a bill last week that would allow medical professionals to notify rape-crisis centers when sexual-assault victims are at the hospital for an evidentiary medical exam, after receiving the victim's consent.

Current law only allows law enforcement to contact counseling centers for victims.

"Sexual assault victims have already suffered physical and emotional trauma. (Senate Bill 978) will make it easier for them to get the counseling services they need," said DeSaulnier, who represents Pleasanton.

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said the bill would establish "a more seamless process for victims of sexual assault many of whom are already suffering from trauma, fear, and a loss of privacy and dignity."

Fusion with Fiuza

Las Positas College and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will team up for a presentation on fusion energy by Frederico Fiuza, Ph.D., on March 3.

Fiuza will discuss how fusion is a possible long-term energy solution for humanity and how it is capable of providing the power needed to drive economic growth and social development. The event is part of the groups' series on putting scientific theory to practice.

The presentation is free and open to the public. It is set to begin at 6 p.m. in the college's Multi-Disciplinary Building Lecture Hall, Room 2420, in Livermore. For more information, contact biology professor Nan Ho at 424-1344 or nho@laspositacollege.edu.

Workday to add 6-story building to complex

Architecturally-striking structure will be Pleasanton's second tallest

By JEB BING

Workday, a fast-growing software company with headquarters on Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton, plans to build a six-story glass and steel building between its main campus and I-580.

When completed, it will be Pleasanton's second tallest building at 87-1/2 feet tall at the top of roof parapet and a height of 105 feet at the apex of a rooftop circular screen wall.

Only Safeway's corporate headquarters near the Workday complex is taller, but by less than a foot.

The architecturally-striking 430,000-square-foot office building will be placed on a site that includes BART-owned property once designated for a 350-unit apartment house complex and retail center adjacent to the West Dublin-Pleasanton BART station. That site, once needed to satisfy Pleasanton's need for affordable housing, was never developed as planned.

The office building will have a unique and striking three-sided shape featuring layered architecture creating a base, middle and top. The base will feature glass walls highlighted by the building entry features and a covered outdoor dining area.

The middle layer will feature continuous ribbon windows separated by horizontal bands. The top layer begins with recessed

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JEB BING

Celebrating Evie's 100th

Evie Grace Moller, who graced our Pleasanton Weekly cover last Friday on her 100th birthday, enjoys a few laughs as friends celebrated in the Walnut Drive home where she's lived since 1955.

Mayor Jerry Thorne stopped by to wish Evie a "happy birthday" and present her with a resolution from the Pleasanton City Council honoring her years in the community.

Narum launches campaign for election to council

Seeks 4-year term in November race

By JEB BING

Pleasanton City Councilwoman Kathy Narum launched her campaign for election to a full four-year term on the council at a crowded breakfast event in the Fairgrounds Pavilion, where she received a standing ovation from supporters.

Narum, who was chosen to sit on the council in a special balloting-by-mail election last May, is currently filling the seat vacated by Mayor Jerry Thorne when he won his bid for the top post in November 2012.

In that vote, Narum received 4,586 votes, 39.62% of the 11,655 votes cast in the special election.

She is now seeking election to a four-year

term in the municipal election scheduled for Nov. 4. If elected, she would be eligible to serve two four-year terms because the two-term limit applies only to officials elected to full terms.



Kathy Narum

So far, only Thorne has announced that he will seek reelection as mayor. Besides his office, two council seats will be available in November: Narum's and the council seat now held by Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who will be termed out this year after serving eight years.

Narum, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from UC Davis, served five years on the city's Planning Commission before her election to the council.

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Amador Valley High wins state 'We the People' competition

Heads to Washington for 13th appearance at nationals in April

By JEB BING

Amador Valley High School has won the California state "We the People" competition, giving the school's current competition civics team a place at the national competition in Washington, D.C. in April.

The competition civics team from Foothill High took second place in the state contest after winning local and regional contests in its "We the People" district.

Amador's win again at the state level will give this year's team a chance to top last year's in the upcoming 27th annual "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution National" finals.

After three days of simulated congressional hearings on the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights last May, Grant High School of Portland, Ore., won first place, with Amador finishing second and Denver (Colo.) East High School finishing third.

This will be the 13th time Amador Valley has represented California in the national competition. The school's team won the nationals in 1995.

Members of the "We the People" team, their coach, school leaders, and community and parent supporters are now launching a campaign to raise over \$60,000 in less than five weeks -- the cost to attend the national competition.

"We are totally self-funding and don't receive any money from the school or district to cover any of the costs," said Brian Ladd, Amador's social studies and civic teacher who coaches the team. "We need to raise the money by the first of April."

Jeremy Detamore coached the team from Foothill, where he is a world history and economics teacher.

The students on the Amador Valley High team are Bianca Bacaltos, Eric Chan, Naomi Chan, Alexandra Gonsman, Domnall Hegarty, Daniel Huang, Liana Huynh, Nisha Kale, Almas Khan, Kathryn Kitayama, Shilpa Krish, Emily Lu, Armin Mahini, John Malchar, Kaitlyn Mallie, Kabir Sethi, Lillian Sun, Jennifer Teitell, Kristina Vateva, Rose Wang, Jarry Xiao, Christine Xu, Jennifer Yip and Tandy Yuan.

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Roche announces launch of new HIV tests suitable for worldwide use

New test will help increase access for early infant HIV diagnosis

By JEB BING

Roche Laboratories in Pleasanton announced this week that it has received CE mark certification for its new dual-target HIV-1 drug test, allowing it to be sold in the European Union and those countries accepting CE-marked products.

The test simultaneously amplifies and detects two separate regions of the HIV-1 genome, which are not subject to selective drug pressure. This unique, dual-target design allows for more reliable results to confidently and effectively diagnose HIV-1 infection.

Roche representatives said the new dual-target HIV-1 qualitative test, v2.0, works with plasma and dried-blood spot collection cards to facilitate testing, and more importantly makes sample collection and transportation easy, even from the smallest infant in the most rural area.

The new test will help increase access for early infant HIV diagnosis, the company said.

The collection card and the need for more sensitive and accurate information to diagnose babies early in their life and patients across many African countries is instrumental to facilitate the state-of-the-art healthcare required for the region. The HIV-1 dual-target qualitative test and sample cards

eliminate need for refrigeration while also reducing the volume of blood to be stored or transported and improving stress levels for the mother and child.

"The ability to determine the HIV status of an infant as early as six weeks is crucial to determining the appropriate care and support for HIV-positive babies," stated Paul Brown, president of Roche Molecular Diagnostics. "With this new solution from Roche, we are reiterating our commitment to healthcare solutions that make a real difference for patients."

Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Roche's Pleasanton-based Molecular Diagnostics facilities are located in Hacienda Business Park at 4300 Hacienda Dr. ■

San Jose men arrested in Pleasanton pesticide theft

One current, one former Terminix employee arrested

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Two men have been arrested for burglary in a months-long theft of pesticides from Terminix in Pleasanton.

Former employee Anthony Torres, 25, and current employee Nicholas Gil, 27, both of San Jose, were arrested Feb. 12.

"Detectives executed a search and arrest warrant at Torres' home in San Jose," Pleasanton police Sgt. Maria Munayer said. "Gil was arrested the same day after detectives located him arriving at a service appointment."

A commercial burglary report was first filed on Jan. 13, in which Ter-

nix noted an unknown number of cases of a chemical had been stolen. Initial estimates put the theft at as much as \$180,000, but Munayer said the actual amount stolen was about \$20,000.

"The investigation led detectives to a storage unit in San Jose where over \$15,000 of stolen commercial-grade pesticides were recovered," she said. "Approximately \$5,000 worth of pesticides had already



Anthony Torres



Nicholas Gil

been sold on eBay."

The company, located on West Las Positas Boulevard, uses about \$600,000 in chemicals per year, so the loss wasn't noted until recently. The bur-

glaries spanned a period of nearly a year, from last March to January.

Torres and Gil were booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on charges of burglary and conspiracy to commit burglary. ■



WORKDAY

Pleasanton software company Workday plans to build this architecturally-striking, six-story glass and steel building between Stoneridge Mall Road and I-580. With its rooftop circular screen wall, it will be the city's second tallest building, rising to 105 feet.

WORKDAY

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sixth-floor walls continuing up to a deep eave soffit with a simple band at the parapet and finishes with horizontally-scored rooftop equipment screens.

The new building will accommodate a growing workforce. Founded by CEOs Dave Duffield and Aneel Bhusri in 2005, Workday now has more than 1,750 employees and 400 customers.

Employees have gradually been moving from its leased floors in an office building on Stoneridge Mall Road into buildings a few blocks away in Stoneridge Corporate Plaza, which is being acquired by NPC Holdings, LLC, a wholly-owned affiliate of Duffield. This was a strategic investment for Duffield and his venture, NPC, which is separate from Workday. NPC will continue to manage the space as a multi-tenant office, and Workday

will occupy some of the space as an expansion of its corporate headquarters

Plans for the new six-story Workday center were discussed last week at an informal workshop meeting of the city's Planning Commission. Two commissioners, Jennifer Pearce and Herb Ritter, voiced concerns over traffic on Stoneridge Mall Road, especially during the winter holidays.

"At Christmastime, the traffic is horrible in that area," Ritter said.

Two five-story parking garages will also be built as part of the project, and the Workday developer is considering a walkway from the BART station to the new complex.

Workday will now formalize its plan into a final proposal to take to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council for ultimate approval.

Work on the new building is expected to start in 2015. ■


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PTSCA

Teens: Want to visit Tulancingo?

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association is still accepting applications for exchange students to travel to Mexico as part of its 2014 delegation. To participate in the program, a student needs to be entering his or her sophomore, junior or senior year in high school in the fall and have completed a second year of Spanish by the end of the current school year.

The cultural exchange is an enriching experience for students and their families, as Pleasanton teens travel to Tulancingo, Mexico, and stay with the families of their counterparts. The Tulancingo teens also visit Pleasanton, where they are hosted. It is an exciting time for Pleasanton as the sister-city visitors are seen downtown and at sites around the city.

Find out more about the exchange program and the application and selection process by visiting the association's website at ptsca.org, calling 600-7941 or emailing annangst@sbcglobal.net.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"We the People" competition civics team at Amador Valley High School takes a break for a group photo after winning the state competition. The team is now headed for competition finals in Washington, D.C. Amador teacher and team coach Brian Ladd is standing at far right.

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Students who competed on the Foothill team were Alyosha Bendebury, Karen Chang, Jerry Cheng, Karbi Choudhury, Jasper Edwards, Kelsey Emery, Priya Gambhir, Ol-

ivia Hartjen, Rachel Herzog, Bryce Hwang, Charles Jin, Alex Keir, Fiona Lau, Roxy Moran, Charlie Morris, Marius Mueller, Melissa Muller, Elizabeth Peng, Jacob Richey, Jack Simmons, Jamie Suk, Chanel Vismara, Priyanka Walimbe, Yandi Wu, Alicia Yang, Kevin Yi and Katrina Zhu.

Those wishing to donate to the Amador team's travel fund can send a check to "We the People" Civics Team, c/o Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. Contributions sent by mail are tax deductible, with a tax ID #: 94-3062524. ■

NARUM

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Earlier, she served on the city's Parks and Recreation Commission for five years. She is also past president of the Pleasanton Seahawks swimming organization, and served on the city's East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force and as chairwoman of the city's Heritage Tree board of appeals.

She is married to Jeff Narum. The couple have two grown daughters, Jennifer and Lisa, who work in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

After college, Narum worked as a chemical engineer, but with the arrival of the couple's first daughter, she chose to be a stay-at-home mom. As both daughters later started swimming with the Pleasanton Seahawks, she volunteered her time to work with the organization, joining its board of directors and eventually becoming president. At the same time, she became active with city and other civic organizations.

"During the first eight months of serving on the council, I've really tried to be accessible, listen to all perspectives and be accountable," she told supporters at last week's breakfast campaign.

She cited as some of her accomplishments on the council as working to finish construction drawings for the next phase of the Bernal Park property, creating a citizen's task force to develop a plan to upgrade the appearance of the city-owned Pioneer Cemetery, approving changes to the Downtown Specific Plan with regard to residential

properties that will improve design and remodeling, and adopting a revised cell phone tower ordinance that will improve the coverage in the city.

She said her priorities for the near future include reviewing and strengthening the city's fiscal policy "so that we will continue to ensure that our city's finances are sustainable."

She said she would also work to continue to maintain the high quality of life in Pleasanton and vowed to work cooperatively with other cities in the Tri-Valley on issues of mutual importance.

"It is essential that we continue to have a sound fiscal policy that enhances revenues while looking for ways to reduce expenses through efficiency, Narum said. "We need to continue to reduce the city's unfunded pension liability, to promote thriving business parks so that we can attract and retain businesses in the city, and to further streamline the process of opening a business in Pleasanton."

Narum wants to continue working with owners of older shopping centers to revitalize their properties, with the goal of keeping residents' shopping dollars in Pleasanton and generating sales tax.

Her other priorities, she told supporters, will be to continue working to update and consolidate planning documents and design guidelines for Hacienda Business Park as well as working with the owner of Stoneridge Shopping Center to encourage and support development of the already-approved additional square footage there.

"This could be a great opportu-

nity to add entertainment venues at Stoneridge, such as a movie theater," she said.

Narum said that with strong revenues, Pleasanton has been able to sustain the quality of those who live and work here, including maintaining excellent public safety with police and fire protection, excellent streets and infrastructure and parks, open space, high-quality recreational facilities and a vibrant downtown.

"I strongly support downtown and it will be a priority for me to consider all ideas that will promote downtown," she said. "On responsible growth, it means looking at all the options and gathering community input so that we understand the benefits and disadvantages of each option to make the best decisions in the overall interest of the community."

"This, in particular, applies to the East Pleasanton Specific Plan as we evaluate the environmental and economic studies now underway," she added.

Narum, who currently serves on the City Council-Pleasanton school district liaison committee, also said supports interagency collaboration.

"This includes cooperation on zoning for any new school sites as well as providing resources to help keep our schools safe," she said.

"Regionally, it's important to collaborate with neighboring cities and agencies in the Tri-Valley area," she added. "This includes issues related to traffic, water, and development. High priorities for me are the completion of Highway 84 and BART to Livermore." ■

UPS driver helps save Pleasanton shopkeeper

'He kept saying, 'Do you want me to call somebody?''

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

A Pleasanton woman got an early Valentine's gift: her life, thanks to the persistence of a UPS driver from San Ramon.

It was a coincidence that driver Eddie Tinga was even on the route that covered Milffleur, Terri Carlson's shop in the old Kottinger Barn on Ray Street on Feb. 4.

"He's our stand-in UPS man, our regular UPS man is out on medical with a broken leg," Carlson said.

When Tinga came in to make a delivery, Carlson said she was having a hard time thinking.

"I was writing a COD check and I just couldn't organize my thoughts," she said. "Eddie kept asking me if I was OK, and I said, sure I was OK, but I couldn't see what I wrote. He was trying to help me and he kept saying, 'Do you want me to call somebody?'"

It turned out Carlson was having a transient ischemic attack (TIA), also known as a mini-stroke.

She said the TIA came "out of the

blue," although she recalled having some scattered thoughts some time earlier.

UPS drivers typically have a tight schedule, but Tinga stayed and pressed until Carlson called her husband, who dropped what he was doing to rush his wife to the hospital. That, Carlson said, was the second miracle of the day.

"All the lights turned green to get me there," she said.

At the hospital, five people worked on her and explained how serious the mini-stroke was. That made Carlson even more appreciative of Tinga's persistence.

"Eddie was very caring. I'm definitely impressed with what he did for me," she said, noting that the TIA landed her in the hospital for five days.

Tinga said he didn't want recognition for helping Carlson.

"I don't really want praise for doing what we all should do," he said. "The family thanked me, that's good enough for me." ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Oakland man nabbed in car burglaries

An early-morning car burglar was busted Monday, thanks to a call from a resident on Camino Brazos. The caller reported seeing someone taking property from inside of his parked vehicle.

The thief then left the area on foot, but police set up a perimeter and found their suspect hiding in bushes near the intersection of Hansen Drive and Camino Brazos.

The suspect reportedly possessed property stolen from unlocked vehicles on the 5400 block of Ridgeway Road, the 2200 block of Fairfield Road and the 2100 block of Camino Brazos.

Christopher James Yorrie, 40, of Oakland was arrested at about 4:04 a.m. Monday on a felony count of receiving stolen property, along with misdemeanor counts of prowling and probation violation. He was booked into Santa Rita Jail.

Police are giving credit to the Camino Brazos resident who reported the suspicious activity. They encourage residents to help fight crime by immediately reporting suspicious behavior.

In other police reports:

- Police are investigating an arson reported Monday afternoon at Foothill High School in the 4300 block of Foothill Road.

- A storage container used to hold graduation-night supplies was set afire, causing \$2,000 in damage to the shed and its contents. The fire was reported at about 4:23 p.m.

- Christian Davis, 30, of Oakland was arrested at about 2:03 p.m. Feb. 12 for felony forgery at Wells Fargo in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road. Davis was allegedly attempting to cash a \$4,900 counterfeit check that the clerk believed was suspicious; the bank contacted police.

- A resident of the 5200 block of Genovesio Drive reported that someone used his identification to open a PayPal account and made transactions totaling \$10,230 between Feb. 4 and 13.

- Sunglass Hut in the Stoneridge Shopping Center

was hit twice by walkaway thieves in recent days. In one, two Gucci-style sunglasses valued at about \$375 and \$350 were reported stolen at about 1:35 p.m. Feb. 13. In the second, three sunglasses worth a total \$773 were stolen between 5:15 and 7:20 p.m. Feb. 15.

- Huixia Zhou, 44, of San Francisco was arrested for felony commercial burglary in an incident that took place at about 5:20 p.m. Feb. 16 in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road. She was arrested for taking six items of clothing worth about \$570 from Macy's.

- Melissa Lynn Lancaster, 40, a transient, was arrested at about 2:11 p.m. Feb. 15 in the 5800 block of Owens Drive on a felony warrant for parole violation out of Arkansas.

- A \$200 massage table, a fur stole worth \$150 and china valued at about \$100 were among the items stolen in a Valentine's Day burglary from a storage shed at Pleasanton Glen Apartments. The break-in, which netted items worth a total of about \$520, took place between 12:01 a.m. and 1 p.m.

- An iPad mini valued at \$400 was stolen from a classroom at the Stratford School in the 4500 block of Willow Road. The theft was reported at about 4:09 p.m. Feb. 12.

- A shoplifting from the Apple Store in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road netted three Nike Fuel wristbands valued at \$149 apiece. A man was observed concealing them inside a booster jacket.

- A resident of the 600 block of Windmill Lane reported that someone created a check using her account number for \$263.

- A garage door provided entrance in a Feb. 17 residential burglary of a home in the 5900 block of Kolb Ranch Drive, but nothing was stolen during the break-in, which occurred at about 11:16 a.m.

- A resident of the 200 block of Kottinger Drive reported at about 3:51 p.m. Feb. 11 that someone used her social security number to file a fraudulent income tax return in 2012.

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

Richard Del Tredici

Richard Del Tredici, 73, died at home with his family by his side Feb. 12, 2014, after a courageous and graceful battle with cancer. Born to Walter and Helen Del Tredici, born in San Anselmo, lived in Pleasanton for 50 years, and was a local high school teacher/principal for 38 years.



Richard loved knowledge, travel, and all things Italian. With his gentle strength, kindness, smile, and helping hand, he was an inspiration to everyone who knew him.

Family was most important to Richard: Judy, his wife of 50 years, children Lisa (John), Michelle (Rocco), and Aaron (John), brothers David of New York, Robert of Montreal, Peter of Boston, sister Ann of El Sobrante, and three treasured grandchildren, Lizzie, Marcus, and Calvin. He was also blessed to be surrounded by loving and supportive friends and extended family.

Donations in Richard's memory to your favorite charity appreciated.

PAID OBITUARY

Kathryn Claire Ruckteschler

May 2, 1947 – February 9, 2014

Kathryn Claire Ruckteschler, a fourth generation San Franciscan, passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, at the age of 66 after suffering a long illness.



Kathy was raised in Burlingame, CA and graduated from Burlingame High School and College of San Mateo. After college, Kathy joined TIA Airlines, along with her twin sister Terry, as an airline stewardess. She enjoyed many years of travel before settling down with her longtime soul mate and love of her life Lance Ruckteschler. Lance and Kathy recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. Kathy spent many years working with Lance in the family business, R. Lance and Sons.

Kathy is the sister of Terry Lembi and Lee Mercer (Bob). Kathy is the mother of Jeff Ruckteschler (Lisa), Jason Ruckteschler (Ali), Lori Gibson (Dan), Staci Navarreta (Ron) and the Grandmother of Nina Ruckteschler, Jonathan McKee, R.J. Ruckteschler, Adrianna Ruckteschler, Hailey and Brody Gibson and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Donald Haff and Marie E. Haff, and Brothers-in Law Donald Lembi and Ken Mercer. Kathy lived a full life, enjoying her family and friends and was a generous, kind and loving woman who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at St. Augustine's Catholic Church. A reception followed at Village at Ironwood in Pleasanton. Contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation.

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb. 11

Rape

- 9:51 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

- 9:11 a.m. in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft
- 12:04 p.m. in the 700 block of Rose Avenue; auto theft
- 2:05 p.m. in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft
- 3:51 p.m. in the 200 block of Kottinger Drive; fraud

Auto burglary

- 1:39 p.m. in the 5900 block of Sterling Greens Circle
- 1:47 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 3:13 p.m. in the 4400 block of Black Avenue
- 4:28 p.m. in the 5800 block of Sterling Greens Circle
- 9:54 p.m. in the 2400 block of Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

- 7:40 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 10:56 a.m. in the 500 block of Junipero Street
- 4:02 p.m. in the 800 block of Piemonte Drive

Feb. 12

Theft

- 11:29 a.m. in the 5000 block of

Crestwood Court; fraud

- 12:49 p.m. in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road

- 4:04 p.m. in the 19500 block of Dublin Canyon Road; auto theft

Burglary

- 8:56 a.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive

Auto burglary

- 3:44 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 4:58 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Assault/battery

- 12:45 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue

Drug/alcohol violations

- 2:29 p.m. in the 4300 block of First Street; confidential drug arrest

Feb. 13

Theft

- 8:35 a.m. in the 1900 block of Santa Rita Road
- 9:40 a.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road
- 3:28 p.m. in the 600 block of Windmill Lane; fraud
- 5:40 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; bicycle theft

Auto burglary

- 9:28 a.m. in the 2300 block of Meadowlark Drive
- 9:06 p.m. in the 1000 block of

Stoneridge Mall Road

Vehicle tampering

- 8:19 a.m. in the 2300 block of Meadowlark Drive

Vandalism

- 8:05 a.m. in the 5300 block of Case Ave

Feb. 14

Burglary

- 1 p.m. in the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

Auto burglary

- 10:05 a.m. in the 3800 block of Newton Way

Graffiti

- 9:52 a.m. in the 4500 block of First Street

Feb. 15

Theft

- 9:36 a.m. in the 5700 block of Owens Drive; bicycle theft
- 12:57 p.m. in the 5100 block of Golden Road

Vandalism

- 11:07 a.m. at the intersection of Haleakala Road and Valley Trails Drive; graffiti

Feb. 16

Auto theft

- 11:42 a.m. in the 5300 block of Black Avenue
- 1:37 p.m. in the 3400 block of Cornerstone Court

Lela Thut Gonsalves Terrill

February 20, 1923 – February 9, 2014

Lela Thut Gonsalves Terrill was born in Modesto, CA, to Bertie Jane Tomer of Hanford, CA, and Wilhelm Thut of Seengen, Switzerland. She was preceded in death by husbands John Gonsalves and Cliff Terrill, and son John "Bud" Gonsalves, Jr.



Lela and John Gonsalves Sr. had five other children, Larry (Bev), Jane (Steve), David (Barb), Susan, and Dennis (Kathe). She was a loving grandmother of 19 and adoring great grandmother of 26.

Lela was a phenomenal cook and was famous for her Christmas fruitcakes. She loved to bake. She was also a wonderful quilt maker and loved to cross-stitch.

Her loving and nurturing spirit and her love of talking will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Her family would like to thank everyone for their love and support, especially during Lela's final days at Parkview. She had incredible care from the Parkview caregivers and Hospice.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service and celebration of Lela's life at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Parkview Senior Assisted Living at 100 Valley Ave. with a reception immediately following in the Parkview Activities Room. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lela's memory may be made to Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave. Suite 100, Dublin, 94568.

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Summer 2014

Gadgets, great outdoors can coexist

Real world advice to using
technology in moderation

Advancements in technology over the last decade have children spending more time with gadgets and gizmos, and less time enjoying the great outdoors. In fact, kids are now using technology up to 10 hours a day, according to the Joan Ganz Cooney Center. But kids' increasing use of technology and opportunities to appreciate Mother Nature do not have to be mutually exclusive.

The importance of outside play

A new National Wildlife Federation (NWF) report shows that kids' media habits can both positively and negatively impact health, and provides real-world advice to help parents serve as positive role models and teach children to use technology in moderation.

"Kids need to be outside all year long, especially in the winter when days are short and we're all a little more cooped up than usual," said Maureen Smith, chief marketing officer for National Wildlife Federation. "In addition to developing a deeper appreciation for the outdoors and the wildlife around them no matter where they live, it helps them burn off energy, stay fit, and be mentally focused for school, homework and all activities in their busy day."

Screen time plus green time

Technology can be a valuable tool to help families balance the lure of screen time with the importance of green time for kids. Today's connected world enables children to experience nature in ways never before imagined.

NWF's report offers families these ideas for combining technology with the outdoors:

1. Rely on technology to plan or inspire outdoor adventures. This can include anything — from finding great nearby hiking trails to interactive, outdoor treasure hunts.
2. Keep a record of outdoor experiences with the help of electronic photos, videos or an electronic journal. They'll love the ability to share their experiences with family and friends.
3. When safe and practical, take hand-held devices outdoors to combine the best of both worlds (just remember to plan for some fully unplugged time outside, too).
4. Use tools such as Ubooly, an app-based learning toy that can turn a walk in the park into an interactive experience with activities such as scavenger hunts, nature hikes, mindfulness games and plenty of exercise.

For other helpful resources and to learn more about NWF's goal to get 10 million more kids spending regular time in the great outdoors visit www.BeOutThere.org.

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Childhood summer camps offer key benefits

Programs help teach youth independence and confidence, experts say

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

In songs and movies, summer camps are a rite of passage for children and usually involve mishaps — because otherwise there would be no plot.

But what about in real life? How is the experience?

One great thing about camps these days is that they get kids unplugged, from cell phones, TV and the Internet. And the youngsters discover that even without technology, there is plenty to do.

Parents may question whether their kids will be too homesick if they go away to camp, but psychologist Michael Thompson, author of “Homesick and Happy: How Time Away from Parents Can Help a Child Grow,” said the question often is whether the parents will suffer from “childsickness.”

Parents who revolve a lot of their lives around their children may find they aren't ready to have them leave, even temporarily.

“The only way children can grow into independence is to have their parents open the door and let them walk out. That's what makes camp such a life-changing experience for children,” Thompson wrote in a 2012 Huffington Post blog.

He contended the away-from-home camping experience teaches children skills that are just as important as the obviously impressive ones taught at specialized programs that many feel are important in today's competitive world.

“I believe that children develop in profound ways when they leave their parents' house and join a camp community,” he wrote.

“When a child is on his own, the experience is his alone, the satisfaction belongs only to him and he does not have to filter it through what his parents think and feel,” he explained.

He also said college admissions officers believe former campers succeed in college because camps built confidence and identity.

Campers learn more than how to build a fire or go on a hike, said Michael Ungar, a family therapist, and author of “The We Generation: Raising Socially Responsible Kids.”

“There are the much more complex challenges of getting along with a new group of peers, learning how to ask for help from others, or taking manageable amount of risks without a parent following after you,” Ungar wrote in a recent Psychology Today article.

He listed seven things that camps provide for children:

1. New relationships, both with peers and other trusted adults.
2. An identity that makes them feel confident.
3. They help children feel in control of their lives.
4. Camps make sure all children are treated fairly and valued for who they are.

5. Campers get fresh air, exercise, a balance between structured and unstructured time, and good food.

6. Camps help kids feel they belong.

7. Camps can offer children a better sense of their culture.

Ungar noted that these experiences can be found in luxurious residential camps or in subsidized day camps in cities.

Camps also emphasize that children learn social skills as they learn to cooperate and trust each other. And they make good friends as they laugh, sing, talk, play and do things together with the pressures they have at school.



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Backyard bird-feeding basics

Help nurture kids' love of nature with these easy tips

Parents and children enjoy spending quality time together, but it's not always easy to find shared interests. The backyard, however, can provide the perfect place for generations to meet when parents help kids learn the delights of bird-watching and bird-feeding.

Interacting with backyard birds benefits children on many levels, including teaching them the responsibility of caring for other living things to nurturing their appreciation of nature. Fall and winter are the perfect times to introduce kids to backyard bird care; as food sources dwindle in their natural habitat, birds will frequent a backyard where feeders serve up seed and suet daily.

The wild-bird experts at Cole's Wild Bird Products offer some guidance for families launching bird feeding lessons:

Different bird species like different types of feeders, but some styles, such as tube feeders, will attract a large variety of birds. Basic bird feeder styles include:

- **Tube** — Best for serving seed, tube feeders keep the contents clean and dry, providing birds with access to the food through feeding ports. They're great all-purpose feeders and will attract the most variety of songbirds. It's important to clean tube feeders regularly, so choose a model that's easy to clean. Some feeder bottoms pop off with the push of a button.

- **Bowl feeders** — If separating seeds into different feeders gets too complicated, bowl feeders can be an all-in, easy solution. They can accommodate a variety of feed types, from seed and suet to mealworms, fruits and nuts. Bowl feeders are especially good starter feeders for children since they are easy to fill and clean.

- **Suet feeders** — During cold winter months, suet is an essential source of energy for birds. Suet feeders can range from a simple mesh onion bag to a wire or plastic mesh box that affixes to a tree or post. Woodpeckers, warblers, nuthatches, titmice, jays and chickadees love suet.

Whatever styles of feeder you choose — and a mix is ideal — be sure to select feeders that are sturdy enough to withstand winter weather and unwanted visitors, like squirrels. They should be tight enough to keep seeds dry, and easy to disassemble for cleaning. Most importantly, keep them maintained and stocked — if you neglect to feed them, birds will go elsewhere.

In order to attract birds, it's important to serve high-quality food. Seed blends with too much cheap seed, known as fill, won't satisfy birds, and you'll end up with a mound of discarded fill under feeders and few feathered friends in your backyard. Here are some basic foods that birds look for in winter:

- **Suet** — Long gone are the days when



Tube feeders keep the contents clean and dry.

serving suet was a messy proposition. Kids can serve suet without messing up their little hands when you choose convenient suet cakes, kibbles, nuts and pearls. Many of these suet options are mixed with other treats birds love, such as nuts, grains and berries. You can even find options with habanero pepper infused in the fat to dissuade squirrels from dining on the suet. Some blends mix human-grade cherries, apples and blueberry-flavored cranberries, preferred nuts, nutritious insect suet kibbles and whole kernel sunflower meats into an energy-packed, powerhouse feed.

- **Seed** — Many songbirds favor seeds, and in winter it can be difficult for birds to find seeds in nature. From black oil sunflower seeds to seed mixes, it's important to serve a variety of high-quality seeds. Choose mixes with large proportions of sunflower seeds and avoid ones with fillers like wheat, milo and corn; birds will pick out the appealing seeds and kick out the filler.

- **Dried mealworms** — Although the name might imply an "ick factor" that appeals to kids, serving dried mealworms is easy and mess-free. High in protein, mealworms are favored by bluebirds, flickers, woodpeckers, siskins and nuthatches. Plus, you don't have to feed them or keep them in the fridge like with live mealworms.

Introducing kids to backyard bird-feeding is an enjoyable and easy way to connect families with nature — and to each other. All you'll need is a feeder, bird feed and some time. The birds will come, kids will surely enjoy the experience, and you'll all have some good family fun.

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GROWING PAINS FOR P

By GLENN WOHLTMANN

Given growth projections for Pleasanton, the school board is considering building at least one, and possibly two, new elementary schools at an estimated cost of nearly \$40 million apiece.

The district's goal is to have elementary school populations somewhere between 600 and 700 students.

"You always want a small enough school where you're able to support the kids. With that (smaller) population, you can get to all the classrooms, you can have assemblies," said Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi, adding that otherwise, "It gets difficult to know the kids, (and) these are young kids."

Higher populated campuses, Ahmadi said, create logistical problems, such as additional times for lunches and having to have multiple assemblies. That's in addition to issues around picking up and dropping off students, which can be time-consuming even at smaller schools in the city.

"Parents love the size when it's 500 to 600, 700 kids," she said.

Some recent studies have indicated that student learning is negatively impacted in schools with populations of less than 400 students or more than 900 students.

In a 2010 piece in *The New York Times* about the closing of elementary schools in Kansas City, several experts said campuses with a population of 600-900 students were best for learning.

"Development is happening in the parts of town that we already have very large schools,"

— Luz Cazares, deputy superintendent.

The "small school effect" was discovered in the 1960s, according to Herbert J. Walberg, university scholar at the University of Illinois at Chicago and an education task force member. Walberg said research in 25 states has shown that "smaller schools produce higher academic achievement than larger schools."

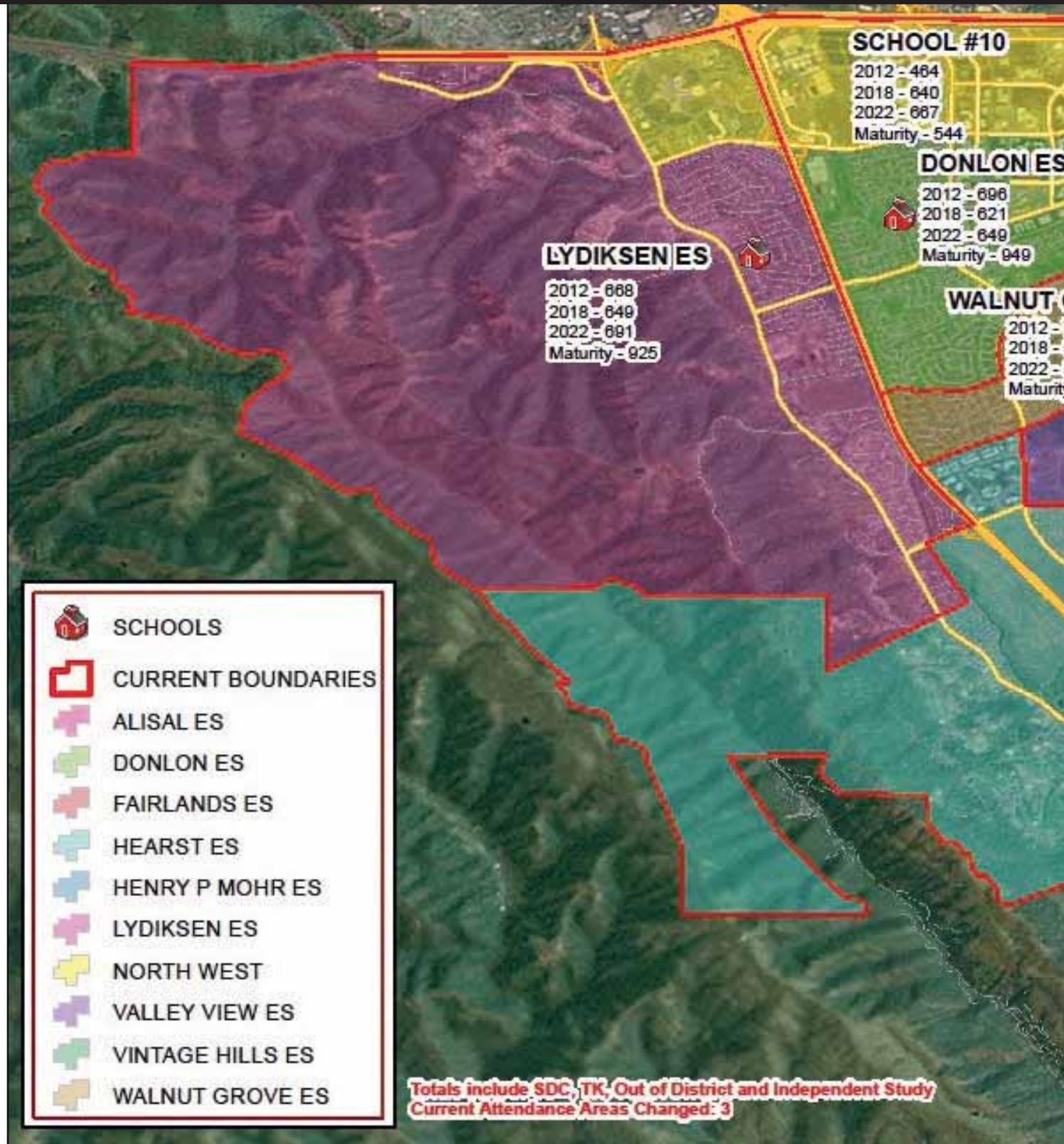
Beyond the educational impact, Ahmadi said the Pleasanton district has a goal of creating schools that children can walk to. "We want kids to stay where they're at, in their neighborhood," she added.

Six elementary schools in Pleasanton are above the district's target. As of Jan. 31, Donlon had 800 students, Fairlands had 754, Hearst had 721, Lydiksen had 712, Walnut Grove had 710 and Mohr had 707.

The most immediate need is in the north, where Donlon, Fairlands, Lydiksen and Walnut Grove are all above the desired population.

Other school districts don't necessarily follow the goal of having 600-700 students. The neighboring San Ramon Valley school district, for example, just broke ground on an elementary school in the Dougherty Valley that will house an estimated 830 students upon its completion in 2015.

"Some school districts have all sizes of elementary schools," Ahmadi said. "That has to do with development and the districts' goals."



Some districts may choose to build larger or smaller schools to support particular programs, such as magnet schools, which emphasize a particular curriculum.

Development is likely to be the most significant factor in Pleasanton. While Donlon, Fairlands, Lydiksen and Walnut Grove all already have more than the district's student population goal, they could also see an influx of new students because of new housing planned for the area.

BRE Properties will build 18 three- and four-story buildings on two sites in the Hacienda Business Park with just more than 500 rental units ranging in size from studio apartments to three-bedroom units, with most being two-bedroom apartments. About 15%

will be subsidized units for low-income households.

A multi-story, high-density apartment project at the California Center — formerly known as CarrAmerica — would bring 305 studio and one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, with about four dozen designated as "affordable."

And St. Anton Partners is expected to build a 168-unit, three- and four-story complex on West Las Positas Boulevard near Stoneridge Drive.

"Development is happening in the parts of town that we already have very large schools," said Deputy Superintendent Luz Cazares.

Projections by Davis Demographics and Planning indicate as many as 1,500 multi-family units and another 283 single-family homes are currently in the

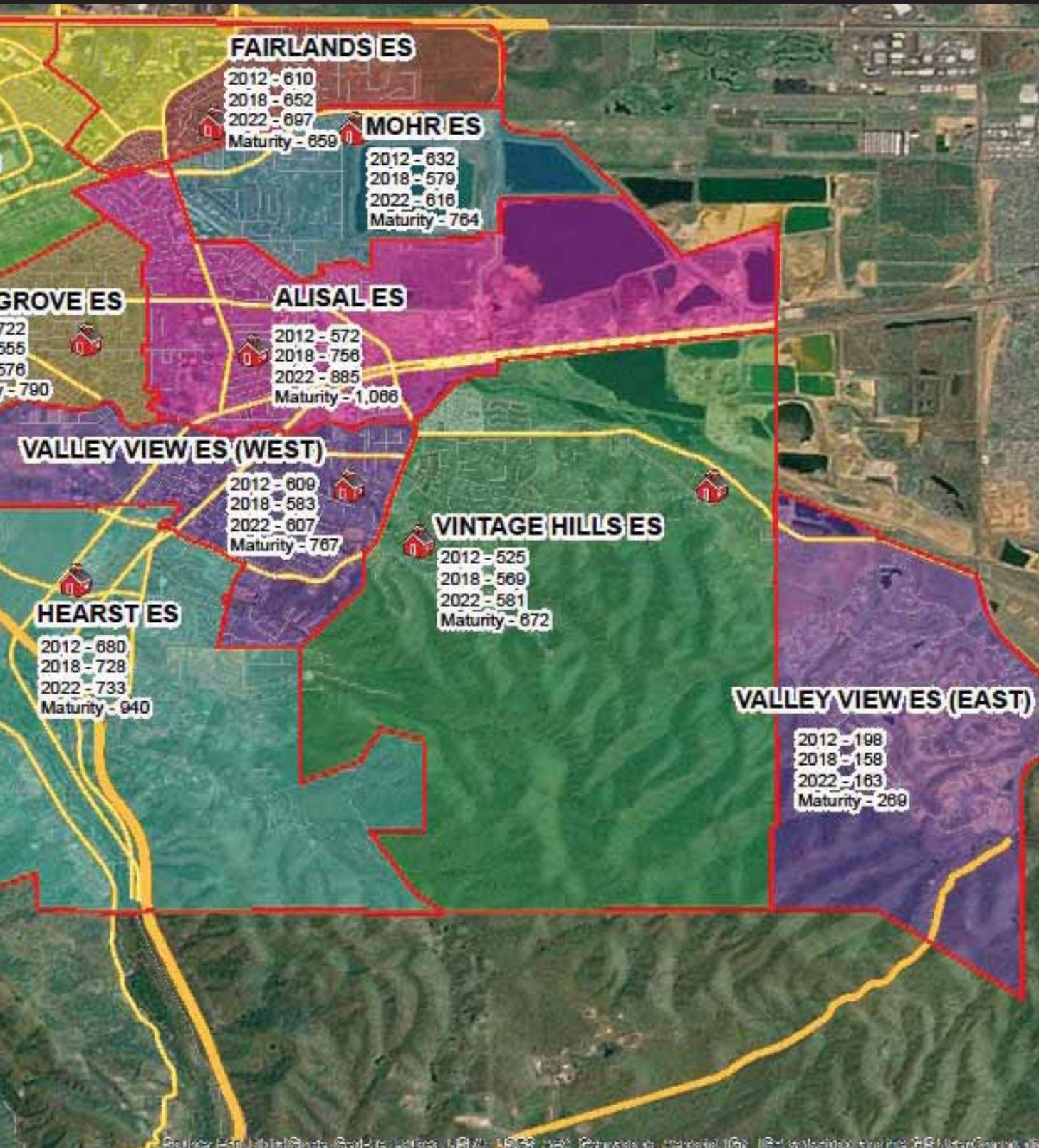
Population rise on new elem

works, with the possibility of another 2,000 multi-family units and another 460 or so single-family homes in the future.

A 10th elementary in northern Pleasanton would be filled to capacity by 2018, according to the demographer's report, which says Fairlands, Donlon and Lydiksen could see a combined student population of 2,562 students by then — an average of more than 850 per campus.

Future growth could mean an additional school needed by the end of the year. Projections from Davis Demographics show the total elementary school population around 6,400 students. The school board has begun discussing the need for no decision yet on building a 10th elementary campus. The board is scheduled to meet on Feb. 19.

PLEASANTON SCHOOLS



Draft of Pleasanton Unified School District Scenario 1 — Opening 10th school in the north

A map showing where a possible 10th elementary school boundary would sit near the intersection of Interstates 580 and 680 (shown left in yellow). There are currently three options under consideration for a potential 11th elementary on Pleasanton's east side: school-owned property known as the Neal site (indicated by a schoolhouse icon northeast of Vintage Hills Elementary), an undetermined location east and north of Vintage Hills, and an undetermined location more north of Vintage Hills.

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Students and parents approach Hearst Elementary School earlier this school year.

prompts debate elementary schools

on the city's east side 11th elementary will be early 2020s, with projections showing elementary school population students by 2021. Board has only recently opening new school sites, with on a time frame for elementary.

Board members are still weighing options that include moving the district offices to somewhere in the Hacienda

Business Park and selling the land that currently houses district administrative offices, a maintenance facility, Village High School and an adjacent ball field. They also want to consider new uses for property on Vineyard Avenue already owned by the district and known as the Neal School site, which could also involve a land swap. The board has also floated the idea that the developers of homes in the East Pleasanton Specific Plan be asked to set aside land, and possibly build a school in the area. "In looking at these documents, one thing that becomes abundantly clear is we're looking at adding two new schools," said boardmember Jeff Bowser at the January discussion of new schools.

"Regardless of the cost, we have a duty to house those students appropriately." 2013 estimates put the cost of building a new school at about \$37 million, not counting land acquisition and site preparations. "There are various possible funding sources, and the board hasn't determined how it wants to do that yet," Cazares said. "Some possibilities are developer fees, some possible state dollars if they ever become available, and the third possibility is a general obligation bond." "I think it's time for us to start talking about a bond," boardmember Joan Laursen said at the January discussion. "We have many, many projects that have not gone away." Those projects include an estimated

\$92 million needed for immediate repairs to facilities, and other medium- and long-term needs that total nearly \$400 million. In 2012, a \$260 million school bond was passed to pay for improvements at San Ramon Valley schools, including \$29.6 million for the school in Dougherty Valley. That measure — the third bond in 14 years — squeaked by with 55.19% in favor. The threshold to pass was 55%. Local measures have not been as successful: two parcel tax measures have been defeated by narrow margins. In addition, some residents have been critical of the district's existing bond debt, which stood at nearly \$65 million as of July 2013, according to the district's budget. ■

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

Pleasanton measures up

A new survey showing how Pleasanton is meeting local and national goals in providing public services gives high marks to the city's government, including the City Council and its city management team.

Although a survey of the public's attitudes was conducted by an outside consultant, the information most relevant to the ongoing condition of the community was handled by the council, City Manager Nelson Fialho and his management team. Using national data for a city with Pleasanton's 72,000 population and land area, the in-house survey team also used the city's General Plan with its myriad policies, regulations and goals as the key measuring device. Because of the inaugural scope of the report, some measures were developed for the first time, but this data will now be available for the annual and similar surveys Fialho and his team plan to conduct.

The survey took a qualitative look at the community, with the consultant's polling measuring people's attitude about the community. As a follow-up, the in-house team then measured various activities, including public safety, infrastructure, economic development, the public library, community services and the administration of Pleasanton's municipal financing. It looked at targets, such as the General Plan, asking if there are any GP goals and objectives that are known to be in the plan but that haven't really been tested to determine whether or not those goals are being met. The team also looked at all of the specific and master plans that have been written over the years and are still in force, as well as more broad-based industry standards.

For example, the General Plan calls for a 4-minute response time for emergency calls by the police department. It also states that as the city grows, the goal continues to maintain that 4-minute response time. The analysis concluded police do respond within 4 minutes and have met that target for at least the last three years. If, in future years,

police don't hit that target, the new metric system now in place will alert the city and police department managers to ask why. Is the city growing too fast? Has it not allocated enough police officers for that activity? Is there something wrong with the police dispatch system that needs to be re-engineered or analyzed? It leads to questions and management solutions that may otherwise not have been addressed because those standards and goals were not being highlighted in the public document now created.

In the street department, the city puts a lot of resources towards maintenance, including resurfacing city streets. While there's no standard in the General Plan on how to maintain streets, there is a public engineers' industry standard. It's called the pavement management index. And, nationally, that number for a community Pleasanton's size and for the amount of roads here is 75. That basically involves having engineers who go out to survey the city to determine whether or not our streets are failing. They rate each street segment, and then the average is calculated. The goal is to always be above 75; our rating is 80.

So every year going forward, the city's in-house team will monitor the street department's reports to make sure Pleasanton is staying above the index. If it's not, city officials will look to see if appropriate resources are being applied toward street maintenance or if the city's repair and replacement strategy might be flawed.

Another example as to how the new city measuring system will be used affects parks. The General Plan calls for the city to have 5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. Although that's been assumed, it's never been precisely measured. It now has and the results show that Pleasanton actually has about 7.5 acres for every 1,000 residents. That's a standard the city will seek to maintain as its population grows.

Those who want to see the full report can ask to view it at the office of the City Clerk Karen Diaz at Pleasanton City Hall. ■

LETTERS

City supervisor's quick response helps save man

Dear Editor,

I want to congratulate Michelle Stearns, city recreation supervisor in aquatics, for her selfless act of heroism last holiday weekend.

Michelle arrived at Pleasanton Ridge on Monday to begin a hike when she came upon a group of people performing CPR on a 47-year-old man who had stopped breathing. The group was not familiar with CPR but

was being given instructions over the phone from emergency dispatch personnel.

Michelle is a trained CPR instructor and took over the breathing component of CPR while also providing instruction to others.

Due in no small part to Michelle's efforts, the hiker was transported to Valley Care Hospital where he remains under hospital care. We're proud to have Michelle on our team.

Great job Michelle!

Nelson Fialho
Pleasanton City Manager

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BY SIERRA RHODES

THIS SATURDAY

Local musicians play benefit show for PPIE

By day, they are typical, hard-working citizens. But at night, they shed their Clark Kent disguises and transform into Pleasanton rock stars.

Indie band Ten Car Train — formerly known as Pilgrim — rocks shows all over the Bay Area, but this weekend they are pulling into Pleasanton for a fundraising event Saturday night at Handles Gastropub. Proceeds will be donated to the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation.

“We’ve wanted to play in Pleasanton for a long time but it had to be the right show at the right venue,” said vocalist and bassist David Stark.

“Each of the musicians in this band come from different musical backgrounds, but Pleasanton is something we all have in common,” vocalist and guitarist Chris Zaballos added.

It was, in fact, Pleasanton that helped bring the band together in what can only be called musical kismet. Stark, Zaballos and Charles McKeag — who also sings and plays drums — met at their respective jobs in real estate, though they knew nothing of each others’ musical talents for years.

“I found out Chris played in bands and just a few weeks later discovered Charles was a musician, too,” Stark said. “After that it was just a matter of time before we got together to play.”

After Stark, Zaballos and McKeag began writing and performing as a trio, guitarist/vocalist Jacques Gautreaux was

soon invited to play with the band on occasion during live shows.

Zaballos and Gautreaux each graduated from Foothill High School and jammed together for several years before drifting into other bands. Together, the members of Ten Car Train all shared the desire to play original music and keep it local.

Before venturing into original music, Ten Car Train began the way many new bands start — by covering songs done by established artists.

Here they found a common love of alternative rock of the '70s and '80s, including The Clash, The Replacements, The Jam and early REM. As they refined

their musicianship as a unit, they inevitably began experimenting with original material. The influences of those early alternative rock bands is apparent in their sound — a blend of enthusiasm, power, awesomely layered vocal melodies, and a beat you can't help but rock out to.

“What sets us apart from other bands is our motivations are different,” Stark said. “We have a no-compromise policy — not in an obnoxious way — but things have to be accepted by everybody in the group. Songwriting, performances, venues, all of it.”

Another motivation — to play more local shows — made performing for the PPIE fundraiser an easy and unanimous decision.

“A lot of our friends and fans live in Pleasanton so that's where we play,” McKeag said. “We’ve all done shows with other bands in San Francisco and other cities with vibrant indie rock scenes — but with Ten Car Train we want to play closer to home.”

The PPIE benefit concert is scheduled for 9 p.m. this Saturday at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Tickets cost \$10 at the door, with all proceeds going to the foundation. Handles will donate 10% of dinner sales that evening to PPIE. ■

INDIE ROCK ROLLS IN ON

TEN CAR TRAIN

Chris Zaballos,
Charles McKeag and
Dave Stark playing at
The Bistro in Hayward.

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TEN CAR TRAIN



Tri-Valley Rep returns smash hit



MITCHELL JAKUBKA

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!" stars David Irving, Min Kahng, Alex Orenberg, Amy Lucido, Morgan Breedveld and Paula Gianetti.

'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!' opens March 1

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is reuniting the cast and artistic staff of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!" to re-create the sell-out smash hit from its 2010 season, at the Village Theatre in Danville.

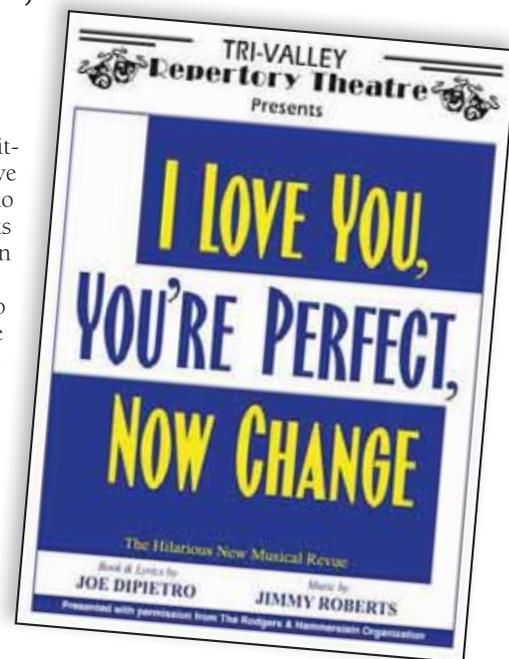
The book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro and music by Jimmy Roberts celebrate the mating game by taking on the truths and myths behind that contemporary conundrum known as "the relationship."

Act I explores the journey from dating and waiting to love and marriage, while Act II reveals the agonies and triumphs of in-laws and newborns, trips in the family car, and pickup techniques of the geriatric set.

The revue pays tribute to those who have loved and lost, to those who have fallen on their face at the portal of romance, and to those who have dared to ask, "Say, what are you doing Saturday night?"

The musical is produced by Kathleen Breedveld, directed by Christina Lazo, with musical direction by Joe Simiele. The cast includes Morgan Breedveld, David Irving, Min Kahng, Amy Lucido, Alex Orenberg and Paula Gianetti.

Opening night is at 8 p.m. March 1, and the show continues through March 16 with Friday and Saturday evening performances and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. It is recommended for teens and older. ■



Exploring 'the relationship'

- What:** "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change!"
- Who:** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre
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tive event for teens ages 14-19. Teens will have the opportunity to meet with employers, participate in mock interviews, attend a variety of workshops, and interact with professionals, from noon-4 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-3474 or go to ptownlife.org/work/teen-career-job-fair.

Workshops

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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LIZUSH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 486610
The following person(s) doing business as: LIZUSH, 8005 REGENCY DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Aliza Siman-Tov, 8005 Regency Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/03/2014. Signature of Registrant: Aliza Siman-Tov. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/07/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly,

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HOWELL SUPPORT SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

File No.: 487647
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997 All Other Legals

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Bay East Realtors honor colleagues for 2013 achievements

Awards given to professionals for accomplishments last year

By JEB BING

Local real estate professionals have been honored by the Bay East Association of Realtors for their achievements in 2013.

The winners demonstrated high ethical standards and professionalism, active community involvement and a high level of service to the real estate profession.

They were Doreen Roberts of MasterKey Realtors, who was named Realtor of the Year for 2013; Patrick Donegan of Keller Williams Tri-Valley Realty, named Rookie of the Year; Tim Denbo of Virtual Tour Cafe, named Affiliate of the Year; Otto Catrina of Catrina Real Estate & Investments, presented with the Outstanding Leader Award; Sandi Edgar-Gomes of Pride Properties, honored with Bay East's Distinguished Service Award; and Bill Aboumrad of Legacy Real Estate and Associates, given the Good

Neighbor Award.

Roberts was previously honored as the Bay East Association's Rookie of the Year in 1987. She also received the 1990 CRS of the Year award and was the recipient of Bay East's John Deadrich Distinguished Service Award in 2006 and 2008.

Roberts actively promotes the National Association of Realtors' Code of Ethics by serving as a member of the Professional Standards Committee at national, state and local levels. She is a certified instructor for Professional Standards and an NAR Code of Ethics instructor and has earned numerous designations and certifications.

She also served on the Bay East board of directors for six years and was board president in 2012.

To earn the Rookie of the Year award, Donegan demonstrated the Realtor's spirit of integrity, professional busi-

ness conduct and service to clients requirements.

He also sold an impressive number of homes in 2013 while also being involved at Bay East and in the local community.

Donegan serves on the Bay East Multiple Listing Service Committee. He is also a frequent food drive volunteer for the Alameda and Contra Costa Food Banks and a supporter of ShelterBoxUSA, an organization that provides emergency shelter, cooking supplies and tools in disaster-stricken areas.

Denbo earned the Affiliate of the Year award by being active with Bay East and the regional marketing groups since 2010. He is an active affiliate liaison and shares his skill in public speaking by providing Bay East updates at the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore meetings. He consistently helps at Bay East events and projects, partici-



BAY EAST

Local real estate professionals were recently honored by the Bay East Association of Realtors for their achievements in 2013. Pictured (from left) are Tim Denbo, Bill Aboumrad, Doreen Roberts, Craig Ragg and Patrick Donegan.

pating in focus groups and at the Tech Know Expo.

Honored with the Bay East Outstanding Leader Award, which is given to a past president of Bay East, Catrina continues to pursue the vision of excellence. After he was selected to serve on the Bay East board, he rose quickly to assume an officer position. He also became active in the California Association of Realtors and NAR, serving on numerous committees, including as a budget and

finance executive.

Catrina is a graduate of NAR's Leadership Academy and is now a frequent speaker on leadership at local and state Realtor association meetings around the country.

Edgar-Gomes received the Deadrich Distinguished Service award, which is named in honor of John A. Deadrich, the first Bay East president. Edgar-Gomes used her extensive community contacts to build and maintain relations with elected offi-

cial and leveraged her leadership experience to increase the effectiveness of the Bay East Foundation. She also has dedicated her time, energy, integrity and creativity to promote Realtor ideals to community leaders.

She received this award not only for these accomplishments but also for her continued commitment to leadership as she will serve on the Bay East board during 2014.

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Bill Aboumrad received the Good Neighbor Award for his community involvement, which includes teaching, developing and promoting youth sports. He began teaching sports in high school, has coached baseball and soccer for 10 years, and umpires Little League games.

Last year, he was instrumental in bringing the Intermediate Little League World Series to Livermore. This was the first Little League World Series to ever be played in California, a one-week event that attracted more than 35,000 fans. The championship game was televised live on ESPN.

Aboumrad was the director of field operations and handled all logistics at the

field including rebuilding the field, maintaining the field, preparing meals for the players, scheduling the BBQ crew and working with the ESPN crew. Due to the success of the event, it will be returning to Livermore in 2014.

The Bay East Association of Realtors is a professional trade association serving more than 4,200 real estate professionals throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Association installs 2014 officers

The Bay East Association of Realtors installed its 2014 officers and directors at a ceremony last month. Pictured, from left, are treasurer Kim Ott (Realtor at Alain Pinel Realtors), president-elect Mike Francisco (Realtor at Francisco Realty and Investments), president Jennifer Branchini (Realtor at Better Homes and Gardens Tri-Valley Realty), past president Craig Ragg (broker/owner at Craig Ragg Real Estate) and Bay East CEO Tricia Thomas.



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Carol Beck

400 Brandywine Ln. - Pleasant Hill - \$ 549,000

Stunning from top to bottom. Recent updating with granite counter tops in kitchen and baths. New cabinets throughout, new floor coverings, fresh paint, Andersen Windows, newer water heater and furnace, Italian marble tile faced fireplace. All bedrooms have adjoining full bath.



Open Sat & Sun 1-4

Andrea & Earl Rozran

3520 Helen Dr. - Pleasanton - \$ 749,000

This expanded 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home offers a retreat off the master bedroom that could be converted to a 4th bedroom. It includes a newer composition roof, AC and furnace plus new paint, carpeting, and laminate wood flooring. The eat in kitchen has granite counters and adjoins the family room and formal dining room. Back yard has deck and lawn.



Julia korpi

7619 Ridgeline Dr. - Dublin - \$ 1,074,988

Stunning Former Model home with all the high end upgrades. No rear neighbors with pastoral views. Brand new patterned carpeting in formal living room. Two cozy fireplaces, one in the master bedroom. Kitchen/family room combo w/Butler's pantry & wine refig. Kitchen features every amenity.



Open Sun 1-4

Bill Wells

3845 Sheffield Cir. - Danville - \$999,950

Kitchen features granite counters and cherry cabinets. Remodeled master bath. Light cherry hardwood floors in entry, family room, kitchen and nook. Gated community w/pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, basketball courts and playground.



Ron Flores

1726 Shellwood Dr. - Concord - \$ 539,999

This beautiful 4 bedroom 2 bath 1732sqft home has been completely remodeled. There are more upgrades than I can mention. From the flooring, inlet lighting, crown molding, kitchen, baths, front and backyards, this is home.



Open Sun 1-4

Gina Piper

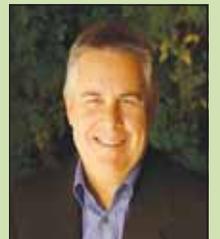
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OFFERED AT \$1,849,000



OPEN SATURDAY 1 -4 PM

PENDING!



255 RACHAEL PLACE, PLEASANTON

Single Level condo, ground floor unit (no stairs) with attached one car garage and spacious rear yard! This two bedroom, two bath condo is 937 square feet home with a large back yard including patio, deck and garden area. The kitchen offers brand new stainless steel appliances. Central air and heat, fireplace, newer carpet, upgraded baseboards, dual pane windows. Desirable Downtown Pleasanton!

OFFERED AT \$419,500

PENDING!



897 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

Gorgeous, highly upgraded, sought after single level in Bridle Creek! Premium location, Panoramic views, solar heated in-ground pool, beautifully landscaped with private brick patio areas. Five bedrooms, four bathrooms, 3,246 square feet on a 12,464 square foot lot. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Great Room concept with spacious Family Room. Many upgrades throughout! Don't miss this one!

OFFERED AT \$1,569,000

SOLD!



1185 LAGUNA CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

With unobstructed views of the Pleasanton Ridge, this five bedroom, five and a half bathroom, 5,329 square foot home sits on a premium 16,321 square foot lot. The gourmet kitchen boasts a large island, granite counters, stainless steel appliances and a six-burner gas range. Grand entrance with large foyer, vaulted ceilings, formal dining room, spacious master suite, laundry room, three car and so much more. The resort-like back yard offers a pool, spa, pool house, outdoor kitchen, and gazebo. Easy access to I-680 and close to schools!

OFFERED AT \$1,897,500 AND SOLD FOR \$1,897,500

SOLD!



831 SUNSET CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

This highly sought after location offers views of the Pleasanton Ridge and Mt. Diablo on a private approximate 12,131 square foot lot. Four bedrooms plus a bonus room, three bathrooms. The open floor plan with volumed/coffered ceilings offers a gourmet kitchen and expansive master suite. The expansive and professionally landscaped rear yard offers several fruit trees and raised garden beds. Close to schools and library, walking distance to downtown Pleasanton and quick access to 680. Sold in less than 30 days!

OFFERED AT \$1,549,000 AND SOLD FOR \$1,540,000

SOLD!



3701 HILLSIDE AVENUE, LIVERMORE

Blaise represented the buyer in the purchase of this beautifully upgraded home. This four bedroom, two and a half bath, 2,553 square foot home sits on a 8,940 square foot private lot with a three car attached garage. This open floor plan offers vaulted ceilings in living room, dining room and entry. The kitchen offers granite counters, stainless steel appliances, breakfast bar and breakfast nook. The tranquil backyard is surrounded by covered fences and boasts trellises, a large grassy area and a concrete patio. Move in ready and easy freeway access!

OFFERED AT \$765,000 AND SOLD FOR \$765,000

SOLD!



3962 FAIRLANDS DRIVE, PLEASANTON

This home is upgraded throughout and move in ready! Brand new 40 year roof, new carpets, and new hardwood floors. Beautifully and professionally landscaped front and rear yards. Four bedrooms, office/teen room, two and a half baths, 2,460 square feet all on a 6,489 square foot lot. The upgraded kitchen is open to the family room. A formal dining room is located just off the kitchen. The rear yard is private and serene offering a large grassy area and two decks. Close to schools and neighborhood Cabana Club! Call for more information!

OFFERED AT \$839,000 AND SOLD FOR \$839,000



HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 17-28

Dublin

- 7292 Bedford Way** M. Shaheem to E. Bang for \$660,000
- 8531 Beverly Lane** Y. Zhang to P. Choy for \$575,000
- 4242 Clarinbridge Circle** C. & J. Curry to S. Chakraborti for \$445,000
- 4691 Mangrove Drive #45** C. & D. McVey to J. Noertemann for \$575,000
- 11451 Rampart Drive** D. Mazzoni to R. Law for \$690,000

Livermore

- 4715 Apple Tree Common** J. Culhane to N. Correia for \$373,000
- 1265 College Avenue** W. Medina to A. & T. Abbate for \$445,000
- 5885 Flora Common** Standard Pacific Corporation to N. Chau for \$625,000
- 6420 Forget Me Not** K. & M. Wong to R. Weller for \$380,000

- 655 Heligan Lane #3** Shea Homes to J. Currin for \$660,000
- 545 Heligan Lane #4** F. & M. Bellah to D. & A. Kolb for \$565,000
- 2918 Kiwi Common** C. & J. Aldredge to N. & S. Raguthu for \$585,000
- 5203 Lilac Avenue** Belle Monte to A. Bradford for \$435,000
- 333 Lincoln Avenue** Murray Trust to A. Parascandolo for \$620,000
- 850 Lucerne Street** Bogue Trust to L. Hawkey for \$805,000
- 788 Marcella Street** M. Cowen to S. Diemert for \$645,500
- 1566 Melanie Way** Youssefpour Trust to T. & J. Osborn for \$795,000
- 1001 Murrieta Boulevard #14** Huy Trust to B. Singh for \$226,000
- 1372 Spring Valley Common** Oneill Trust to B. Zhang for \$340,000
- 588 Tyler Avenue** P. Hoenig to C. Trevor for \$565,000
- 1874 Valley of the Moon Road** L. Latona to S. Buhlig for \$1,025,000

Pleasanton

- 3679 Canelli Court** Kiefer Trust to M. & G. Rosenberg for \$850,000
- 4 Jay Court** L. & A. Zuckerman to J. Wells for \$660,000
- 4219 Payne Road** Kennedy Trust to C. White for \$648,000
- 1517 Ridgewood Road** HPROF Limited to M. & J. Waymire for \$845,000
- 1970 Valdosta Court** Krusi Trust to D. Dunkley for \$691,000
- 1658 Whispering Oak Way S.** & N. Mirzakhel to Z. Yu for \$1,188,000
- 2396 Woodthrush Way** Edwards Trust to D. & C. McVey for \$825,000

San Ramon

- 7181 Briza Loop** V. Riazanov to S. Mehta for \$632,500
- 5085 Canyon Crest Drive** Fox Trust to R. & L. Barnett for \$985,000
- 1339 Canyon Side Avenue** Jackson Trust to T. & M. Behring for \$705,000

- 1343 Canyon Side Avenue** Battagello Trust to N. & C. Healing for \$690,000
- 4071 Dunbarton Circle** Ferreyra Trust to D. & H. Vaughan for \$820,000
- 130 Eastridge Drive #168** B. Bermudez to M. Moshiri for \$285,000
- 921 Maricaibo Place** T-Will & Milz Properties to G. & M. Stanek for \$1,215,000
- 3110 Montevideo Drive** D. Hallatt to Donald Trust for \$752,000
- 1815 Nancy Lane** R. Kawashima to C. Hsia for \$510,000
- 239 Silk Hill Court** D. & M. Scullion to S. Rao for \$1,225,000

Sunol

- 2373 Kilkare Road** L. Figueroa to M. & S. Pedlowe for \$150,000

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Alamo

- 8 BEDROOMS**
- 3083 Sandstone Rd** **\$2,595,000**
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams Tri-valley 397-4200

Livermore

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 564 Everglades Ln** **\$585,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111
- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 5578 Oakmont Cir** **\$639,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111
- 3889 Santa Clara Way** **\$479,800**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

Pleasanton

- 2 BEDROOMS**
- 607 #D Palomino Drive** **\$455,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff Realtors 251-2500

- 3 BEDROOMS**
- 4667 Whiting** **\$920,000**
Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

- 3520 Helen Drive** **\$749,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Bhg Tri-valley Realty 463-9500

- 4 BEDROOMS**
- 748 Saint Michael Circle** **\$569,000**
Sat/Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 251-1111

San Ramon

- 2 BEDROOMS**
- 2644 Shadow Mountain Drive** **\$659,900**
Sun 1-4 J Rockcliff Realtors 251-2500

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during January 2014

Dublin (Jan. 17-22)

- Total sales reported:** 5
- Lowest sale reported:** \$445,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$690,000
- Average sales reported:** \$589,000

Livermore (Jan. 17-22)

- Total sales reported:** 16
- Lowest sale reported:** \$226,000

- Highest sale reported:** \$1,025,000
- Average sales reported:** \$568,094

Pleasanton (Jan. 17-22)

- Total sales reported:** 7
- Lowest sale reported:** \$648,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$1,188,000
- Average sales reported:** \$815,286

San Ramon (Jan. 23-28)

- Total sales reported:** 10
- Lowest sale reported:** \$285,000

- Highest sale reported:** \$1,225,000

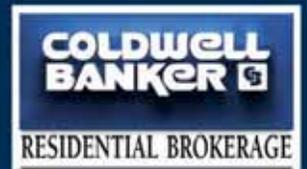
- Average sales reported:** \$781,950

Sunol (Jan. 17-22)

- Total sales reported:** 1
- Lowest sale reported:** \$150,000
- Highest sale reported:** \$150,000
- Average sales reported:** \$150,000

Source: California REsource

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LIVERMORE
Open SAT 11 - 4
GREAT LOCATION!
3 BR 2 BA Gorgeous single story home w/court location near park,huge lot w/resort like backyard 925-899-6087



LIVERMORE
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4
UPGRADED & REMODELED!
4 BR 2 BA Freshly painted, dual pane windows SS appliances, granite counters, remodeled baths, tile 925-519-0508



LIVERMORE
5839 WELCH LANE
STUNNING DUNSMUIR HOME! **\$875,000**
4 BR 3 BA Hardwood floors, granite kit & SS applncs, bd & full bth downstairs, loft, vaulted ceiling, pool 925-699-388



PLEASANTON
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4
PLEASANTON VALLEY HOME! **CALL FOR PRICE**
4 BR 2.5 BA Excellent location, gorgeous updates, includes granite kit, recessed lighting, pool, play area 925-847-2200

DISCOVERY BAY
5368 GOLD CREEK CIRCLE
LAKE VIEW HOME! **\$399,000**
4 BR 3.5 BA Huge Beautiful home w/ wonderful views, Large Loft, Office Alcove, Gated community, 3085 sq ft 925-847-2200

PREMIUM LOCATION! **3420 FINNIAN WAY #335** **\$428,000**
2 BR 2 BA Nicely upgraded granite counters, crown molding, courtyard view, no neighbors on either side 925-847-2200

OAKLAND
928 W. MACARTHUR BLVD.
COMING SOON! **\$460,000**
2 BR 1 BA Completely remodeled, NEW kit, bths, floors, paint inside & out, SS applncs, close to freeway 925-847-2200

RICHMOND
1653 5TH STREET **\$180,000**
LARGE CORNER LOT!
2 BR 1 BA Gated dual side yard access, space for cars, RV's, lot size approx 5700 sqft 925-847-2200

DUBLIN
4255 ONATE COURT
BEAUTIFUL HOME! **\$819,000**
4 BR 3 BA Full BD & BTH downstairs, 2127 sqft living space, huge lot, move in condition 925-847-2200

LIVERMORE
Open SAT/SUN 1 - 4
SINGLE LEVEL BEAUTY! **1999 JONQUIL COMMON** **\$520,000**
3 BR 2 BA Bright & beautiful home, Chef's kitchen w/slab granite counters, laundry & lrg master suite 925-519-0508

PLEASANTON
Open SAT/SUN 1-4
STUNNING HOME! **12 DEER OAKS DR** **\$1,753,000**
5 BR 3.5 BA 2 Mstr Suites. Upg Kit. Granite Counters w/SS Appl, waterfall & gazebo, approx 4242 sq ft 925-847-2200

SAN RAMON
381 BRIDLE COURT **\$1,699,000**
GREAT CITY AND HILL VIEWS!
4 BR 3.5 BA Upgraded home w/detached casita.Single story w/views,stone frplces & gorgeous cabinetry 925-847-2200

3275 DUBLIN BLVD. #330
SIMPLY GORGEOUS! **\$489,000**
3 BR 2 BA Highly upgraded w/hardwood floors, designer paint, stainless steel appliances, large balcony 925-847-2200

GORGEOUS REMODEL! **1845 PASEO LAGUNA SECO** **\$274,950**
2 BR 1.5 BA Upgraded kitchen, Corian counters,remodeled baths,dual pane windows,views of park 925-847-200

7283 VALLEY VIEW COURT
HIGHLY DESIRABLE LOCATION **\$640,000**
3 BR 2.5 BA Updated twnhme near award winning schools & shopping, backs to community pool and greenbelt 925-847-2200

5935 LANTANA WAY **\$1,199,000**
VICTORIA MODEL HOME!
4 BR 3 BA 3 car grge, formal living, dine & frmly rms, office w/ french doors, walk to Elementary School 925-847-2200

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3502 Wind Cave Court, Pleasanton

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LISTED AT \$699,000

PENDING



4769 Perguia, "Amalfi at Sorrento" in Dublin Ranch
Rare single story Benevento Elite Model on ground floor. Condo offers 1674 sf. w/ upgrades incl. hardwood floors, granite counters, SS appliances, two-tone paint, an alarm system and an attached 2-car garage w/storage. There is a club house, gym, pool, arcade room, pool tables, and more!

OFFERED AT \$559,000



2602 Calle Morelia, Pleasanton

One of Pleasanton's most desirable neighborhood's. Brand new kitchen, stunning hardwood flooring, Plantation Shutters, upgraded Master Suite and more. This home has 4 bed and 2.5 bath and sits on a 8343 sq.ft. lot, beautiful front and back yards and walking distance to Del Prado Cabana Club. This is one you do not want to miss.

LISTED AT \$879,000

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RECENTLY SOLD



417 Silver Chief Way, Danville

4 bed, 2 bath home on .30 acres, with a separate 1 bed, 1 bath granny unit.

**REPRESENTED BUYERS
SOLD FOR \$820,000**



4349 2nd Street, Pleasanton

2 bed, 1 bath with charming upgrades. 1300 sq. ft. home on a 5000 sq. ft. lot.

**REPRESENTED BUYERS
SOLD FOR \$750,000**



4990 Monaco Drive, Pleasanton

This 4 bed, 3 bath, 3180 sq. ft. home on a 9426 sq. ft. lot with a large pool, spa, and views of the Ridge.

SOLD FOR \$1,225,000



4457 Arbutus Ct, Pleasanton

Great home on the west side, close to schools. 4 bed, 2.5 bath, 2267 sq. ft. on a court. Sold 11K over asking price.

SOLD FOR \$860,000



4251 Pleasanton Ave, Pleasanton

Charming craftsman home in an amazing downtown location. This 4 bed, 3 bath home has 2312 sq. ft. of living space.

**REPRESENTED BUYERS
SOLD FOR \$1,030,000**



4920 Treewood Ct, Pleasanton

Stunning 4 bed, 2.5 bath home has been remodeled from top to bottom. Situated at the end of a court.

SOLD FOR \$862,000



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New price!!
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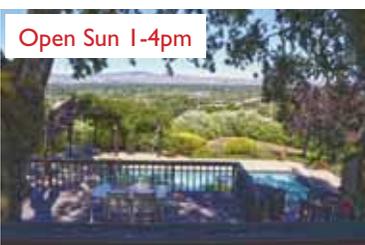
SOLD! Represented Buyer

10011 Tesla Road, Livermore
5 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,450 sqft home. 3 1/2 acres of Petite Sirah, 1 1/2 Acres of Cabernet, 2 1/2 acres of Merlot. Sold for \$1,930,000



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3390 Vermont Place, Pleasanton
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Gorgeous Spacious Yard w/Pool.
RV/Boat Access
\$3600



COMING SOON

4034 Alvarado St. Pleasanton
3bd, 2ba, 1236 sq. ft.
Great Location & w/Pool!
Rent: \$2800

7301 Joshua Circle, Pleasanton
Great location near excellent schools. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths on a corner lot. New kitchen appliances, new carpets, freshly painted. Built in 1986. Close to Foothill High School. Priced at \$690,000. Call for an appointment to see this amazing home.



1151 Donahue Drive, Pleasanton Priced at \$950,000
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