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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



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(Left): Trudy Church and Millie Nakano in 1950. (Right): The same pair in 2014.

Friendship still strong after 74 years

The friendship between Trudy Church and Millie Nakano spans 2,419 miles and 74 years. That's all the way from middle school in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1940, to today when they find themselves just two doors away in their homes at the Stoneridge Creek retirement community in Pleasanton.

Trudy and Millie's friendship began when they were in the eighth grade at Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School and found themselves working together to make sandwiches in the school's student lunchroom. They found they had the same class schedule and lived near each other. They've been friends ever since, even after moving to the mainland, graduating from college, marrying, raising children and, more recently, outliving their husbands and carrying on active lives as widows. Remarkably, throughout it all, they've never had a disagreement.

The two women, now 87 years old, have many things in common, including their Chinese heritage, a passion for traveling, attending theater performances, dining with mutual friends and, since settling in at Stoneridge Creek, playing Rummikub at the clubhouse, a game something like dominoes that uses pools of tiles in four colors. Friends say their laughter at these games is contagious.

Trudy's maiden name was Tseu when she married Emmons Church at UC Berkeley. Millie's was Leong before she married Sam Nakano, a Japanese American. Both men also became friends and the couples stayed in touch through the years, sometimes spending the holidays together with their growing families. That wasn't possible when

the Nakanos moved to a Chicago suburb until relocating to nearby Richmond and while the Churches traveled around the country.

Even before marriage, Trudy was the traveler. After leaving Honolulu, and anxious to see the country, she enrolled at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, then transferred to earn her bachelor's degree at Simmons College in Boston. She chose UC Berkeley for her master's degree program in social work, meeting Emmons on campus. Their careers then took them to Long Island, back for a couple of years to Hawaii and to North Hollywood before settling in Palo Alto, where they lived for the next 30 years.

After their husbands died, both women started looking for places that would require less care but would also be near their children, who were now East Bay homeowners. A luncheon invitation from Stoneridge Creek to come look did the trick. Both liked the retirement community and moved in, and like in Honolulu, they're neighbors again.

Trudy, who still drives, says she feels like she did in her younger years, when she picked up her kids at school and took them to various sports games and church activities, only now it's her granddaughters in Danville. She's also become the very willing chauffeur for Millie and other ladies at Stoneridge Creek who hop in her car for frequent trips to the mall, downtown Pleasanton and the movies.

They'll have to find other transportation during the holidays, however. Trudy plans to join her sister and her large family for a week at Walt Disney World in Orlando through New Year's Day. ■

About the Cover

The 2014 Tri-Valley Heroes award recipients: (Back row, left to right) Dr. Arthur Barnes in Arts and Culture, Beverly Lane for Lifetime Achievement, Riley Glasson as Rising Star, Jennifer Hosterman for Community Spirit, Emily Scholz (accepting on behalf of late husband Philip) for Courage and Darian Shimy for Innovation, and (front, left to right) Amelia and Heidi Abramson for Environmental Stewardship and Susan Houghton as Role Model. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Lili Cao.

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What is something you want people to know about you when you meet them, but don't want to come right out and say?



Patti Chandler

Painter

I like for people to know that I'm an oil painter, but I never like to come right out and tell people that when I meet them because it just doesn't come up in normal conversation.



Ashwin Katukuri

Software engineer

I would like people to know I love traveling, but I keep that to myself because my company might not like that.



Kathy Stead

Cashier

I want people to know that my family means more to me than anything else in the world. But I never come right out and say that because I don't want to give anyone the impression that they don't matter to me and that all that matters to me is my family.



Tim Belcher

Sales

Oh, I'm an open book. I hold nothing back. I'll tell people anything at all when I meet them for the first time.



Ashok Doshi

Engineer

Well, I work for Tesla and feel as though it is such a privilege to work for that company. I don't tell people right away because I don't want anyone to think I am bragging.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Foothill Band Review

The 40th annual Foothill Band Review, one of the largest of its kind on the West Coast, will get underway at 8 a.m. tomorrow on Main Street in Pleasanton with middle and high school bands from around the Bay Area participating.

The parade competition ends at noon with awards given at the Foothill stadium at 1:30 p.m.

Concert competitions are held throughout the morning at Amador Valley High from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A field show, part of the day's competition, will start at 3 p.m. at the Foothill stadium with awards immediately after the show around 9:30 p.m.

The parade and concerts are free. Admission to the field show is \$10. For more information, contact Mark Banda via email at foothillmarchingband@gmail.com.

After Hours Authors

The Pleasanton Library and Towne Center Books will host a visit by the popular, award-winning graphic novelists Raina Telgemeier and Kazu Kibuishi tonight at 7 p.m. at the Pleasanton Library as part of its "After Hours Authors" program.

Telgemeier is the author and illustrator of the graphic novels "Smile" and "Drama" — both No. 1 New York Times bestsellers — as well as other works. Kibuishi is the creator of the No. 1 New York Times bestselling "Amulet" series as well as other works.

Event co-sponsor Towne Center Books will have copies of both authors' books available for purchase and autographs. No registration required. Ages 8 and older. For more information, call 931-3400 or go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library.

We Can

The "We Can" art exhibit at Las Positas College this month benefits the Alameda County Community Food Bank by sale of the paintings and the donation of canned foods.

The exhibit runs until next Thursday (Oct. 30) at the Barbara Francisco Mertes Center for the Arts at Las Positas College in Livermore. Paintings can be viewed and bid on in \$60 increments at www.biddingforgood.com/lpcfoundation; cash donations can also be made at this website. Food donations can be made at the college.

A closing reception will be held 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 30. For more information, contact Bill Paskewitz at 424-1265.

Capping 31-year career, LPFD chief Miguel to retire

Third chief since cities merged their fire departments in 1996

By JEB BING

In an emotional farewell to the Pleasanton City Council last night, Fire Chief Jim Miguel announced that he will retire Nov. 7 as the head of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, capping a 31-year career in fire services, including the last four in the top position here.

Miguel is the department's third chief since the fire departments of Pleasanton and Livermore were merged in 1996.

"This is my last City Council meeting as your fire chief," Miguel said in a suddenly quiet council chamber. "I want to express what an incredible honor it has been to serve this beautiful community and to be able to conclude my career here."

"I appreciate the support that I

have received from the men and women in the fire department and the city's executive team," he added. "I am also proud of the joint powers accord and how the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore have come together to make this arrangement work."

Miguel said he and his wife have built a new home in southern Utah where he will start his retirement years.

"She's actually there now waiting for me to come," he said.

Council members praised Miguel for his service as fire chief, including Mayor Jerry Thorne who said Miguel's leadership and accomplishments will make it difficult to find a successor with similar qualifications.

"You have set a very high standard for fire chiefs," Thorne said. "You have made our fire depart-

ment one of the finest in the state."

Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton city manager and Livermore City Manager Marc Roberts — who represent their cities on the LPFD Joint Powers Authority, which oversees the combined department — are now in the process of conducting an executive search to replace Miguel.

Miguel's retirement caps a 31-year career in fire services including eight years at his previous post as fire chief for the city of Modesto. He also served a concurrent role in Modesto as the acting deputy city manager and director of finance.

Miguel began his career as a firefighter in Modesto and worked through the ranks as fire engineer, captain, battalion chief and operations division chief. He has a master's degree in executive fire service leadership from Grand Canyon University and is a graduate of the executive fire of-

ficer program at the National Fire Academy.

As chief of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, Miguel successfully led the 9-1-1 dispatch consolidation with Alameda County Fire, expanded first responder services to the Livermore Veterans Administration facility and successfully navigated the department's budgetary constraints during the recession. This included closing Fire Station 10 at the Livermore Airport and making some staff reductions. The airport station has since been re-opened.

Miguel was hired to succeed Bill Cody, who was the LPFD's chief for four-and-a-half years. He succeeded 35-year veteran Fire Chief Stewart Gary, who was the fire chief in Livermore when the two cities merged their fire departments and named him the first chief of the combined operation. Gary is now a member of the Livermore City Council. ■



Jim Miguel



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Take Us Along: Editor on vacation

We urge our readers to pose with their Pleasanton Weekly while traveling, and sometimes our staff even gets in on the act. Here, Tri Valley Life editor Dolores Fox Ciardelli and her son, Pepe Ciardelli of Berlin, enjoy the Weekly in Bar Sur Aube, France, a charming little village in the province of Champagne where visitors can enjoy tastings and go to the nearby village of Essoye, the countryside home of Renoir during the last 30 years of his life.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com. Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

Zone 7 board OKs rate hike

Wholesale water price
increases to be seen
in 2015-16

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors on Oct. 15 approved a rate increase for wholesale treated water, with a 3% increase for 2015 and again in 2016 to keep pace with inflation.

The increase will cost the average household \$1.21 per month, should it be fully passed on by Pleasanton water retailers — as well as Livermore, Dublin and the Dougherty Valley.

The 2016 increase would add \$1.25 monthly.

Zone 7 plans to cover loss of revenues (losses projected at 30% in 2014 and another 14% in 2015) related to drought conservation, increased operating costs and increased costs of new capital projects necessitated by changing regulations and aging infrastructure, by relying on reserves previously saved by the agency.

The board also increased the water rate for untreated water customers, primarily agriculture, to \$130 per acre-foot.

The rate is a pass-through of the cost of imported water, supplemental water purchases, Bay-Delta related costs and an administrative fee, Zone 7 officials said. ■

Construction starts on new \$12 million Axis Community Health center

Pleasanton facility will double affordable health services in Tri-Valley

Construction has started on a new center for Axis Community Health that will double capacity for primary and mental health care in the Tri-Valley.

Axis, a nonprofit organization, provides affordable health services to more than 14,000 low-income and uninsured families in the Tri-Valley.

The new 24,000-square-foot health center, located at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton, will feature 27 exam rooms and seven counseling rooms.

The project has an overall cost of \$12 million, with Axis raising \$1.7 million through a capital campaign to help pay for construction costs. Additional funding will come from Alameda County and the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. The remainder will be financed.

The new center is expected to open in mid-2015.

Axis has two medical clinic sites, one in downtown Pleasanton and one at Livermore's multi-services center, as well as two behavioral health sites and a women, infants

and children (WIC) nutrition program site. All current sites will remain open.

Founded in 1972, Axis provides quality, affordable medical, mental health, and substance abuse services that promote the well-being of all members of the community. In the last year, Tri-Valley residents made more than 100,000 visits to one of Axis's five locations.

For more information about Axis, call the Axis Development Office at 201-6068. ■

—Jeb Bing

Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade comes to downtown Nov. 2

Area's largest salute to veterans includes marching bands, special tributes

The annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade will be held Nov. 2 in downtown Pleasanton with more than 100 marching, walking and motorized units to make it the largest observance in Northern California.

Pleasanton's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 will host the 2014 parade that will start at 1 p.m. with a patriotic program of music and messages following at the Veterans Memorial Building.

The event is being held ahead of the actual Nov. 11 holiday, a tradition for the Pleasanton observance

so that veterans can join in other celebrations on Nov. 11.

This year's event will feature military and veteran color guards, marching bands, horses, jeeps, Humvees and other military vehicles. Marching along the way also will be Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations, Scottish pipe and drum units, the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, elected officials from Tri-Valley cities, and veterans from Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, Korea and even World War II.

The U.S. Army's 191st band as well as bands from Foothill High

School, Oakland Military Institute and the Piedmont Bagpipe Band will play patriotic music along the parade route.

A new feature this year will be flyovers by Korean War era helicopters.

The parade Grand Marshal will be retired Army Sgt. Shawn Coe, who was critically injured two years ago by a suicide bomber while on patrol in Afghanistan. He was medically retired from service last July and earned a scholarship from the Sentinels of Freedom to continue his education at Las

Positas College.

This year's reviewing officer will be Lt. Col. Christopher Gerdes, garrison commander at Camp Parks in Dublin. A 24-year serviceman, Gerdes' assignments have taken him to Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Honduras, Germany and the Pentagon.

Immediately following, the veterans groups will host a Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main St. with a guest speaker and patriotic music provided by the Pleasanton Community Band.

This year, the U.S. Marines and members of the P-Town Pushrods car club will collect Toys for Tots before, during and after the parade along the parade route, at the review stand in front of the Museum on Main and at the Veterans Memorial Building. Donors are asked to give only new, boxed toys as their contributions.

The parade will start next to the Veterans Memorial Building on Old Bernal Avenue and then continue north on Main Street to St. Mary Street. ■

—Jeb Bing

Property tax bills in the mail, due starting Nov. 1

First installment must be paid by Dec. 10 to avoid 10% penalty

By JEB BING

More than 428,000 property tax bills for fiscal year 2014-15 amounting to \$3.06 billion have been mailed by Alameda County Treasurer and Tax Collector Donald R. White to all property owners of record in the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

The secured roll taxes due are payable by two installments. The first installment is due on Nov. 1, and is delinquent at 5 p.m. Dec. 10, after which a 10% delinquent

penalty is added.

The second installment is due on Feb. 1, 2015 and is delinquent at 5 p.m. April 10, with the same penalty if not paid by then.

Both installments may be paid when the first installment is due.

There are several payment options:

- By mail or in person at the County Tax Collector's Office, 1221 Oak St., Oakland, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted

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- By KIOSK, located in the Tax Collector's lobby area at 1221 Oak St., Oakland, allowing taxpayers who visit the office to make payments via credit card or Echeck.

Payment by mail, telephone or

online is recommended to avoid delay at the cashier's window.

Property owners who do not receive their tax bill by Nov. 16 should contact the Tax Collector's Office by calling (510) 272-6800, writing to the office, or downloading an Internet copy at www.acgov.org/treasurer.

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Downtown The New Order

As Joel Garreau tells us in his book “Edge City,” the arrival of the 680 Freeway transformed sleepy little Pleasanton into an edge city. And like many edge cities, housing developments and automobile-oriented strip malls soon spread into the rural landscape.

Main Street hit hard times. But unlike some small edge cities that, in an attempt to conform and compete in the new automobile-oriented environment, demolished most of their old Main Street buildings and replaced them with trendy designs and asphalt parking lots of their own, the Pleasanton community preserved their downtown and Pleasanton’s history.

Crowded freeways and changing values spawned a nationwide “back to the city” movement in the 90’s and suddenly Main Street was town center again. We widened the sidewalks, ditched the overhead power lines and planted trees to make Main Street more pedestrian friendly. We formed committees to recommend new rules for a new “Downtown Specific Plan” based on the principal that downtown does not belong to any one person, or group, or public authority, or even the downtown community itself anymore. Now downtown belongs to everyone.

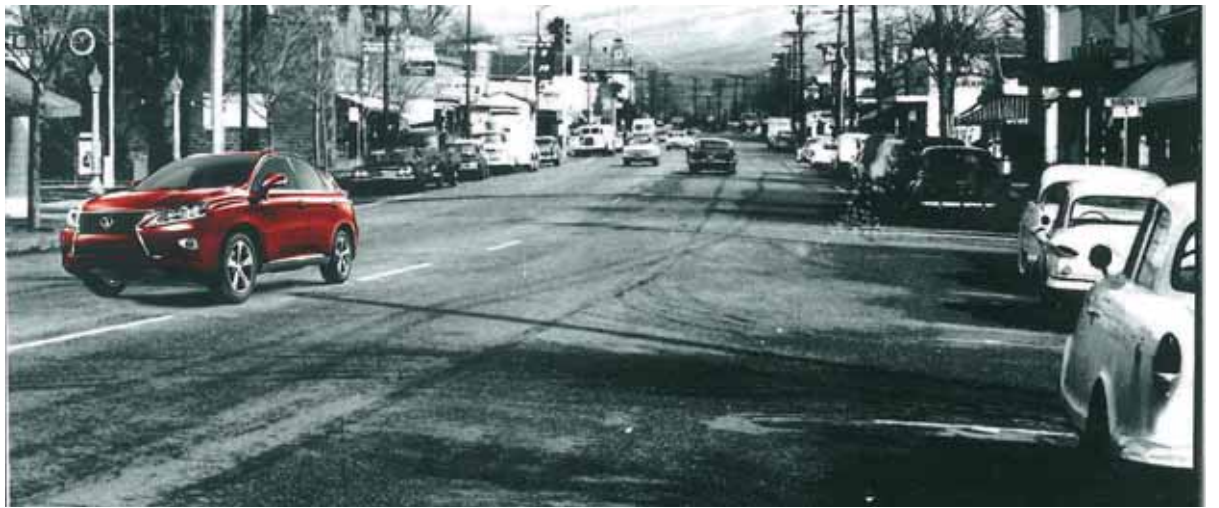
“Downtown should be run like a business,” said Pleasanton’s City Manager at the time. And I think most would agree. Like one business, not a collection of individual businesses each vying for favors. Like a partnership, where success is measured by how pedestrian friendly and locally owned new projects and new businesses are and what they add to the whole - to the partnership. A revitalization partnership with real rules whereby commercial property owners provide the density, business owners provide the diversity and the city (the public) provides the parking. This way downtown really does belong to everyone, and it really is a partnership.

Unfortunately, once free market capitalists were finished with “*We don’t need no stink’n rules,*” we ended up with a Downtown Specific Plan in 2002 with lots of good recommendations from lots of good people, but only one real rule. The rule is, there are no rules, we make the rules up as we go along. “We,” meaning the same ones out there stump’n the crowds with “*We don’t need no stink’n rules.*”

Nevertheless, downtown started showing signs of success. And as expected restaurants led the way, and still do - two recently and four more on the way. But then without rules, low vitality, automobile-oriented businesses started moving in. It seems, unlike Livermore, we failed to understand that destruction of diversity is not caused by failure, but by success. Banks, chain stores and the like are conservative and invest only where success has already been proven.

What’s the plan now? Actually, it is pretty simple. We know that in today’s automobile-oriented environment parking is the lifeblood of downtown businesses. And we learned from recent history that those who cover the most property, indoors and outdoors, with a restaurant/bar business, while using public parking for their parking and paying no fees, have been the most successful. The concern is that over time the struggling little retail businesses in all the little old downtown buildings, the ones that give downtown its character, its charm, “its purpose” will eventually become little more than arm candy for the winners and background for staged events.

So the plan is, from now on, the city will decide



Main Street

which businesses, on which properties, must provide parking and pay fees and which ones don’t. The thinking is with this authority and knowledge and the city’s wisdom, the city can mold downtown into the downtown the city (the public) says the public (the city) wants. Who? Anyway, it’s also another new rule, written into the Downtown Specific Plan, by Consent Calendar (Items that are routine in nature.)

Now I mean no disrespect to anyone down at City Hall, so please don’t hurt me, again, but as one of the partners who has just been voted out of the Partnership, describing a new rule that gives one partner the power to control the life and livelihood of the other partners as “routine in nature” seems a little insensitive to me. And when we say “by consent,” exactly whose consent are we talking about here? Surely not the ones who live, work, own property or a business downtown, the real downtown experts, the downtown community itself.

After visiting literally hundreds of downtowns, renowned urban critic Roberta Gratz wrote, “*So-called experts too often ignore or deny the legitimacy of local citizen instincts, common sense and accumulated wisdom. They are so often focused on their own area of expertise that they overlook, ignore, or misjudge the web of interrelated impacts. Experts too often want to ‘educate’ people instead of ‘learn from’ and be ‘educated by them.’*”

Me, I look at the real world this way. We tried a free market downtown and that didn’t work, and neither did a partnership, so from now on Big Brother will be doing the thinking for us. And some of the greatest societies in history were lead by a good dictatorship. But then most of the worst were lead by a bad one. So I guess the only thing we need to worry about is which one did we get? Did we get one who measures the value of new projects and new businesses downtown by how pedestrian friendly and locally owned they are, and what they add to the whole - to the street - or did we get the other one?

Although personally, I worry that any plan controlled by any one person, or group, or government authority, good or bad, will stifle individual expression and community involvement. The very qualities that made great societies like America, the greatest, and little downtown Pleasanton, the unique little downtown it is, and was, when “the Experts,” fresh from their campaign to blanket the valley with asphalt, stucco and automobiles, first rolled down Main Street in their SUVs passing out pamphlets reading “Do Not Resist. We’re experts. We’re here to save downtown from itself.”

Yeah, well, we’ve heard that one before. It was early spring, back in the 70’s. Another group also calling themselves Experts, lured by redevelopment money, threatened to level a section of downtown and

create a whole new image. Fortunately, the locals, led by loyalist Frank Brandes quashed that misguided assault on downtown’s character.

Then there was that time in 2002, when Pleasanton Downtown Association Directors teamed with another group with titles, on a plan to completely realign the southern end of Main Street so more cars would drive through town and a new City Hall could sit at the end looking down Main Street like the Big Eye in the futuristic movie “1984.” Well, once that idea hit the local paper and that image settled into people’s minds, the talk on the street was “let’s lynch somebody with a title.”

The truth is, the downtown community has been losing control of its own destiny ever since the 680 freeway exposed Pleasanton’s unspoiled small town character and charm. And like many small towns and inter cities along American’s crowded highways, the “back to the city” movement soon overran the local community.

Okay, welcome to yesterday folks. Come on in. “Old Town” needs new life and a new direction. But please don’t bring great big houses, four cars and national chain stores with you. Big Houses on small lots overpowered the old neighborhoods in Palo Alto and stained Palo Alto’s reputation as a leader in historical preservation. And chain stores replace, or leave less street frontage for locally owned businesses — the very businesses that make a downtown unique and, therefore successful in the first place. Thank you so much.



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“There’s a new order in town.”

Robert W. Byrd

Dublin post office named for James Kohnen

Army veteran, teacher, community leader honored at ceremony

By JEB BING

The Dublin Post Office was named Tuesday for the late James Kohnen, a well-known public figure in Dublin and 30-year Army veteran who died May 29, 2012.

The action came after U.S. Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) gained unprecedented bipartisan support of legislation authoring the name change of the post office facility, which is under the jurisdiction of the Pleasanton post office and is located at 6937 Village Parkway in Dublin.

"Jim was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word," Swalwell said at a dedication ceremony in front of the post office. "Our Dublin community misses him deeply, and this post office serves as a reminder of his legacy of public service."

"The presence of so many community members and fellow public servants at today's dedication is a reflection of his selfless character, and I know Jim would have been humbled and honored by the event," Swalwell added. "It was my pleasure to have sponsored the legislation that made this post office naming a reality."

Kohnen's widow, Pat, thanked the congressman for gaining approval to rename the post office.

"My family and I are touched by the dedication of the Dublin Post



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With Congressman Eric Swalwell (left) at her side, Pat Kohnen speaks at ceremony renaming the Dublin post office in honor of her late husband Jim Kohnen.

Office to Jim," Pat Kohnen said. "He loved his community and it is wonderful that this post office now bears his name. We are grateful to Congressman Swalwell for honoring Jim with this lovely tribute."

Mark Martinez, manager of the U.S. Postal Service's Bay-Valley district, agreed. "And, like Dr. Jim Kohnen's character, this post office exudes a strong and functional purpose of strength and unity within the community and across our nation."

"Dr. Kohnen served our country in the U.S. Army and didn't stop serving his beloved community when he retired, becoming a high school teacher and joining local boards and

organizations dedicated to improving the Tri-Valley," Swalwell said.

Kohnen retired from the U.S. Army Reserve as a colonel after over 30 years of service in the Corps of Engineers. During his service, he graduated from the U.S. Army War College, the Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, earning his doctorate in education.

He completed his career by serving as a high school teacher at San Leandro High School, as an elected or appointed official on five boards and as a volunteer with a variety of organizations including the Boy Scouts and Dublin Historical Preservation Association. ■

Redcoats shooter gets five years in prison

Pleasanton man pleads no contest to charges

By AMANDA AGUILAR

A 21-year-old Pleasanton man was sentenced to five years in state prison Tuesday for his involvement in a shooting that occurred in January at Redcoats British Pub & Restaurant on St Mary Street.

Jason Anthony Landes pleaded no contest to charges of assault with a firearm and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The incident occurred Jan. 26 at the downtown restaurant. Pleasanton police said they received a call that day about shots being fired inside Redcoats.

Prior to officers arriving on scene, Landes fled

through the south exit of the restaurant, according to police.

Witnesses reported seeing a man inside the restaurant pacing and acting strange just before the shots were fired.



Jason Anthony Landes

Witnesses heard popping sounds and saw a lone man with a silver handgun shooting into the ceiling of the main bar area from a stairwell at the rear of the building.

Police said most of the bullets struck the ceiling, but one bullet struck a customer on his left buttocks.

That same day at 2:30 p.m., Pleasanton detectives arrested Landes for the shooting at Redcoats. ■

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Pleasanton Chamber endorses Republican Baker for Assembly

Differences 'abundantly clear' in statements at Chamber's candidates' forum, PAC chairman says

Republican Catharine Baker has been endorsed for election to the 16th State Assembly by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's Business and Community Political Action Committee.

Baker, a Pleasanton attorney and resident of Dublin, is campaigning against Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, a Democrat. Both are seeking the seat being vacated by Democrat Joan Buchanan due to term limits.

"Catharine Baker, an accomplished attorney, and her opponent Tim Sbranti, mayor of Dublin, are terrific individuals," said Eric "Otis" Nostrand, chairman of the committee, also known as BACPAC. "Baker has assisted countless small businesses and nonprofits, and Sbranti, an accomplished teacher, has done a fine job for Dublin."

"However, when it comes to solving our state's top challenges," Nostrand said, "Baker will bring a fresh perspective and bipartisan solutions to Sacramento at a time when it's needed most for public education, labor and environmental law, unfunded pension liabilities



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Catharine Baker (shown), the Republican candidate for the 16th State Assembly District seat, has been endorsed by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's Business and Community Political Action Committee.

and economic development." Nostrand said the candidates' differences were "abundantly clear" when both shared their views at a recent Chamber-sponsored forum, particularly on issues involving per-

formance vs. spending in education, the 40-hour workweek vs. the mandatory 8-hour workday, BART strikes legal or illegal, minimum wage and pension liabilities. ■

—Jeb Bing



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Livermore Lab researchers link proteins to drug side effects

Super computers produce reliable data outside laboratory setting for drug discovery

New medications created by pharmaceutical companies have helped millions of Americans alleviate pain and suffering from their medical conditions, but the process often misses many side effects that kill at least 100,000 patients a year.

Now, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory researchers have discovered a high-tech method of using high performance computers (HPC) to identify proteins that cause medications to have certain adverse drug reactions (ADR) or side effects. They are using these super computers to process proteins and drug compounds in an algorithm that produces reliable data outside of a laboratory setting for drug discovery.

"We need to do something to

identify these side effects earlier in the drug development cycle to save lives and reduce costs," said Monte LaBute, a researcher from LLNL's Computational Engineering Division and the lead author in a report published in the journal PLOS ONE.

It takes pharmaceutical companies roughly 15 years to bring a new drug to the market, at an average cost of \$2 billion. A new drug compound entering Phase I (early stage) testing is estimated to have an 8% chance of reaching the market, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

A typical drug discovery process begins with identifying which proteins are associated with a specific disease. Candidate drug com-

pounds are combined with target proteins in a process known as binding to determine the drug's effectiveness or harmful side effects. Target proteins are proteins known to bind with drug compounds in order for the pharmaceutical to work.

While this method is able to identify side effects with many target proteins, there are myriad unknown "off-target" proteins that may bind to the drug and could cause unanticipated side effects.

Because it is cost prohibitive to experimentally test a drug against a potentially large set of proteins — and the list of possible off-targets is not known ahead of time — pharmaceutical companies usually only test a minimal set of off-target proteins during the early stages of drug discovery.

This results in ADRs remaining undetected through the later stages of drug development, such as clinical trials, and possibly making it to the marketplace.

There have been several highly publicized medications with off-target protein side effects that have reached the marketplace. For example, Avandia, an anti-diabetic drug, caused heart attacks in some patients; and Vioxx, an anti-inflammatory medication, caused heart attacks and strokes among certain patient populations. Both therapeutics were recalled because of their side effects.

"There were no indications of side effects of these medications in early testing or clinical trials," LaBute said. "We need a way to determine the safety of such thera-

peutics before they reach patients. Our work can help direct such drugs to patients who will benefit the most from them with the least amount of side effects."

LaBute and the LLNL research team tackled the problem by using supercomputers and information from public databases of drug compounds and proteins. The latter included protein databases of DrugBank, UniProt and Protein Data Bank (PDB), along with drug databases from FDA and SIDER, which contain FDA-approved drugs with ADRs.

The team examined 4,020 off-target proteins from DrugBank and UniProt. Those proteins were indexed against the PDB, which whittled the number down to 409 off-proteins that have high-quality 3D crystallographic X-ray diffraction structures essential for analysis in a computational setting.

The 409 off-target proteins were fed into a Livermore super computer software program known as VinaLC along with 906 FDA-approved drug compounds. VinaLC used a molecular docking matrix that bound the drugs to the proteins. A score was given to each combination to assess whether effective binding occurred.

The binding scores were fed into another computer program and combined with 560 FDA-approved drugs with known side effects. An algorithm was used to determine which proteins were associated with certain side effects.

The lab team showed that in two categories of disorders — vascular disorders and neoplasms — their

computational model of predicting side effects in the early stages of drug discovery using off-target proteins was more predictive than current statistical methods that do not include binding scores.

In addition to LLNL ADR prediction methods performing better than current prediction methods, the team's calculations also predicted new potential side effects. For example, they predicted a connection between a protein normally associated with cancer metastasis to vascular disorders like aneurysms. Their ADR predictions were validated by a thorough review of existing scientific data.

"We have discovered a very viable way to find off-target proteins that are important for side effects," LaBute said. "This approach using HPC and molecular docking to find ADRs never really existed before."

The team's findings provide drug companies with a cost-effective and reliable method to screen for side effects, according to LaBute. Their goal is to expand their computational pharmaceutical research to include more off-target proteins for testing and eventually screen every protein in the body.

"If we can do that, the drugs of tomorrow will have less side effects that can potentially lead to fatalities," LaBute said. "Optimistically, we could be a decade away from our ultimate goal. However, we need help from pharmaceutical companies, health care providers and the FDA to provide us with patient and therapeutic data."

The LLNL team also includes Felice Lightstone, Xiaohua Zhang, Jason Lenderman, Brian Bennion and Sergio Wong. ■

—Jeb Bing

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Marc was taken unexpectedly from his family and loved ones far too early and is now reunited with his dad Bob in heaven. He lived in Pleasanton his entire life and graduated from Pleasanton Unified School District in 2004. Marc was kind hearted, hardworking and his great people skills directed him to the retail business world. He loved his dogs, and was a diehard Raider and Warrior fan. He was a loving son and faithful brother, survived by his mom Pat, sister Kristen, her husband Anthony, and their two children...



Please join the family for a visitation from 5 – 8 PM on Friday, Oct. 24th. Also, there will be a visitation on Sat., Oct. 25th from 10 – 11 AM with the Funeral Service beginning at 11. All services are at Graham-Hitch Mortuary in Pleasanton.

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

3 good men gone within days of each other

Three well-known Tri-Valley leaders died within days of each other this month. They'll be long and well remembered for the good work they did.

David Mertes, former chancellor of the California Community College system and at one time chairman of the ValleyCare Health System, died Oct. 9. He was 83.

Bill McCammon, retired Alameda County fire chief and current president of the Alameda County Fair Board of Directors, died Oct. 13. He was 61.

Jerry Lemm, former chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and a longtime commercial real estate broker, died Oct. 17 at the age of 80.

David Mertes

A Celebration of the Life of David Mertes will be held at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow at the Robert Livermore Center, 4444 East Ave., Livermore. Doors at the center will open at 11 a.m., 30 minutes ahead of the service. A reception will follow.

Mr. Mertes headed the state's community college system from 1988 to 1996. Earlier, he was chancellor of the Los Rios Community College District, superintendent/president of Santa Barbara City College and president of the College of San Mateo. After his retirement, he served on the board of the ValleyCare Health System and also as its chairman.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Mertes, who serves on the board of trustees of the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

Bill McCammon

Bill McCammon devoted his life and, indeed, his waking hours to public service since high school. After retiring as Alameda County's first fire chief, he became executive director of the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority, and was president of the County Fair board of directors, treasurer of the National Fire Protection Association's board of directors and immediate past president of the California Fire Chiefs Association.

As county fire chief, he doubled the size of the department with fire protection contracts with Dublin, San Leandro and the Livermore Lab. He also served as president of RotaCare of the Bay Area, which provides free medical care to the uninsured.

Mr. McCammon was honored at a memorial service yesterday at the Fairgrounds. He is survived by his wife Rose Padilla-Johnson and three children, Monica, Daniel and Jessica.

Jerry Lemm

A service is being held at 10 a.m. today at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Pleasanton for Jerry Lemm, best known for his wide smile and upbeat attitude. He has been in commercial real estate since 1972, operating his own firm, J. L. Lemm & Associates.

Mr. Lemm, chairman of the Pleasanton Chamber in 1986, remained active with both the Pleasanton and Dublin chambers. He was a founding member of the Bank of Pleasanton, which became the U.S. Bank. An Army veteran, he was discharged with the rank of captain.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn and their twin children, Mark Lemm and Michele O'Neill. ■



David Mertes



Bill McCammon



Jerry Lemm

GUEST OPINION

BY ENNIS PIPE

Pleasanton, we urgently need change

To those in the community and Pleasanton Unified School District employees who have offered their support and personal apologies, our thanks and an update. As background, my wife Linda was unfairly involved in the Jon Vranesh investigation when un-redacted copies of the report were provided to complainants and viewing offered to the community via social media. Following the disclosure of Linda's name in the un-redacted reports, she appeared at two separate school board meetings requesting an apology and that a letter be placed in her file to prevent future retaliation.

She also filed a complaint against Superintendent Parvin Ahmadi. The response has been a seven-page letter from PUSD's legal firm Kingsley-Bogard, who determined that, ironically, their preliminary finding found "no merit" to Linda's concerns and the follow-up response from the board and superintendent Ahmadi stated "...the board determined to adopt the preliminary findings as final, without the need for further evidence or testimony." To this day, neither Ahmadi, district Human Resources nor those board members who have sanctioned and approved this approach have yet to meet with us in order to discuss our concerns.

Ethics, equality for all employees, and, critically, an interest in finding the truth appear to mean nothing. Due process, confidentiality and right to privacy have received similar treatment. Instead, Linda received seven pages from the lawyers that ignored facts, board/district policy, and was intended to intimidate and silence. It appears the administration, with the support of some board members, gets to create their own rules. It's a remarkably convenient world for the administration and board to be both judge and jury.

School districts are organizations. In any organization, 'today' is critical but equally critical is three to five years down the road.

Ineffective leadership, cronyism, poor oversight will eventually result in mediocrity and failure. We should be greatly concerned when board members can't understand why accepting any campaign contribution from the district's contracted lawyer isn't a conflict of interest or candidates who profess concern about due process but ignore it in practice.

The board role isn't solely focusing on "big picture issues" and "administrating" as some seem to think. It also includes listening and involvement in critical issues, particularly employee issues surrounding the Vranesh investigation. PUSD spent over \$330,000 with Kingsley-Bogard in the January-August period (Dublin Unified spent \$126,000 with the firm in that period). With these dollars, the public is thinking reading specialists and technology, but board members appear to be thinking legal fees and campaign contributions.

Today, and critically for the future, can we condone an environment where board members support an administration that threatens retaliation as an acceptable management practice (review Document 28 in the Vranesh documents — a sworn statement detailing the obscenity-laced diatribe by a district office administrator threatening retaliation against a teacher), where teachers can tell parents they "need to be careful whom they support," or blatant lies about candidates "union-busting" motivations to influence voters?

None of this is, or should ever be, acceptable. We need new faces who are capable of independent thoughts and actions, and who will learn as part of the job, as we all do. Above all, we need individuals who approach the position without the arrogance, entitlement, disinterest, and dismissiveness that permeates the current board. Pleasanton, we urgently need change. Vote. ■

Editor's note: Ennis Pipe is a 13-year Pleasanton resident and a local parent.

this community. Our roads and freeways are becoming increasingly overburdened to the point it is difficult to drive through town or in and out of it. We need to draw the line on any new approvals for residential development at this time.

Matt Morrison is the candidate who is willing to draw that line and take the time out necessary to study the impact of further development on our infrastructure and quality of life in Pleasanton.

—Margo Tarver

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LETTERS

Vote for Morrison for Mayor

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton is in a position to experience a significant amount of residential growth if the trend set by the current mayor and city council continues. This, at a time when our infrastructure is strained to serve the present population.

Our underground water basin,

Notice: Campaign Letter deadline

All Letters to the Editor related to the November 2014 election campaign must be submitted by Monday, Oct. 27 at 5 p.m. Any such Letter received after that time will not be considered. The final publication date for campaign-related Letters will be Oct. 31. Send your Letters, maximum of 250 words, to letters@pleasantonweekly.com or drop them by our office.

which has served as a buffer to the water we have received from the state in the past, has been our main water supply this year. We have over-drafted that basin to the point that there

are worries that the ground level is subsiding in some areas of the city.

Our schools are overcrowded to the point that it is bound to impact the quality of education in

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Vote for change in Sacramento

Dear Editor,

The Pleasanton Weekly's endorsement of Tim Sbranti for Assembly is dead wrong. The Weekly says "his well-rounded and broad dedication to public service" make him qualified — qualified to be another typical Sacramento bureaucrat in favor of such things as BART workers striking, high-speed rail and allowing the teachers' union with its unfunded pensions to continue to control our legislature, maybe.

But these values are not in line with the majority of voters in our valley.

Catharine Baker exemplifies the change we need to see in this state. No more business as usual. No more trains to nowhere. Rather, an articulate, intelligent woman of integrity who has been working in leadership roles in her kids' schools, her church, in the

region on nonprofit boards and both personally and professionally helping non-profits and small businesses face their challenges.

Catharine has broad public policy experience in many key areas affecting our community and our state. She was the Senior Legislative Assistant to California Congressman Sonny Bono, specializing in transportation infrastructure, natural resources and environmental policy, Medicare, Medicaid, health care, energy, agriculture and Social Security.

Both the Contra Costa Times and the Chronicle (not known for its right-leaning politics) endorsed Baker. We need new ideas and perspectives in Sacramento. "Insanity is repeating the same mistakes and expecting different results." Why send another union-backed bureaucrat to Sacramento and expect that our state's problems will get better? Elect Catharine Baker and let's finally get something done.

—Erin Kvistad

Against Prop 1

Dear Editor,

For years, Southern California corporate agricultural interests have attempted to shove the peripheral canal (aka the tunnels) down the throats of Northern Californians. No California citizen (north or south) has the desire to see the fisheries ruined, our pristine lakes, rivers, or the Delta immeasurably ruined; so, every time this issue has come to the voter, we have wisely voted no.

However, this time, the wolf has come disguised as a sheep. Last-minute Proposition 1 sneaked through the backdoor like a thief in the night; and, with so many politicians backing it, it makes me wonder what knife has itself poised against whose throats in order to get this through at last.

Vote no to save our Northern California riparian habitats, fisheries, wildlife and our water. Zone 7 voted yes and voted in an increase in rates at the same time, which makes me wonder who ran for office last time in Zone 7 and what

could possibly make this attractive to anyone in Northern California.

While we are forced to make drastic cutbacks, Southern California is awash in our water. What madness is this? Please vote no on Proposition 1.

—Paulette Kenyon

Support for Thorne's re-election

Dear Editor,

As I read information reported about the issues in this year's mayoral and city council race, it seems there is still some confusion about the city of Pleasanton following a mandate to allow housing to be built for all levels of income. Simply stated, the city was in essence forced to accept the Appeals Court order or face the permanent loss of our ability to issue building permits and apply local standards to projects.

The city did fight the mandate as long as it reasonably could. Mayor Jerry Thorne has tried to explain the thought process that led to the city's decision to allow construction of some high-density housing in Pleasanton. Jerry wants to continue planning the East Side of Pleasanton and place the end result on a ballot for voter ratification.

This is just one of the many reasons that I support Jerry in his re-election bid. He is the best person for the job given his understanding of all issues facing the city, his reasonableness in helping to solve problems and his communication with all of our residents. I urge every voter to mark their ballot of Thorne for mayor.

—Christian J. Miller III

Yes on BB

Dear Editor,

As the East Bay economy has recovered, individuals are returning to work and their commutes. In just the last year, there has been a noticeable uptick in the amount of traffic on I-580 and I-680 as more people are finding employment and getting back in their cars to head to work. The Bay Area Council, a business organization, has data that reflects this job growth and confirms what we've all experienced firsthand at the 580/680 junction.

Of course, while Tri-Valley residents are happy about the improving economy, they are naturally frustrated by the associated congestion issue. Thankfully, the Nov. 4 ballot provides Alameda County with the means to address this problem directly, and without waiting for the state or federal government.

Measure BB is the solution to our present congestion problems.

Measure BB provides funding for multiple improvements to Tri-Valley highways, including the 580/680 junction, completion of the HOV/express lane on I-680, and expansion of Highway 84 between 680 and Pigeon Pass. These projects alone do much to alleviate congestion in the Tri-Valley and are only a sampling of what the full \$8 billion Measure BB plan entails.

An added benefit of Measure BB is that it continues the momen-

tum of the East Bay's economic recovery. The Bay Area Council has found that Measure BB creates 150,000 good-paying, local jobs and \$20 billion in economic activity through its investment in transportation.

Vote Yes on Measure BB this November to reduce traffic in the Tri-Valley!

—John Brymner

Bowen: Man of integrity

Dear Editor,

As a longtime resident of Pleasanton and former business owner, I feel it's my obligation to speak up on behalf of one of our candidates running for City Council: George Bowen.

When I read articles that question his integrity, it's time to chime in. George did not ask me to write this letter; it comes from my heart and years of knowing George.

If there is one candidate who I can say with 100% certainty has no hidden agendas nor any involvement with "special interests," it is George. I have known George for 20 years. We have served together on many service projects for the needy, the poor and indigent of Pleasanton.

He guided and served on teams who have gone out and served the homeless. You might remember just about a year ago there was a concert at Wente that raised thousands of dollars for our wounded veterans with Kenny Loggins and Joe Mantegna as the MC. Most people did not know it because George is so humble but he lead the entire event. It was his idea and he put hundreds of hours into making that concert happen. Without George it never would have happened. He is tireless, and I might add a true man of God.

To say that this man has "special interests" and is motivated by something other than love of our community and its people is further from the truth than east is from the west. I for one am voting for George Bowen.

—John P. Haynes

Elect Arne Olson

Dear Editor,

Please join me in voting for Arne Olson for City Council. Arne has spent more than a decade participating in city of Pleasanton committees, task forces and commissions. His hands-on experience in getting results in the public government sector sets him apart from the other candidates.

I know this because I've worked in the corporate world for many years, and when I started volunteering on committees and now as a Pleasanton planning commissioner, I quickly recognized that my more experienced colleagues were more efficient in getting better results for the residents of Pleasanton because they understood the process and the internal working of government. That's the kind of experience Arne will bring to the council.

Having served with Arne on the Planning Commission and his years of working with residents, elected officials and city staff make him the



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most qualified non-incumbent in this race. Arne already understands the issues facing our city, the costs, the scope, the timelines and all of the elements that go into making sound decisions.

I encourage other candidates to recognize that they should first volunteer for committees and task forces — and not start their public service by running for City Council. Experience matters ... Vote for Arne Olson, Kathy Narum for council and Jerry Thorne for Mayor.

—Herb Ritter

Vote Yes on BB

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton has the opportunity to make a strategic investment in our local economy by voting Yes on Measure BB. Measure BB is an Alameda County Transportation plan that provides important expansions to BART, support for the Safe Routes to School program, money for bike and pedestrian paths, and funds to fix our local roads. Efficient transportation systems are critical to maintaining a strong local economy and our environment.

A recent study by the Bay Area Economic Council concluded that, if approved, Measure BB would create 150,000 new local jobs and bring nearly \$20 billion in economic activity to Alameda County.

Organizations like the League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club and the Alameda County Taxpayers' Association have analyzed Measure BB. After careful review, all three organizations have enthusiastically supported Measure BB. Join them and join me by voting Yes on Measure BB.

—Olivia Sanwong
City Council candidate

Narum, Olson for council

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Kathy Narum and Arne Olson for City Council.

As a 10-year resident and the parent of three children who attend our local schools, I feel it is important to balance the needs of all who live here — not just those who happen to be the most vocal.

That's why I am supporting Kathy Narum and Arne Olson for council. Both value the importance of balancing growth that's appropriate for our city while still ensuring we can attract the right jobs and appropriate industries. It's the balance of these types of decisions that has allowed us to get the national rankings as one of the best cities in the country to live.

We need elected officials who are willing to find common ground focusing on the benefit of all Pleasanton residents. Please join me in voting Narum and Olson for City Council.

—Penelope Wong

Who's behind deceptive Measure T

Dear Editor,

One can tell a lot about an initiative by looking at who's funding it. According to official records on file at Dublin City Hall, one company,

the Pacific Union Land Company, put up all the money to get Measure T on the ballot (\$150,000).

They are out-of-town developers, the same company that proposed building 1,990 housing units in Doolan Canyon in East Dublin. Measure T is the developers' plan to break Dublin's newly enacted growth limits and begin the process of annexing and re-zoning Doolan Canyon for development.

All five members of the Dublin City Council, all five members of the Dublin Planning Commission, Tri-Valley Conservancy, Save Mount Diablo, Sierra Club and Save Dublin Open Space all officially endorse No on Measure T.

To protect Dublin's open space, vote No on Measure T or get ready for more traffic and air pollution from Pacific Union Land Company's next big development.

Vote No on T — It's the developer's plan.

—Seth Adams
Land Conservation Director
Save Mount Diablo

Measure BB is a win-win

Measure BB will provide traffic relief, increase utilization of non-auto types of transportation and reduce pollution. Every dollar in this plan has been earmarked to have the greatest impact for Alameda County residents. BB requires tight safeguards for administrative spending, annual audits and ongoing monitoring by an independent citizens watchdog committee.

Measure BB will double the funds available to support the transportation needs of our growing senior population and people with disabilities. BB will increase mobility and affordability while providing greater access to trains, buses, paratransit and more in Alameda County.

Measure BB will expand bike and pedestrian paths. BB will relieve traffic, repave streets and fill potholes.

A recent study by the Bay Area Economic Council concluded that when approved, Measure BB will provide 150,000 new local jobs and bring nearly \$20 billion in economic activity to Alameda County.

Measure BB has been closely reviewed by key groups like the League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, the Cities of Alameda County, and the Alameda County Taxpayers' Association. All of these groups have enthusiastically endorsed Measure BB.

Measure BB is a win-win!
—Donna Ireland

Vote for Morrison, Bowen

Dear Editor,

Join me in voting Matt Morrison for Mayor and George Bowen for City Council in Pleasanton

The 2014 election is key to our future. I was elected in 2012 with one major goal, to represent the citizens of Pleasanton. State mandates and lawsuits have forced the rezoning and approval for 1,800-plus new apartment units. Apparently that was not enough. All others on the council have voted to develop plans in East Pleasanton for up to 2,000 more residential units, plus 1.6 million square feet of indus-

trial, retail and commercial space! Pleasanton leadership should evaluate new growth as it relates to limited water availability, infrastructure, school impacts and the concerns of our residents.

Recently the mayor and council's mailboxes were flooded with 300-plus letters and a petition signed by hundreds more, asking us to slow down new home growth, but the plans in the East continue anyway.

The most powerful tool a citizen has is their vote. Elect for Morrison for Mayor and Bowen for council: Local government that will represent the people!

—Karla Brown
Pleasanton City Councilwoman

Bowen for City Council

I am voting for George Bowen for Pleasanton City Council for the following reasons:

1. George understands our city is at a crossroads with 1,900 housing units approved but not yet built. We do not have infrastructure in place (i.e. water, schools or traffic capacity) to handle this growth.
2. The present council is studying a plan that will rezone up to an additional 2,200 housing units on the East side of our city. Bowen wants to see the effects of the 1,900 already approved units before rezoning for more housing.
3. George understands the organizational chart of our city, which puts citizens at the top, followed by elected officials who answer to the citizens. George will represent the community not special interests.

Join me on November 4 in voting for George Bowen for Pleasanton City Council.

For school board I am voting for Mark Miller and Paige Wright.

—Kay Ayala
Pleasanton City Council (1996-2004)

Zone 7 rate hike

Thank you to council members Kathy Narum and Karla Brown for advocating for Pleasanton residents at the Zone 7 Board meeting last week against its proposed 7% permanent rate increase for water each year for the next two years.

Our family has worked hard to reduce its water consumption, and it just doesn't make sense to have our water rates increased when we have heeded the call and reduced consumption. To be hit with a 7% rate increase due to reduced water usage without any justification is aggravating.

We appreciate Narum's and Brown's leadership and willingness to take the time to speak out for the residents and push Zone 7 to raise water rates based on just inflation.

—Tracy Dunne

Support for Wright, Miller

I am supporting Paige Wright and Mark Miller for the Pleasanton School Board.

With many pressing issues facing our district, board members must believe in transparency and open communication with all stakeholders, especially the community. A very important quality for a board member is being able to listen to all people as well as being open

and accountable. Taking all input into consideration when making decisions is what a School Board member should strive to do.

Board members also need to be informed, engaged, passionate about the issues, trustworthy and willing to dedicate themselves to the role. Both Paige and Mark embody these qualities that are necessary to fulfill a board member's duties. I am confident that these two candidates will make decisions that are in the best interests of all of our students.

Please join me in voting for Paige Wright and Mark Miller for the Pleasanton School Board.

—Valerie Arkin
School board trustee, PUSD

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More than 100 people attended the Tri-Valley Heroes award presentation Monday night at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at the Club.

Presenting Tri-Valley Heroes 2014

Our salute to community standouts who shine because
of their actions, integrity, honor

By Pleasanton Weekly staff



The Pleasanton Weekly and its sister news organization in the San Ramon Valley, a division of Embarcadero Media, has presented eight awards to community members and organizations whose dedication to bettering our communities and the lives

of local residents has helped make the Tri-Valley a wonderful place to live and work.

According to Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, "The Heroes selection committee was once again impressed with the quantity and

quality of the nominations. It was difficult choosing only one recipient per category."

The third annual awards program was presented Monday by Embarcadero Media's East Bay Division, which includes The Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

This year's recipients are:

Arts and Culture

For achievements or contributions within the area of arts and culture: **Dr. Arthur Barnes**. Dr. Barnes recently retired as the conductor of the Livermore-Amador Symphony after 50 years.

Community Spirit

For selfless, tireless and largely unacknowledged actions that have enriched or improved the quality of life for the local community: **Jennifer Hosterman, Pleasanton**. The former mayor of Pleasanton, Hosterman has a long history of

public service and environmental awareness advocacy.

Courage

For an act of bravery or for determination and strength of character to triumph over adversity: **Philip Scholz, Pleasanton**. Scholz died in January while pushing a man from the path of an oncoming train in Santa Clara.

Environmental Stewardship

For a group or individual committed to minimizing risks, conserving and recycling, thereby reducing the impact of our businesses on the community and natural resources:

Heidi and Amelia Abramson, Alamo. The mother-daughter team launched the Bounty Garden, which donates fresh food to local food banks.

Innovation

For a person, group or business who apply innovative ideas or programs to enhance the community: **Darian Shimy, Pleasanton**. Shimy is a Pleasanton parent who created the Future Fund donation application for local schools used during the online registration process.

Rising Star

For a young person whose services



MIKE SEDLAK

Alamo resident Riley Glasson (right) receives her Tri-Valley Hero Rising Star award from last year's recipient in this category, Taylor Dorsey (left). The Heroes also received a certificate of recognition from Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan.



MIKE SEDLAK

Daughter-mother duo Amelia and Heidi Abramson (left and center) are presented with the Environmental Stewardship Hero award from Gina Channell-Allen, president and publisher of the Embarcadero Media East Bay Division.

directly benefit Tri-Valley citizens through outstanding volunteer work, serving as a community role model and mentor or demonstrating random acts of kindness: Riley Glasson, Alamo. A 17-year-old San Ramon Valley High School senior, Riley founded Mission of

1-Closet, which holds clothing drives to collect clothing for children and teens in need.

Role Model

For displaying common sense, compassion and wisdom while

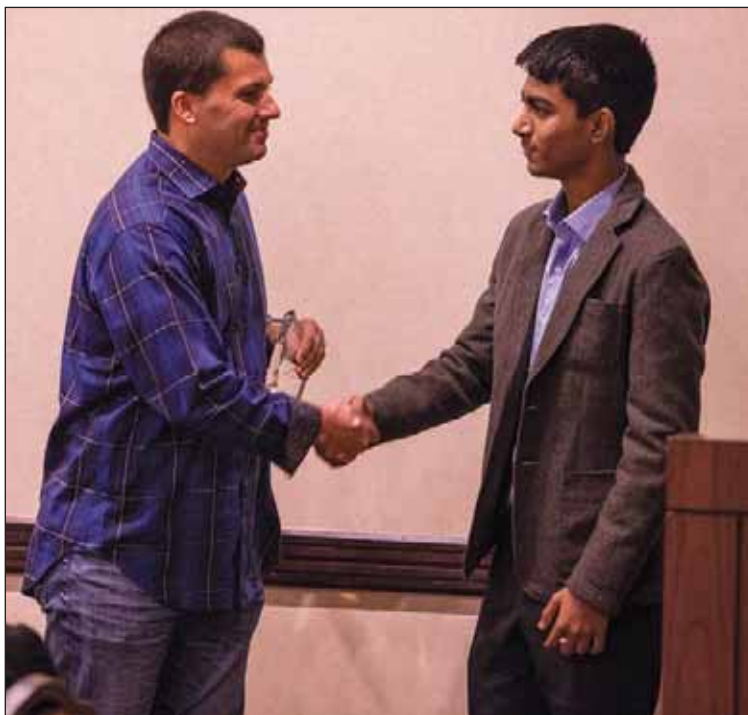
teaching, coaching and mentoring others with a vision for people to strive to be the best they can be: Susan Houghton, Livermore. With other parents, Houghton founded Sunflower Hill, a Pleasanton-based nonprofit organization created for families of older children with developmental delays.

Lifetime Achievement

For an individual or group for contributions, leadership, enthusiasm and tireless efforts on behalf of his or her community and neighbors: Beverly Lane, Danville. Currently an East Bay Regional Park District director, she is a local historian, published author and has a history of public and community service, including being mayor of Danville and the founding president of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley.

Sponsors of this year's program are San Ramon Regional Medical Center, Gene's Fine Foods, Monterey Private Wealth, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pleasanton at the Club, Harrington Art Partnership and Crown Trophy.

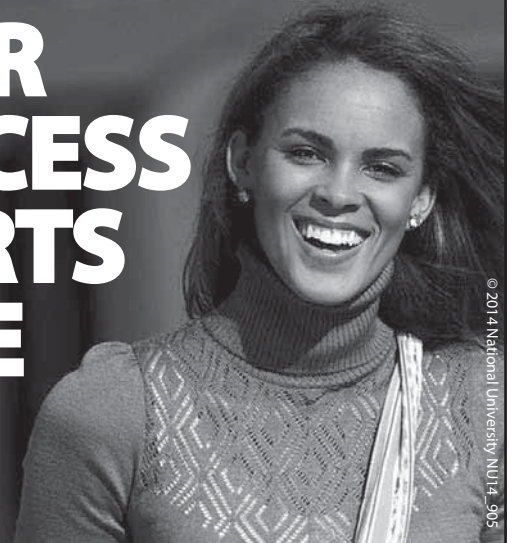
The Tri-Valley Heroes will each be profiled in the Pleasanton Weekly and on PleasantonWeekly.com, beginning Nov. 7. ■



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Innovation award winner Darian Shimy (left) shakes the hand of last year's Innovation recipient, Neil Gupta.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton Plaza parking lot stabbing

An unidentified man, believed to be in his 20s, was stabbed in the Pleasanton Plaza parking lot on First Street Monday night with police continuing to search for his assailant.

Police Lt. Brian Laurence, watch commander, said the stabbing occurred shortly after 6 p.m. in front of the Plaza Speed Wash, located in the shopping center at 4241 First St. By the time police arrived, the man had already been transported to a local hospital emergency room by a relative.

His wounds were serious but do not appear to be life-threatening, Laurence said, but the lieutenant was unable to provide a detailed description of the suspect.

Police believe that the victim had likely been involved in some type of dispute with another man, which led to the suspect stabbing the victim several times upon his upper body. The suspect fled the scene and no associated vehicle was seen.

Laurence said that due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, additional details are not being released at this time.

Anybody with information about this crime is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

In other police reports:

• A Stockton woman reported being sexually assaulted by an unknown black man at Motel 6 on Hopyard Road, according to police.

The victim allegedly admitted to being a prostitute and said she was expecting a "John" at the door, according to police.

When she answered the door, a male in his 20s entered the room, displayed a black handgun and sexually assaulted her, according to police reports. The man allegedly robbed the woman of personal property before leaving the room.

Police said the woman reported being uninjured and is cooperating with the ongoing investigation.

The man is described to be medium build with short cropped black hair. He was seen wearing a light blue short-sleeved shirt and baggy, tan shorts. Anyone with information is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Investigations Division at 931-5134.

• Two men and one woman from Antioch were arrested Oct. 18 after an altercation took place at Main Street Brewery.

According to police, 25-year-old Jesse Uson Unpingco got into an altercation with 25-year-old Daniel Allen Espinoza while on a bus for a Brew Crawl.

While at Main Street Brewery, Espinoza was in front of the restaurant when Unpingco and 26-year-old Thomas Adam Nelson started hitting him, said police.

The restaurant manager tried to break up the fight, but Unpingco and Nelson started punching the manager, said police reports.

In an effort to help the manager, a waitress tried breaking up the fight, but Monica Luann Unpingcoadams, 38, allegedly pulled the waitress' hair and punched her twice in the face.

When police arrived, they determined that Nelson and Unpingco were intoxicated.

Both men were arrested on suspicion of being drunk in public, as well as assault and battery. Unpingcoadams was arrested for suspected assault and battery.

• Grooming tools were reported stolen from a dog show vendor at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on Oct. 15.

According to police, an unknown culprit stole approximately \$1,705 worth of grooming tools. There were no video surveillance, suspect leads, or witnesses.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 8

DUI

■ 12:38 a.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Oak Vista Way

Theft

■ 7:05 a.m. in the 4800 block of Knox Gate Court; theft from auto

■ 8:31 a.m. in the 4900 block of Dolores Drive; theft from auto

Drug violation

■ 3:25 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

Battery

■ 5:45 p.m. in the 100 block of Mission Drive

Oct. 10

Drug violation

■ 2:35 p.m. in the 1200 block of Concord Street

Theft

■ 4:20 p.m. in the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue

■ 4:29 p.m. in the 400 block of Vineyard Avenue; theft from structure

■ 7:42 p.m. in the 4300 block of Rosewood Drive; auto theft

Residential burglary

■ 5:11 p.m. in the 1200 block of Concord Street

Alcohol violation

■ 5:29 p.m. in the 6100 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard

Oct. 11

DUI

■ 2:05 a.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 6:41 p.m. at the intersection of First and Neal streets

Vandalism

■ 5:40 a.m. in the 4400 block of Willow Road

Commercial burglary

■ 11:24 a.m. in the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

Domestic battery

■ 8:31 p.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Oct. 12

Battery

■ 2:02 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

■ 11:43 a.m. in the 2100 block of Laguna Creek Lane

Alcohol violation

■ 8:48 p.m. at the intersection of Hopyard Road and Black Avenue

■ 10:55 p.m. in the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

■ 11:48 p.m. in the 1800 block of Valley Avenue; DUI

Oct. 13

Graffiti

■ 7:33 a.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Alcohol violation

■ 5:25 p.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Oct. 14

Rape

■ 8:40 a.m. Street information not disclosed.

Theft

■ 9:35 a.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

■ 1:19 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Robbery

■ 7:13 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 15

Vandalism

■ 1:32 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4:13 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

■ 2:29 p.m. in the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; bicycle theft

■ 4:39 p.m. at the intersection of Saginaw Circle and Crow Court; auto theft

■ 5:41 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

Alcohol violation

■ 4:33 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Oct. 16

Residential burglary

■ 11:15 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street

Theft

■ 4:58 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

■ 7:11 p.m. in the 600 block of Peters Avenue; theft from structure

Drug violation

■ 5:58 p.m. at the intersection of Bernal Avenue and Sunol Boulevard

Alcohol violation

■ 7:36 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Battery

■ 9:25 p.m. in the 3900 block of Mt. McKinley Court

Oct. 17

Commercial burglary

■ 12:42 a.m. in the 5600 block of Stoneridge Drive

Theft

■ 7:42 a.m. at the intersection of Paseo Santa Cruz and Valley Avenue

■ 8:41 a.m. in the 4600 block of Third Street

■ 10:55 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

■ 8:32 p.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto

Drug violation

■ 4:02 p.m. at the intersection of Canyon Creek Circle and Dublin Canyon Road

DUI

■ 7:19 p.m. at the intersection of San Ramon Road and I-580 West

Vandalism

■ 10:47 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Oct. 18

Alcohol violation

■ 3:15 a.m. at the intersection of Valley Avenue and Blackbird Drive

■ 8:36 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street

Commercial burglary

■ 4:25 p.m. in the 5800 block of Sycamore Court

Battery

■ 6:16 p.m. in the 800 block of Main Street

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A feline's playground

Pleasanton Scout builds cat attraction for VHS

By **CIERRA BAILEY**

Pleasanton teen Nagisa Smalheiser tied her love for animals and crafting skills together to build a new feline attraction for a hometown no-kill shelter.

Over the course of four months with a total of 95 working hours, Smalheiser designed, built and installed wall-mounted cat playgrounds for the Valley Humane Society in Pleasanton.

Smalheiser is a member of Girl Scout Troop 31324, Crossroads Service Unit, which serves Pleasanton, Dublin and Sunol. In order to achieve her gold award — the highest Girl Scout honor — Smalheiser was required to



Nagisa Smalheiser

dedicate at least 80 hours to a community service effort of her choice.

A sophomore at Amador Valley High School, Smalheiser owns two adopted dogs and has experienced the extra care sheltered animals can require.

"I really wanted to help animals in shelters because I know how much attention they really need," Smalheiser said. "So many people don't know about what happens to them before they come to the shelter, so I think it's really important for them to have a good experience while they're here."

Valley Humane Society has an area designated for cats called "Kitty



NAGISA SMALHEISER

Savanna the Cat prepares to leap from a playground perch.

City" and within that space are three suites. Smalheiser helped install cat playgrounds made up of painted

wooden boxes and shelves staggered along one wall in each room. Various shapes such as diamonds, triangles and paws are cut out of the boxes.

Melanie Sadek, the executive director for Valley Humane Society said she and the staff are thrilled with the outcome of Smalheiser's project, adding that the playgrounds help to add a more fun and exciting environment for the cats at the shelter.

"The playground is great. The cats started using it immediately. They love that they can jump from perch to perch, hide in a box, or just take a nap," Sadek said. "Providing these cats with multiple opportunities to move around their suite, makes a significant difference in their mental and physical health. Ultimately, helping them find their new forever home faster."

Although the gold award is a solo project, Smalheiser was allowed to recruit volunteers to help bring her plans to fruition, including two

family friends who helped with wood supply and woodwork.

After receiving paint and primer donated from Sherwin Williams in Livermore, Smalheiser asked some school friends and other Girl Scouts to help paint the playground pieces.

Smalheiser said she was responsible for obtaining supplies, scheduling the time-line of completion and communicating with shelter staff.

"In other service projects you get to work in a group or maybe your leader organizes everything and you just show up to an event and volunteer, but the gold award is something you take on by yourself. I had to be in charge of everything and make sure all of the behind the scenes work was taken care of," she said.

Smalheiser began the project in June and the installation was completed in September. She found out she achieved her gold award earlier this month; she's the first in her troop to do so. ■

International dance festival for new dancers

Free event set in Livermore this weekend

The Del Valle Folk Dancers of Livermore are hosting a free international dance festival, specifically geared towards new dancers, this Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at Livermore Veterans Hall, 522 South L St.

The event gives people the chance to see what international folk dancing is all about — and to give it a try.

Most dances are done in a circle or a line, so partners are not required. Brand new dancers as well as experienced dancers are invited to participate. A wide variety of dances from around the world will be taught, event organizers said.

Del Valle Folk Dancers meet regularly every Tuesday evening at the Bothwell Arts Center, operated by Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center. Weekly dancing goes from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Tuesday sessions include some instruction as well as open



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The Del Valle Folk Dancers are hosting a free dance festival this weekend in Livermore aimed at drawing out new participants.

dancing. The group dances to music from all over the world, such as Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, Israel, Croatia and Romania among other countries.

For more information about Sunday's festival or the weekly dances, email dvfolk@gmail.com. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Wedding Announcement



Denee Crabb and Dennis Reedy

Congratulations to Denee Crabb and Dennis Reedy, married Sept. 24, 2014, at the Oakland Court house in an intimate ceremony surrounded by family. The couple honeymooned in Santa Cruz. Here's to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reedy!

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Lacrosse festival comes to town

Pleasanton boys, girls clubs join together to introduce new players to rising sport

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton Lacrosse Club and Pleasanton Pride Girls Lacrosse are teaming up this weekend for their inaugural joint New Player Fall Festival at Hart Middle School.

"We had the idea to come together to celebrate the sport and help children gather to learn and give it a try in a safe and fun environment," said Drew Sanders, president of Pleasanton Lacrosse Club.

The festival, open to boys and girls in first through 10th grades, offers prospective lacrosse players the chance to try their hand at the fast-paced sport.

Club and high school coaches, as well as experienced local players, will be in attendance to help new players learn the fundamentals of lacrosse such as passing, catching, cradling, shooting, ground balls and face-offs.

Sanders said lacrosse is "one of the fastest growing sports in America" and pointed out that more than 1,000 boys and girls are playing registered lacrosse in Pleasanton this year.

The festival runs from 2-5 p.m. this Sunday at Hart, located at 4433 Willow Road.

Registration costs \$45 and all participants will receive a lacrosse stick to take home and a discount code for local lacrosse registration next spring.

For more information, visit www.pleasantonlacrosse.com or www.pleasantongirlslacrosseclub.com. ■



Pleasanton Pride Girls Lacrosse players Nicole Williams (left) and Lauren Brown participate in a game last season.

MEGAN WILLIAMS

PREP LINE-UP

Today

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill at De La Salle
- Football: 7 p.m., Amador at Livermore

Oct. 28

- Girls volleyball: 6 p.m., Foothill at Granada
- Girls volleyball: 6 p.m., Amador at Carondelet
- Girls Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Monte Vista at Amador
- Boys Water polo: 6 p.m., Dougherty Valley at Amador
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., Dougherty Valley at Amador
- Girls Tennis: 3 p.m., Foothill at San Ramon Valley

Oct. 30

- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., Foothill at San Ramon Valley
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., Amador at Granada

- Boys Water polo: 6 p.m., Washington at Amador
- Girls Water polo: 5 p.m., Washington at Amador
- Girls Tennis: 3 p.m., Livermore at Foothill

Oct. 31

- Football: 7 p.m., Foothill at Granada
- Football: 7 p.m., De La Salle at Amador

Nov. 4

- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., Livermore at Foothill
- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., Monte Vista at Amador
- Girls Tennis: 3:30 p.m., Amador at Foothill

Nov. 6

- Girls Volleyball: 6 p.m., Amador at Foothill



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Strong debut for new volleyball team

The newly formed East Bay Volleyball Academy Boys 14 squad, comprised of Tri Valley middle schoolers 11-14 years old, finished fourth overall after its first Northern California Volleyball Association Power Boys League tournament at Diablo Valley College on Oct. 5.

Shown are team members (back, left to right): Coach Mike Bongay, Zach Rinehart, Teague McDonnell, Jason Dormann, Daniel Qian, Dominick Siu and coach Joe Linney, and (front, left to right) John Yi, Jacob Kim, Colton Brooks, Zachary Small, Kevin Lee and Abhilash Pazhempallil.



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Seahawks shine at Moraga meet

More than 100 Pleasanton Seahawks competed in the 2014 Autumn Aquatic Classic C/B/A+ Short Course Meet earlier this month, with dozens of local swimmers setting new personal best times. The event, hosted by Orinda Aquatics at the SODA Aquatic Center in Moraga, saw almost 800 swimmers participate. Shown are some of the Seahawks who took part in the meet.



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CCOP sixth-graders take Fall Classic

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton sixth-grade boys won the MVP Flight Fall Classic Tournament in Walnut Creek last weekend, capping their undefeated run with a hard-fought victory over the St. Joan of Arc team last Sunday.

Shown (back, left to right): Coach Rodger Kobayashi, Keshav Patel, Nick High, Aditya Gomba, Nolan Hawkins and Noah Powell and (front, left to right) Adelic Low and Ryan Kobayashi. Not pictured team members are Coach Dominic Miranda, DJ Miranda and Raghav Thondikulam.



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Sliders back on top

The Tri-Valley Sliders took home their second championship title in a row by taking first place in the All World Baseball Cancer Awareness Tournament earlier this month. Sporting pink arm and wrist bands in support of cancer awareness, the Sliders are shown with their mothers, grandmothers and coaches.

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Events

CANDIDATE FOR STATE CONTROLLER BETTY YEE AT TRI-VALLEY UDC

Betty Yee, candidate for State Controller, will be at the Tri-Valley United Democratic Campaign Headquarters, 5580A Springdale Ave., at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Yee will speak about the urgency of the Get Out The Vote efforts and will be introduced by Tim Sbranti. All are welcome. Free. Contact 416-0510 or info@tvudc.org.

FASHION SHOW The Pleasanton Senior Center VIP Club will have a free Fashion Show on Monday, Oct. 27 at the Senior Center. Lunch for \$3. All are welcome. Call 931-5370.

GHOST WALK Meet the ghosts of Pleasanton's past during the Museum on Main's popular Ghost Walk. This family-friendly tour will

take you to some of Pleasanton's most haunted sites along Main St. Tours depart the museum every 30 minutes between 6-8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18, 24-25. Costumes encouraged. For tickets and more information, go to museumonmain.org.

HARVEST CELEBRATION Celebrate the Harvest Season from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Music, games, prizes, inflatables, puppet shows, petting zoo, face painting, chili cook off, and pie contest. Hamburger or hotdog, chips and drink available for \$5. Nachos, cotton candy, popcorn, caramel apples, chili and pie available for purchase. Call 484-2482.

Fundraisers

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR! Dublin Creek Animal Foundation

will host a Halloween Event from noon-3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26 at the Dublin Creek Kennels, 6570 Donlon Way, Dublin. Enjoy food, face painting, a petting zoo, meet dog trainers, veterinarians and fun vendors. Raffle prizes and a costume contest for you and your pets as well as trick-or-treating. Proceeds benefit rescued animals. Call 828-5355 or go to <http://www.dublincreekkennel.com/adoptions-2/>.

Kids & Teens

HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT Kids 10 and younger are invited to come in costume and pick up instructions, a Halloween bag and their first clue from the starting location, Towne Center Books, 555 Main St., starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25. Solve the clue to find the next downtown location, where they will be given a treat and their next clue. Parents will be given the

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answers to the clues to help children find the treat locations. Call 484-2199 or go to www.pleasantondowntown.net.

MAD SCIENCE FOR KIDS AT PLEASANTON LIBRARY

The Pleasanton Library will feature Mad Science of Mt. Diablo at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25. The company brings its traveling science lab for a presentation of Fire and Ice! This fast-paced, interactive presentation is meant for grades 1-5. 200 free tickets will be given out at 1 p.m. prior to the event. Call 931-3400 ext. 3 or go to www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library.

On Stage

CREATURES OF IMPULSE PRESENTS 'NIGHTMARE' The Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe will present their live, improvised horror show at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30 and Saturday, Nov. 1. A free preview show will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28. A special late-night show (costumes encouraged) for ages 14 and up only will be at 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31. All shows at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

PLEASANTON SENIOR PLAYERS: 'ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID'

Pleasanton Senior Players return with a hilarious comedic romp about four friends who made a promise at Senior Prom to be in each others' weddings. "Always a Bridesmaid" will run at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25; and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for children. Call 931-4848.

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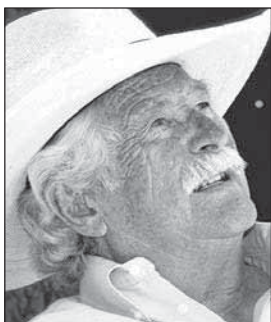
RABBI TO SPEAK AT LYNEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rabbi Larry Milder will speak about the Hebrew prophets, with an emphasis on 1st Isaiah, which has often been interpreted differently by Jews and Christians, at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26 at Lynewood United Methodist Church. People of all faiths are invited to attend.

Leonard "Len" Paul Catania

June 5, 1934 – October 12, 2014

Leonard "Len" Paul Catania, 80, of Livermore, Calif. passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2014, surrounded by his beloved family.

A longtime Tri-Valley resident, Len was born on June 5, 1934 in San Mateo, Calif. to Dorothy and Leo Catania. The family moved to Alamo in 1942. While a student at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, he met his wife, Phyllis. Upon seeing her for the first time — and true to the resolve and gusto that became his signature — he turned to his friend and said, "I'm going to marry that girl."



Len joined the United States Navy in 1953 and served in the Construction Battalion (SeaBees), first at the Alameda Air Station, then Kwajalein and the Philippines. He and Phyllis married in 1955 in Reno, Nevada. After his discharge in 1957, he became a member of Local 36 and worked as a union carpenter for 30 years. While raising their family in the Niles district of Fremont, Len and Phyllis were founding leaders in the Essanay 4-H Club. Len was a devoted 4-H sheep project leader for many years.

His retirement was the longest and most successful imaginable. He collected antiques — everything from jukeboxes to gumball machines — rode English trials motorcycles, played golf, read copiously, and, most notably, designed and built his hotrod trucks. He was a member of the P-Town Pushrods and winner of more than 120 trophies and awards from countless car shows. He was a Sudoku addict, loved jigsaw puzzles and was a student of the history of the American West. An enthusiastic traveler, he was proud that his special pair of cowboy boots touched the soil of 46 states and six countries.

Always the craftsman, he designed and built unique bird houses, doll house and play house for the great grandchildren, invented solutions to automotive dilemmas and excelled at creative home improvement. Whatever the endeavor, he committed to it fully and completed it expertly.

Len is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughter Leigh Anne Catania and son-in-law Bill Dillian of Plymouth; daughter Cathryn Lyn Catania of Santa Rosa; daughter Gina Marie Catania of San Rafael; and brother Ronald Catania of Somerset. He is also survived by five grandchildren (Jake, Alice, Anne, Winland & Natalie) and four great-grandchildren (Maya, Bodhi, Lila & Leo).

Len's loved ones will remember a larger-than-life character who was whip-smart, passionate, endlessly creative, devilishly handsome (and a little bit of a rascal) with an ever-present twinkle in his eye. His absence will be deeply felt.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in his honor to Autism Speaks and/or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The family is planning a joyous celebration of Len's life. For details please call 925-200-7876 or email catania2@aol.com. Condolences may be submitted to www.callaghanmortuary.com.

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ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO THE HON. KIMBERLY E. COLWELL, DEPT. 18 NOTICE TO Defendant O.F. Lending Group, Inc., an unknown business entity; Defendant James Rivera, an individual; Defendant Tiffany Carr, an individual; Defendant Gregory Lomba,

an individual (collectively "Defendants"); Plaintiffs Mary Kate Cunniff, Mitchell Eason, Katie Eason, Bryan Evans, Gregory Henry, Tobian Henry, David Lim, Janice Yee, Webster D. Loudd, Katherine Loudd, Deborah McLarty, Rickie McLarty, Darlene McLarty, Janice Nelson, Tommy Ness, Deborah Ness, Benjamin Ostroff, Mary Ostroff, Ernesto Sayo, Joji Sayo, Kazuo Semitsu, and Karen Thumm ("Plaintiffs") and each of them reserves the right to seek \$120,005.20 (one hundred and twenty thousand and five dollars and twenty cents) in restitution damages, \$43,737.22 (forty three thousand seven hundred and thirty seven dollars and twenty two cents) in compensatory damages (and/or emotional distress) and \$690,000.00 (six hundred and ninety thousand dollars) in punitive and/or statutory damages against each Defendant listed above jointly and severally in Alameda County Superior Court Case number RG12640691 entitled Cunniff et al., v. O.F. Lending Group, Inc. This notice is being served pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure §§Sections 425.10, 425.11, and 580; Civil Code §3295. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney is: John S. Richards, Esq., Richards Law, 4695 Chabot Drive, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588; (925) 231-8104. /s/ John S. Richards. Dated 09/22/2014. (Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31; 2014)

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Home builders find regional differences in what buyers want

Most expensive homes in New England are also smallest nationally

By **JEB BING**

A recent study by the National Association of Home Builders showed significant regional differences in new single-family home characteristics, ranging from price, design features, building materials and even financing.

The new findings come from analysis of the 2013 Census Bureau Survey of Construction.

Of the homes built for sale, the most expensive homes are in New England where the median sales price of new single-family homes started in 2013 reached \$400,000. The least expensive homes are in the East South Central and West South Central divisions with median sales price reaching \$221,000 and \$223,000, respectively.

Regional differences in home size, however, do not seem to correlate to home prices. The nation's most expensive homes in New England also ranked as some of the smallest with the median size of 2,240 square feet.

"This recent analysis really illustrates the many different types of homes built throughout the coun-

try," said NAHB chairman Kevin Kelly, a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del.

"It is fascinating to see how newly built homes can vary significantly not only in design features and building materials, but also in terms of lot size, home prices and financing methods used, simply based on where a home is built," he added.

Regional home design differences include variations in siding preferences, the number of floors in a home and the type of foundation used.

Nationally, vinyl is the most common primary siding material, used in close to 31% of new single-family homes started in 2013, with brick following at nearly 24%. Regional variations in home siding are significant however, with vinyl dominating in the Northeast and Midwest, brick in the South, and stucco was the top choice for new single-family homes in the West.

When it comes to home foundations, most homes in colder climates such as the Northeast and Midwest, have basements, unlike new single-family homes in the

South that are more typically built on a slab. The data also showed that 58% of the homes built nationwide last year had two or more stories.

Similarly, most of the homes built in the Northeast are two stories, and more than half of the homes started last year in the West have two or more stories. The South region varies within divisions but ranges from 47-65% of homes built with two or more stories.

In contrast however, more than half of new homes started in the Midwest have only one story.

Among outdoor features, porches ranked as the most popular feature nationwide. Patios, however, dominate the new home building in the West South Central division and are as common in the West.

Despite a decline in popularity nationwide, decks remain a top choice for single-family homes built in New England where 63% of new homes are built with the feature.

The full study, Regional Differences in New Homes Started in 2013, can be found at www.nahb.org/regionaldifferences. ■

U.S. housing starts top 1 million for third time this year

Numbers show building returning to levels of early summer months

For the third time this year, nationwide housing starts surpassed the million-mark, according to newly released figures from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Census Bureau.

Total housing production in September rose 6.3% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.017 million units.

"These numbers show starts returning to levels we saw earlier this summer, where they hovered around one million units," said NAHB chairman Kevin Kelly, a home builder and developer from Wilmington, Del. "We are hopeful this pattern of modest growth will continue as we close out the year."

NAHB chief economist David Crowe agreed.

"September's uptick reveals that last month's dip in production was more of an anomaly than a market reversal," he said. "I expect we will see a continued recovery as job creation grows

and consumers gain more confidence in the housing market."

Single-family housing starts were up 1.1% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 646,000 units in August, while multifamily production climbed 16.7% to 371,000 units.

Combined housing starts increased in all regions of the country. The Northeast, Midwest, South and West posted respective gains of 5.3%, 3.5%, 4.2% and 13.9%.

Issuance of building permits registered a 1.5% gain to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.018 million units in September. Multifamily permits rose 4.8% to 394,000 units while single-family permits decreased 0.5% to 624,000 units.

Regionally, the Northeast, Midwest and West registered overall permit increases of 12.3%, 8.2% and 5.9%, respectively. The South posted a 4.7% loss. ■

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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Sept. 19-Oct. 1

Pleasanton

- 4111 Amberwood Circle** G. & M. Morioka to S. Peesapati for \$445,000
- 5477 Blackbird Drive** Kopp Trust to A. Kumar for \$960,000
- 4083 Blacow Street** Tompkins Trust to C. & S. Jandhyala for \$837,000
- 76 Castlewood Drive** Gray Trust to Wagerman Trust for \$900,000
- 4219 Churchill Drive** D. & C. Quinn to Quinn Trust for \$148,500
- 628 Claret Court** D. Young to P. Young for \$272,000
- 686 Concord Place** Blair Trust to S. Sayed for \$415,000
- 4652 Corday Court** M. & G. Adams to S. Velupula for \$733,000
- 2639 Corte Vida** Lovitt Trust to S. & S. Homes for \$1,290,000
- 4896 Drywood Street** F. & A. Cheung to S. Martin for \$938,000
- 4229 Garibaldi Place** M. Rosenberg to M. & P. Wadhwa for \$702,000
- 3455 Gravina Place** Lamantia Trust to Z. & B. Relic for \$1,315,000
- 3135 Half Dome Drive** Y. Ma to X. Wu for \$738,000
- 2783 Huff Drive** M. Yik to A. Heart for \$999,000
- 5143 Hummingbird Road** D. Darby to Didesco Limited for \$382,000
- 2902 Liberty Drive** M. & R. Peram to Morrison Trust for \$660,000
- 8173 Moller Ranch Drive** E. Mcclanahan to J. Brown for \$842,500
- 5001 Muirwood Drive** S. & S. Homes to C. & E. Rich for \$939,000
- 1336 Oak Vista Way** Chavarkar Trust to N. & S. Kamik for \$1,155,000
- 2747 Oregon Court** Kanchi Trust to N. Hotta for \$759,000
- 4013 Peregrine Way** B. Hughes to M. & L. Knop

- for \$601,000
- 4085 Peregrine Way** G. & C. Harris to H. Zhu for \$579,000
- 7211 Rosecliff Court** C. & T. Ellis to J. Nubla for \$1,633,000
- 4587 Ross Gate Way** J. & J. Batcheller to Y. Lin for \$827,500
- 4211 Sheldon Circle** P. Reid to Gonsalves Trust for \$440,000
- 5161 Springdale Avenue** B. Smead to S. Kim for \$740,000
- 7437 Stonedale Drive** Hardwick Trust to D. & J. Torres for \$550,000
- 125 Sylvia Circle** S. Warnick to Brandes Trust for \$745,000
- 3544 Whitehall Court** T. & J. Miller to W. Joenaiddy for \$828,000

Livermore

- 816 Alden Lane** Ravera Trust to D. & E. Kang for \$805,000
- 3276 Caldeira Drive** Ponderosa Homes to C. Zeigler for \$1,045,000
- 342 Chris Common #111** N. Hayes to Morgan Trust for \$324,000
- 2820 College Avenue** T. & N. Bramell to Simpson Trust for \$494,000
- 6277 Forget Me Not** K. Harrison to Hamilton Trust for \$417,500
- 71 Heligan Lane #2** Shea Homes to P. Ruparel for \$485,000
- 1141 Hibiscus Way** Howes Trust to D. Adimarta for \$430,000
- 5548 Idlewild Avenue** Degough Trust to M. Carlson for \$430,000
- 805 Mayview Way** B. Breen to P. Mathew for \$559,000
- 57 Meritage Common #105** K. Laue to S. Quan for \$450,000
- 46 Meritage Common #200** C. Patterson to J. Otto for \$465,000
- 791 North L Street** M. Altomare to D. Martin for \$460,000
- 1327 North P Street** Smith Trust to M. & M.

- Theide for \$665,000
- 1875 Paseo Laguna Seco** K. McKaig to A. O'Neil for \$320,000
- 2191 Percheron Road** Casey Trust to T. Sommers for \$555,000
- 4140 Sugar Pine Way** A. Garcia to M. Simmons for \$535,000
- 3041 Talinga Drive** D. Scherbarth to J. Walsh for \$1,250,000
- 2370 Treadwell Street** Cartus Financial to D. McKay for \$1,075,000
- 5890 Woodrose Way** R. & J. Gonzales to M. Moosayar for \$710,000

San Ramon

- 2427 Ascension Drive** Pace Trust to S. Rajagopal for \$820,000
- 2735 Ascot Drive** E. & B. Goodson to M. & D. Federico for \$1,000,500
- 2776 Ashwell Lane** E. Chu to J. & M. Fernandez for \$631,000
- 2038 Bayport Way** G. Swanson to S. & L. Bhide for \$779,000
- 1228 Bellingham Square** V. Rao to I. & I. Mohammed for \$1,175,000
- 1792 Blakesley Drive** I. & I. Mohammed to K. & F. Shaik for \$900,000
- 2271 Britannia Drive** S. Griffin to J. Mardanzai for \$1,310,000
- 5893 Cattleway Way** C. & J. Benatar to L. Yu for \$1,089,000
- 457 Chaucer Circle** D. Tshimbalanga to B. & N. Parekh for \$977,000
- 9090 Croydon Circle** Stiles Trust to R. Greene for \$250,000
- 728 Fountainhead Court** R. & K. Paris to S. Negi for \$656,000
- 2785 Fountainhead Drive** A. Klauber to C. & A. Pagtakhan for \$450,000
- 2863 Fountainhead Drive** Conti Trust to K. & J. Stacy for \$458,000
- 12917 Hawkins Drive** J. & J. Brown to G. & J. Adamek for \$885,000
- 307 Hillcrest Court** R. Lucas to M. & D. Picone

- for \$800,000
- 514 Joree Lane** D. Alleavitch to R. Bhukhan for \$695,000
- 121 Lakeridge Lane** M. & M. Chi to S. Zhang for \$640,000
- 65 Longwood Court** T. & J. Rich to A. Parhiscar for \$1,040,000
- 2498 Milford Drive** S. Mehmood to N. & P. Ubale for \$867,000
- 115 Mintaro Court** J. Wang to J. Gomez for \$1,040,000
- 4720 Norris Canyon Road #103** KB Home to T. & N. Timmons for \$537,500
- 4720 Norris Canyon Road #201** KB Home to K. Franchuk for \$576,000
- 4708 Norris Canyon Road #203** KB Home to V. Arikatla for \$523,000
- 4708 Norris Canyon Road #204** KB Home to M. Vidal for \$520,000
- 285 Norris Canyon Terrace #C** Wells Fargo Bank to S. & F. Khandan for \$358,000
- 5730 Old School Road** Nicholson Trust to C. & E. Brovitz for \$3,000,000
- 3531 Rosincrest Drive** Le Trust to E. Mirzaagha for \$1,460,000
- 491 Santander Drive** Smith Trust to A. & E. Darvell for \$850,000
- 394 South Overlook Drive** N. Mullins to Harish Trust for \$413,000
- 2220 Tahiti Drive** J. Phillips to S. Ahmed for \$1,010,000

Dublin

- 7853 Millbrook Avenue** S. & K. Edge to J. & J. Morton for \$560,000
- 1720 Porcellano Way** D R Horton to H. & S. Misson for \$1,267,000
- 1727 Porcellano Way** D R Horton to A. & J. Choi for \$1,185,000
- 11360 Rampart Drive** Jones Trust to J. & A. Vicencio for \$740,000

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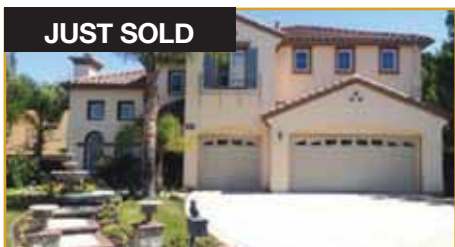
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Pleasanton Market Update — Pending Sales Fall

The Pleasanton real estate market softened in September, after tightening significantly in August. There was little change in inventory but pending sales fell sharply. Homes priced from \$1 million to \$2 million had the biggest decline in pending sales. The median sales price fell and homes were listed longer. The median sales price of a single family detached home in September was \$885,000, which was \$70,000 or 7% lower than August's \$955,000. September's price was still 3% or \$21,000 higher than a year ago \$858,500.



Closed sales increased in September, no surprise after the increase in spending sales last month. 62 sales closed in September, four more than in August. 10 more sales closed in September than a year ago, indicating that although the market softened somewhat in September, it is still strong. 51 sales went to contract in September, 21 less (29%) than August's 72. Pending sales have been quite volatile the past few months, bouncing up and down from month to month. September's 51 sales were also six less than a year ago. Inventory did not change much, falling one unit to end September with 73. One year ago, 82 homes were actively listed. September ended with 1.5 months of inventory available, up from 1.1 months at the end of August. September's supply was slightly less than September 2013's 1.7 months. Homes were on the market longer in September than in any month this year, 31 days. That compares to 21 in August and 24 a year ago. The last time homes were listed longer was December 2013 (45 days).

The inventory of homes priced under \$1 million increased in September, while pending sales fell. 30 homes were actively listed in this segment at the end of September, five more. Go to www.680homes.com to read the rest of this article.

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PENDING

1582 HARVEST RD. PLEASANTON

Located in Pleasanton Valley. 4BD, 2BA 1,716sf. on a 7,879sf. lot. Single level on a corner lot and updated throughout. Remodeled kitchen offering a modern open design and a large great room concept. Updated bathrooms w/ generous storage. Backyard w/ covered patio and large lawn area.

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PENDING

3602 DUNSMUIR CIR. PLEASANTON

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PENDING

440 E ANGELA ST. PLEASANTON

Located in Downtown Pleasanton and a few blocks from Main St. 3BD + Office, 2BA 1,511sf. Vaulted ceiling in living room and great room off kitchen. Remodeled kitchen w/ large island, gourmet range, large pantry and a modern open design. Updated bathroom, newer laminate wood flooring and large yard. **OFFERED AT \$824,000**

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Single story custom w/pool in Pleasanton, up to \$2.5M.	Single story updated home up to \$1.4m in Pls/Liv.	Home built after 1980 in Pleasanton w/ room for gardening. Up to \$1.1M.
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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Sept. 19-Oct. 1

Pleasanton (Sept. 19-26)

Total sales reported: 29
Lowest sale reported: \$148,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,633,000
Average sales reported: \$771,500

Livermore (Sept. 19-26)

Total sales reported: 19
Lowest sale reported: \$320,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,250,000
Average sales reported: \$603,921

San Ramon (Sept. 25-Oct. 1)

Total sales reported: 30
Lowest sale reported: \$250,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,000,000
Average sales reported: \$857,000

Dublin (Sept. 19-26)

Total sales reported: 4
Lowest sale reported: \$560,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,267,000
Average sales reported: \$938,000

Source: California REsource

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Upcoming Pleasanton Beauty!! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home has been beautifully remodeled, both inside and out, located on an oversized lot. Featuring new rich mahogany hardwood floors, carpet & tile. Kitchen has been completely remodeled with gorgeous cherry cabinets, granite counters & stainless steel appliances. Walking distance to shopping & Blue Ribbon schools. Quiet location, yet minutes from freeway.



Just Listed
Just Listed At Pinnacle Ridge!! Welcome to the wonderful gated golf course community of Pinnacle Ridge. Gorgeous home!! 5 Bedrooms, plus an office. All new carpets, custom paint, custom wall finishes, gorgeous dual stair case and an inviting grand foyer. Great home, Great Community, Great opportunity!!
5850 Turnberry Dr., Dublin



Sold!!!
Gorgeous Single Story in popular Canyon Crest!! This spacious home backs to permanent open space, and features new tile floors, new paint, new carpeting, a gorgeous gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, double ovens, and a large kitchen nook with views of the hill. Open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, formal living room and dining room, beautiful family room with wet bar and views of the hill. No rear neighbors, the home backs to the hills, and features a wonderful, relaxing backyard. Wonderful location, walk to park and elementary school!!!
5290 Canyon Crest Dr. San Ramon. 4Bd/2Ba \$899,950

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OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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www.PleasantonWeekly.com/real_estate

Castro Valley

4 BEDROOMS
5804 Dawn View Court \$799,900
 Sat/Sun 1:30-4 Alain Pinel Realtors 314-1111

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS
7323 Bower Lane \$569,900
 Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS
3700 Silvera Ranch Drive \$979,900
 Sat 1-4/Sun 1:30-4:30 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
812 Via Granada \$500,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS
2737 Vernazza Drive \$1,349,900
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5 BEDROOMS
711 Swallow Drive \$689,000
 Sun 1-4 Leslie Faught 784-7979

611 E. Vinyard Ave. \$4,975,000
 Sun 1-4 Cindy and Gene Williams 243-0900

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS
3157 Camdon Court \$839,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

4 BEDROOMS
6304 Singletree Way \$779,000

Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

714 Bonita Ave. \$949,988
 Sun 1-4 Linda Futral 980-3561

7756 Country Lane \$1,750,000
 Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 463-2000

1279 Lozano Court \$2,425,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273

4578 Gatetree Circle \$975,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

1046 Harvest Circle \$895,000
 Sun 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457

5428 Pleasant Hill Road \$899,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario and Liz Venema 260-2220

4155 Casterson Court \$1,925,000
 Sat 11-2/Sun 1-4 Moxley Team 600-0990

5 BEDROOMS
7919 Paragon Circle \$1,788,000
 Sun 1-4 BHG Tri-Valley Realty 463-9500

1976 Via di Salerno \$1,889,000
 Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 858-1984

3205 E. Ruby Hill Drive \$2,150,000
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

San Ramon

2 BEDROOMS
1215 Nancy Lane \$525,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

3 BEDROOMS
541 Van Buren Place \$625,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

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5 BEDROOMS
23 Carver Lane \$2,190,000
 Sat 1-3 Dave and Sue Flashberger 463-0436

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Mountain House Living at its Best! 153 W. Questa Trail, Mountain House Sold for \$410,000

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 Mountain House Home...

Hi Joyce,

I just wanted to take some time to say thank you for finding Art and I our amazing new home, and also to let you know what a pleasure it was working with you. From the very beginning (and throughout our whole transaction) you were so attentive and so patient with us first timers. We had no clue what we were doing, so it was such a comfort to know that we could trust you to give us sound advice, unlike many other agents who would take advantage of the situation in order to make a sale more quickly and move on to the next one without looking back.

What really impressed me, was that you would take us to see what we were interested in the second it hit the market, even if that meant only looking at one house, for ten minutes. We really were so grateful that you took the time to do that for us. Although I know that you are a very busy lady who is always on the move, we felt like we were your only clients! How you did that, I will never know, but it did not go unnoticed or unappreciated :)

Thank you for your patience with us through our many "reevaluations" of what we wanted and what we could really afford. Thank you for not only listening to us talk, but really hearing what we were saying. And for actually understanding it! Buying a home is not an easy process, especially trying to do so in the midst of planning a wedding, but you really saw the whole thing through seamlessly, and most definitely with mine and Art's best interest at heart.

We are so excited to start the next chapter of our lives and start our own family and because of you, we have the perfect place to do so. You are always welcome to stop by and say hello, and when it comes time to buy our next home you can be sure you are the first person that we will be calling. Thank you, thank you, and thank you again!

Love, Brittany and Art



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PLEASANTON \$2,395,000

865 CLARA Lane
4bd 4ba Susan Kuramoto
By Appt



PLEASANTON \$1,750,000

7756 COUNTRY LN
4bd 3(2)ba Doug Buenz
By Appt



PLEASANTON \$1,099,000

1125 Autumn Court
4bd 2(1)ba Julia Murtagh
By Appt



LIVERMORE \$977,500

2173 Hall Circle
5bd 3ba JoAnn Luisi
By Appt



PLEASANTON \$949,988

714 BONITA AVE
4bd 2(1)ba Linda Futral
Sun 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$839,000

3157 Camdon Court
3bd 2.5ba Tim McGuire
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PLEASANTON \$779,000

6304 SINGLETREE WAY
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LIVERMORE \$689,000

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5bd 2ba Leslie Faight
Sun 1:00-4:00



PLEASANTON \$589,000

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2bd 2ba Tim McGuire
By Appt