

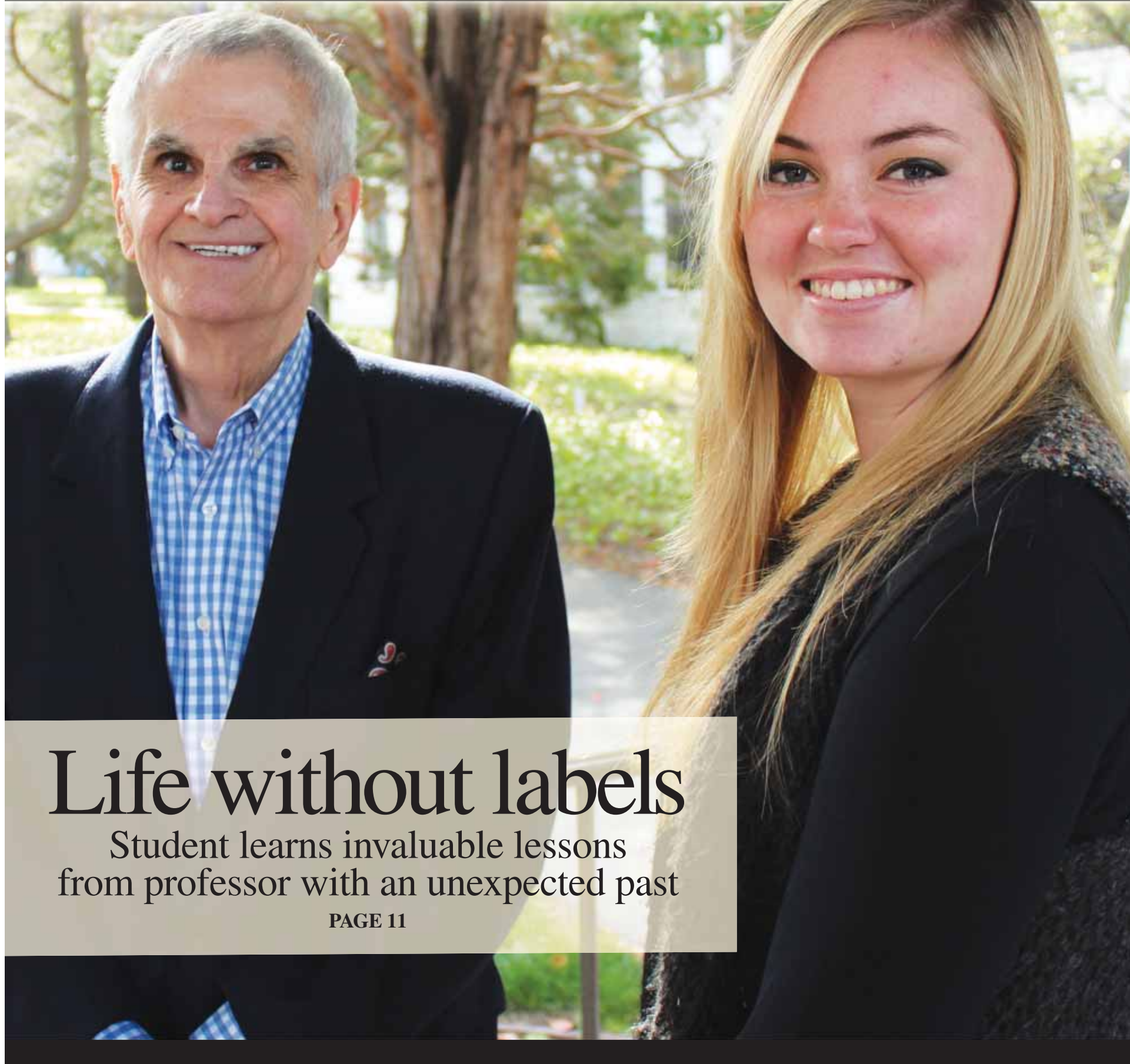
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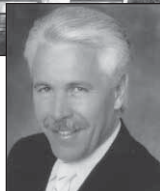
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

Nancy and Gary Harrington unveil "Rock, Paper, Scissors," a bronze sculpture by artist Kevin Box and the couple's latest contribution to outdoor art in Pleasanton. Throngs gave them loud applause at the dedication outside the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce building on St. John Street.

Scissors on St. John Street

Nancy and Gary Harrington are at it again, contributing through their H.A.P.P.Y. philanthropic organization another outdoor art piece for Pleasanton. Last week, they unveiled their newest sculpture, called "Rock, Paper, Scissors," on the St. John Street side of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce.

The sculpture, which the Harringtons found at a show in Loveland, Colo., has been controversial since a subcommittee of the Civic Arts Commission, named PASS (Public Art Selection Subcommittee), rejected it as suitable for outdoors because of the scissors.

The Harringtons were told that the scissors posed a safety hazard even though the blades are blunted. Sculptor Kevin Box said he could blunt the scissors on his bronze sculpture even further, but the Harringtons took the issue to the full Civic Arts Commission, which overruled its subcommittee and gave its approval.

At the unveiling, the Harringtons talked about the sculptor and his work. Box apprenticed at his uncle's design firm in Atlanta, spent three years studying art and art history at the School of Visual Arts in Savannah, Ga., and completed his degree at the school's main campus in New York City. He began his career in 1999 in a foundry, becoming proficient in bronze casting, and becoming a full-time artist in 2003 in Santa Fe, N.M., where he and his wife now live.

In a Palm Desert gallery, the Harringtons first chose an origami horse that Box had done in bronze and submitted it to the city of Pleasanton as a possible future sculpture. The PASS turned it down. Then last August, the Harringtons were at the annual Sculpture Festival in Loveland when they saw Box's latest work, the "Rock, Paper, Scissors" piece.

"What a wonderful piece that would be for our city," Nancy Harrington told art aficionados at last week's unveiling. "Everyone would relate to it and children, particularly, would love it." So the couple was dumbfounded by the subcommittee's rejection of the scissors, which are well-embedded into the bronze sculpture and can't be closed. Judging the applause at the unveiling, the public likes the Harringtons newest contribution.

Retired educators with lifelong passions for the arts, the Harringtons have been in the forefront of advocates and contributors for public art in Pleasanton, where they've lived since 1972.

It began in the summer of 2005 while vacationing in Sedona, Ariz., where they discovered the life-like bronze sculpture of "Poppies" while visiting the Proctor Gallery. The sculpture of the tired-looking veteran now sits in front of the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street. Later, they added "Monet's Bench," a bronze statue with the artist facing an easel just outside the Firehouse Arts Center.

As these contributions continued, the City Council asked the Harringtons to help with finding more artwork, leading the couple to develop a 10-year public art acquisition and installation plan. This funding cooperative, called H.A.P.P.Y., or "Another Harrington Art Partnership Piece for You", was responsible for the new Scissors bronze on St. John Street.

The Harringtons encourage individuals, businesses, corporations and organizations to join them in their effort to provide more public art to continue beautifying Pleasanton with the purchase of more art pieces. Those interested can contact them 846-9757 or by email to nancyrh1@sbcglobal.net. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton resident and St. Mary's College sophomore Madison Mooney (right) opened up about the lessons she learned from adjunct professor Ralph Spinelli (left), who teaches criminal justice from a unique perspective, having been sentenced to prison twice. Photo courtesy of St. Mary's College of California. Cover design by Shannon Corey.

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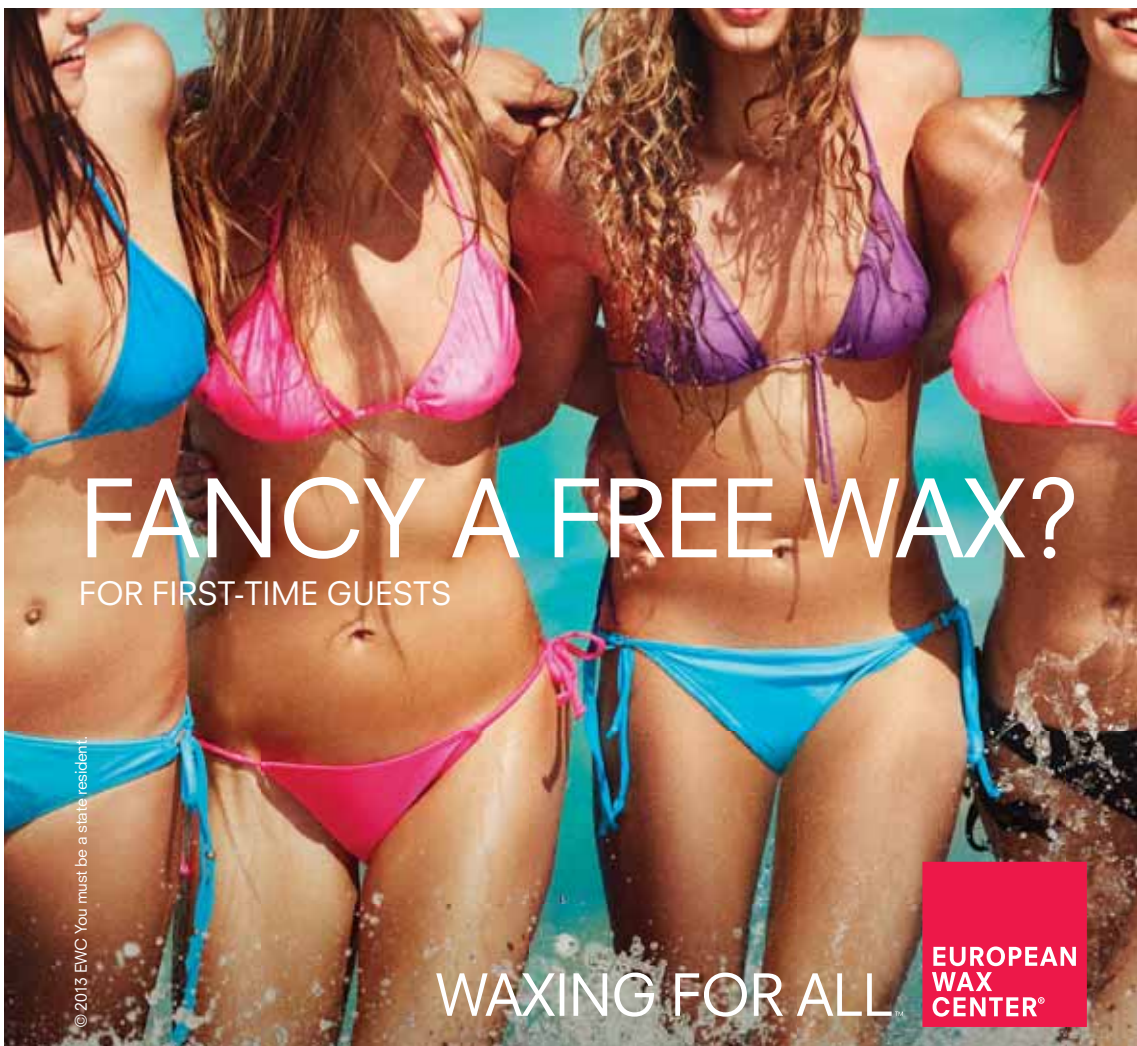
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

When you are out driving, what is the one thing that other drivers do that annoys you the most?



Dean Hazen

Retired

Oh, that would have to be when the driver behind me creeps up on my tail, trying to get me to drive faster, even though I'm going the speed limit.



Rachel Kerchman

High school math teacher

I can't stand it when people are talking on their cell phones while they're behind the wheel, even if they're on a hands-free device, because the fact remains that they just are not paying attention to the road and other drivers.



Gemini Topcopoulos

Importer

It really bothers me when someone in an opposing lane of traffic sees that the light for them is yellow, and speeds up to make it through the intersection, instead of slowing down and stopping. It's very dangerous, and it holds up the drivers on my side of the road.



Imira Zeynep

Receptionist

My problem is more with pedestrians than other drivers. I find it positively maddening when pedestrians have their heads buried in their hand-held devices and just step out into the road to cross the street, without even looking up to see whether there is any oncoming traffic.



Alberto Sarda

Electrical engineer

When I see people texting while they are driving, it drives me nuts. It creates such hazardous conditions for everyone else on the road. Not to mention the danger to the texting driver.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Winning View

Valley View Elementary School recently received \$10,000 through PG&E's Bright Ideas Grants program.

In total, 37 California schools combined to receive more than \$255,000 in grants last week through the effort, which aims to support understanding of renewable energy in public schools throughout the PG&E service area, according to the company.

"This program would not be possible without the dedication of teachers throughout Northern and Central California who are educating and developing future sustainable energy innovators and scientists," said PG&E spokesperson Ezra Garrett.

Public primary and secondary schools in Northern and Central California are eligible to apply for these grants through Nov. 1. For more information, visit www.pge.com/brightideas.

TV30 recipe contest

TV30 announced it is searching for potentially its next cooking star, maybe someone who learned how to make delicious cookies from their mother.

The second annual "Spice of Life Mother's Day Recipe Contest" is accepting applications through April 5. The winner has the chance to showcase his or her recipe on a future episode of TV30's "Spice of Life" program and prepare the dish in the Tri-Valley TV studios.

To participate, submit a favorite recipe and a photo of the dish by visiting www.tv30.org and clicking "Spice of Life." Complete contest rules can be found on the TV30 website.

Water tour

The Dublin San Ramon Services District is offering a free tour of its wastewater treatment and water-recycling plants on Johnson Drive in Pleasanton on April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Pleasanton, Dublin and southern San Ramon on average generate more than 11 million gallons of wastewater daily, according to the DSRSD. Last year, over 1 billion gallons of treated wastewater was purified, disinfected and then delivered to community landscaping as recycled water.

The tour will highlight the resource recovery processes and career opportunities in the water industry.

Expected to last 60-90 minutes, the tour is open to adults, teens and children ages 7 and older. Reservations are required. For more information, call 875-2282 or visit www.drsrd.com.

Joint meeting brings city, schools closer together

City Council, school board share issues, accomplishments

BY PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF
The Pleasanton City Council and school board congratulated the city's two high school "We the People" teams Monday for attaining the top positions in the statewide competition last month.

The Amador Valley High School team took first place comprehensive high school with Foothill High finishing second. Both teams won the highly competitive program in their districts at the local and regional contests.

Members of both teams filled the school board meeting room to receive handshakes of congratulations during a special joint meeting of the council and school board. Each group also posed for photographs after being given certificates of honor.

The Amador team now moves on to the We the People finals in Washington, D.C. next month, the 13th time Amador Valley has

represented California in the national competition. The school's team won the nationals in 1995.

Councilwoman Cheryl Cook-Kallio, who coaches the We the People team at Irvington High School in Fremont, where she teaches, praised both teams for their hard work and hours of preparation required to successfully compete in the national program.

The We the People celebration came at the start of a two-hour joint meeting of the two Pleasanton government agencies. The two groups meet at least twice a year to discuss issues of mutual interest.

As a unified district, all of the city of Pleasanton is also in the Pleasanton school district, which also includes Castlewood and Happy Valley, which are not part of the city. The southeast corner of Ruby Hill, about 15% — while a part of Pleasanton — is actually in the Livermore school district. By agreement, school

children who live there attend Pleasanton schools although taxes on those properties go to the Livermore district.

As part of Monday's discussion, Becky Hopkins, Pleasanton's manager of Youth and Teen Services, reported on the "2014 Youth in Government Day" program held last month. She said 49 students representing Amador Valley, Foothill, Village and Horizon high schools spent the day "shadowing" professionals in various city and school district departments, from the city manager and school superintendent's office to the Operations Services Center where water quality is continuously tested and street signs are prepared.

During an afternoon program, the students worked in six-member groups to evaluate what they had seen and also to consider how teenagers might be better served in Pleasanton. Since a long-planned

Youth Center has yet to be seriously considered here, the groups recommended renovating and expanding the Amador recreation center behind the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center for use as a facility for teenagers.

Hopkins said some of the carry-away messages she had from teens in the Government Day program included:

- "I learned that people in service should be passionate about what they are doing. You should be in it for the right reasons."
- "I will take this lesson with me and use it to guide me to creating my path in whatever career I choose."
- "It would be nice to have an internship or student teaching job for a school."

Council and school board members also heard reports from City

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Ragin' Cajun

\$100,000+ raised to fund complementary therapies for cancer patients

BY GINA CHANNELL-ALLEN

The Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation's sixth annual Ragin' Cajun fundraiser held earlier this month was "definitely our financial best Ragin' Cajun ever," said Sandra Wing, founder of the foundation and current board chair/president.

"We exceeded our goal of reaching \$100,000. We are more than delighted and very, very grateful to all who supported us and participated in our event," she continued.

Founded in the fall of 2008, the foundation provides funds so that cancer patients can experience the immediate benefit of complementary therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy.

The Ragin' Cajun is not the only fundraiser the foundation holds. Its second annual Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 15 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton.

For more information about the golf tournament or the foundation, or to apply for a grant, visit www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org. ■



BOB HENRY PHOTOGRAPHY

Mardi Gras dancers were part of the entertainment at the sixth annual Ragin' Cajun fundraiser for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation.

Wounded veterans to be honored tonight

Event at Veterans Memorial Building to award grants

BY JEB BING

Five seriously injured veterans will be awarded grants tonight from proceeds raised at a benefit concert last October at Wente Vineyards.

The concert, held to support the ongoing needs of wounded veterans in the Tri-Valley, was a broad-based effort by Pleasanton Military Families and local veterans' organizations with a host of corporate sponsors.

George Bowen, the concert's director, said those to be honored are Mariela Meylan, Cristian Valle, Rachele Renaud, Frankie Stoneham and Jordan Chase.

Another wounded warrior, Marine Staff Sgt. Jason Ross, received his grant Feb. 17 in San Diego because his medical condition will not allow him to travel to Pleasanton for tonight's program.

The event, which will start at 7 p.m., will include a presentation ceremony and an informal buffet dinner at a cost of \$15.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 in Pleasanton, Pleasanton Military Families, American Legion Post 237 in Pleasanton and the Valley Veterans Foundation are collaborating in promoting and organizing the event. ■

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Thoratec issues heart device warning after 4 deaths

Pleasanton company says problems involve system controller

Thoratec Corp. of Pleasanton has initiated a voluntary worldwide "medical device correction" in order to update its labeling and training materials for its Heart-Mate II LVAS Pocket System Controller.

The safety advisory was issued because some patients and caregivers had experienced difficulties with the process of changing from a primary system controller to their backup system controller. Those difficulties resulted in four deaths and five reports of loss of consciousness or other symptoms of hypoperfusion.

"Failure to completely connect the driveline during the process of exchanging Pocket System Controllers has resulted in serious injuries

and deaths," a Thoratec spokesman said.

"Patients who received the Pocket Controller as a replacement for an older model (EPC System Controller) may be at a higher risk of experiencing difficulty in the controller exchange process, as there are differences between the two controller models, especially differences related to the connection of the driveline," the spokesman added.

As of Feb. 4, the rate of serious injury or death during the process of controller exchange for patients who converted to the Pocket Controller from the EPC Controller was 1.5%, while the rate for patients who received the Pocket Controller at the time of implant was 0.1%.

Of the nine incidents, eight occurred in patients who were converted to the Pocket Controller after being originally trained on the older EPC System Controller. Two of the deaths occurred in patients who attempted to exchange system controllers while alone and, contrary to the labeling, without contacting the hospital first.

The "Urgent Medical Device Correction Letter" sent to hospitals on

March 4 communicated the reported incident rate over the past year and a half since the introduction of the Pocket System Controller in August 2012.

Thoratec said its investigations of these reports have not revealed any failures of the devices to meet specifications or deficiencies in quality control procedures. No product needs to be returned to Thoratec.

Consumers who have the Heart-Mate II LVAS Pocket Controller should immediately contact their doctor for retraining on use of the device and to receive updated "Patient Handbook" information.

The company also urged physicians who prescribe the Pocket Controller to review the updated labeling and training materials provided in the Urgent Medical Device Correction Letter with all clinical personnel responsible for training patients and caregivers on the use of the Pocket System Controller.

Clinicians and patients with questions may contact the company at 1-800-528-2577, or if calling from outside the USA, 1-925-847-8600 (seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time). ■

—Jeb Bing

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Mayors meet with federal leaders to promote local issues

Regional highway projects, cable TV system fees among talking points

By JEB BING

Mayors and a vice-mayor from four Tri-Valley cities were in Washington, D.C. last week to discuss local issues where federal funding might be available.

Mayor Jerry Thorne of Pleasanton, Danville Mayor Robert Storer, Dublin Vice Mayor Don Biddle and Livermore Mayor John Marchand met with congressional leaders and federal agency staffs during their visit.

Their efforts included seeking or enhancing federal funding for highway and local roadway projects, emergency communications systems and other projects where federal funds along with state and local matching funds are involved.

Key among the discussions —



SWALWELL STAFF

Tri-Valley delegation meeting in Washington with Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), shown in center, are (from left) Danville Mayor Robert Storer, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Livermore Mayor John Marchand and Dublin Vice Mayor Don Biddle.

especially for Thorne, Biddle and Marchand, whose city leaders also make up the board of directors of Tri-Valley Community Television (TVCTV) — was to press for federal support of efforts to allow cable television system fees to be used as needed for TV30.

The mayors, along with TV30

executive director Melissa Tench-Stevens, want rules changed to allow those fees to be used for operating expenses, a change they said would be especially helpful to TV30, where operating costs and programming far exceed the need for new equipment.

Historically, operating and capital

funding for TVCTV had been provided by PEG funds collected from viewers through their Comcast and AT&T subscriptions. But in 2012, a new State Assembly bill, known as DIVCA, stripped operating costs from the funding. The three cities have been making up the difference ever since.

In the current fiscal year, Pleasanton taxpayers are contributing \$140,300, along with subsidies from Dublin and Livermore, to help TV30 meet operating expenses. If the 1% in fees collected by the cable

systems could be used as needed with no spending restrictions, those city subsidies could be ended.

TVCTV broadcasts seven days a week, 24 hours a day, to a population well over 300,000 people who have access to its signal locally. The system's broadcast channels 28 (education), 29 (government meetings) and 30 (diversified programs of interest to the Tri-Valley) can be seen on any computer or mobile device, with video-on-demand also available at the station's website, www.tv30.org. ■

Churches plan special musical services

Our Savior Lutheran, Lynnewood Methodist hosting performances

Two local churches will present special musical services in the coming weeks.

The Christi Crux Vocal Ensemble of Concordia University in Portland, Ore. will present a free concert this Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore.

The group is a select vocal ensemble whose members are chosen from the Concordia University Concert Choir, under the direction of Kurt Berentsen.

This vocal chamber-ensemble makes approximately 30 musical presentations each year in various churches in the Pacific Northwest and on the Concordia campus with the concert choir. Repertoire for the ensemble includes a wide variety of music written for vocal chamber ensembles.

The Livermore church is located at 1385 S. Livermore Ave., just south

of the Livermore Public Library and Civic Center. For more information, call the church at 447-2082.

Then, Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton will offer a special Lenten concert in original German with Bay Area Classical Harmonies (BACH) performing sacred music on April 5 at 7 p.m.

The concert will include two full cantatas and a motet by J.S. Bach. Andrew Chung will conduct the chorus, orchestra and soloists, including Sepp Hammer (bass-baritone) and Michael Kim (tenor).

Chung is the founder and conductor of BACH, a group of young musicians in the Bay Area. Hammer is a graduate of Livermore High School and UC Berkeley who went on to study voice at the New England Conservatory and sings classical music in the Bay Area.

The music will be sung in the origi-

nal German with written translations in the program. "Himmelsk'nig, sei willkommen" uses the text for Palm Sunday, written by Bach for his church in 1714. "Christ lag in Todes Banden" was composed by Bach for Easter, 1707.

Music aficionados said this is a rare opportunity to hear Bach's music performed in a church as it would have been performed in the 18th century in Germany during Lent.

Tickets at the door will be sold for \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. A reception will follow the concert with an opportunity to greet the performers.

Lynnewood Methodist is located at 4444 Black Ave. in Pleasanton. For more information, call the church office at 846-0221 or email office@lynnewood.org. ■

—Jeb Bing

Tax rules for children with investment income

4 facts from IRS that you should know about your child's income

Most adults must pay income tax on their investment income. That is also true for children who have investments in their name.

In a report, Raphael Tulino — who handles media relations for the IRS in the Bay Area, as well as in Southern California and Nevada — said special tax rules apply to certain children with investment income. Those rules may affect the tax rate and the way the child's parent or guardian reports the income.

Here are four facts from the IRS that you should know about your

child's investment income:

1. Investment income normally includes interest, dividends and capital gains. It also includes other unearned income, such as from a trust.
2. Special rules apply if your child's total investment income is more than \$2,000. Your tax rate may apply to part of that income instead of your child's tax rate.
3. If your child's total interest and dividend income was less than \$10,000 in 2013, you may be able to include the income on your tax return. If you make this choice, the

child does not file a return. (See IRS Form 8814, Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends.) 4. Children whose investment income was \$10,000 or more in 2013 must file their own tax return. (See IRS Form 8615, Tax for Certain Children Who Have Investment Income, along with the child's federal tax return.)

Starting in 2013, a child whose tax is figured on Form 8615 may be subject to the Net Investment Income Tax. NIIT is a 3.8% tax on the lesser of either net investment income or the excess of the child's modified adjusted gross income that is over a threshold amount. (Use IRS Form 8960, Net Investment Income Tax, to figure this tax.)

For more information, Tulino suggests signing onto the IRS website at www.irs.gov. ■

—Jeb Bing



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Bernice K. Poli

Bernice Kathryn (Gallagher) Poli of Pleasanton, CA, passed on Mar. 16, 2014. She was born on Feb. 26, 1928 in Emeryville, CA to Francis Joseph Gallagher and Jennie Lee Ragsdale. Bernice lived in Pleasanton for 50 years and was active in the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars there. Bernice served many years as the organization's treasurer and on the committee overseeing the modernization of the VFW Memorial Hall in historic downtown Pleasanton. She was also an active part of the Pleasanton VFW Veteran's Day Parade. Bernice worked for Alameda County for twenty years as an accounting clerk in the Livermore and Hayward Offices, beginning her public service in District Attorney's Office in Oakland. She was an active member of Retired Employees of Alameda County and Alameda County Retirement Employees Association. She was a member of the WOW (We Outrageous Women RedHatters). Bernice was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church where she volunteered in the Rectory office. Bernice volunteered in the education department of Kaiser Pleasanton and was named an outstanding volunteer. In her early adult years she was a journalist at the Oakland Post Inquirer; was a sales person at Con's Department Store, Oakland, sold seat cushions at the Oakland Oaks ballpark, Emeryville, before starting her family.

She is survived by her two sons, Francisco Poli, Ph.D, of Reno, NV; Timothy (Shawn) Poli of Vacaville; Nieces: Maryfrances (Craig) Hall, San Leandro; Stephanie Requilon, Pleasanton; Nephew: Joseph (Darla) Hall, Chesterfield, Mo, Sister-in-law Rachael Gallagher, San Leandro and her four legged grandchildren: Thumper, Shadow and Jessie; plus many great-nieces and nephews. She was preceded in joining Our Father in Heaven by her husband, Francisco Jr; her mother and father, as well as her step-father Walter (Babe) Rabbitaille, and brother Francis (Frank) Gallagher.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Graham-Hitch. A funeral mass will be held at St. Augustine Church (3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton) on Saturday, March 22 at 11:30 a.m. Internment will be at the St. Augustine Catholic Cemetery.

The family asks that a donation be made in her name to the charity of your choice in lieu of flowers.

PAID OBITUARY

MEETING

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Manager Nelson Fialho and School Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

Fialho and Planning Director Brian Dolan reviewed recent decisions by the City Council with regard to high-density housing. Fialho said the city was required, by a court order and state housing authorities, to provide more high-density housing for very low, low and moderate income groups, so-called workforce housing, to accommodate those in the city's burgeoning workforce who want to live here but can't find affordable housing.

As a result, the council, on the recommendations of task forces and the city Planning Commission, rezoned 70 acres of available land for high-density housing. Some projects on those acres are now underway while the rest are likely to remain undeveloped for years to come.

Dolan said a task force is evaluating development possibilities for the city's east side, which includes about 400 acres of undeveloped land east of Valley Avenue and north of Stanley Boulevard and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. That planning effort could take another year or more, and then will be reviewed by committees and commissions before going to the City Council for consideration.

In any event, Dolan said development after July 1 will be subject to a new Growth Management ordinance limiting annual construction



TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Students Saira Grewal (left) and Neha Nirkondar talk about the Youth in Government program during a joint meeting Monday of the Pleasanton City Council and school board.

to no more than 238 units a year.

The council and school board also heard an update by Davis Demographics & Planning, a consulting group, on the school district's 10-year enrollment projections. As reported earlier to the school board, the consulting firm indicated the district will need to open an additional elementary school, the city's 10th, by 2020.

Although the school district owns a school site on Vineyard Avenue, purchased years ago with the intent of building Neal Elementary School to serve Ruby Hill and newer developments in the vicinity, the school was never built.

The demographer's report indicates that there may be a greater need now for an elementary school in or near the Hacienda Business

Park, where high-density housing projects are planned.

Ahmadi said the district has hired a property broker to look at possible available sites in Hacienda for a school.

School board member Chris Grant thanked Mayor Jerry Thorne and members of the City Council for setting up the joint meeting.

"We've had decades of collaboration between the city and school district with very good results," Grant said. "With a park next to every school, resource officers protecting our schools and students and joint-use facilities, I believe we have saved millions of dollars together."

"If there are other cities and school districts looking at how to work together, they should look at Pleasanton," he added. ■

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GUEST OPINION

East Side planning: It's our commitment to future generations

By JERRY THORNE

What does it mean to be a City of Planned Progress? To me, it means that Pleasanton has a commitment to move forward into the future thoughtfully. That is exactly what your City Council confirmed when we directed the East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force to continue its planning.



Jerry Thorne

We talk a great deal in this town about local control. Pleasantonians are independent and proud and want to direct the future of our great city. I do too. But for too long we have operated under the pressure of RHNA, those regional housing needs allocation numbers mandated to us by the state of California. Lately, Pleasanton has zoned and rezoned its required share of acreage for workforce housing (e.g., apartments) because we were required to do so by the state and by court order.

We began the planning of the East Side with our future anticipated RHNA numbers in mind. But the RHNA forecast for Pleasanton has changed; we no longer need to rezone property for high-density housing in the short term. We have enough land rezoned for now. That's really good news for Pleasanton and for local control.

However, freedom from RHNA numbers does not mean that the planning on the East Side should stop. In fact, this reprieve grants Pleasanton an opportunity to plan this area for Pleasanton. What do we want on the East Side? How can we enhance Pleasanton? Do we want trails? Open space? Parks? Family-oriented neighborhoods? Or do we want what is currently there: industrial storage

space and abandoned, privately owned quarry areas? What is the vision for the East Side that improves the quality of life for all of Pleasanton?

Creating a plan for the East Side has been a priority of past councils for decades. Its inclusion in the General Plan since 1996 exhibits our acknowledgment that the largest piece of undeveloped land in Pleasanton should be carefully planned and it should honor the voter-approved urban growth boundary. To say we should only create a specific plan for the East Side when we are faced with state-imposed RHNA numbers flies in the face of everything Pleasanton stands for. However, those who complained that the East Side Task Force was operating solely in order to zone for RHNA numbers now argue that we should not plan the East Side until that is once again the case. That is not Pleasanton-controlled planned progress.

The opportunities offered by the East Side planning area are boundless. A Specific Plan can and should be carefully crafted with the input of the entire community so that the result is something that Pleasanton is proud of and will be willing to support. I encourage all Pleasanton residents to participate in the shaping of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan by attending the upcoming community meetings and by providing your input about what we should envision for in the East Side. More of the same? Or plan something better that befits a town like Pleasanton?

Together we can show that the "City of Planned Progress" is not just our motto; it is our commitment to future generations. Come join the discussion.

Jerry Thorne was elected mayor in November 2012 after serving seven years on the City Council.

LETTERS

Council ignored slow-growth policies

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce coup d'état of our city government is complete! On March 4, the City Council ignored 20 years of hard-fought slow-growth policies put in place by the blood, sweat and tears of our citizenry and handed the keys to the city to developers.

After losing our voter-approved 29,000-unit housing cap a few years ago, Pleasanton was forced to rezone properties throughout the city to accommodate thousands of new housing units to meet our state-

mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocations.

Stunningly, just a few days ago city staff revealed that our RHNA requirements were grossly overestimated and as a result, we have a SURPLUS of 1,245 units approved or rezoned! Based on this shocking news, did the Council decide to put the brakes on development to correct the overshoot of our requirements? Unfortunately, no. They put the pedal to the metal, ignored city policy to not exceed RHNA, and authorized planning for an addi-

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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• PUD-98 & P13-2518, CarMax Auto Superstores

Applications for PUD Development Plan and Sign Design Review to construct an automobile dealership consisting of an approximately 11,783-square-foot sales and presentation building, an approximately 45,000-square-foot service building, an approximately 3,930-square-foot quality control building and non-public car wash, vehicle sales display area, project signage, and related site improvements on approximately 19.66 acres of the Auto Mall site at Staples Ranch.

• P14-0109, Dr. Satwinder Bajwa

Application for Conditional Use Permit to establish a veterinary clinic at the property located at 3500 Bernal Avenue, Suite 140.

Housing Element Community Workshop

Monday, March 24, 2014 @ 6:30 p.m.

Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Discussion on the potential rezoning of the Irby-Kaplan-Zia property on Stanley Boulevard at First Street."

Commissions and Committees Recruitment

The City Council is accepting applications for the following Commission Vacancies:

Civic Arts Commission

Economic Vitality Committee

1 Member from each of the following categories:

- Green Economy/Environmental Industry
- Medical Technology
- Residential Real Estate Developer

Housing Commission

Library Commission

Youth Commission

- 2 Middle School Representatives
- 1 High School Representatives
- 3 At-Large Representatives
- 2 Alternate Representatives
- 1 Alternate Adult Representative

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<http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/pdf/PlanningCommissionSupplementalQuestionnaire.pdf>

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If you are interested in serving on a commission or committee that has no current vacancies listed, you may register your interest in future vacancies by completing an interest card on our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

The above represents a sampling of upcoming meeting items. For complete information, please visit www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/community/calendar

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tional 2,200 units for the east side. Only Councilmember Karla Brown spoke out against this flagrant disregard to our growth management policies and the will of the people.

Incredibly, Pleasanton has transformed overnight from a slow-growth, carefully planned community to one where the Council has put out the welcome mat to developers while turning a deaf ear to their constituents. How could this have happened so suddenly? It's simple: the legalized bribery known as campaign contributions has bought our City Council for business interests while stealing our democracy.

Matt Sullivan

To stop planning process now would be breach of faith

Dear Editor,

By their vote of 4-1 (Brown opposed) to proceed with the completion of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan (EPSP) the City Council did the right thing. Those who called for a halt to the planning process ignored that our General Plan has called for a specific plan for many years.

In fact, the EPSP is the eighth and final specific plan yet to be completed. The other seven are: Downtown Specific Plan, Stoneridge Drive Specific Plan, Bernal Specific Plan, Laguna Oaks Specific

Plan, North Sycamore Specific Plan, Happy Valley Specific Plan and the Vineyard Avenue Specific Plan.

To stop the planning process now would be a breach of faith with the citizens' task force who spent many months voluntarily working to complete a comprehensive plan considering many uses, not just housing. Also, to stop the process now could jeopardize future funding for the extension of El Charro Road to Stanley Boulevard, an important traffic circulation improvement project for all northeast Pleasanton. If we don't have a plan, why would the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) set money aside for us?

Most of all, we should be very concerned about controlling the future uses of property along our eastern city limits that presently is part of unincorporated Alameda County. If it's not in our city limits, what's to prevent the county or city of Livermore from deciding what happens there?

Jan Batcheller

Pleasanton, the utilized city

Dear Editor,

In last week's paper, mayor Jerry Thorne looked so commanding in his yachting regalia. I have no doubts that he and his colleagues will properly, as they said, "utilize" those vacant lots and open spaces in East Pleasanton. Just as the late mayor Ken Mercer smoothed the permit process that built the gated communities along the once rural

Foothill Road, I'm sure we can look forward to more utilization of Pleasanton's remaining rural spaces.

The "Field of Dreams" council brought us a Safeway (or is it Albertsons?) right across the watershed from the gated communities. Somehow, we also let the contractor who built Ruby Hill flatten out an entire waterfowl habitat with a tractor to set his office upon. Several homes looking more like compounds now tower over the back ponds of Shadow Cliffs.

There's no mistaking Pleasanton for Marin. That's for darn sure! Like other cities that carve an identity into a prominent hillside, I propose we carve "The Utilized City" into the Pleasanton Ridge, since it was too steep to develop anyway. Let us embrace what we have become.

Paulette Kenyon

Editorial 'thoughtful and accurate'

Dear Editor,

KUDOS to the Weekly, for your thoughtful and accurate editorial in the March 14 edition regarding the East Side Specific Plan process. Some would argue the City Council, in voting 4-1 to continue refining a plan for the East Side, has sold out to developers. As you pointed out, the Council made the informed decision by instructing the East Side Specific Plan Task Force to continue its work and, given the reduced Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) requirements, to consider additional alternatives for the property, alternatives that will most likely involve reduced housing density. To stop the plan process, as some were requesting, denies our history.

As a member of the Pleasanton Planning Commission for the past eight years I have witnessed and been a part of Pleasanton's planning process. The process over time has benefited our city and it extends back before my time on the commission.

Most of us living here desire to be here and don't want to leave. If you enjoy our 42 parks and 24 miles of hiking trails, the planning process brought you these. Also our Aquatic Center, the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, the Augustin Bernal Park and the Firehouse Arts Center are amenities resulting from careful planning.

The planning process brings together the viewpoints of our citizens, those of our professional City planning staff and those of the developers. As it is perfectly reasonable to gather citizen input regarding projects, maintaining a balanced planning process also requires consideration of the developers' objectives.

Pleasanton's history includes completion of numerous projects where the developer financed needed infrastructure such as roads and sewers and desired amenities. The East Side will be no different. I'm confident that once we have a finished Specific Plan in place, as called for in our General Plan, our citizens will be happy with the additional recreation alternatives this property will provide while meeting some of our housing requirements.

Arne Olson,

Pleasanton Planning Commission

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Professor's lessons go beyond curriculum

By MADISON MOONEY

On Jan. 6, I met a man who changed my life forever. This man was a professor whose mission was to teach about justice. He did more than most professors do; he taught life lessons that are now, and will forever be, instilled in me.

For instance, never judge a book by its cover.

I registered for the class titled "Justice for All," which was to examine the history of prisons and how we arrived at our present state of crime prevention and detection — not knowing that I would learn a bigger lesson.

When I sat down in class that first day, I looked at Professor Ralph Spinelli, assuming he was a lawyer or something of that nature. As a matter of fact, I was comparing his looks to my grandfather's and figured he was around the age of 70. As he began to speak, he shared with the class the story of his life. That is when I heard the word "felon."

Everyone in class, including me, went silent and looked utterly in shock. The professor was not what I thought a felon would look like. He was not what I was taught to be skeptical of. I was not intimidated nor was I scared. I was interested. He answered every question the class asked with openness and positivity. This man was humorous, intelligent and strong.

After class, I went up to him to discuss my disability, a routine ritual on a first day with a new professor. Unlike the rest of my professors, he did not settle with the basic questions, he encouraged me to tell more of my story and I wanted to tell him. Then I heard him say, "Keep going for your goals. I did not stop with mine even though I have Stage 3 cancer." He continued the conversation of what he still needs to accomplish, why life is beautiful, and how happy he is to have achieved what he has despite multiple obstacles.

At that moment, I thought to myself, society has led me to fear a felon. We as children are taught that anyone who has been in jail or prison will make it nowhere in life, is nothing but a thug and a gangster, lacks intelligence, and steals or harms people to get what he wants. We are taught to avoid felons and to treat them as inferiors. Jobs, educational institutions and businesses have sec-

tions on their forms have to mark no explanation.

Society taught to label and I did. I judged others without knowing them, simply due to a label. I was naive regarding how

hypocritical people can be. As a society, we can be cruel. Yet in religion we are taught to treat others the way we would like to be treated, to apply the golden rule in every situation.

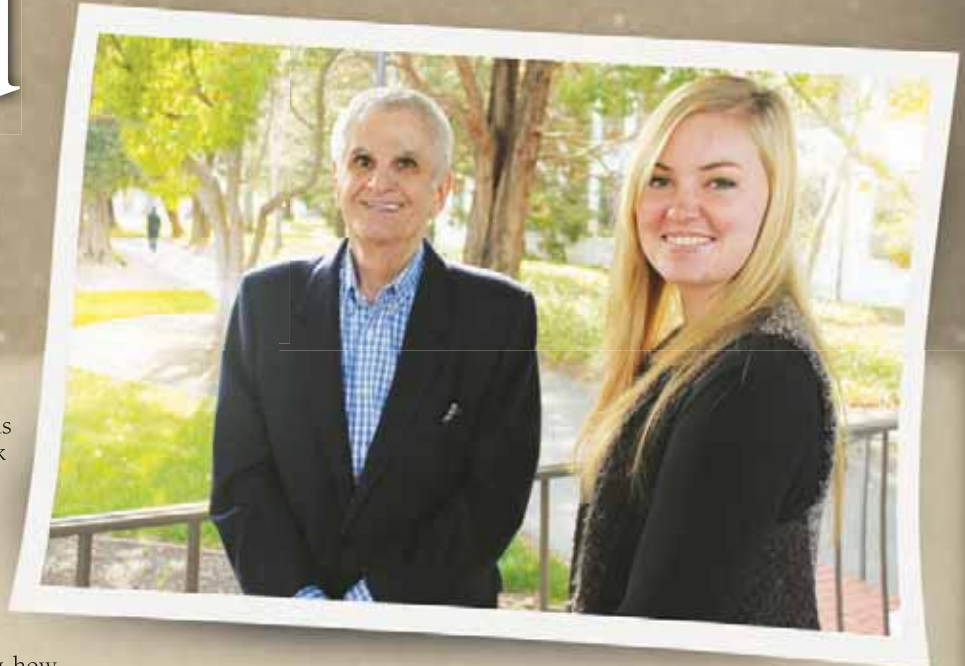
My heart was broken every single day when I listened to this amazing man, knowing how much we judge and label others. People make mistakes. Every person has a story as to why they are the way they are. Listening to my professor made me realize the mistakes and opportunities I have made by accepting society's labels.

A bond was formed with an absolute stranger simply because I chose to ignore society's foolish claims. This man I was supposed to fear became my friend and role model. He taught me that nothing can stop me from completing my goals in life. Perseverance is key and to always stay strong and to keep my head up.

With all of his wisdom and experience that he shared with me, I learned one of the most important lessons in life: Never judge a book by its cover because you never know what is written on the pages.

Randy Geer, a prison guard, stated, "No one should be defined by the worst day or the worst act of their life." Society has the option to continue judging or to stop and do what has always been the plan, to love your neighbor as you would love yourself. I encourage everyone to overcome the obstacle of listening to labels.

If I had conformed to society's expectations, I would not have grown as a person. Nor would I have been able to meet such an amazing person. This man who is labeled a "felon" taught me valuable life lessons that will make me a better, well-rounded person, and in my eyes his only label will be "friend." Never again will I judge a book by its cover.



St. Mary's College sophomore Madison Mooney says she's grateful for the many life lessons she learned from professor Ralph Spinelli, a prison reform activist who teaches the course "Justice for All."

Photo courtesy St. Mary's College of California

Student learns not to judge a person by a label

As for Professor Spinelli's health, what was diagnosed as prostate cancer in 2003 was thought to be dormant for a few years but had metastasized throughout his body. Last year, there were hints of cancer again, including the fact that he lost 84 pounds within the year. After multiple scans, the doctors found that he had cancer in his rib cage and throughout his entire backbone. The treatment that his doctor suggested is one my professor does not want for various reasons.

"I am going to die anyways and I am not afraid of death," he told me. "What matters to me is that I spend the time I have left with my sons and my granddaughter and that I continue to teach. Teaching allowed me to make an impact on several people's lives and allowed me to be a positive influence to others."

"I could not have asked for anything more," he added. "I now know that when I die someone will say, 'Hey! He was a good guy!' No matter what happens to me, I have had worse days. I do not feel sorry for myself and I am happy; nothing is more valuable than your liberty." ■

Madison Mooney, a Pleasanton resident, is a sophomore at St. Mary's College. Adjunct professor Ralph Spinelli, 73, earned his bachelor's degree at University of San Francisco on his 61st birthday and went on to earn an MFA in non-fiction writing at St. Mary's College. He is currently studying for his Ph.D. at UC Berkeley, and is a criminal justice and prison-reform activist. He has been sentenced to prison twice.



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Winegrowers open their doors with early samples

Wine lovers, take note: Livermore Valley winegrowers at 30 wineries are inviting enthusiasts to taste new products in development at the fifth annual Barrel Tasting Weekend on March 29-30.

The tastings will be held from noon to 4:30 p.m. both days, and guests will also have the chance to pre-purchase many of the barrel wines at a discount, a practice known as buying "futures." At many locations, the winemakers will be present to pour and discuss their young wines, and also to offer pairings with gourmet appetizers.

Barrel Tasting Weekend is a chance for wine lovers of all experience levels to get a "snapshot" of how wine evolves, from the grape to the glass. More than a dozen varietals, including the rare Primitivo and Alicante Bouschet as well as ever-popular Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon, will be presented across the Livermore Valley.

Examples of special events, which include tastings, are:

- Las Positas Vineyards: Winemaker Brent Amos will discuss the differences between American and French oak barrels in winemaking.
- Big White House and John Evan Cellars: Visit the Aroma Bar and learn how to recognize the aromas found in wine.

• Cuda Ridge Wines: Side-by-side tasting of 2011 Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot and matching 2012 barrel samples. Live music by Roger Kardinal and Steve LHereault on March 29.

Advance tickets for the Barrel Tasting Weekend are \$40, available online at www.LVwine.org. Tickets purchased at the event will be \$45 per person. Each ticket includes a souvenir tasting glass featuring the Livermore Valley Wine Country logo, two days of barrel tasting at participating wineries with at least one barrel sample at each, special activities, discounts and an event map.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Welcome spring with Sousa marches and more

Community band performing free concert at Firehouse Arts Center

The free spring concert by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band next weekend will offer toe-tapping marches as well as Spanish harp music and more. "Rhapsodic Celebration" will light up the Firehouse Arts Center with guest harpist Anna Lorenz performing "España Rhapsody," and Mike Shannon playing rhapsodies on the euphonium with Joe Bonfiglio on clarinet.

Lorenz began her musical studies at the piano at the age of 2 with her mother, and added the study of the harp at age 8. Since the age of 14, she has appeared regularly with Bay Area orchestras, choirs and chamber ensembles, and at 16 debuted as a concerto soloist with the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

Shannon joined the Pleasanton Community Concert band when he arrived in California in 1994. He

is the principal euphonium in the Contra Costa Wind Symphony and also plays with the San Francisco Wind Ensemble and the Faultline Brass Tuba Quartet. He also was a founding member (third trombone) of the Cool Tones Swing Band, based in Pleasanton.

Clarinetist Joe Bonfiglio holds a bachelor's degree from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University and a master's degree from the Juilliard School. He has taught on the faculties of the Peabody Preparatory School in Baltimore and UC Santa Barbara.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band has been conducted since 1989 by Bob Williams, who joined in 1975 as a horn player. He is a graduate of West Chester University in Pennsylvania, did graduate studies at the Eastman School of Music of the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Harpist Anna Lorenz

Spring concert

What: "Rhapsodic Celebration"

Who: Pleasanton Community Concert Band

When: 2 p.m., Sunday, March 30

Where: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Tickets: Free, donations are appreciated

University of Rochester in New York, and is retired after a 22-year career of public school music teaching.

Williams is involved in several other local music groups as a horn player or music director, plus is the associate conductor of the Livermore-Amador Symphony.

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Casting call for 'Shrek the Musical'

Tri-Valley Rep holding auditions in April

Be part of the cast presenting the adventures of the big, green ogre named Shrek, a grumpy hermit who lives alone in a swamp. He embarks on a journey to rid his land of fairy tale creatures and, along the way, falls in love with Fiona and eventually becomes the hero.

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre is holding tryouts for "Shrek the Musical" at 7:30 p.m. April 7 and 8, with callback by invitation only April 10. Auditions are held at the Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101, in Pleasanton.

The musical will be produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International from July 19 through Aug. 3 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, with producer Kathleen Breedveld, director Carol W. Hovey, choreographer Kevin Hammond, vocal direction by Sierra Dee and musical direction by Jo Anne Fosseman.

The characters are Shrek (male, 25-45), a talking donkey (male, 20-40), a dragon (female, 25-45), ensemble fairy tale creatures (ages 8 and older), Fiona (female, 20-30), Gingy (female, 16-40),

Lord Farquaad (male, 30-45) and Pinocchio (male, 16-40).

To try out, prepare one minute of a contemporary musical theater song for the primary audition, and bring a second selection as a backup, but do not sing a song from the show. Bring sheet music in your key; an accompanist will be provided. Dance auditions will be held at callbacks.

Those auditioning are encouraged to provide a headshot and resume of their onstage experience, and a list of potential conflicts starting on May 12. Rehearsal dates are usually, but not limited to, Sunday evenings, Monday through Thursday nights and Saturday days. Those chosen for the roles do not receive payment. ■

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Dons on the rise

Grauer leads Amador's softball senior girls on final title quest

By DENNIS MILLER

Life has a funny way of working out at times.

When Amador Valley High senior Johanna Grauer started playing softball in the first grade, she had dreams of being a catcher.

For two years she worked at the position and when she hit third grade, it was time to try out for the Pleasanton Phantom, a prestigious traveling program.

Despite her hard work, Grauer didn't make the team. About the same time that year, the College World Series softball tournament was on television, and it was watching those games that led Grauer to a change of position. No longer did she want to be a catcher, but rather a pitcher.

It was a change that altered her career, and life for that matter.

Now, as she starts her senior season at Amador, Grauer is among the elite players in the nation and led her senior-laden Amador team into the season as the No. 3-ranked team in the country.

"We are very excited to get going this year," said Grauer. "Our freshman year seems so long ago. We want to end it by leaving a mark this year."

Leaving the mark at Amador is a task Grauer and her teammates have rallied around over the course of the last four years. And it's something far different from the pressures of traveling club softball.

High school is much different than club, where teams travel all over the country. The talent level is different between the two as well, with club softball being the controlling influence for college recruiting. But high school softball offers some-

thing different – it brings the pride aspect of your school into play.

"The biggest difference between the two is that in travel softball you play more for yourself," explained Grauer, who will play for UCLA in college. "But in high school you play for your team. The people around the school don't care what you do for your travel team, but they care so much about what you do for your school."

What Grauer has done for Ama-

Oh and she can hit as well, putting up a .321 average as a sophomore and .328 last year. Those totals have transferred into good things for the Amador program.

The Dons won the North Coast Section title in Grauer's freshman year, and they followed that up with an appearance in the title game her sophomore year. Last season the team lost in the first round of the playoffs, but it was a loss that is fueling this year's team.

"That loss to San Ramon lingers," Grauer said. "There are teams you consider rivals and that is a loss that still stings. We are not going to let that happen again this season."

It is exactly that type of attitude that makes Grauer a unique player. Coming down off club ball into high school has seen many a player coast a bit.

That's not the case with Grauer.

"I have never seen her take a shortcut," Amador coach Teresa Borchard said. "She has really raised the level of the game for Amador. Sure she has helped with the notoriety, but her work ethic is tremendous. She is a tremendous role model – she has the respect of everyone that knows her."

And that includes the masses of college coaches.

It was the summer before her sophomore season when Grauer and her teammates jumped from playing in the 14-and-under nationals – their age-proper division – and up to the star-studded 18-and-under.

"It was the best division and it was something we thought we were ready for," said Grauer.

Indeed they were.

In a tournament with upwards

of 70 teams, they battled to 17th place and drew looks from a lot of college coaches. It wasn't long after when Grauer committed to Arizona State – a decision that seemed early, with three years of high school still to come.

"There was just so much pressure from college coaches," Grauer said. "Once I committed, it cooled down a lot."

But two years later the pressure was back as heading into her senior year of school, the coaches at Arizona State left and the college doors were back open. It wasn't long before the calls came pouring in, and this time Grauer made the decision to go to UCLA.

Last summer Grauer parlayed her ability and success into a wonderful opportunity. With her mother being born in Sweden, Grauer has dual-citizenship between the United States and Sweden.

After contacting the national softball program in Sweden, Grauer

was granted a tryout for the team and was successful. Later in the summer, Grauer played in the European Championships in Prague, Czech Republic. She helped the team to a seventh-place finish – the highest ever for Sweden.

"That was amazing," said Grauer, who pitched in all but one game. "It was one of the coolest things I have ever done."

World traveling aside, Grauer and her teammates have set their sights on a big senior year. Joined by fellow college-bound seniors Ashley Lotoszynski (UC Davis), Nicole Yozzo (Lehigh), Victoria Molina (Stanford) and Hannah Moreno (Colgate), the Dons are on a mission this year.

"We know that every team we play wants to beat us," Grauer said. "But I really hope my teammates and I will leave a legacy. As girls come through the school, I hope they realize that we were the ones that put Amador softball on the map." ■



FILE PHOTO

Senior pitcher Johanna Grauer is poised to guide the Amador attack in 2014.

dor the last three years is nothing short of amazing.

Through her first three seasons, Grauer has posted a 67-8 record in the circle. In her sophomore season, Grauer was 22-1 with a 0.33 ERA (earned run average), striking out 336 batters in just 172 innings pitched.

Last year, she had a 22-2 record and a microscopic 0.08 ERA.



COURTESY TERESA BORCHARD

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Events

6TH ANNUAL PUSD NIGHT OF DRUMS AND DANCE The annual Night of Drums and Dance features the winter guards and winter percussion groups from both high schools and all three middle schools. Doors open at 7 p.m., the performance starts at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 at the Amador Valley High School large gym.

BLOOD DRIVE PLEASANTON Donate blood and save a life! The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27 at Simpson Strong-Tie, Conference Room, 5956 W. Las Positas Blvd. Call 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: STRONGTIE) to schedule an appointment.

BUNJO'S COMEDY ALL STAR SHOW See this hilarious show from 8:30-10 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 at Vito's Express, 4060 Grafton St., Dublin. Featuring some of the best comedians from the Bay Area and beyond. Cost is \$10. Call 264-4413 or go to bunjocomedy.com.

EAST BAY SINGLES CONVENTION Meet new friends at the East Bay Singles Convention, from 7:30-11:45 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 at the Pleasanton Marriott, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For adults of all ages. Dressy attire. Call (415) 507-9962 or go to www.thepartyhotline.com.

EAST MEETS WEST: SOPHIA SATTAR ART EVENT Firehouse Arts Center hosts noted mixed-media painter and calligrapher Sophia Sattar, discussing and demonstrating her work in conjunction with the special installation of her work on display from March 8-April 5. She will discuss the merging of East and West, classic with contemporary, as art brings people together by opening dialogue about culture and community, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26 at Firehouse Arts Center. Light refreshments will be served. Suggested donation \$7. Call 931-4849 or go to jfinegan@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

FOOTHILL HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SHOW Foothill High School Band Boosters present their annual Winter Guard, Percussion and Drum Major Competition on Saturday, March 22 at Foothill High School, showcasing the region's top talent. Drum majors start at 8 a.m. with awards at 4:45 p.m., percussion begins at

TAKE US ALONG



Weekly on ice: Brad and Sandra Hirst read the Pleasanton Weekly while "chilling" on a bench made of ice in Ortisei, Italy in the Dolomite Mountains. They traveled with the Bear Valley Ski Club in Italy, and then on to the Spanish cities of Madrid and Barcelona.

9 a.m. followed by Winter Guard at 1 p.m., with awards at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Foothill High School music program. Contact Julie at 520-5566.

FRIENDS OF PLEASANTON LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE Come to the Spring Book Sale from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, March 21 for members only of Friends of the Library, (memberships are \$10 at the door); 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for all on Saturday, March 22; and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, March 23 at the Pleasanton Library. Call 462-4362 for details or to volunteer.

How COMMON IS ADHD? Dr. Lisa Benton-Hardy, M.D. will discuss the diagnosis of ADHD, how to support the child with ADHD at home and at school, supportive treatments for ADHD and possible medication treatments for ADHD, from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26 at Hart Middle School. Contact psncevents@gmail.com. Free registration here: <http://bit.ly/1jPhBE1>.

MUNICH '72 Eleven Israeli athletes were murdered. Only 5 escaped. Survivor Dan Alon tells his story in a historic evening at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 27 at Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Relive the events of September 5, 1972 through a first-hand account. Call 846-0700 or go to www.jewishtrivalley.com.

OUT & EQUAL NETWORKING EVENT Out & Equal Workplace Advocates will hold a networking event from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 at the Firehouse Arts Center, featuring Christine Robisch, Senior Vice President and Area Manager of Kaiser Permanente San Francisco Medical Center, share her thoughts and experiences on LGBT workplace issues and dynamics. For more information or to register, go to ourandequal.org.

PLEASANTON SENIOR VIP PRESENTS TRISH M VOCALS Pleasanton Senior VIP will present the vocal talents of Trish M. on Monday, March 24 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Lunch will be served for \$3.50. All are welcome. Sign up at 931-5385.

Exhibits

'1000 WORDS' AT HARRINGTON ART GALLERY This new installation

focuses on story-telling through a variety of media, including print-making, mixed media, photography, painting, and assemblage sculpture, featuring 7 diverse artists. The exhibit runs March 8-April 19. A special "1000 Words Response Event" will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 27. Visitors are invited to view the installation during the first two weeks and select an artwork to respond to with music, poetry, drama, prose or improv. Interested participants sign up at Gallery Desk. Suggested donation for the performance is \$7. Call 931-4849.



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Fundraisers

FOOTHILL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEAT SALE The spring meat sale will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23 in front of Foothill High School. Choose from premium quality choice meats and FDA certi-

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Kids & Teens

BUTTER MAKING Where does butter come from? In this program, trace a day in the life of a cow at the Meadowlark Dairy and make some butter to enjoy, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 22 at Alviso Adobe Community Park. Ages 5-11. Cost is \$5 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com using code 56849. Call 931-3485.

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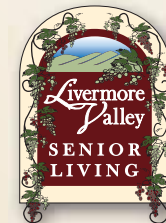
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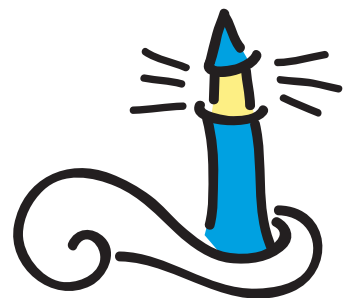


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File No.: 488135
The following person(s) doing business as: ENTITLEMENT URETHANE, 2595 TANAGER DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bentley Anderson, 2595 Tanager Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Bentley Anderson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/20/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 7, 14, 21, 28; 2014)

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This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 11-27

Dublin

6957 Amador Valley Boulevard A. Strong to P. Tranvan for \$615,000
8238 Cardiff Court Harris Trust to S. & H. Mowry for \$555,000
8058 Cranford Lane Krocher Trust to L. Heinig for \$595,000
5501 De Marcus Boulevard #310 J. Johnson to X. Zhang for \$422,500
3702 Finnian Way E. Chun to L. Zhang for \$440,000
4361 Fitzwilliam Street Hernbroth Trust to M. Narayanan for \$492,000
7845 Ironwood Drive Laptop Living Limited to Y. & C. Uchida for \$635,000
3338 Madden Way Y. Xu to A. Purushothaman for \$1,039,500
8104 Mulberry Place A. Ahmadzai to C. & C. Smith for \$619,000
4855 Perugia Street #18 K. & J. Kwok to D. & O. Limonov for \$555,000
7276 Prow Way Weber Trust to K. Lau for \$780,000
7529 Silvertree Lane #35 D. & D. Wilson to K. Huang for \$460,000
4875 Thorndike Lane S. Sogani to B. Gunnarsson for \$840,000

Livermore

1947 6th Street J & G Building Partners to N. Williams for \$719,000
768 Adams Avenue Strahl Trust to K. Sater for \$549,000
4757 Bel Roma Road D. Benzel to Ott Trust for \$949,000

4293 Bellmawr Drive T. & T. Godfrey to M. & S. Buckhout for \$815,500
271 Burgess Street Capital Equity Management Group to B. Conner for \$560,000
1324 Chateau Common #204 X. Li to D. & C. Greven for \$316,000
342 Chris Common #101 N. Rodriguez to R. MacDonald for \$225,000
1570 College Avenue M. Azevedo to Inceptanova Properties for \$554,000
1858 Corte Cava Steinman-Barton Trust to Livingstone Trust for \$595,000
2201 Del Monte Street R. & A. Garcia to T. & D. Ferrick for \$565,000
1930 Depot Drive #110 D. & R. McCobb to K. Jassal for \$490,000
1790 Elm Street S. & T. Shelby to Kelly Trust for \$400,000
770 Grace Street R. & L. Chance to P. & K. Hendrycks for \$511,500
2448 Lakeside Circle T. & V. Murphy to A. Yasonia for \$1,150,500
1284 Marigold Road Schoenig Trust to M. Thome for \$415,000
3636 Montrose Place S. Rodriguez to P. Holmes for \$550,000
1085 Murrieta Boulevard #113 A. Yasonia to Advantage Equities for \$216,000
2075 Ponderosa Drive V. Ruesga to J. Tucker for \$460,000
1467 Portola Meadows Road Williams Trust to H. Demars for \$575,000
3832 Princeton Way T. Bryon to C. & C. Miller for \$475,000

1874 Railroad Avenue #102 Signature at Station Square to Cerrato Trust for \$525,000
590 Regulus Road M. & M. Defreitas to R. Perry for \$1,111,500
2924 Sage Common J. Young to P. & M. Napier for \$650,000
2361 Senger Street C. & J. Anderson to Raimondi Trust for \$990,000
187 Wildrose Common C. Lee to J. Wu for \$460,000

Pleasanton

4057 Alta Court Willard Trust to R. Bava for \$655,000
2197 Arroyo Court Olsen Trust to W. Ho for \$285,000
3007 Bolero Court A. Yasonia to Advantage Equities for \$450,000
2113 Cascara Court Hifai Trust to S. & C. Hensley for \$1,600,000
4025 Churchill Drive C. Nelsen to S. Mukhopadhyay for \$754,000
4379 Diavila Avenue L. Westlake to A. Vadlamani for \$769,000
4125 Garibaldi Place Jennings Trust to A. & A. Bhingare for \$762,000
3571 Gresham Court P. Smith to C. Wang for \$772,500
1063 Hopkins Way J. & K. Krebs to Z. & D. Wang for \$1,276,000
4009 Jackie Court G. Garcia to W. Liu for \$630,000
8170 Mountain View Drive #H H. Honda to Y. Chiang for \$410,000
1774 Paseo Del Cajon Voulgares Trust to A. Bahl for \$961,000
5083 Porta Rossa Circle D. & V.

David to C. Luu for \$636,000
6714 Rancho Court D. & J. Horn to T. Dharni for \$756,500
1007 Shotwell Court Toll California XIX to J. & N. Lee for \$1,689,500
7307 Stonedale Drive R. & M. Rosen to C. Bulaon for \$520,000
4694 Sutter Gate Avenue Margalith-Segalman Trust to Z. Zhou for \$910,000
820 Sycamore Road TBSF2 Limited to J. & J. Nagra for \$2,150,000
2487 Tanager Drive T. & E. Morse to N. & M. Wheeler for \$855,000
2469 Via Espada BankUnited to P. & S. Mane for \$692,000
3246 West Las Positas Boulevard A. Elliott to J. & M. Woo for \$650,000

San Ramon

3253 Burning Tree Drive Moyer Trust to H. Yuan for \$745,000
353 Eastridge Drive M. Miller to B. Fabel for \$395,000
4731 Malayan Street National Residential to Hissen Trust for \$780,000
2269 Rosemount Lane F. & M. Hussain to N. & S. Jalal for \$800,000
404 South Overlook Drive #244 Capital Equity Management Group to G. Ng for \$430,000
217 Stone Pine Lane Vancuren Trust to I. & L. Tran for \$435,000
435 Summercreek Lane Walonen Trust to A. Cheung for \$811,000
785 Watson Canyon Court #251 R. Zhang to Mangold Trust for \$375,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 11-27

Dublin (Feb. 11-20)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$422,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,039,500
Average sales reported: \$619,077

Livermore

(Feb. 11-20)
Total sales reported: 25
Lowest sale reported: \$216,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,150,500
Average sales reported: \$593,080

Pleasanton

(Feb. 11-20)
Total sales reported: 21
Lowest sale reported: \$285,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,150,000
Average sales reported: \$865,881

San Ramon

(Feb. 21-27)
Total sales reported: 8
Lowest sale reported: \$375,000
Highest sale reported: \$811,000
Average sales reported: \$596,375

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Avocado Ct	Sold for \$625,000
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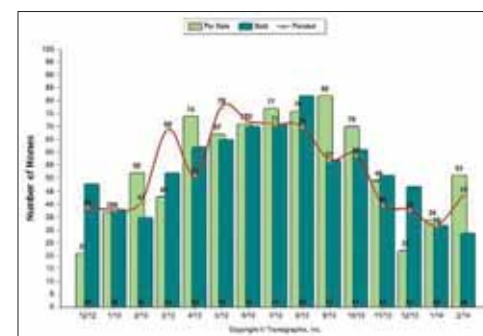
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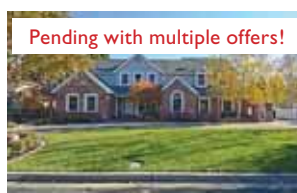
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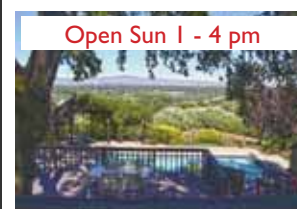
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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

11000 DEL PUERTO CANYON ROAD
PRICE REDUCED!
4 BR 2 BA Lots of trees. 2 bass ponds. Well & Spring water systems. Has separate artist/craft cottage. 925.847.2200 Delwyn Lounsbury CalBRE #00330978

SUNOL

5935 LANTANA WAY
VICTORIA MODEL HOME!
4 BR 3 BA 3 car garage, formal living, dine & family rms, office w/ french doors, walk to Elementary School 510.299.6844 Tae Terry Kim CalBRE #01363454

DUBLIN

3465 DUBLIN BLVD. #120
THE TERRACES!
2 BR 2.5 BA Solid Mahogany hardwood floors, granite counters, surround sound, crown molding, large balcony 925.847.2200 Romar De Claro CalBRE #01341138

SAN LEANDRO

1430 142ND ST
JUST LISTED!
3 BR 2 BA Updated kitchen, detached garage. Close to shopping, transportation and BART 510.851.3551 Laurie Pfohl CalBRE #00866660

SUNOL

900 KILKARE RD
FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY!
Lot/Land. Rarely available 3.2 acre (approx). Lot close to Downtown Sunol. 925.200.3600 Tom Ivarson CalBRE #01242205

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CURRENT LISTINGS



4123 Payne Road, Pleasanton

Charming single story home in central Pleasanton. Enjoy 4 bedrooms and 2 baths, with a nice upgraded kitchen, a large back yard with deck and nice size side yard. There is 1603 sq. ft. of living space, and great natural lighting in this home. Walk to award winning schools, stores, and Bart.

JUST LISTED AT \$719,000



6826 Via Quito, Pleasanton

Del Prado single story home in a nice location. This home has 4 bedrooms and 2 baths with just under 1500 sq. ft. of living space. The home sits on a 7153 flat lot with mature trees, patios and lawn. There is a brand new roof, new windows, new front door and more.

OFFERED AT \$775,000

JUST SOLD



3502 Wind Cave Ct., Pleasanton

Completely remodeled 3 bed, 2 bath has 1,549 sq ft. Open floor plan with upgrades, backyard with Trex decking, patio and sparkling pool.

**LISTED AT \$699,000
SOLD FOR \$760,000**



4769 Perguia, "Amalfi at Sorrento" in Dublin Ranch

Ground floor condo offers 1674 sf. w/upgrades, a 2-car garage w/storage. Club house, gym, pool, and more!

**LISTED AT \$549,000
SOLD FOR \$575,000**

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Single Story
4 bed/2 bath
home in
**Downtown
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with wonderful
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RECENTLY SOLD



2602 Calle Morelia, Pleasanton

4 bed, 2.5 bath on a 8343 sq.ft. lot.

**SOLD FOR \$920,000
\$41,000 OVER ASKING PRICE
WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS**



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**



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**



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



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

JUST LISTED • OPEN HOUSE SAT & SUN 1-4

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NEW LISTING 910 Sherman Way, Pleasanton Listed At \$1,350,000

4 Bedroom 3.5 Bathroom +/-3,016 square feet of absolute perfection. Gorgeous, highly upgraded and customized home in desirable Ventana Hills! Master on main floor, 4th bedroom used as office. Beautifully landscaped with outdoor fireplace, patio, spa, gazebo with grape arbor and more!



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7888 Golden Eagle Way, Pleasanton Sold for \$1,750,000
5 Bedroom 3.5 Bathroom +/-4,000 square feet



7930 Raccoon Hollow Court, Pleasanton SOLD \$1,512,000
5 Bedroom 3.5 Bathroom +/-3,670 square feet



5339 Springdale Ave, Pleasanton PENDING \$648,800
4 Bedroom 2 Bathroom +/-1,884 square feet

We were extremely impressed with how hands on both Peter and Phyllis are and how involved they are with every aspect and detail of the process to include preparing the home for sale, staging, photography, marketing and negotiation. They even met every buyer and agent at the house to present the details and attributes of our home in order to ensure that nothing was missed.

We can not say enough good things about Phyllis and Peter and their professionalism, work ethic and experience. Not to mention they are extremely personable and fun to work with. We now count them amongst our friends and look forward to staying in touch. If you are ever in the market to sell or buy a home, do yourself a favor and contact this amazing team to represent you.

-Corey & Catherine / 7888 Golden Eagle

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505 Tannet Court, Pleasanton

Stunning single story with newer kitchen, updated flooring and baths, closet organizers, private rear yard with stamped concrete and covered side yard access.

\$729,000



4271C Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton

Rarely available condo in downtown Pleasanton. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. 936 SF. Walking distance to ACE train. Beautifully remodeled with wood floors, new windows, plantation shutters, updated kitchen and baths. Screened porch. **\$440,000**



4023 Emerson Drive, Livermore

Beautiful Estate Collection home. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2483 SF. No rear neighbors. High ceilings and huge bonus room. **\$811,000**



1124 Vintner Way, Pleasanton

Great Vintage Hills home backs to park. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2078 SF. Huge bonus room, swimming pool and very private yard on a fantastic street. **\$805,000**



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803 BONDE COURT, PLEASANTON

Upgraded and Remodeled Throughout! Panoramic views!
 Countless improvements have been made to this property since just 2012!
 The beautiful 11,220 square foot lot offers a backyard that has been upgraded with new stone walkways and professionally landscaped with Pinot Noir vineyard. The interior of this four bedroom, two bathroom, 2,056 square foot house, has been upgraded with custom hardwood floors (refinished in 2014), crown molding, upgraded baseboards and it is freshly painted! Remodeled kitchen and bathrooms! Master bathroom in 2014 with Travertine natural stone shower & floors, custom cabinetry, new sinks & hardware, etc. Quality upgrades with no detail spared in this premium location near Downtown with easy access to southbound 680 commute and just a short walk to Main Street!

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION!

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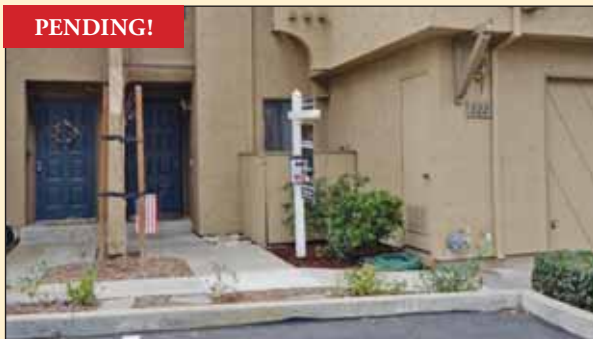
3750 SMALLWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON

Beautiful panoramic views of Mt. Diablo & the Pleasanton Valley!
 This custom home built by Westbrook Homes is located on an 18,084 square foot private, elevated lot. This well designed, open floor plan offers a formal Dining Room, formal Living Room, as well as a full bedroom, adjacent bathroom & bonus room on the first floor. The remodeled gourmet kitchen offers stainless steel appliances, granite counters & a custom tile backsplash. 5 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms total, this 4,748 square foot home also has 3 remodeled bathrooms & other upgrades throughout including, crown molding & new carpet! The expansive rear yard includes an in-group pool/spa, outdoor BBQ entertainment area & large patio & lawn area. Great home for entertaining! Neighborhood Community Center! Walk to Vintage Hills Elementary & Downtown!

OFFERED AT 1,829,000



PENDING!



322 GARDEN COMMON, LIVERMORE

Charming Townhome in West Livermore! This three bedroom, two and a half bath, 1,519 square foot townhome offers an open floor plan and a living room with vaulted ceilings and high windows for natural light. The updated kitchen has stainless steel appliances, solid surface countertops and oak cabinets. Brand new carpet and new interior door hardware throughout. New private cement patio with storage closet and shed. There is a one car attached garage and addition reserved parking spot. Great location!

OFFERED AT \$419,500

PENDING!

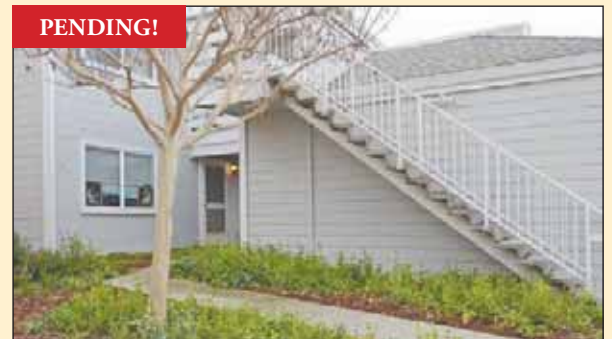


5718 DALTON CREEK WAY, PLEASANTON

Highly Upgraded 4,434 Square Foot Home in Like-New Excellent Condition! The gourmet kitchen includes stainless steel appliances, granite slab counters, generous cabinets & a spacious eating area. Each of the five bedrooms offers a private adjoining full bathroom; one of which is on the main level. An optional office/sixth bedroom has been converted into a wine tasting room with beautiful custom built-in cherry cabinets. This 12,400 square foot professionally landscaped lot includes a private back yard, Pebble Tec Pool, outdoor BBQ/Entertainment area and generous lawn area.

OFFERED AT \$1,799,000

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

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PLEASANTON \$2,895,000
Elegant Craftsman Style home, the finish work is extraordinary! 7500+/-sf, 5bd/5.5ba, formal living room & library/office. Bonus room with large alcove, court location, private lot and views.
3654 PONTINA CT

DOUG BUENZ BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,879,000
5 bedrooms plus office and loft, 5.5 bathrooms, stunning custom home with incredible finishes and amenities.
7230 CLUBHOUSE

BLAISE LOFLAND BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,829,000
Panoramic views! Custom 5 BD, 4.5 BA, 4,748 sqft. home on an 18,084 sqft. lot. Full BD & BA on 1st floor. Expansive rear yard w/ pool & spa, outdoor BBQ entertainment area, large patio & lawn area!
3750 SMALLWOOD COURT

JIM TROPP SUN 1:00-4:00



LIVERMORE \$1,499,000
Executive semi-custom 5 bedroom, plus Den, 4150+ sq ft home in one of Livermore's finest neighborhoods.
2324 WEDGEWOOD WAY

LINDA FUTRAL OPEN SAT AND SUN 1-4



LIVERMORE \$1,275,000
Incredible home in the coveted Oaks Development. Huge 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms ~3,400+/- sf situated on a large private lot with phenomenal backyard oasis, pool, side yard access and more!
2422 LAKESIDE CIRCLE

MOXLEY TEAM BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$1,145,000
4bd+loft, bedroom & full bath on main level, upgraded throughout, large kitchen overlooking great room, custom cabinetry, master with retreat, private backyard, large patio, arbor & BBQ area
1124 DONAHUE DR

JULIA MURTAGH BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$775,000
4bd/2ba, just under 1500 square feet. Great Del Prado location, nice backyard, new roof, walk to cabana club and more!
6826 VIA QUINTO

LINDA FUTRAL BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$749,950
This one will not last long on the market and you'll know the minute you walk inside. Well maintained w/many upgrades. Quiet location on tree lined street near park yet convenient for commuting.
4758 SUTTER GATE AVE

SYLVIA DESIN BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$729,000
Coming Soon! Beautifully remodeled home in Pleasanton's desirable Vintage Hills neighborhood. Gourmet kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Formal living & dining rooms. Close to park & shopping.
505 TANNET COURT

JULIA MURTAGH BY APPT



PLEASANTON \$719,000
Charming Single Story home in Central Pleasanton. Enjoy 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, with a nice upgraded kitchen, large back yard with a nice deck, and large side yard. Walk to schools!
4123 PAYNE RD



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