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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Sugarie, a nice bakery to have nearby

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated the success of Sugarie Bake Shop, one of the newer businesses in the now-vibrant Vintage Hills Center that's in my neighborhood.

And with good reason. Along with New Leaf Community Markets, which opened in 2013 with a festive city-wide party, Sugarie and other retailers and service businesses have revitalized the 35-year-old shopping center, which was saved from the wrecker's ball in 2000 after the Pleasanton City Council nixed a developer's plan to tear it down and build three-story condos and apartments.

Since opening their bakery, Natalie Wong, the baker, and her husband Russ, the marketer, have attracted customers from throughout the East Bay to this somewhat out-of-the-way center on Bernal Avenue at its intersection with Vineyard Avenue and Concord Street. They come for French macarons, Petite Patisserie and savory bakes, all made from recipes Natalie brought back from her grandmother's home in Singapore. She uses the traditional French Meringue method to bake the macarons.

It was on her last trip back home four years ago, when Natalie's baking fingers came alive and rekindled her passion for baking. Inspired by her grandmother's skills and recipes and her family's love for food and sweets, she returned to Russ and their Pleasanton home with a dream to share those simple and unfussy bakes that today make her customers' taste buds dance.

The two worked for a time in a commercial kitchen at a company in Menlo Park and more recently in San Ramon, perfecting her baking and his marketing skills. When they heard about an affordable store location in Pleasanton, they pooled their resources and seized the opportunity to open their own bakery.

They chose Vintage Hills, not just because of its lower rent compared to a downtown location, but also because Natalie wanted to replicate the tradition of a small, neighborhood bakery found in Singapore and once common across America.

It wasn't easy. With the help of architect Charles Huff, they renovated the small store space, bought and had certified a special oven where Natalie can now bake up to 100 macarons at a time, spent three months obtaining the necessary city permits, another three months obtaining state health cer-



JEB BING

Russ and Natalie at their Sugarie Bake Shop in the Vintage Hills Center.

tificates and then 4-1/2 months on the renovations.

At the chamber's celebration, business representatives and associates filled the bakery during all of the three-hour reception. On a recent Sunday, customers from Pleasanton, Livermore and north to Danville snacked on munchies, homemade bites from Sugarie's kitchen along with specialty coffees and teas.

Russ and Natalie start their day at 4:30 a.m. and typically keep their bake shop open until 8 p.m., serving early morning customers who stop for pastries on their way to work, many more who take breaks from work or shopping for a 15-minute snack during the day, and scores more who stop at Sugarie for an after-supper treat. The two take a break themselves on Mondays with the store closed.

At a time when the online review site Yelp is making news in customer vs. restaurant disputes, it's all praise by the 111 Sugarie customers (at last count) who have taken the time to post raving comments about the bake shop, Natalie and Russ.

Here's one just posted by Keli M. of Pleasanton:

"I visited Sugarie for the first time yesterday evening after working out at the gym around the corner (I know, defeating the purpose) but I was interested to see their offerings and was immediately welcomed by the owner. (The) macarons were the most lovely, decadent, delicious little bites I have had! The flavor of each one was distinct, outside perfect texture, filling was incredible! If you have never tried a macaron, you MUST eat these first as all others will fail in comparison."

Having stopped in a few times myself on a neighborhood walk, I agree with Keli. Like the Vintage Hills Center itself, Sugarie is nice to have nearby. ■

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# Streetwise

ASKED DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

## What is the last thing you usually think about when you are drifting off to sleep at night?



### Kristina Dunworth

*College student*

Food, for sure! Food is something that helps me to relax and feel calm and comfortable. So when I'm trying to fall asleep at night, food is the perfect thing for me to think about.



### Jocelyn Carlson

*Retired CFO*

I think about being on a cruise ship, and imagine myself being lulled to sleep by gentle waves rocking me back and forth. I find that that really relaxes me and helps me to fall asleep.



### Stan Schultz

*Marketing director*

I try new meditation techniques. I find they are very interesting to think about and they really work well in terms of getting me into a sleeping state of mind.



### John Weller

*VP of sales*

I have a lot of difficulty falling asleep. When I'm trying to fall asleep at night, I find myself thinking about all of the reasons why I can't fall asleep.



### Jenni Hernandez

*Middle school student*

My last thought while I am trying to fall asleep at night is always about music. I think about my favorite songs and my favorite musicians. For example, I imagine Shawn Mendes singing "Life Of The Party." Music makes me feel calm and happy.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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April 5, 2015  
10AM—3PM

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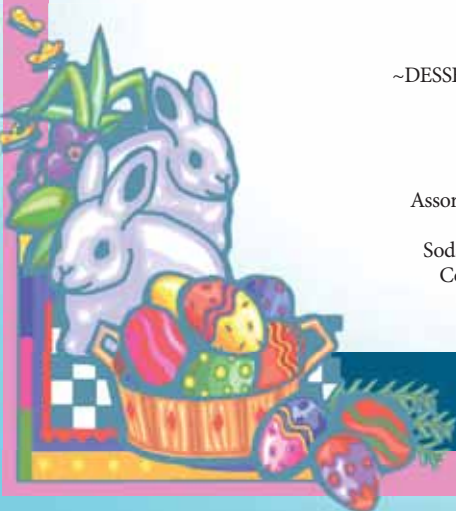
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## DIGEST

### Lookalike contest

The Pleasanton Weekly is once again holding its popular Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest. The first-place prize is four tickets to the Alameda County Fair (available in June) and \$50 cash; second-place prize is two Fair tickets and \$25 cash.

Send digital photos only to contest@pleasantonweekly.com by 6 a.m. this Thursday (April 9). The photo must be attached to an email in JPG format, at least 300 dpi. Include the names of the mother and daughter(s) and the ages of children. Photos entered in previous contests are not eligible.

The Weekly staff will choose the finalists, which will be posted at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) for readers to vote online for which mother and daughter in Pleasanton look most alike.

### Teddy takeover

The Museum on Main will be taken over by teddy bears this Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. for "Teddy Bear Hugs," part of M.o.M.'s Reading Time, the museum's monthly preschool pre-literacy program. Kids are invited to bring their teddy bears for reading time and activities.

Book reading begins at 10 a.m. with craft activities or games immediately following. In its sixth year, the program introduces preschoolers (ages 2-5 years old) to a variety of holidays, events and cultures through books and activities.

Admission is free and donations are accepted. No reservations required, but large groups should call in advance.

For more information about current exhibits and programs, visit the Museum's website at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org) or call 462-2776.

### Common Core workshop

The Pleasanton Unified School District, along with the Alameda County Office of Education, is set to host a Common Core State Standards workshop on April 25.

Some topics being presented on include:

- An overview of the Common Core State Standards
- Resources available for use with newly adopted math materials for 2015-16
- Depth of knowledge and cognitive rigor
- Project Lead the Way and college/career pathways
- Literacy across the curriculum

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Amador Valley High School, 1155 Santa Rita Road. ■

## Counties finalize State Senate primary results

### Glazer, Bonilla solidify top spots; voter turnout just under 24%

By JEREMY WALSH

Election officials in Alameda and Contra Costa counties have finalized their results from last month's special primary for State Senate District 7, with the candidate placements remaining the same as reported in Election Night totals and voter turnout coming in a shade under 24% overall.

The official results, which each county had to certify by last week, confirmed Orinda Mayor Steve Glazer as the top vote-getter with 38,411 votes, or 33.7% of ballots cast, and State Assemblywoman Susan Bonilla with 24.9% as the second-place finisher among the five candidates on the March 17 ballot.

Glazer and Bonilla, both Democrats, are now set to square off in a

special general election on May 19 to decide who will be the next state senator for Pleasanton and the rest of District 7. The seat has been vacant since Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord) resigned following his election to Congress.

While the remaining candidates expressed appreciation for the voters who participated in the special primary, both said they hoped to see a better turnout in the upcoming runoff election.

Primary participation was 23.58%

of registered voters, according to final figures reported by the two counties.

Many thanks to Pleasanton voters for their tremendous vote of confidence in me," Glazer, 57, said last week. "I'm particularly grateful for the endorsement and support from Mayor Thorne and Council members Narum, Olson and Pentin."

However, Glazer also acknowledged, "I was disappointed in the low voter turnout. I hope that more voters will realize the important

choice in the runoff and participate."

"I really admired the voters who came out to the polls and who participated," Bonilla, 54, said after the primary.

"I hope we can build on that interest for May 19," she added. "It is an election that can have a very direct impact on every voter and their community."

One of the key factors for Bonilla and Glazer going forward will be how the 42% of voters who cast ballots for other candidates in the primary will vote in the two-person runoff election.

Former Tri-Valley Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) received 22.4% of the primary vote — 2,855 votes behind Bonilla for



Steve Glazer



Susan Bonilla

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JEB BING

Dave and Lori Sanson, DeNova Homes developers, outside one of their Pleasanton project's new three-story brownstones.

## Township Square opening draws hundreds

### Development on Valley Avenue features unique brownstone architecture

By JEB BING

Hundreds turned out last Saturday for the official opening of Township Square, a new and unique community of two- and three-story brownstone-styled homes between Interstate 680 and Valley Avenue just south of the Gateway Center and Safeway supermarket on Bernal Avenue.

The \$1-million-plus homes range in size from 2,800 to 3,600 square feet and from three to four bedrooms. Elevators are options on the three-story homes at a cost of \$42,800.

A 210-unit apartment building

complex will be built later this year along the I-680 side of the development, shielding the freeway and its noise from Township Square. Rents are expected to range from the high \$2,000s for a one-bedroom apartment to up to the \$4,000s for three bedrooms.

That complex will include a lifestyle center for tenants and Township Square owners that will include a swimming pool, bocce courts, a tot lot and business center with work spaces and meeting rooms.

"We're seeing a lot of interest from people who work in Pleasanton or the Silicon Valley and

spend part of their time working at home," said Dave Sanson, CEO of DeNova Homes of Concord, who started the development firm with wife Lori in 1989.

"Township Square is very typical of what we do," Sanson said. "These homes feature a very timeless architecture, a brownstone style that has been with us for centuries."

"You see this on the East Coast, especially in Washington, D.C., New York, Philadelphia and Boston," he added. "But it hasn't

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## Governor orders mandatory water cutbacks

### State water board directed to implement mandatory 25% reduction statewide

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Gov. Jerry Brown announced Wednesday an executive order for mandatory statewide water use reductions, the first-ever order in California's history, according to the governor's office.

With a record-low snowpack amid the state's drought, Brown directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory 25% reductions in water usage by California cities and towns through February 2016.

The Pleasanton City Council instituted a mandatory 25% water restriction last May, but in late-January the council suspended the billing penalty component of the emergency drought mandate for a period of 90 days — to allow time to consider the condition of the reservoir levels and snowpack in the State Water Project.

"It's important for our water users to understand that emergency drought measures could go back into effect prior to April if we don't have enough measurable rain and snow by then," Daniel Smith, Operation Services Director and Pleasanton's water czar, said at the January council meeting.

Pleasanton's water billing penalty implemented last May was based on a mandatory 25% reduction in water use over what those same

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# AVHS grad serves aboard USS New Orleans

Has made her a better person, Colcol says

A Pleasanton woman and Amador Valley High School graduate has been serving aboard the USS New Orleans (LPD 18), one of the Navy's newest and most advanced amphibious ships, designed to deliver Marines and their equipment to and from war zones.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Dariel Jade Colcol is an engineman aboard the San Diego-based, San Antonio-class transport dock ship, which is longer than two football fields at 684 feet.

Colcol, 21, said she is learning about herself as a leader, sailor and a person — adding that it is an exciting time to be in the Navy, and serving aboard a ship has truly made her a better person.

“The Navy has taught me life lessons and given me experiences that I didn't get in the civilian world,” Colcol said.

She noted how proud she is of the work she has been doing as part of the New Orleans' 427-member crew, protecting and defending America on the world's oceans.

“The Navy doesn't only defend our country but it is important in protecting and giving aid to the world,” Colcol added.

According to mass communication specialist Seaman Jamal McNeill, sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard USS New Orleans. There are approximately 46 officers and 381 enlisted men and women making up the ship's company. Their duties include washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the engines.

In addition, around 700 people form the deployable Marine Corps battalion. McNeill said the ship is capable of transporting the bat-

alion and landing them in hostile territory via helicopters, vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and air-cushioned landing craft.

“New Orleans is truly a fine warship and it is our duty to bring her to life,” said Capt. Doug Verissimo, the ship's commanding officer. “Our sailors have been working very hard bringing her from a post-deployment repair period to our upcoming tactical integration with our Marine teammates. I feel an unparalleled sense of pride working alongside our nation's finest.”

The San Antonio-class ships will functionally replace more than 41 ships providing the Navy and Marine Corps with modern sea-based platforms, according to McNeill.

Amphibious transport dock ships are warships that embark, transport and land elements of a landing force for a variety of expeditionary warfare missions. These ships support amphibious assault, special operations or



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Petty Officer 3rd Class Dariel Jade Colcol is an engineman aboard USS New Orleans.

expeditionary warfare missions, and can serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious ready groups.

“Because of their inherent capabilities, these ships have been and will continue to be called upon to also support humanitarian and other contingency missions on short notice,” McNeill said.

As a member of one of the Na-

vy's high-tech amphibious assault ships, Colcol and other sailors said they are proud to be part of a war-fighting team that readily defends America at all times.

“I enjoy the opportunity the Navy gives me to travel and to experience different cultures from around the world,” Colcol said. ■

—Amanda Aguilar

## San Ramon man withdraws plea in Dublin cyclist's death

Judge recuses himself in case, prompting defendant to revoke plea deal

An attorney from San Ramon who had pleaded no contest in a hit-and-run collision that killed a bicyclist in Dublin three years ago has withdrawn his plea after the judge who was scheduled to sentence him recused himself in the case.

Spencer Freeman Smith, who lives in San Ramon and practiced law in San Francisco, pleaded no contest on Nov. 25 to felony hit-and-run and misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter for striking and killing 57-year-old Bo Hu, who was visiting from China,

in a collision on Dougherty and Fall Creek roads in Dublin on May 15, 2012.

Smith, 35, was arrested two days later after Dublin police identified him as the owner of a recently purchased black 2012 Mercedes-Benz CLS550 connected with the collision.

Dublin police said Smith's car suffered extensive windshield and front-end damage and was missing parts that were recovered at the scene of the collision.

Alameda County Superior Court Judge Kevin Murphy, who accepted Smith's pleas, was scheduled to sentence him on March 20 but he said he realized that there would be a potential problem if he were to sentence Smith because of relationships he has with people who wrote letters supporting Smith.

Based on Smith's pleas, he could have been placed on probation or sent to state prison for up to four years.

After Murphy recused himself, Smith's attorney, Dionne Choyce, then asked to withdraw Smith's pleas, noting that Smith has the right to be sentenced by the same judge that took the pleas.

Murphy said the case will now revert back to the pre-trial state, with Smith's previous not guilty pleas restored.

Smith's case will come before a different judge on April 10. New court dates will be set at that time, and Smith won't be required to be present for that hearing.

At future hearings, Smith will have the option of re-entering no contest pleas or going to trial. ■

—Bay City News Service

## Dublin fires damage townhouse, 4 homes under construction

No injuries were reported in separate blazes

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Alameda County firefighters responded to two different fires in Dublin, one on Monday night and another on Tuesday morning.

Battalion chief Jim Call said firefighters put out a one-alarm fire in the kitchen of a two-story townhouse in the 7300 block of Dalmally Lane, reported at 11:13 a.m. Tuesday.

A woman caring for an infant noticed the fire, left the building and called 9-1-1, according to Call.

He said the home's occupants were displaced as a result of the fire and all utilities were temporarily disconnected. No injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, but Call said it originated in the oven and spread to nearby cabinets, adding that the incident could have been a result of a cooking fire or appliance failure.

Monday night's fire destroyed four homes under construction on Sunset Drive, according to the Al-

ameda County Fire Department.

Fire crews responded to the two-alarm fire in the area of Vinton Avenue and Kinsley Street shortly after 9 p.m., according to fire officials.

There were multiple reports made of smoke and flames seen in an area where homes are under construction, fire officials said.

Firefighters arrived to find the fire on Sunset View Drive, said

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## Pleasanton PTA seeks 'Excellence in Education' nominations

Due Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The Pleasanton Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council is accepting nominations for the 25th annual Excellence in Education Awards.

The Pleasanton community can nominate a teacher, administrator or staff member from the Pleasanton Unified School District. Individuals should be nominated based on personal merit and exemplary contributions to public education, according to program organizers.

A public ceremony for the 2015 honorees will be held on May 18 at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Art Center.

Recent honorees in the past five years are not eligible for the award. More information and a list of recent honorees can be found online.

The nomination form and letter (available online) are due this Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Nominations can be submitted by:

- Email: Excellence@PleasantonPTA.org
- Fax: (925) 264-5119
- Mail: Pleasanton PTA Council, P.O. Box 1065, Pleasanton, CA, 94566. ■

—Amanda Aguilar

## WATER

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customers used in the same billing period in 2013.

Brown's executive order Wednesday also calls on the water board to direct local water agencies to adjust their rate structures to implement conservation pricing.

School campuses, golf courses, cemeteries and other large landscapes are required to make significant cuts in water use, and will create a statewide initiative partnering with local agencies to replace lawns with drought-tolerant landscapes, according to the governor's office.

In addition, a rebate program will be set up to provide incentives for the replacement of inefficient household devices.

The governor announced the

water use reductions Wednesday morning at a manual snowpack survey conducted 90 miles east of Sacramento.

According to the California Department of Water Resources, electronic readings have shown the Sierra Nevada's snowpack's water content is lower than any year on record — just 8% of the historical average as of late March.

"Today we are standing on dry grass where there should be five feet of snow. This historic drought demands unprecedented action," Brown said in a statement.

"Therefore, I'm issuing an executive order mandating substantial water reductions across our state. As Californians, we must pull together and save water in every way possible," the governor said. ■

*Editor's note: Information from the Bay City News Service was used in this report.*

## DUBLIN FIRE

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Alameda County Fire division chief Chip Anderson.

He added that four homes that were in the framing stage of construction were fully involved in flames.

The first arriving crew called for a second-alarm response to make sure the blaze did not spread to neighboring homes that were completely built, Anderson said.

When firefighters arrived, no one

was inside the involved homes, according to Anderson.

Some embers were blown by the wind to a nearby hill, which sparked small spot fires that were quickly extinguished, Anderson said, adding that the blaze was under control around 9:45 p.m.

No injuries were reported.

Anderson said at least two of the four destroyed homes were two stories high. He did not know the name of the housing development where the fire took place.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. ■

## Easter Services

### Holy Week

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# Agape Villages Jail N' Bail fundraiser returns to Tri-Valley

Annual event supports foster family agency

By CIERRA BAILEY

Agape Villages Foster Family Agency will gather some of the Tri-Valley's "most wanted" for its annual Jail N' Bail fundraising event in Pleasanton and San Ramon this month.

On April 17 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., about 50 volunteers will pose as "jailbirds" wearing prison stripes and contact family, friends and business associates to raise "bail" money to get released from custody in an effort to collect funds for programs benefiting local foster youth.

The event is set to take place at Comerica Bank Pleasanton, located at 600 Main St., and Comerica Bank San Ramon at 3110 Crow Canyon Place.

The jailbirds' bail amounts will be set by volunteer judges including Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce directors David Stark and Todd Moberg along with retired Alameda County Judge Ron Hyde. The San Ramon judges will be Mayor Bill Clarkson and Danville Town Coun-

cilman Newell Arnerich.

Agape Villages places children in foster homes in the Bay Area and other parts of Northern California. The 55-year-old agency recruits, trains, supervises and financially supports foster kids and parents. They serve disadvantaged children, adolescents and young adults from newborn to 21 years old, according to agency reps.

Funds from the Jail N' Bail event will support Agape Villages' various enrichment programs, counseling, teen independent living skills programs, weekly social worker visits and transportation among other services.

Jail N' Bail is open to the public and those who wish to participate can "turn themselves in" at either Comerica Bank location the day of the event. Participants can also send a "bribe" donation by mail to Agape Villages, 3160 Crow Canyon Place, Suite 120, San Ramon, CA 94583 or online at [www.agapevillages.org](http://www.agapevillages.org). ■



COURTESY OF AGAPE VILLAGES

Four members of the Agape Villages Pleasanton Volunteer Council and two Agape employees pose as "jailbirds" during last year's Jail N' Bail event. Shown (left to right) are Wes Wolford, Elvina Lui, Diane Wolford, Tai Oluwafunmi, Bangon Badial and Kate D'Or. ■

## PRIMARY FINAL

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second place.

Some 16.1% of primary voters cast their ballots for Pleasanton resident and Republican Michaela Hertle, who announced she was dropping out of the race days after her name was placed on the election ballot. Hertle was the lone Republican in the primary.

The fifth candidate, professor and Concord resident Terry Kremin, finished with 2.8% and approximately 426 voters opted to support various write-in candidates.

Glazer and Bonilla continue to tout their endorsement lists, which have grown in the wake of the primary.

Third-place finisher Buchanan has now given her support to Bonilla. Hertle, who came in fourth despite publicly bowing out, endorsed Glazer in the weeks before the primary.

Looking ahead to the upcoming runoff, Glazer vowed to remain a non-partisan problem-solver if elected to the State Senate.

"Voters want leaders who will work across party lines to better our public schools and universities, fix our aging roads, highways and transit, and have the independence to stand up to special interests who dominate the Capitol," he added.

Glazer, a small business owner and former adviser to Gov. Jerry Brown, is in his 11th year on the Orinda City Council.

Bonilla, a former Concord City Council member and Contra Costa County supervisor, is in her third term in the State Assembly. She represents the 14th Assembly District, which includes about a quarter of the 7th State Senate District in northern Contra Costa County.

She said her top priorities as a state senator would include transportation issues (including traffic mitigation and BART extensions), education and advocating for funding for adequate school facilities.

"I have a very strong and broad

base of support, and I believe the voters will have a clear choice between what I represent with my strong record of problem-solving and working collaboratively to come up with solutions, versus somebody who does not have that experience," Bonilla added.

The 7th District includes Pleasanton, Livermore and Sunol at the south end, Brentwood, Antioch, Pittsburg and Concord to the north, Orinda, Lafayette and Walnut Creek to the west, and the San Ramon Valley.

### Other primary takeaways:

- Voter turnout was higher in Contra Costa County (24.95%) than Alameda County (19.17%). About four-fifths of the 7th District is in Contra Costa.
- More than 83.2% of participating Alameda County voters mailed in their ballots, with the remaining 16.8% going out to the polls Election Day. The split was 85.3% vote-by-mail and 14.7% at the polls in Contra Costa County.
- Glazer finished comfortably ahead in each county, earning 36.04% in Alameda and 33.03% in Contra Costa.
- Bonilla used a 27.43% showing in her home county (6,130 votes more than Buchanan) to propel her to second place overall.
- Buchanan placed second in the Alameda County vote with 28.87%, more than doubling Bonilla's vote there. Bonilla actually finished fourth in Alameda County, topped by Hertle who received 17.46% compared to Bonilla's 14.04%.
- The final voter participation (23.58% of the 487,495 registered voters district-wide) includes approximately 650 ballots submitted by voters who either voted for multiple candidates or marked no name (nor write-in).
- The cost of holding the primary was estimated at \$2.4 million, according to officials from each county. They estimated similar cost levels for the upcoming runoff. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Catching the ballet:** Christine Gibney brought the Pleasanton Weekly with her to see the New York Ballet's "Nutcracker" at Lincoln Center's Koch Theatre while on vacation with her daughter, an Amador Valley High junior.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto: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.

## TOWNSHIP

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caught on here on the West Coast. We wanted to do something different here in Pleasanton."

The homes, with their towering heights made taller because of high ceilings on each floor, have caught the eye of commuters on I-680 who have pulled off at the Bernal exit to take a look. Last week, the screened fencing was taken down and streets opened, with an entrance to Township Square off Valley Avenue at East Gate Way.

The south end of the site opens onto Bernal Community Park, a 37-acre public park with trails and sports fields. The north end opens onto the Gateway Center shopping

center.

"From my perspective, it's the architecture that makes this such a unique development," said Lori Sanson. "It really lends an amazing level of character and a neighborhood feel that clearly has been drawing many people that would like to call Township Square home."

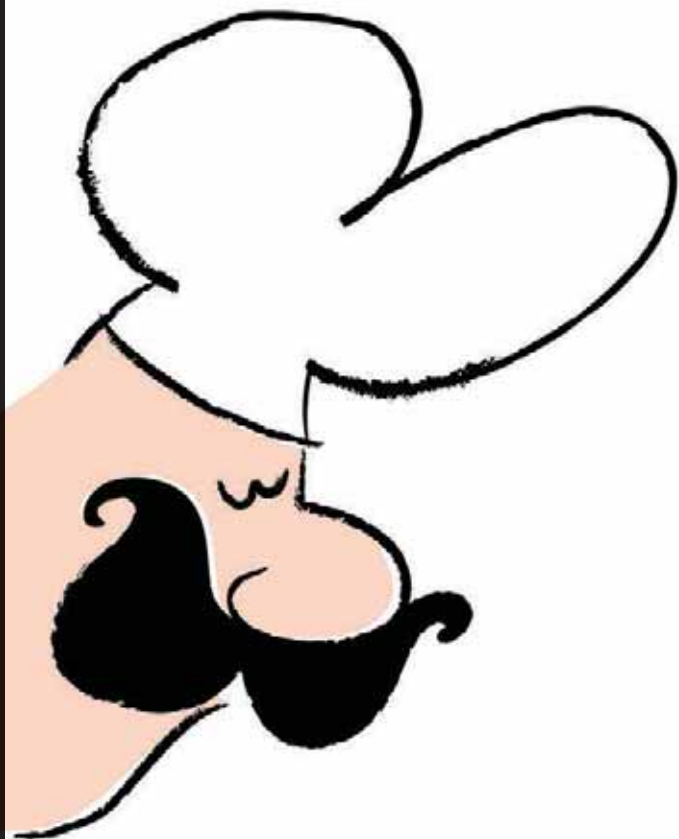
Prospective buyers touring the three-story brownstones Saturday said they found the contemporary features inside conducive to a casual lifestyle with spacious kitchens and living areas on the second floor, with bedrooms and privacy on the third floor. At the ground level are garages and open areas for converting into office space, play areas or an extra bedroom.

Once the apartment complex is built, the Bernal site will be com-

pleted, some 15 years after the 520-acre property was acquired by Greenbriar Community Homes and associated developers from the city of San Francisco, which had owned the site since the 1930s.

As part of the purchase agreement, the developers gave 37 acres to the city of Pleasanton for public uses while also receiving zoning approvals for homes and apartments, which have since been built along Valley Avenue.

Initially, the site where Township Square and the new apartment complex are being built was zoned for seven four-story office buildings. That zoning was later changed to allow residential development after the office building market collapsed at the start of the recent recession. ■



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## Rudy Johnson

June 19, 1933-March 25, 2015

Rudy Johnson of Pleasanton passed away peacefully on March 25, 2015.

Rudy had great strength of character, a deep understanding of the frailty of the human condition, and the ability to understand people's struggles. With his calm, steady and compassionate gaze, he could always listen without judgment and provide wise counsel. He also had an appreciation for subtle humor, music, poetry and literature, as well as world travel.



Rudy's patience and grace served him well in his careers as a teacher, preacher, and administrator, and he was often called to soothe troubled waters. After growing up on a farm in Colorado, graduating from the University of Colorado and serving in the Army in Europe, he attended Stanford, followed by seminary. He began his career in the ministry by organizing a Lutheran congregation outside of Sacramento. Shortly thereafter he was called to start a new Lutheran church at Stanford; while there he also received his PhD in Education. After working in educational administration, he became an Episcopalian and started by leading an Episcopal congregation in Hayward that had lost its building as part of a lawsuit and needed to build a new church. His last church assignment was helping to heal a troubled congregation in Berkeley.

While living in Pleasanton for many years, Rudy was active in community affairs, serving as a co-chairman of the Firehouse fund raiser and as an officer for several years in the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council. He was also active in various Rotary clubs, including serving as president of the Castro Valley-Hayward Rotary club.

Rudy leaves behind his wife of 57 years, Marge Johnson, son Kurt Johnson and his wife Anne Johnson, daughter Kirsten Otey and her husband Ned Otey, and three grandsons, Nathan, Travis, and Andrew Otey.

The funeral service and reception will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, April 4, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. The graveside ceremony will be held at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery on Monday, April 6, at 11 AM.

PAID OBITUARY

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Woman arrested, two men under suspicion in identity theft case

An Oakland woman was arrested March 25 after a citizen reported a suspicious vehicle in the area of Calle Madras and Hansen Drive.

When officers arrived, there were three people in the vehicle — a male driver, female passenger and a male in the backseat.

The driver — later identified as Tony Schroeder — was allegedly on active probation with a search clause, and had a warrant for assault with a deadly weapon.

During the officers' search, drugs and stolen mail were found in the car, police said.

When officers tried to handcuff Schroeder, he allegedly resisted arrest. Police reports said Schroeder told officers he needed an ambulance, and collapsed soon after.

The man started convulsing, apparently having a seizure, so officers called for medical attention, according to police reports. Officers placed Schroeder in a grassy area as they waited for an ambulance.

The passenger, 29-year-old Danielle Stedman, told officers Schroeder had not been taking his epilepsy medicine for two weeks.

According to police reports, Stedman was also on active probation with a search clause.

Police allege she was in possession of a credit card that didn't belong to her.

The second man, Stedman's father Daniel, was laying down in the backseat and told officers he had cancer and needed a breathing device.

Officers continued their search and allegedly found numerous mail from several cities around the Bay Area, marijuana with a pipe, shaved keys in the car ignition, paperwork that didn't belong to any of the vehicle occupants and a stolen license plate was placed on the vehicle.

Danielle Stedman was arrested on suspicion of identity theft, being under the influence of a controlled substance, unlawful taking of a vehicle,

receiving stolen property and violating probation. Schroeder and Daniel Stedman were each taken to the hospital for medical attention.

Police say Schroeder should be charged on suspicion of identity theft, unlawful taking of a vehicle, probation violation, and possessing burglary tools and stolen property.

Police are requesting Daniel Stedman be charged on suspicion of possessing stolen property and identity theft.

In other police reports:

- A residential burglary occurred last Friday while the victims were on vacation, resulting in \$1,100 worth of items stolen, according to police.

The victims' neighbor told police she heard banging coming from the residence, located on Springdale Avenue, between 8 and 9 p.m. that evening.

Police think the culprits gained entry through a broken window.

Items reported stolen include cash, debit cards, gift cards, foreign cash, a pillow case and a Social Security card.

The unidentified thieves were not seen entering or exiting the home, police said.

- A 44-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of drug-related charges Sunday night after a citizen reported a suspicious person at the Sunshine Saloon on Santa Rita Road.

When officers arrived around 10:45 p.m., Gregory Allen Soto appeared to be under the influence of drugs, according to police reports.

He was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of drugs.

Soto reportedly told officers he didn't have any drugs on him while they were transporting him to jail. However, during booking, officers allegedly found methamphetamine in Soto's pocket.

Soto was additionally charged on suspicion of trying to bring drugs into jail.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### March 22

#### Theft

- 10:41 a.m. in the 4300 block of Hacienda Drive; theft from auto
- 2:28 p.m. in the 4300 block of Hacienda Drive; auto theft
- 4:26 p.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from structure
- 5:38 p.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure
- 6:14 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

### March 23

#### Fraud

- 10:53 a.m. in the 7100 block of Johnson Drive
- 12:47 p.m. in the 100 block of Valley Avenue
- 3:32 p.m. in the 8100 block of Mountain View Drive

#### Drug violation

- 11:06 p.m.; intersection of Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

#### Burglary

- 8:47 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road
- 3:39 p.m. in the 6400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; residential burglary

### March 24

#### Missing person report

- 5:20 p.m.; street information not disclosed
- 5:36 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Rape

- 10:56 a.m., on Stanley Boulevard

#### Theft

- 2:32 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 4:56 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; theft from structure
- 10:59 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

#### Fraud

- 1:44 p.m. in the 100 block of Valley Avenue
- 5:48 p.m. in the 5600 block of Belleza Drive
- 9 p.m. in the 4700 block of McHenry Gate Way

### March 25

#### Assault/battery

- 1:35 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 4:24 p.m. in the 900 block of Main Street

#### Theft

- 8:12 a.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto

- 10:21 a.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

### March 26

#### Weapons violation

- 9:26 p.m.; intersection of Fairlands Drive and West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Fraud

- 9:12 a.m. in the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:01 p.m. in the 700 block of Neal Place

### March 27

#### Drug violation

- 1:57 p.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

### March 28

#### Residential burglary

- 8:21 p.m. in the 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Child abuse

- 5:33 p.m.; street information not disclosed

#### Theft

- 8:20 a.m. in the 2900 block of Stoneridge Drive; theft from auto
- 11:32 a.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue; auto theft
- 1:32 p.m. in the 3400 block of Andrews Drive; theft from auto
- 6:57 p.m. in the 4500 block of Harper Court; theft from auto

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Higher permit fees a win for Pleasanton taxpayers

The City Council will be asked Tuesday to consider a proposal calling for higher fees for building and development permits to better cover the cost of municipal services that taxpayers have long been subsidizing. It should be a quick and easy decision to move forward on the plan.

The city's General Plan states that so-called "user" fees collected at the permit counter in City Hall should equal the amount of money that's necessary to deliver planning, engineering and building inspection services. But instead of collecting 100% of those costs, the city is charging only 6%, or \$12. Nearby cities charge the full freight.

These fees go to cover a wide range of city services required in the planning and building arena, including building inspections and all engineering and planning activities. They include the cost of reviewing applications for new homes and businesses, and permit-required renovations, such as new roofs and swimming pools.

The fees are supposed to pay for city staff work in reviewing plans and taking them to the Planning Commission, if necessary, engineering associated with the site development, utilities review, framing and inspections and office tenant improvements.

The user fees assessed are not only too low, they are dated. They haven't been adjusted since the 1980s. Some will argue that the subsidies paid by the city are well worth the cost — that because Pleasanton charges so little, it maintains a fiscal environment where businesses and the development community can flourish.

Once their projects are completed, they ultimately generate revenue for the city. So in a way, by subsidizing business start-ups, for example, the city is permitting cash flow at a later date to put back into city services.

That's a legitimate argument, but it's old methodology. Other cities that charge 100% of their costs have not seen any negative impacts. Plus, the proposal City Manager Nelson Fialho and newly appointed assistant city manager Brian Dolan will make at Tuesday night's council meeting would adjust fees only to the 80% level at a cost of \$250, up from the current \$12.

That would hardly be a deal-breaker for projects that cost many times more than that amount. Plus, Fialho says the higher fees could be phased in, half starting July 1 and the other half a year later.

The council won't decide the issue Tuesday. Fialho and Dolan are testing the interest to see if there's an agreement that they can take the proposal to developers, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the city's Economic Vitality Committee for feedback first, before returning to the council with a formal fee hike request.

Theirs is a winning, long overdue proposal that will give taxpayers a break. ■

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## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### City Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 @ 7:00 pm.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave

- Consider approval of construction contracts with Goodland Landscape Construction, Inc., Valley Precision Grading, Inc., Harris Design, BSK Engineers and DMA/DiGeronimo Sports Design Group LLC) a City Fund Transfer in the amount of \$2,000,000 and an appropriation of \$480,924 from the City In-Lieu Park Dedication fee reserve funds required for the construction of the Bernal Community Park, Phase II Lighted Sports Fields and the Oak Woodland Area Open Space Area on the City's Bernal property
- Review update of user fees for Development Related Services

### Energy & Environment Committee

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 @ 5:00 pm.  
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Rd

- Visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) for information on this meeting

### Human Services Commission

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

- Recommendation to Allocate Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2015/16

### Youth Commission

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Rd.

- Community Education Series Review for 2014-15 and Recommendation for 2015-16
- Public Policy Subcommittee proposal to Restrict Smoking in City Parks with Tot and Youth Play Areas, and Trails in Open Space

### Library Commission

Thursday, April 9, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

- Civic Center Library Committee Update
- Library Foundation
- Library Outreach Message

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, April 9, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave

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## COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT

The City Council is accepting applications for the following:

#### Civic Arts Commission

1 member; Youth Member – 2-yr term

#### Economic Vitality Committee

**1 Member from each of the following categories:**

Business at Large; Commercial Services Firm;  
Environmental Industry; High Technology;  
Residential Real Estate Broker; Residential Real Estate Development

#### Human Services Commission

3 members; Youth Member – 2-yr term

#### Library Commission

1 member; Youth Member – 2-yr term

#### Parks & Recreation Commission

1 member; Youth member – 2-yr term

#### Youth Commission

2 Middle School Members; 1 High School Member;  
1 At Large Member

### 3 At-Large Community Members for Civic Center/Library Master Plan Task Force

The City of Pleasanton is beginning the process of evaluating options for development of a new library and administration building on the existing Civic Center site and other locations, including the Bernal Property. As a result the City Council approved the formation of an 11-member task force to include (3) three at-large community members. Interested persons will need to complete and submit a Committee/Commission Application as well as a supplemental questionnaire by the deadline. For more information email Steve Bocian, Assistant City Manager at [sbocian@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:sbocian@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

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Top: Vibrant music is a key part of worship services at Centerpointe Church in Pleasanton with words on twin screens inviting parishioners to sing along. Above left: The Rev. Heather Hammer of Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton is a second-career pastor, having been a teacher at Livermore High before attending seminary at Pacific School of Religion. This is her fourth year at Lynnewood. Below left: The Rev. Luther Werth is a retired minister in the Lutheran Church's Missouri Synod who held senior pastor post in the Midwest before being named interim pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore.

# Happy Passover, Happy Easter

Faiths celebrate special observances this weekend

By JEB BING

**J**ews mark the start of the joyous holiday of Passover tonight on the same day Christians mourn the death of Jesus, also on Passover which Christians call Good Friday, with their joyous celebrations of his resurrection more than 2,000 years ago this Sunday on Easter.

Churches and Jewish congregations are holding services today in Pleasanton and throughout the Tri-Valley on one of few times these major observances occur simultaneously.

The Jewish Passover begins tonight and is observed for seven days by Reform Jews and Jews in Israel, and eight days by Conservative and Orthodox Jews outside of Israel.

For Christians, the Easter observance known as Lent began Feb. 18 and ends tomorrow, Holy Saturday. Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before starting his ministry. Yesterday was Maundy Thursday, commemorating the occasion of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ.

Today, Good Friday, commemorates Jesus' crucifixion at Calvary. The etymology of the term "good" in the context of Good Friday is contested.

Some sources claim it is from the archaic sense of the word "good" meaning holy, while others contend that it is a corruption of the word God.

For both faiths, today is a time for prayer and introspection.

"We hope to build in our community an appreciation for all faiths," said the Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer, pastor of Lynnewood United Methodist Church in Pleasanton. "We speak of Jesus as a Jewish teacher who would have celebrated Passover in Jerusalem as a faithful Jew."

Abbreviated responses from local rabbis and church leaders who were asked to comment on how their congregations will observe their respective Christian and Jewish holy days follow:

## Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection

**Rev. Heather Leslie Hammer,  
pastor Lynnewood United  
Methodist Church**

Easter is a time to give thanks for the rising up of faith that occurred after Jesus' death, when his

disciples experienced Christ's presence in a new way. It is also a time to celebrate new life and new hope in our everyday lives.

Tonight, Lynnewood recognizes the day Jesus was crucified by the Romans in Jerusalem with a solemn service of scripture, prayer, music and readings from the 14 Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m., a ritual that comes from the Roman Catholic tradition. The United Methodist Church borrows contemplative practices today to enhance its spirituality. Whereas a generation ago Protestants tried to be different from the Catholics, today we welcome customs from different traditions that foster a deeper connection to God.

Our Easter Sunday worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. will celebrate Christ's resurrection. The Chancel Choir will sing "Hallelujah, Amen" from Händel's oratorio, Judas Maccabaeus. This piece of music relates to Jewish history, when in 170 B.C. Judea was occupied by the Seleucids.

We have invited brass players from Amador Valley High School to play a special offertory piece, Beethoven's "Ode to Joy," as well as to accompany the organ on hymns,

such as Charles Wesley's "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." (Charles and John Wesley were the founders of the Methodist Movement in England in the 18th century.) The young musicians are Matthew Aubel and Jalen Choy, trumpet; David Kim and Kevin Yang, trombone.

In my sermon I will make the connection to the need for religious freedom in our world today, particularly in places like Iraq, where Christians are being persecuted by religious extremists, such as ISIS. My text is Mark 16:1-8, the first ending in the earliest Gospel account of Jesus' resurrection.

For more information, sign on to the church's website at <http://lynnewood.org>.

## The Rev. Luther Werth Our Savior Lutheran Church

Following Christmas, when Christians celebrate God's coming as a human being, Easter is the most important occasion of the year. Yesterday on Maundy Thursday, the congregation of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livermore commemorated the Lord's Last Supper. Tonight at 7 p.m., they will observe Jesus' horrific death, by crucifixion for all our wrongdoings. And then on Easter, they will celebrate his resurrection with a festive service at 9 a.m. Sunday.

Even though Jesus' followers were scared stiff on that first Easter, they still went to his grave to perform the final burial rites which could not be done on Friday because of Jewish Sabbath laws. Surprisingly, they were met by an angel who gave them a message which changed everything in their lives: "Don't be afraid, he is risen."

Some of the fear that alarmed

his followers is with us now as we make our journey year by year to the graves which will one day be our own. That is why the reassuring words of the angel lead us to joyously worship on Easter, for the message still is: "Christ is risen. Don't be afraid." Don't be afraid to live and don't be afraid to die.

God tells us that all who follow Christ will live with him in glory after our earthly life is finished. In faith we can say, "I know that My Redeemer Lives." And because he lives, we shall live also.

For more information about Our Savior Lutheran Church, sign on to its website at <http://osl.net.org>.

### The Rev. Mike Barris, pastor Centerpointe Church

Easter is the greatest celebration of Christians throughout the world. It is the Holy Day where every Christ follower, apart from denomination or tradition, proclaims the good news that Christ is risen from the grave and offers new life to all who believe in him.

As a pastor, I look forward to celebrating this day knowing that in being part of the body of Christ, we are spiritually connected to every other believer in every other Christian tradition (including those who, because of their use of a different calendar, will celebrate this day on a different date). Christ's crucifixion on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday point to the central truths of the Gospel that salvation and new life are by God's grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

On Easter Sunday at Centerpointe, we will celebrate the great truth of the resurrection of Jesus with two identical services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. My Easter message will focus on how God's grace is at the center of a restored relationship with God that results in peace, hope and security for all who believe.

Last night on Maundy Thursday, we reflected on Christ as our Passover lamb and the meaning of the Passover celebration, which remembers the original deliverance of the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage. We celebrated Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the great truth of the resurrection of Jesus with two identical services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Centerpointe, which is located at 3410 Cornerstone Ct, Pleasanton. For more information, sign on to [centerpointechurch.org](http://centerpointechurch.org).

### John Gilpin Ministries Missions Director Cornerstone Fellowship

Christians all over the world celebrate the Easter weekend with two distinctive types of services, Good Friday and Easter. Good Friday services today focus on Christ's sacrifice for all people on the cross. Easter services celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the gift of eternal life he offers to all people.

We recognize that we all live in challenging times, in a world that often seems to be full of conflict and uncertainty, but through our Easter weekend message we see that Christ offers love and hope to all.

At Cornerstone Fellowship in

Livermore, we have Good Friday services at noon today and again at 7 p.m. Easter services will be held at 4 and 6 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday, and Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m.

For more information about Cornerstone sign on to its website at [cornerstoneweb.org](http://cornerstoneweb.org).

## Passover comes to Pleasanton

### Rabbi Larry Milder Congregation Beth Emek

Passover, which begins at sundown tonight, is a joyous holiday for Jews in the Tri-Valley. It commemorates the exodus of Jews from Egypt and freedom from slavery. It is observed for seven days by Reform Jews and Jews in Israel, and eight days by Conservative and Orthodox Jews outside of Israel.

A celebratory meal is shared on the first night of Passover, called the Seder, meaning "order," referring to the ceremonial order of the meal. Matzah is eaten with maror, bitter herbs, recalling the bitterness of slavery. The Passover Seder is a lesson in the unfinished task of bringing about a world redeemed from all forms of slavery and oppression.

Passover also celebrates the arrival of spring. Jews in ancient times cleared out the remnants of the previous year's grain before Passover, an act of faith that the coming year would bring a new and sufficient harvest. Jews today continue this practice by eliminating from their homes chametz, all products made from grain, in preparation for the holiday.

Eating matzah is an act of humility. Chametz represents all that is puffed up in our lives, like a loaf of bread. It is the ego, the pursuit of personal interest at the expense of others. Matzah is a recognition that the simplest things in our lives are ultimately the most meaningful: our freedom, our faith and our families.

Services for the first and last mornings of Passover will be held at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, and again at the same time next Friday.

For more information about Congregation Beth Emek, sign on to its website at [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

### Rabbi Raleigh Resnick Chabad of the Tri-Valley

Passover, which commemorates the exodus of the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt 3,327 years ago, continues to be the most widely observed Jewish festival. In the Tri-Valley's Jewish community, I think you'd be hard pressed to find a family that doesn't observe Passover to one degree or other. Inquiries I receive range from "Where can I find kosher for Passover cereals" to "How do I properly conduct the seder (traditional Passover dinner)."

The Tri-Valley also is home to a fair number of first generation American Jewish families who grew up in the former Soviet Union behind the Iron Curtain of Communism. While all religious observance was strictly forbidden, their accounts of secretly bringing home pieces of matzah for Passover from the clandestine matzah



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Children at the Chabad of the Tri-Valley roll out matzahs at the Chabad's Model Matzah Bakery in Pleasanton, which will be part of a celebratory meal shared on the first night of Passover.

bakeries inspire and fascinate me.

On the first two nights of Passover, one of the primary biblical obligations of Jewish parents is to transmit the story of the Exodus to their children. The memories of a grandfather leading the seder table and the aromas of a grandmother's Passover dish stir up a deep sense of connection to the past and remind everyone present that he or she is a link in the unbroken chain of the three millennia of Jewish history.

Not only a commemoration of liberation from ancient slavery, Passover carries a timeless and relevant message. Each of us faces internal servitude and bondage. Our habits, fears, inhibitions, and insecurities, at times, restrict and limit us from acting with morality, goodness and kindness. In Hebrew, the word for 'Egypt' (mitz-rayim) actually means limitation and constraint. Thus "leaving Egypt" translates into English as "leaving limitations and constraints".

We are fortunate to live in a country of liberty where we face no external restrictions. We are free to act in goodness and kindness and to practice our faith. The only limitation that hinders us from unleashing our potential for goodness lies within us. And so on Passover we focus on breaking free of and transcending those internal hurdles and challenges; of "leaving Egypt."

This is also the symbolism of the matzah, the unleavened cracker-like bread consisting of only flour and water the Children of Israel ate on their journey to freedom. Its shape and simplicity is meant to instill humility and help overcome our obstacle to inner freedom, namely a bloated and complacent sense of self.

During the eight days of Passover the biblical obligation for Jews to refrain from eating any leavened products, such as breads, cakes, cookies, pastas, etc., reminds us all to let go of our egos and experience inner freedom wherein our spirits can soar high and we can overcome and transcend all boundaries and limitations.

Community Passover seders will



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Rabbi Raleigh Resnick explains the meaning of Passover to children at the Chabad of the Tri-Valley on Quarry Lane in Pleasanton. His wife, Fruma, directs the Chabad Hebrew School.



JAY BOTELHO

Plates for the Seder table prepared by members of Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton for the start of Passover have six sections on the outside and one in the middle. Significant food items are placed in each section.

be held at 7 p.m. tonight and again Saturday at the Chabad of the Tri-Valley, 1258 Quarry Lane, Pleas-

anton. For reservations and more information, sign on to its website at [www.jewishtryvalley.com](http://www.jewishtryvalley.com). ■



The Bee d'Vine wine label was inspired by a type of Ethiopian cross with a periphery of bees, honeycombs and flowers. The bottles were designed in Italy.

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Ayele Solomon mixes spring water and honey, the only ingredients in his Bee d'Vine.

## Honey wine creates a buzz

### Local man puts 'nectar of the gods' in Pleasanton markets

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

People accidentally discovered that wine can be made from honey at least 20,000 years ago, noted Ayele Solomon, founder of Honey Wine Company.

"A lucky hunter-gatherer stumbled across a beehive filled with rainwater and honey that had fermented into a wine with a divine aroma and flavor" is the way he tells the story.

Fast forward 20 millennia to 2009 when Solomon decided to become part of the saga and produce honey wine for the Bay Area.

Honey wine was the preferred alcoholic beverage in his native Ethiopia, where it is called t'ej and produced mainly in people's homes, he explained. Muslims in the country drink the beverage before it ferments.

"Ethiopia is the biggest honey wine country in the world," Solomon said, adding with a laugh, "Every kid has snuck some out of the back room."

He moved here in the mid-1980s and attended Donlon Elementary. His family owns three Serene Care assisted living homes in Pleasanton, which his mother manages.

Solomon, now 41, a graduate of UC Berkeley, also works developing projects for forest conservation.

"What I studied as an undergraduate was conservation and the economic side of the environment," he said.

This ties into the efforts of his Honey Wine Company, which launched Bee d'Vine last May in both Brut and Demi Sec versions. It uses fresh California honey from beehives placed in organic fields and pure spring water from a well right on site. Plus the wine production does not use chemicals or large mechanized equipment.

"I have a relationship with a handful of beekeepers in Northern California and the Central Valley," Solomon said. "I visit regularly."

Honey doesn't need nearly the acreage required by vineyards, Solomon pointed out, plus honey doesn't spoil. His goal is a carbon neutral company so he purchases carbon credits from Wildlife Works to offset importing the bottles from Italy and Mexico, and hopes people use the bottles as vases or to

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# Spotlighting Pleasanton poets laureate

Film screening, readings, open mic session set at Firehouse

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton literary arts community is coming together next week to celebrate city poets laureate, past and present, at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The event, set to run from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, includes readings, guest speakers, an open mic session and the premiere of the new documentary "8 Shots of Ink," which highlights the work and accomplishments of Pleasanton's previous poets laureate.

"I wanted to create something I wished was available to me when I became poet laureate, and I wanted one convenient visual means for people to put a face with a name, with a voice, for our poets laureate," documentary co-creator Sandra Harrison Kay, Pleasanton's current poet laureate, said in a statement.

Wednesday's event is scheduled to be Kay's final official program as poet laureate. Her two-year term as Pleasanton's eighth-ever poet laureate ends in May.

"8 Shots of Ink" includes interviews with prior Pleasanton poets laureate Kirk Ridgeway, Martha Meltzer and Deborah Grossman as well as the city's second poet laureate Jim Ott, who founded the program. Ott pays tribute in the film to the late Charlene Vilella, who was the first person to hold the position in Pleasanton.

The documentary, also co-cre-



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Sandra Harrison Kay is set to wrap up her tenure as Pleasanton poet laureate next month, with her final official program due next week with the premiere of the new documentary "8 Shots of Ink," which she helped create.

ated by consultant Jane Berry and Foothill High videography student Casey Boyden, features the poets' answers to questions such as "who inspires you," "what is your perfect writing environment" and "where can I go to share my work."

Kay pointed out that the subjects' "common passion is for words and writing, but otherwise each writer, each poet, is entirely unique in voice and style."

Following the film screening Wednesday, Ott, Ridgeway and Grossman will present readings as will Pleasanton's current ten poets laureate, Maya Lyubomirsky and Nicole Tsuno.

Deborah "Jordan" Bernal, president of the Tri-Valley Writers of

Northern California, is also scheduled to speak about local literary groups in the Tri-Valley, including the evolution of opportunities to read, discuss, improve, critique and publish a wide variety of writing genres, according to program organizers.

Bernal will then host an open mic session, allowing present or aspiring writers the chance to share pieces of prose, poetry or songwriting. Open mic sign-ups will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, in-person only, and there will be 12 spots available.

Tickets for the entire event are \$10 adults, \$5 students. They can be purchased in advance by visiting [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), calling 931-4848, going to the Firehouse Box Office at 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

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serve olive oil or drinks. He said he would like to offer the wine in a locally made pouch but doesn't know if consumers would go for it.

Solomon believes a renaissance of honey wine would also help rejuvenate collapsed bee colonies, and he plans to contribute profits to convert inefficient traditional hives in Ethiopia to modern ones that can produce up to 10 times more honey.

Once he decided on his honey wine destiny, he teamed up with biochemists, chemists and winemakers, including Wayne Donaldson of Napa. "We tested our dry and semi-sweet fermentation trials with wine drinkers over the last four years and produced a very floral wine," Solomon said when Bee d'Vine launched last spring. They aged the wine for at least 10 months.

As Solomon was testing production methods, he also oversaw the design of the wine labels, which include bees and cross motifs. And he produced a companion book, "The Celebrated Story of Honey Wine," which is available at Amazon.com for \$10 or online for free at DiscoverHoneyWine.org.

"I contacted universities and found a Stanford guy getting a Ph.D. in English and got him involved," Solomon recalled. "The book is very witty, very approachable, a fun read."

"The Celebrated Story of Honey Wine" gives an amusing account of its appearance in ancient writings and up through the Middle Ages. It was probably the most ancient Germanic alcoholic drink and was known as "nectar of the gods." Mead remains popular in Europe, especially Poland.

The book points out that bees have their own clever methods for keeping honeycombs tight so the honey does not ferment.

"But the good news is that happy accidents happen," the book states, noting that Africa is often dubbed the origin of this accident.

A recipe section gives instructions for drinks from Honey Mimosas to a Tequila Honey Rise to a Honey Wine Toddy.

The book also notes the derivation of the word "honeymoon," which, according to legend, comes from the ancient tradition in Babylon of giving newlyweds a gift of honey wine: "And as if this wasn't awesome enough, the newlyweds were directed to drink honey wine every night for a full moon cycle to celebrate their vows — hence, the word 'honeymoon.' Pretty cool, huh?"

It goes on to note that since marriage was primarily for propagation and newlyweds in those days were barely acquainted, the libation surely helped them get to "know" each other.

The taste of honey wine can range from dry to sweet, Solomon said, and

honey wine is lighter than grape wine. "The sweeter one goes with barbecue or spicy food," he said.

Honey wine is on the menu at several establishments on Main Street in Pleasanton and is for sale at the Bernal Avenue Safeway.

"It is near the champagne," Solomon said. "It's not the cheapest. It is not an everyday wine, at least not for me."

Solomon will be at Safeway giving tastings of Bee d'Vine from 2-6 p.m., Saturday, April 11. It's a chance to partake in the nectar of the gods, meet the winemaker himself, and become a part of continuing history of honey wine. ■

### Recognition for Bee d'Vine

- Gold Medal & Best in Class — 2014 International Women's Wine Competition
- 2014 Gold & Silver — "Best U.S. Eco Friendly Honey Wine"
- Two Silvers — 2014 World Wine Championships
- Silver — 2014 International Wine Channel TV Awards
- Silver — 2014 Sommelier Challenge
- Silver & Bronze — Form & Graphic Design, 2014 World Wine Championships Packaging Competition
- 2015 Gourmand Award — "Best Drinks History Book" in U.S.



Fred Rutledge portrays a Rebel soldier.

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## Spend an evening with a Rebel soldier

Museum on Main will acknowledge the 150th anniversary of the end of the American Civil War in "An Evening with A Rebel Soldier" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at the Firehouse Arts Center as part of its Ed Kinney Lecture Series. The Rebel soldier will be portrayed by Fred Rutledge in this one-man stage performance.

This spring is the sesquicentennial of the close of the Civil War in 1865. Also of note, the date of the performance of the "Rebel Soldier" will fall on April 21, 150 years to the day since rebel leader John Singleton Mosby disbanded his rangers, also known as Mosby's Men, in Salem, Va.

Rutledge will discuss the uniform, weaponry, training, medical care and daily life as a Con-

federate soldier at that time. Rutledge, a former history teacher, became interested in the Civil War while working at the Presidio in San Francisco and assisting in a military history class.

All Museum on Main lectures in the "An Evening with ..." series are general seating at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Tickets are \$10, general admission; \$7, seniors 65 and older, and students; \$5, museum members. Purchase tickets at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org), at the museum, or by calling 462-2766.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St., open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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The Firehouse Arts Center is scheduled to host an orientation Tuesday for new volunteers.

## Spring orientation for Firehouse volunteer program

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Ave., is set to hold its spring volunteer program orientation this Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The volunteer program provides theater ushers for the Firehouse and Amador Theater, as well as gallery volunteers for the Harrington Gallery located at the Firehouse. Each venue presents a wide variety of theater, concert, youth, literary and arts programming.

Tuesday's orientation will include theater usher, ticket taker and gallery attendant positions.

Previous experience is not required, but attendance at an orientation session is mandatory prior to serving. Volunteers must be in high school or above. Minors must have

a program waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

Another requirement includes having access to the Internet and email as volunteer shifts are scheduled using an online system. Ushers must be able to stand for several hours and walk minimal distances, and all volunteers should be comfortable speaking with and listening to patrons.

Program coordinator Michele Hartmangruber notes that this is a great service opportunity for high school students to satisfy the service hour component for graduation.

No minimum or maximum number of hours are required.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Hartmangruber at 931-4846 or [mhartmangruber@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:mhartmangruber@cityofpleasantonca.gov). ■



A group of Pleasanton Seahawks celebrate during the team's Junior Olympics event in San Ramon late last month. Dozens of Seahawks earned medals and personal best times during the meet.

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## Seahawks swimmers star at Junior Olympics

Team members earn top-eight finishes, medals

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Seahawks competed at the Junior Olympics event at the San Ramon Olympic Pool on March 20-22, with dozens of local swimmers posting high placements and taking home medals in their age groups.

Six Seahawks earned Junior Olympic qualifying times just before the meet: Paige Bennett, Eric Kang, Sophia Pedersoli, Ethan Wang, Dominick Wonosaptra and Kevin Yuan.

In the 10 years old and under girls, Sydney Lu was a standout swimmer, placing in six of seven events including first place in the 50 breaststroke, 50 butterfly and 100 individual medley. She also finished second in the 200 IM, third in the 100 fly, and sixth in the 200 freestyle.

Also in the division, Christina Tsai received medals in the 100 breast (third), 50 breast (fifth), and the 200 IM (eighth). Aven Lee swam a personal best in the 100 back to place fifth, and Crystal Wang was eighth in the 100 breast.

Alexander Smedley was the top Seahawks swimmer in boys 10 and under, medaling in all seven of his events: second in the 200 IM and 500 free, third in the 100 IM, fourth in the 100 and 200 free and 100 back, and fifth in the 100 breast.

Jordan Lee took third in the 50 fly, fifth in the 200 free and sixth in the 50 free.

In 11-12 girls, Mackenzie Lee earned wins in the 50 free, 50 back, 100 back and 200 back. She also placed seventh in the 100 IM and tied for second in the 100 free — along with teammate Nicole Stiles. Stiles also placed third in the 200 free, 500 free and 100 back and was fourth in the 50 back.

Gwyneth Wong took third in the 100 IM, fourth in the 100 fly, and fifth in the 100 breast and the 200 IM. Stephanie Shao finished third in the 100 fly and seventh in the 100 free, and Emma Washam took seventh in the 1,000 free.

The 11-12 boys group saw steady swimming from Lleyton Plattel, Alex Ren and Jaewoo Kim.

Plattel took first in the 500 free and 200 fly, second in the 100 fly, third in the 100 and 200 free, fourth in the 200 IM and sixth in the 100 back.

Ren earned medals in six of his seven races, placing in the 1,650 free (third), 200 IM (fourth), 200 free (fourth), 100 back (fifth), 200 IM (sixth) and 500 free (seventh). Kim took sixth in the 500 free.

In the competitive 13-14 girls age group, Miranda Heckman was a finalist in six of her seven events, including taking almost five seconds off her personal best time en route to a first-place finish in the 500 free. She also placed second in the 200 IM, third in the 200 free, fourth in the 50 and 100 free, and fifth in the 200 back.

Taking home three medals for the Seahawks was Caitlin O'Neill in the 200 breast (fifth), 100 breast (sixth) and the 400 IM (eighth). Claire Suen also placed in three events, earning a personal best time and second-place finish in the 200 back as well as taking sixth in the 50 and 100 free.

Daniella Hawkins took fifth place in the 200 and 500 free. Emily Claridge finished sixth in the 400 IM, shaving almost eight seconds off her personal best time, and Caroline Eckel was eighth in the 50 free.

The Seahawks 13-14 boys also had a strong showing.

Tyler Lu medaled in all seven of his events, taking first in the 200 free and 100 fly, second in the 200 IM and 50, 100 and 500 free, and eighth in the 100 back.

Mattias Blanco posted personal bests in all of his races, including fourth in the 100 back and 1,650 free and fifth in the 200 back and 400 IM.

Calvin Chui and Calvin David each earned three medals, and placing in one event each were Nicholas Skinner, Robert Mitu and Justin Tsai. ■



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The Level 8 boys team from Pleasanton's West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy won its second straight NorCal state title last month. The local academy also notched victories in levels 7, 9 and 10.

## Pleasanton gymnasts score big at state championships

The boys of Pleasanton's West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy swept four team categories, racked up nearly two-dozen individual first-place finishes and earned spots on the regional All-Star team in the USGA NorCal State Boys Gymnastics Championships last month.

The local academy's Level 7 (compulsory) team won its all-around competition, as did the Level 8, 9 and 10 teams at the event in Oroville that featured about 300 athletes overall.

This marked the fifth straight state title for the Level 9 team, third straight for the Level 10 team and second in a row for Level 8, according to coach Vince Miller.

**Individual winners:**

- In Level 6, Branden Dao was selected to the All-Star team after finishing first in the all-around,

vault and parallel bars.

- In Level 7, Colin Flores and Izaiah Mlay earned spots on the All-Star team. Flores took first in all-around, floor and rings; Mlay won the pommel horse.

- For Level 8, Tyler Shimuzu, first in floor, and Evan Young were named All-Stars. Will Lavankul, also an All-Star, took first in all-around, pommel horse, rings and high bar.

- Level 9 All-Stars were Jonah James (rings), Zion English (floor and parallel bars) and Robbie Tambunting (vault).

- In Level 10, Bennet Huang was first in all-around, floor, pommel, vault and parallel bars. Andrew Herrador (high bar) was also selected to the regional All-Star team, along with Level 10 gymnasts Wesley Estrada and Jonathan Crisler. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Fore the Kids

Annual golf tournament benefits Tri-Valley YMCA

Registration has begun for the eighth annual Fore the Kids charity golf tournament supporting the Tri-Valley YMCA.

The event, presented by Chevron, is scheduled for April 23 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. All proceeds from the tournament directly support life-changing programs and services for children throughout the Tri-Valley, according to event organizers.

Pre-registration is available online at [trivalley.ymcaeastbay.org](http://trivalley.ymcaeastbay.org), with prices set at \$195 per golfer

or \$750 for a foursome.

The event also includes a dinner, silent and live auctions, and the annual Beauty Event, which features makeovers, mini-massages, hair-styling and complimentary wine-tasting.

The golf tournament begins with registration opening at 10 a.m., with a noon shotgun start to follow. The dinner and auctions are set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

For more information on playing in or sponsoring the event, contact Kenny Altenburg at 263-4444. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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## PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

### Chic Floyd

Floyd is a mature adult who will make a cute companion with his chic style. He loves his walks and outings with his volunteer friends, and he is the sweetest, gentle little man. Floyd was recently pulled into foster and is waiting for his forever person or family. To meet or get information on Floyd, visit [www.TVAR.org](http://www.TVAR.org).

speak on bringing native plants to residential gardens. Visitors welcome. Call Bev at 485-7812 or go to [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

**PLEASANTON MOTHERS CLUB** The mission of the Pleasanton Mothers Club is to provide a social, supportive, and educational outlet for moms and their families in the local community. They offer a variety of activities, children's playgroups, special interest groups, and more. For information visit [pleasantonmothersclub.org](http://pleasantonmothersclub.org). Contact membership@pleasantonmothersclub.org.

**PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB** A great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit [www.pleasantonnewcomers.com](http://www.pleasantonnewcomers.com). Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

**ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON** The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit [www.PleasantonRotary.org](http://www.PleasantonRotary.org).

**TRI-VALLEY EVENING ROTARY** Tri-Valley Evening Rotary has been supporting the community veterans, children and seniors for the past 12 years. We are the only Rotary club in the valley that meets in the evening. If you want to give back with a fun loving group please visit one of our meetings, from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at Castlewood Country Club. Cost is \$5 plus dinner. Go to [trivalleyrotary.org](http://trivalleyrotary.org).

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED** Randy Neal, Western Regional Coordinator for Christians United for Israel, will give a presentation at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. RSVP by Monday, April 6 to Linda at 426-1474 or [Krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:Krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com).

**TVRWF MEET AND GREET HAPPY HOUR** Welcome Young Republican women, men and anyone wanting to know more about Tri-Valley Republican Women. A meet and greet no host Happy Hour will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. Meet new people, exchange ideas and network. Contact Phyllis at 918-1029 or [coupclan1962@pacbell.net](mailto:coupclan1962@pacbell.net), or Rebecca at 294-4013 or [rebecca.potts@comcast.net](mailto:rebecca.potts@comcast.net).

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

## Concerts

**'EASTER PARADE' IN CONCERT** Four singers, two dancers, and popular music director Joe Simiele come together in this tribute celebration of Irving Berlin's Academy Award-Winning Musical Score from the classic holiday film "Easter Parade" starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire. The show will be at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Events

**ANNUAL CFA ALLBREED CAT SHOW** See 200 cats and kittens on display and competing for Best in Show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 4-5 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Watch the antics of Feline Agility Competition. Meet Danny, CFA's Ambassador Cat. Rescue groups will have loving cats for adoption. Shop for all things feline. Door prizes. Proceeds go to health research. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for seniors and kids under 10. Call 827-2722 or go to [www.crowcanyoncatclub.org](http://www.crowcanyoncatclub.org).

**BRINGING BACK THE NATIVES GARDEN TOUR** Four Pleasanton gardens will be showcased in this year's Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour, which features gardens that are pesticide-free, water conserving, provide habitat for wildlife, and contain 60% or more native plants. Free, though donations are accepted. The tour will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 3. Register now. Go to [www.BringingBackTheNatives.net](http://www.BringingBackTheNatives.net).

**DISNEY FROZEN SING-ALONG** Tri-Valley Evening Rotary presents a "Frozen" sing-along at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 at the Amador Theater. Tickets are \$10. Go to [www.trivalleyrotary.org](http://www.trivalleyrotary.org) for advance tickets. Tickets also available at the door.

**FREE TOUR: WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND WATER RECYCLING PLANTS** Learn how 10 million gallons of Tri-Valley wastewater is treated every day from 1:30-3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8 at DSRSD Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7399 Johnson Drive. Find out about rewarding careers in the water industry. Free to adults and children 7 years and up. Call 875-2282.

**MUSEUM ON MAIN READING TIME** Preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families are invited to meet at the Museum on Main for books and crafts at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8. The theme is "Teddy Bear Hugs." Admission is free. No reservations required. Call 462-2766 or go to <http://www.museumonmain.org/moms-reading-time.html>.

**PLEASANTON'S PUBLIC ART WALK** Nancy and Gary Harrington will lead a Southern Art Walk at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, leaving from the Pleasanton Civic

Offices, 200 Old Bernal Ave. Walkers will receive a brochure with a map of the Art Walk, locations of the art, its name and artist. In partnership with World Walk to Wellness.

**TRI-VALLEY CULTURAL JEWS PASSOVER SEDER** Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will hold their annual Community Potluck Second Seder on Saturday, April 4 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. The kid-friendly haggadah is secular with lots of singing. A potluck dinner will proceed the ceremony. Free to TVCJ members and children, \$15 for adult non-members. Call Jamie at (510) 888-1404 to RSVP, and tell what you will bring.

## Exhibits

**'ORDER AND CHAOS'** The group of 7 South Bay artists known as "The Abstract 7" joins sculptural artist Melissa Woodburn in an interesting new exhibition with a wide variety of media, open March 7-April 11 at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center. A free opening reception with the artists will be 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11. Call 931-4855.

**FIREFIGHTER HOMAGE AND MT. DIABLO 2014 VISTAS** Oil painter Vincent Liu exhibits a series of works depicting firefighters. Concurrently, watercolor artist Robin Purcell of Danville exhibits a collection of paintings featuring Mt. Diablo after the 2014 wildfires. Exhibit runs Feb. 25-April 4 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Contact the gallery director at 931-4849 or [JFINEGAN@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:JFINEGAN@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

**MUSHROOMS: KEYS TO THE KINGDOM FUNGI EXHIBIT** "Mushrooms: Keys to the Kingdom Fungi" explores the lives and environmental roles of fungi featuring photographs by John Whittlesey and Jennifer Jewell, and will be at Alviso Adobe Community Park from March 22-May 17. This exhibit focuses on the ecology of mushroom-producing fungi. Call 931-3479 or go to [www.pleasantonadobe.com](http://www.pleasantonadobe.com).

**PLEASANTON ART LEAGUE IMAGINATION EXPRESSED** The Pleasanton Art League's exhibit "Imagination Expressed 2015" runs now-May 3 at Museum on Main, 603 Main St. Come and see the latest creations from the vibrant art community of Pleasanton and the Valley. Contact [education@museumonmain.org](mailto:education@museumonmain.org).

**SUPPORT WOMEN ARTISTS NOW ART EXHIBITION** SWAN Day/Support Women Artists Now Art Exhibition will be on display from April 2-May 4 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. Free and open to the public. Go to <http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org/bankhead-theater/bankhead-art-exhibitions>.

## Book Clubs

**NESTED TREASURES BOOK CLUB** The Nested Treasures Book Club meets from 6-8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Nested Treasures, 113 Rickenbacker Circle, Livermore. Open to everyone. To join, email Laura at [nestedtreasurepromotions@gmail.com](mailto:nestedtreasurepromotions@gmail.com). Go to [www.nestedtreasures.net](http://www.nestedtreasures.net).

**TOWNE CENTER BOOK CLUB** The club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Towne Center Books, 555 Main St. Call 846-8826 or visit [www.townecenterbooks.com](http://www.townecenterbooks.com) for the current selection.

## Civic Meetings

**CITY COUNCIL** The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

**YOUTH COMMISSION** The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

## Classes

**COMPUTER TUTORING** Need help with downloading E-books from the library to your E-Reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general Internet questions? Drop-in classes are from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Mary Luskin at 931-3400, ext. 7. Free and open to all.

**FREE COUNSELING JOB SEARCH SKILLS AND RESUME WRITING** Get a free consultation with an experienced Employment Recruiter on select Wednesday evenings, Thursday afternoons and Saturday afternoons for a half or full hour

at the Pleasanton Library. Receive help with resume writing, employment web sites, search for a job on the web, and get help with online applications. Make a 20-minute appointment at the Reference Desk by calling 931-3400, ext. 4.

## Clubs

**FOUNDING MOM'S MEETUP** This group of Mompreneurs tackles business strategies while engaging in a fun and enlightened way. Join from noon-1:30 p.m. on the second Friday of the month. Cover is \$10. Call (480) 703-4632 or go to <http://www.meetup.com/FoundingMoms-EastBay>.

**GARDEN CLUB ANNUAL PLANT SALE** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 at the parking lot of Amador Valley High School. All plants grown by members of the garden club and sold for low, low prices. Annuals, perennials, roses, natives available.

**KIWANIS OF PLEASANTON** Kiwanis of Pleasanton is celebrating the 100th anniversary of their organization this year. Those interested in making a difference in the community are invited to join for lunch from 11:50 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St. Call 425-9127 for more info.

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

**LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB** The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 at Alisal School's multipurpose room. Bart O'Brien, former horticultural director of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and current director of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park, will

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Film

**'THE DAY THE SERIES STOPPED'**

Giants fan Jon Leonoudakis was inside Candlestick Park waiting for the start of Game 3 of the 1989 World Series when the Loma Prieta Earthquake struck. Equipped with a VHS camcorder and a Canon camera, he recorded the events of that day in this documentary film, showing at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 12 at the Dublin Library. Go to [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org).

Fundraisers

**AMADOR FOOTHILL UNICEF**

**BENEFIT SHOW** Come help raise money for UNICEF at the UNICEF Benefit Show from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, April 10 at Amador Valley High School. This semi-formal event will showcase acts from across the globe as we raise money for children in need around the world. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6. Contact [unicef.foothill@gmail.com](mailto:unicef.foothill@gmail.com).

**GLITTER AND GLAMOUR JEWELRY**

**EVENT** Come to the Glitter and Glamour Jewelry Event from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday-Sunday, April 17-19 the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 1989 Santa Rita Road. The event will feature fine jewelry, vintage and costume jewelry and a wide selection of watches, plus fashion accessories of shoes, handbags and scarfs. Call 462-7374.

**PACE FOR PEACE 5K 10K HOPE**

**RUN** Whether you walk or run, please support Tri-Valley Haven's 5K 10K Hope Run at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 in Livermore, as we raise awareness and vital funding for local survivors of abuse. We welcome athletes and non athletes alike, along with teams, serious runners, families, and dogs. Cost is \$30-\$35 for adults, \$20 for students. Register at [trivalleyhaven.org](http://trivalleyhaven.org).

**SLEEP TRAIN'S SHOE DRIVE FOR**

**FOSTER KIDS** Sleep Train is hosting its Shoe Drive to ensure foster kids have properly fitting, comfortable shoes and to support foster parents, now through April 26. Foster kids often arrive in new homes with just the clothes on their backs, and while foster families receive funding, it may not be enough. Call (800) 378-2337 or go to <http://www.sleeptrain.com/>.

**TRI-VALLEY FLY FISHERS (TVFF)**

**SILENT AUCTION** TVFF will be holding its Annual Silent Auction at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club. Fly Fishing Gear like rods, reels, lines and more, and Non-Fishing Items like wine, olive oil, jewelry and gift certificates for local merchants. Proceeds go to TVFF. Contact [President@Tri-valleyflyfishers.org](mailto:President@Tri-valleyflyfishers.org).

**WALK MS: TRI-VALLEY 2015**

The Northern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold its annual Walk MS event at 8 a.m. on Sunday,



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**Contemporary traditional Celtic**

Craicmore, which combines a deep respect for Celtic music and traditions with exploration of other world music styles, will perform at 8 p.m., Friday, April 10, at the Firehouse Arts Center. The evening will showcase four topnotch solo performers — Nancy Johnston, John MacAdams, Sean FayCullen and Dave Champagne — plus a stage full of the fascinating and unusual instruments they play. Reserved seating tickets are \$15-\$25, available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 931-4848, or by visiting the Box Office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

April 19 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Free. Go to [walkcan.nationalmssociety.org/](http://walkcan.nationalmssociety.org/).

**YMCA 'FORE THE KIDS'**

**CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Join the 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, April 23 at Castlewood Country Club. Registration opens at 10 a.m., dinner and auctions at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds directly support life-changing programs and services for children in the Tri-Valley. Call Kenny Altenburg at 263-4444.

Holiday

**PASSOVER KIDDUSH LUNCHEON**

Join for a Passover Kiddush luncheon at noon, following the Shabbat morning festival service at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 4 at Congregation Beth Emek. Call 931-1055 or go to [www.bethemek.org](http://www.bethemek.org).

Lectures/  
Workshops

**FOUNDING MOMS MEETUP**

Founding Moms Meetup, where momma entrepreneurs meet to support and get support. Join us from noon-1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 10 at Redcoats British Pub. Our topic will be "How to Set Up Your Business so that the IRS will NOT Audit You" by Sara Bronson. Cover is \$10. Go to <http://www.meetup.com/FoundingMoms-EastBay/>.

**HOW TO REMOVE YOUR LAWN**

**SHEET MULCHING WORKSHOP** Are you tired of mowing and edging your lawn, or for paying to have that done for you? Wouldn't it be great to save money on your water bill? Join this workshop from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, April 19 in Livermore. Cost is \$30. Go to [www.BringingBackTheNatives.net](http://www.BringingBackTheNatives.net).

**PEOPLE AND PORTRAIT**

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Would you like to take better pictures of family and friends? Instructor Gerry Mooney, professional photographer who taught at Ohlone College for 25 years, will present a workshop on how to improve your technique from 2-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 at the Dublin Library. Max 36 students. Registration required. Call (510) 608-1117 or go to [www.aclibrary.org](http://www.aclibrary.org).

Recreation

**THURSDAY MORNING BIKE RIDE**

Join our every Thursday morning bike ride as we tour the trails and vineyards of the Tri-Valley area. We will ride 20-30 miles at a "social" rate of speed with a coffee stop along the way. You will need a bike, a helmet and a sunny disposition. Call 426-1290 or go to [www.meetup.com/Pleasanton-Pedalers/](http://www.meetup.com/Pleasanton-Pedalers/).

Seniors

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS**

Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

**DESSERT DANCE**

Dance the night away from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, April 10 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Enjoy dancing or listening to all of your ballroom favorites. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$7 for residents, \$8 for non-res-

idents. Register at the Senior Center Front Desk or pay at the door.

**DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER OFFERS**

**MUSIC CLASSES** Dublin Senior Center offers two music classes including Sing-a-longs with Judy Kufstin and Merrill Ito at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays; and Ukulele Beginning Instruction with Judy Kufstin and Merrill Ito at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, both at the Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd., Dublin. Cost is \$1.25 for each class. Call 556-4511.

**PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR**

**CENTER** The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to [www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.com](http://www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.com).

**TRANSCRIBING FOR YOU**

Transcribing for You has volunteers that will transcribe and print your letters to be sent. The service is located at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd, Dublin, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$1.50. Call 556-4511 for an appointment or email [seniorctr@ci.dublin.us](mailto:seniorctr@ci.dublin.us).

**WARNING SIGNS OF DEMENTIA**

Join as a board certified Neurologist discusses the warning signs of early dementia, what is normal forgetfulness, and what can be done to prevent dementia, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Call 931-5365 or go to [www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org](http://www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org).

Spiritual

**'THE SHOWER OF STOLES PROJECT'**

Fifty liturgical stoles from a collection of "The Shower of Stoles Project" will be on display from

10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, April 12 at Lynnewood United Methodist Church. These beautiful stoles represent the lives and testimonies of LGBT religious leaders who have had to remain silent about their sexual orientation and gender identity. \$1 donation requested. Call 846-2684 or go to [www.lynnewood.org](http://www.lynnewood.org).

**COMEDY CONCERT**

Award-winning humorist Greg Tamblin brings his irreverent humor and sideways view of life to a comedy concert, "Analog Brain in a Digital World" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16 at Unity of Tri-Valley spiritual center, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Go to [www.unityoftrivalley.org](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org).

**EASTER AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY**

Join at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5 at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Don Lewis, world-renowned vocal and keyboard artist, composer, and pioneer in electronic musical instrument design, will be the guest musician. Rev. Karen Epps' talk is entitled "The Comback Kid." All are welcome. Call 829-2733 or go to [www.unityoftrivalley.org](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org).

Sports

**SOCCER TRAINING FOR WOMEN**

This fun class is designed to build your skill set and increase overall fitness. Classes are held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Fridays at Ken Mercer Sports Park, beginning April 10. Call 931-3437 or go to [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com).

Support  
Groups

**GRIEF WORKSHOP**

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Grieving people need time and space to honor their grief. Explore the stepping stones of your grief journey Thursday nights, April 9-May 28 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. A one-time donation of \$15 requested. Registration required, space limited. Call Mary Hagerty at 846-5377.

**MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE**

Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit [www.motherswithapurpose.org](http://www.motherswithapurpose.org).

**TRI-VALLEY AD/HD SUPPORT**

**GROUP** Parents of all-aged children who have challenges with self-regulation, attention, impulsiveness, and/or executive functioning are welcome to join from 7-8:45 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the preschool area, classroom 3 at Harvest Park Middle School. Share resources, concerns and successes in raising AD/HD children. Free to CHADD members, \$5 donation suggested for non-members. Call 426-0411 or go to [www.chaddnorcal.org/calendar](http://www.chaddnorcal.org/calendar).

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## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**ANEW HOME STAGING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No: 501706  
The following person(s) doing business as: ANEW HOME STAGING, 7759 COUNTRY LANE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Leah Davis, 7759 Country Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566; Jason Davis, 7759 Country Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Married couple. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Leah Davis. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/24/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2015)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
File No. 477845

The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): D.I. MEDICAL, 1807 SANTA RITA ROAD #D254, PLEASANTON, CA 94566 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 05/02/2013 UNDER FILE NO. 477845 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): Dunkel International, 1807 Santa Rita Road #D254, Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY a Corporation. Signature of Registrant: Brian Dunkel, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on February 6, 2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 20, 27, April 3, 10; 2015)

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File No: 502052

The following person(s) doing business as: DEKORATI INTERIORS, 2977 MORENO AVE., PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Rati Mishra, 2977 Moreno Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 11/06/2014. Signature of Registrant: Rati Mishra. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/03/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 27, April 3, 10, 17; 2015)

RDH EDUCATION SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No: 502483

The following person(s) doing business as: RDH EDUCATION SERVICES, 4361 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE, UNIT #A, LIVERMORE, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Randi DeHollander, 4361 Technology Drive, Unit #A, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 03/22/2010. Signature of Registrant: Randi DeHollander. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/16/2015. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 3, 10, 17, 24; 2015)

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15135 Inverness, San Leandro, Pending at \$525,000  
Represented seller  
688 Moraga Drive, Livermore, Pending at \$582,000  
Represented buyer

JUST SOLD

1279 Lozano Court, Ruby Hill, Sold for \$2,300,000  
Represented seller  
4186 Angela Place, Pleasanton, Sold for \$1,641,000  
Represented seller  
10796 Inspiration Circle, Sold for \$1,310,000  
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## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Pleasanton

4 BEDROOMS

**3442 Kamp Drive \$1,175,000**  
Sat 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653  
**4233 Cabernet Court \$1,499,000**  
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**6774 Tiffany Common \$624,950**  
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## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during March 3-11

### Pleasanton

**6022 Alisal Street** Mccarthy Trust to S. Wang for \$1,628,000  
**7650 Canyon Meadow Circle #D** United Investment Fund to L. Qian for \$490,000  
**51 Castlewood Drive** Bruno Trust to N. Veerubhotla for \$1,715,000  
**3552 Felton Terrace** M. & R. Desportes to Fisher Trust for \$1,060,000  
**3997 Fernwood Way** Tracy Trust to Jair Trust for \$801,000  
**2005 Greenwood Road** B. Song to A. & G. Deshmukh for \$892,000  
**5328 Mallard Drive** Carnahan Trust to R. & T. Willardson for \$1,065,000  
**4942 Monaco Drive** Vanderovaart Trust to K. Young for \$1,250,000  
**3949 Mt. Rainier Court** E. & H. Etemad to E. Poon for \$850,000  
**649 Palomino Drive #B** K. Myers to S. Shin for \$477,500  
**3944 Vineyard Avenue** Baxter Trust to M. & M. Azevedo for \$300,000  
**4755 Woodthrush Court** US Bank to D. Sharma for \$766,500

### Livermore

**4268 Baylor Way** Pinter Trust to M. & N. Fischer for \$590,000  
**6373 Bluebonnet Common** D. Mieskalski to M. Bhandari for \$625,000  
**5614 Bobby Drive** J. & S. Illingworth to D. & K. Vahlstrom for \$740,000  
**1036 Elm Street** M. Meyer to W. Tao for \$465,000  
**6177 Fieldstone Drive** O. & D. Cole to T. & R. Thompson for \$620,000  
**6938 Hillstone Court** Little Cat to L. Efron for \$990,000  
**1953 Ivy Common** K. & S. Chek to V. Suthanthiran for \$645,000  
**1957 Mars Road** S. & J. Denson to R. Ortisi for \$850,000  
**901 Medolla Court** D. Shingai to Moran Trust for \$1,070,000  
**2402 Merlot Lane** Fisher Trust to C. & L. McCallum for \$1,189,000  
**556 Rincon Avenue** Smith Trust to R. Sozzi for \$450,000  
**513 Saddleback Circle** M. & M. Oconn to J. Serri for \$599,000  
**553 Saddleback Circle** R. Harrington to B. & S. Paras for \$715,000  
**668 South M Street** Bammer Trust to Dutra Trust for \$776,000  
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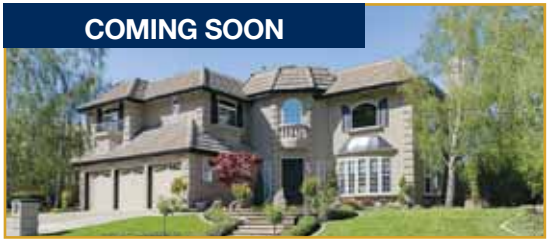
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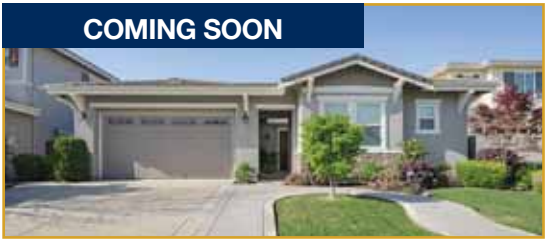
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### Moller Ranch

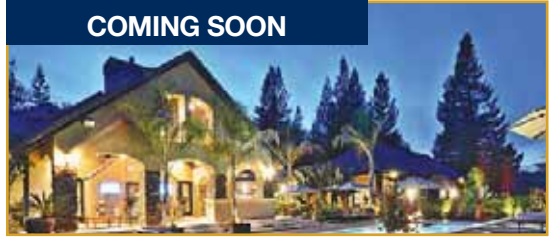
Gorgeous 5 BR, 3 BTH contemporary home with hardwood floors, granite kitchen, soaring ceilings & more!  
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### Ironwood

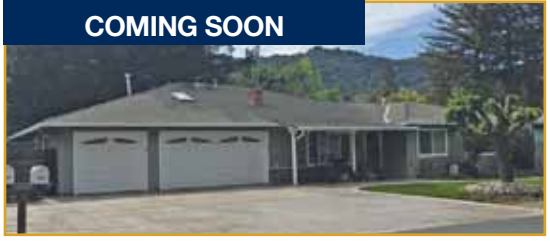
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### West Side

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**1083 Harvest Circle, Pleasanton**  
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## 2264 RAVEN ROAD, PLEASANTON

### Explore The Birdland Neighborhood

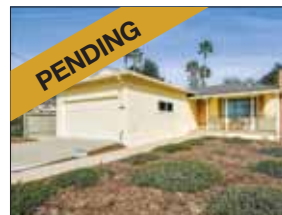


The Birdland neighborhood is centrally located in Pleasanton and walking distance to Elementary, Middle and High Schools. Built by Morrison homes from the mid 1960's to early 1970's and range from 1,500sf. to 3,000sf., depending on remodeling done. Parks within include Walnut Grove park, Woodthrush Park and from the Birdland neighborhood... [Read More at MoxleyTeam.com](http://MoxleyTeam.com)



### 6323 Ventura Way

Located in Emerald Vista this home offers 2,150 SF of living space w/ over \$100,000 in upgrades! Home features 1st floor bedroom w/ full bath, access to garage and private courtyard. Main level offers dining/living room combo and upgraded kitchen. Top level offers a laundry room, spacious master suite and two additional bedrooms. **Offered at \$769,000**



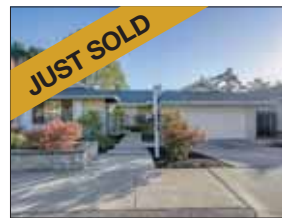
### 424 Amador Court

Single-story and close to downtown, this home features 3 BD, 2 BA and 1,212 SF on a 6,703 SF lot. Home has hardwood floors throughout, crown molding & dual pane windows. Kitchen is updated with solid granite counters, new cabinets and gas cooking. Backyard features a large patio, mature landscaping and garden area. **Received 8 offers**



### 1162 El Dorado Drive

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