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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Goodbye Mt. Diablo



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This view of Mt. Diablo and adjacent hills seen from the living room of Candleigh and Gary Monzo's home in Golden Eagle will soon be blocked by a new home just approved for construction next door.

Candleigh and Gary Monzo will soon lose the majestic view they've had of Mount Diablo and adjacent hills since moving to their spacious home in the gated Golden Eagle Farm community in the 1990s.

The Pleasanton Planning Commission last March approved a bid by Nagib Haddad to build a 6,841-square-foot home on a vacant lot next to the Monzos that will cut off most of that view. Last Tuesday, the City Council denied the Monzos' appeal of that decision, and Haddad can now start construction.

Extensive staff time, the costs of consultants paid by those initiating and those objecting to these proposals and hours of public hearings before the Planning Commission and council are increasing as Pleasanton nears build-out.

Those with one-story homes are finding it less expensive to add second floors to their houses than move to larger homes. Empty lots, which are scarce in Pleasanton where developers have usually filled every available parcel when they built their tracts, bring loud protests from adjoining homeowners who complain their views and next-door open spaces are threatened. This was the complaint of Gary Monzo Tuesday night.

Upper Golden Eagle, and Golden Eagle Farm where the Monzos live, is on the southwest side of Foot-hill Road located behind a manned security gate and is one of Pleasanton's most luxurious neighborhoods. Located near Castlewood Country Club, the homes are custom built and large, ranging up to 10,000 square feet of floor space, with the few vacant lots remaining among the most sought after in Pleasanton.

Membership in the Golden Eagle Homeowners Association is required, with fees paying for the neighborhood's non-private landscaping, community pool, tennis courts and abundant open space. By special agreement, Pleasanton residents showing an ID can drive through Golden Eagle to Augustin Bernal Community Park, which is part of the Pleasanton Ridge.

These estate homes were built in the early 1990s by Lytton-Everett,

with the Monzos moving to their new home at 8023 Golden Eagle Way. Monzo said they were inspired by the majestic views, particularly of the Mount Diablo range, and assumed any home built on the adjacent empty lot would be placed far enough back from the street so as not to obstruct that view. They were wrong.

Haddad bought the lot last year and had an architect design his new home, a two-story house on a 47,200-square-foot lot that slopes up from Golden Eagle Way to a heavily treed area that city and HOA design guidelines protect and preserve. Haddad, his architect and the city Planning Commission determined that to push the new home farther up-slope on the lot, thereby preserving Monzo's Mount Diablo view, would require too much additional grading and disturbance to the natural topography.

Commissioners in March and council members Tuesday night, while sympathizing with the Monzos over losing some of their view of Mount Diablo, concluded that the results of requiring Haddad to consider alternative design options would not outweigh the impacts created by any different design than recommended by city staff.

Adam Weinstein, assistant planning director, said the new home as designed will preserve the aesthetic character, vegetation and topography of Golden Eagle Farm and will be an attractive addition to the community. The Planning Commission agreed, voting 4-1 to approved Haddad's home, with only Commissioner David Nagler objecting.

The vote was the same Tuesday night with the council denying Monzo's appeal to overturn that approval, by a 4-1 vote with Councilman Arne Olson voting to uphold the appeal.

In closing, after more than an hour of back-and-forth commentary by Haddad and Gary Monzo, Councilwoman Karla Brown urged the two to make peace, saying, "I hope that as neighbors you'll embrace each other."

Perhaps they can embrace in Monzo's living room for a view of the front side of Haddad's new home after it's built. ■

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you think our society treats the aging members of the population with an appropriate degree of respect?



Isa Clark
Middle school student

I think it depends on the person. Some people in our town are completely compassionate toward our seniors while others are rude and couldn't care less about acting decently and respectfully toward them.



Patty Herrera Slobe
Marketing communications consultant

No. I think the elderly often have bad experiences, where they are not highly regarded and appreciated for all of the wisdom they have. They lived in a time when people had to actually think for themselves and could not rely on technology for everything. They have so much knowledge and expertise to share yet unfortunately, many people are not interested in hearing what they have to say.



Jack Tobin
Dentist

I offer my patients who are retired and on a fixed income a very nice discount for the services I render to them. So I feel that at least I, personally, am sufficiently respectful. Others? I'm not so sure.



John Gibbons
Importer

I don't think our society reveres its elderly to the extent that it should. I travel all over the world on business and feel that other cultures show far greater respect for and deference to their "well-seasoned" folks than we do here in the United States.



Kim Chagan
Billing clerk

I think our society does not treat the aging population as well as it should. But I think it is in large part due to the sense of entitlement that so many elderly people project. It seems to me that once people get to a certain age, so many of them feel that they can just do or say anything at all, even if it is offensive and hurtful, and use their advanced age as an excuse to get away with it.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness

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Cancer Survivors Day

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon), whose district includes Pleasanton, announced this week that her bill to designate this Sunday (June 7, 2015) as California Cancer Survivors Day passed off the State Assembly floor.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 62 aims to improve the quality of life of cancer survivors by bringing awareness to the challenges that face survivors at the moment of diagnosis and sometimes persist for years following treatment, Baker said in a statement.

A cancer survivor herself, Baker said more people are overcoming the disease due to the many advances in cancer prevention, treatment and follow-up care.

"California Cancer Survivors Day is an opportunity for the community to join together to celebrate those who have survived and to provide inspiration for those recently diagnosed," she added.

Lab retiree picnic

The Livermore Lab Retirees Association (LLRA) will host its annual picnic on June 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ravenswood Historic Site, 2647 Arroyo Road in Livermore.

This month's picnic will feature a meet-and-greet with the Tri-Valley Guide Dog Puppy Raisers, who support Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. Come and find out about what it takes to raise a guide dog puppy.

LLRA membership is open to retirees and spouses of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Picnic attendance is limited to 150 people, and the cost is \$25 per person with catering by BackForty BBQ. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. today, online at www.livermorelabretirees.org/home.html.

Call for donors

There are 100 days of summer and the American Red Cross is urging eligible donors to choose their day to give blood and help ensure a sufficient blood supply through the summer season.

The Red Cross Pleasanton Blood Donation Center, located at 5556-B Springdale Ave., is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

There are also donation events set in Livermore later this month: June 19 from 1-7 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church at 4743 East Ave., and June 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alere Home Monitoring, 6465 National Drive.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. ■

School board looks for new superintendent

Parvin Ahmadi resigns, takes post in Castro Valley effective July 1

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Pleasanton Unified School District is beginning the search for a new superintendent in the wake of Parvin Ahmadi's announcement that she would resign to take the same position at the Castro Valley Unified School District starting July 1.

The Pleasanton school board was scheduled this Wednesday night to discuss and possibly take action on conducting a search for Ahmadi's replacement and also talk in closed-session about appointing an interim superintendent.

Ahmadi's resignation came just over a month before the district begins its new fiscal year next month.

She wrote in an email May 28

to PUSD teachers and staff, "This by no means was an easy decision for me as I have absolutely loved serving our students and you in Pleasanton. I have thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful journey we have shared together the last five year (sic) and want to thank you for trusting me and sharing my passion to serve all students."

The CVUSD Board of Education appointed Ahmadi during its meeting May 28. She will succeed Castro Valley's current superintendent, Jim Negri, who is retiring.

"I am very excited about starting a new journey in Castro Valley, a wonderfully diverse school district serving preschool to adults and

following an amazing leader, Mr. Jim Negri," Ahmadi said. "I look forward to working with another stellar team of educators and a wonderful team of Trustees who have a deep commitment to educating all children."

Trustees were notified on May 28 that Ahmadi had accepted a new position, according to PUSD school board president Valerie Arkin.

"We are confident that our excellent school district will attract a large pool of well-qualified candidates for the position of superintendent," Arkin said "on behalf of the Board of Trustees" in an email interview last Friday. "We look forward to working in tandem

with the Pleasanton community to make this important selection in the coming months."

Castro Valley board members interviewed 20 "highly qualified" candidates of both current superintendents and assistant superintendents, according to a statement released by the district.

"Candidates were interviewed in depth as to their strengths, commitment to education, high student achievement for all students, an understanding of a kindergarten to adult education system, the ability to articulate a clear vision, and work effectively with well-educated

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Map shows 1,100-acre site east of Valley Avenue that is being considered for development under Pleasanton's East Side Specific Plan. The City Council is expected to halt or delay planning process at its June 16 meeting.

Council votes against holding Nov. 3 ballot measure on East Side plans

\$500,000 cost of special election too high, planning process likely to be stopped

By JEB BING

The Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday night scuttled plans for a special advisory ballot measure about East Side development plans after learning it would cost about \$500,000 in county election costs.

A resolution to place the strictly advisory measure on the Nov. 3 ballot was the main issue on the council's agenda with about 30 objectors in the audience ready to speak against it.

Even after Mayor Jerry Thorne opened the meeting to say he had

changed his mind about holding a special election because of the cost, nine speakers went to the lectern to voice their opposition and suggest that the East Side planning process simply be stopped.

"I applaud you for your decision," said George Bowen, a leader of the opposition to East Side development and an unsuccessful candidate for the council in last November's election.

He urged the council to cancel any plans to develop the 1,100-acre largely undeveloped land

east of Valley Avenue that extends to the Livermore city boundary, plans that have been largely criticized because of the current drought.

"My sense is that a vast majority of voters don't want any more major development in our city even if it rains," Bowen said. "We still have traffic and school problems. I'm asking that you make it clear in your actions that you are bringing this development planning process to a halt."

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High grad marks

At 95.7%, local high school graduation rate above county, state results

California's high school graduation rate increased in 2014 for the fifth year in a row, but it remained lower than results seen locally, according to data released April 28 by the state's Department of Education.

The state's graduation rate in 2014 was 80.8%, up 0.4 percentage points from the year before but below marks posted in Alameda County (82.8%) and the Pleasanton Unified School District (95.7%) in 2014.

"Our record high graduation rate is great news, especially since it is occurring at the same time we are raising academic standards," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson. "This is more evidence that the dramatic changes taking place in our schools are gradually helping to improve teaching and learning in every classroom."

The 2014 graduate rate measures students who started high school in 2010 and graduated with their class, Torlakson said.

In 2014, PUSD saw its high school graduation rate increase by 0.4% and its dropout rate decrease by 0.1% while also seeing its population increase by two students compared to 2013, according to figures provided by the California Department of Education (CDE).

"We are proud of our students' accomplishments and thank our staff for their dedication and commitment," said PUSD's outgoing superintendent Parvin Ahmadi.

Of those local students who did

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Glazer sworn in as state senator

Orinda Democrat wins by 9%; voter turnout 26.07%, per final totals

By JEREMY WALSH

The Tri-Valley has a new state senator, with Orinda Democrat Steve Glazer taking the oath of office at the State Capitol last week.

Glazer earned the right to fill the State Senate District 7 vacancy with a victory by nine percentage points in last month's special runoff election.

"I have always felt the pull of public service as the highest calling," Glazer said in a statement after taking the oath of office May 28. "And so I am here today humbled and honored to serve with some old and new friends in this State Senate."

"I thank the members of the Senate for their warm welcome. I especially thank the voters of the 7th District for their trust in my ability to represent them in the Capitol of the greatest state in the Union," he added.

The 11-year Orinda councilman received 68,996 votes (or 54.5% of the ballots cast) in the May 19 election, according to final results posted on the California Secretary of State website. His opponent, Assembly-

woman Susan Bonilla (D-Concord), garnered 45.5% of the vote.

Just over 26% of eligible voters cast ballots in the special election, contested in parts of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, including Pleasanton. That turnout was about 2.5% higher than the voter participation in the March special primary election — which set the stage for the Glazer-Bonilla runoff.

Glazer had served on the Orinda City Council since 2004 with three turns as mayor, is a small business owner and a former political adviser to Gov. Jerry Brown, who administered the oath of office to Glazer on the State Senate floor in Sacramento on Thursday.

The election victory last month marked a political turnaround for Glazer compared to this time last year.

In June 2014, he was coming off a disappointing third-place finish in the primary election for the State Assembly 16th District seat, approximately 6.5% below qualifying for the two-candidate runoff eventually won by Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) in November.

The 57-year-old Glazer didn't throw his hat into the State Senate race until late-January, turning in his candidacy paperwork on the final day to qualify for the special primary election. He went on to finish first in that primary with 33.7% of the vote.

And with the runoff win May 19, Glazer has catapulted himself into one of 40 seats in California's upper legislative house. He is completing the unexpired term left vacant when former State Sen. Mark DeSaulnier resigned following his election to Congress.

Glazer will face the ballot box again next year, when the District 7 seat comes up for regular election.

The Orinda City Council was scheduled to discuss alternatives this week for what to do about the vacancy now created on its dais, according to city clerk Michele Olsen.

Other election takeaways:

- The combined cost of holding the special runoff election was estimated at \$2.4 million, according to officials from each county.
- The final voter participation came



LORIE SHELLEY/SENATE RULES PHOTOGRAPHY

New State Sen. Steve Glazer (right) takes the oath of office administered by Gov. Jerry Brown as Glazer's wife, Melba Muscarolas, looks on.

in at 26.07% of the 485,220 registered voters district-wide.

• Turnout was higher in Contra Costa County (27.51%) than Alameda County (21.44%). About four-fifths of the 7th District is in Contra Costa.

• Almost 83% of participating Contra Costa County voters mailed in

their ballots, with the remaining 17.2% going out to the polls Election Day. The split was 80.3% vote-by-mail and 19.7% at the polls in Alameda County.

• Glazer finished comfortably ahead in each county, earning 57% in Alameda and 53.9% in Contra Costa. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Journey to the top: Arriving at Mount Everest Base Camp, Alissa Kruse read the Pleasanton Weekly at 17,585 feet. The edition she brought with her was from 2007 (with her on the cover) after she reached the top of Kilimanjaro in Africa. Kruse said Pleasanton holds a special place for her and she is moving back to be closer to family and friends after living in Asia for seven years.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com.

Pleasanton pilot killed in plane crash

Michael Seal, 75, had just taken off from Livermore Airport

A pilot killed in a plane crash Monday night north of Livermore in unincorporated Alameda County has been identified as 75-year-old Michael Seal of Pleasanton.

The crash occurred around 9 p.m. Monday near the end of Hartford Avenue off North Livermore Avenue in an open field, according to Alameda County fire battalion chief Bob Hopken.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said the single-engine Piper PA22

crashed around three miles northeast of the Livermore Municipal Airport, where the flight had originated. The plane reportedly had control problems before the crash.

The crash started a two-acre grass fire, which firefighters extinguished, Hopken said.

The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News Service

Livermore Lab offering summer science program for 5th graders

"Fun With Science," an educational outreach program designed for children at the fifth-grade level, will be offered free-of-charge on six Wednesdays starting June 10 by the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The program, to be held at the lab's Discovery Center, is intended to spark children's interest in science through entertaining demonstrations and hands-on activities. Students will have an opportunity to see and participate in science experiments that explain states of matter, air pressure, density, electricity, light and chemistry.

The identical sessions will be

held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on June 10, June 17, July 1, July 15, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12.

The Discovery Center is located at the laboratory's East Gate at Eastgate Drive off Greenville Road in Livermore. It is near the intersection of Greenville Road and Lupin Way. No badging is required.

Space is limited, so registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. For more information and registration, visit www.llnl.gov/sites/default/files/summerfunwithscience-form2015.pdf. ■

—Jeb Bing

AHMADI

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and dedicated teachers, administrators, classified employees, parents and community members," CVUSD board president John Barbieri said.

"We found a new superintendent who meets and surpasses the above said qualifications," he said of Ahmadi.

Embroiled for the past year in a controversy over the removal of Jon Vranesh as principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School, Ahmadi was the frequent target of critics both at school board meetings and through the media.

An administrative hearing to determine if the district's actions against Vranesh were justified ended last month, with a hearing panel's decision pending.

During the five years Ahmadi has been Pleasanton schools superintendent, test scores and state commendations of schools in the district have increased. In recent national press reports, Pleasanton schools have been given excellent ratings and cited as a key reason people move here.

Just recently, the school district was ranked among the Bay Area's best, had a 95.7% graduation rate with the class of 2014 and Hart Middle School was recognized as a 2015 California Golden Ribbon School.

In the 2013-14 school year, Hearst, Donlon, Walnut Grove, Vintage Hills and Mohr Elementary



WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

Pleasanton schools superintendent Parvin Ahmadi is leaving the district this month after serving here for five years.

schools were named Distinguished Schools, two high schools ranked in the state's Top 100, and students consistently received awards for academics or sports. PUSD also had a 99% passage rate of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). And in the area of finance, Moody's Investor Service has given the district an A++ credit rating and a strong credit rating of "Aa2."

"I am forever indebted to Pleasanton Unified School District for allowing me to fulfill my dream of making a difference in children's lives and to take an amazing school district to new heights," Ahmadi stated in the May 28 email.

Ahmadi was hired at a starting

Award-winning

The Pleasanton Weekly learned this week that it won first place in its circulation category for investigative reporting in the Local Media Association's national contest for the Aug. 22, 2014 article "Troubled Schools — As school starts, parents seek answers on principal turnover."

salary of \$220,000 in May 2010 to succeed John Casey. Negri, whose job in Castro Valley Ahmadi will be taking, was assistant superintendent in Pleasanton, but was passed over when the board hired Casey. Negri was hired as superintendent in a Mountain View district before moving to the Castro Valley position.

When hired by the Pleasanton school board in May 2010, Ahmadi was assistant superintendent of instruction for the Fremont Unified School District. She has an extensive background in education and also served as Fremont schools' director of elementary education.

The Pleasanton board paid nearly \$30,000 for a nationwide search by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd, to replace Casey, drawing at least one applicant from Canada along with others from Texas and the Midwest — although only California candidates were interviewed by the board. It turned out that the "right" candidate, Ahmadi, was found less than a half-hour away. ■

Tri-Valley ROP awarded \$5.9 million for CTE

Funding awarded to 39 other California programs

By AMANDA AGUILAR

The Tri-Valley Regional Occupation Program (TV-ROP) was awarded \$5.9 million for career technical education (CTE) as part of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson awarding \$244 million in grants to 40 programs that blend academic and CTE, connect employers with schools and train students for jobs in high-demand fields.

TV-ROP serves all public high schools in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

The organization was awarded as a Tri-Valley Educational Collaborative — with Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and Las Positas College — for the implementation of the second round of Career Pathways Trust funding. The fiscal agency is Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.

Grant recipients are tasked with creating sustained career pathways programs that link businesses, K-12 schools and community colleges to prepare students for the 21st century workplace.

"We are extremely proud of our collaborative regional efforts that benefit our students in the Tri-Valley," Pleasanton's outgoing superintendent Parvin Ahmadi said in a district statement released last week. "We are grateful for the strong partnership between Dublin, Livermore, ROP and Pleasanton USD."

The grants are provided through the California Career Pathways Trust (CCPT) program, which is the largest program of its kind in the nation. CCPT is providing nearly \$500 million in career tech grants over a two-year period.

The state legislature created CCPT in 2013 and allocated \$250 million for the program in the state's 2013-14 budget. Last year, Torlakson awarded grants to 39 recipients. After seeing the program's popularity, the state received 123 applications requesting \$709 million in CCPT grants last year. Lawmakers approved an addition \$250 million for this year. ■



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Raley's hires new chief operating officer

Keith Knopf led retail operations at Kohl's

By JEB BING

Raley's has named Keith Knopf as chief operating officer of its grocery chain, responsible for overseeing daily corporate operations, sales, merchandising as well as marketing and advertising.

The announcement was made by Mike Teel, president and CEO for Raley's, which has a supermarket on



Keith Knopf

Sunol Boulevard in Pleasanton.

Knopf, who has 25 years of retail experience, began his career with the May Company department stores, where he held management roles in store operations, merchandise planning, information technology and finance. He also led annual business planning and strategy for the Victoria's Secret division of Limited Brands.

He graduated from St. Louis University with a bachelor's degree in finance, and earned a master's degree in business administration. Most recently, Knopf led the retail operations and omni-channel store integration at Kohl's. ■

Fialho adds title of Housing Authority director to his City Manager title

New responsibilities added as new complex for seniors nears construction

By JEB BING

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho has added a new title to his position with the city: executive director of the city's Housing Authority.

The added responsibilities were awarded Tuesday by the Housing Authority's board of directors, which is headed by Mayor Jerry Thorne as chairman and Vice Mayor Karla Brown as vice chair.

Fialho's new and additional responsibilities will be to serve as the Housing Authority's secretary and treasurer. He also becomes the "interface" with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) concerning Kottinger Place, which is a HUD-regulated affordable senior housing complex in Pleasanton.

This responsibility is critical as

HUD relinquishes control over the aging Kottinger Place, located at 240 Kottinger Drive, which is scheduled to be razed in stages and replaced by a \$62.8 million complex to be called Kottinger Gardens that will double the number of units available to Pleasanton's low-income seniors.

Fialho is succeeding longtime Housing Authority executive director Steven Bocian, assistant city manager, who is retiring later this month.

Once the new facility is completed, current tenants at Kottinger Place will have first choice of the 131 new apartment homes that will be in one-story cottages or in a two- to three-story building. The apartments will have far more kitchen, bathroom and closet space



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Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho has been named the new executive director of the city's Housing Authority.

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not graduate with their class, 2% dropped out, 1.7% are still enrolled in school, 0.5% were in non-diploma special education programs and 0.2% passed the GED test, according to the CDE's data.

In the school-by-school comparison, Foothill High posted the highest graduation rate at 98%, followed by Amador Valley High at 97.2%. Data for Village and Horizon high schools were not released.

Along with the rise in the graduation rate, the state's dropout rate also rose slightly to 11.6% in 2014,

up 0.2%. By comparison, the percentage of students still in school but who have not graduated declined 0.5% from the year before and stands at 6.9%.

Statewide, of the students who did not graduate with their class, 0.2% passed the GED test and 0.6% are non-diploma special education students, Torlakson said.

The PUSD's graduation rates for African American (82.4%) and Hispanic students (88%), as well as English learners (87.8%), climbed faster than the statewide average.

"These results should not be a surprise to anyone as we have worked hard to engage all students and close the opportunity gap. I believe all means all and

that should be reflected in our actions and outcomes," Ahmadi said. "I have a dream that someday no one will be able to distinguish between various groups of students' achievements related to their ethnic, socio-economic background, native language or gender."

The nearby San Ramon Valley Unified School District had a graduation rate of 98.3% in 2014. In Alameda County, Piedmont City Unified School District had the highest 2014 graduation rate at 100%, according to state data.

To view state, county, district, and school graduation and dropout rates, view the CDE's DataQuest webpage. ■

—Amanda Aguilar

Local students honored for math, science achievements

Mentorship opportunities key to Sandia recognition program

By AMANDA AGUILAR

Sandia National Laboratories presented its annual Math and Science Awards last month to 31 girls from Bay Area high schools, celebrating their academic accomplishments and potential — with three of the girls from Pleasanton schools.

"I want to congratulate each of you for your academic excellence and encourage you to continue your passion for math and science," Marianne Walck, vice president of Sandia's California site, said in a statement. "It's frustrating that women are still underrepresented in many technical fields."

The Math and Science Awards program is designed to encourage high-achieving students to continue studying science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects and create mentoring opportunities. Teachers from 17 high

schools in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Tracy, Lathrop, Manteca, Stockton and Oakland nominated students they deemed outstanding in math and science.

Alexandra Hawkins from Amador Valley High School and Suhasingy Naik from Foothill High School were the winners for "Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics." Catherine Tu from Amador Valley won "Outstanding Achievement in Science."

All the winners were recognized by state and federal officials. State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker presented certificates to the winners, as did representatives from the offices of U.S. Reps. Barbara Lee, Jeff Denham and Eric Swalwell.

The May 20 award ceremony also gave the girls and their families to learn about different careers in math and science by talking to Sandia researchers.

Sandia mechanical engineer

Myra Blaylock and technical editor and writer Emmeline Chen shared their personal stories, which included how their career paths have gone in unexpected directions.

"I didn't take a straight path to get to where I am now, but that led to some great experiences," Blaylock said. "Always keep learning and don't be afraid to switch career paths."

Each award winner was paired with a Sandia mentor, a woman working in a STEM field.

"Our goal is that these introductions are the start of a long relationship," said Cathy Branda, a manager in Sandia's biological sciences program and chair of the Math and Science Awards. "When I was a student, connecting with women already working in my field was a great help. We hope to provide that opportunity to these talented young women." ■

COUNCIL

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Scott Raty, president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, agreed.

"Right now, water availability is our concern and there are steps we can take to ensure that," Raty said. "We need to focus on recycling projects and new water agreements with Zone 7 and other providers to add certainty to our supplies. We need to put the brakes on (the East Side planning) at least for the next 12 months."

He said the council was once set to move forward with planning for a new civic center and public

library when the recession hit. It backed off on those plans, only resuming them again earlier this year now that the economy has improved. He urged the council to impose the same type of delay in planning development of the East Side until the drought is over.

In the end, the council voted 4-0 to cancel plans for a special election and instead to hold another public hearing at its next meeting on June 16 to determine the next steps for considering future land uses on the East Side.

Councilman Arne Olson, whose home in the Ironwood community is next to East Side properties, recused himself from voting on the issue.

Even so, wearing his "citizen's hat," he was the first speaker at Tuesday night's meeting.

"I said earlier that I thought the planning process should continue as did three of us (on the council) while campaigning in the last election, which we won," Olson said. "But I think this has become a divisive issue because of the drought and should be stopped."

"I don't think the work of the (East Pleasanton) task force and the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) are a waste," he added. "They can be reviewed and updated whenever planning resumes for the East Side."

Objectors cited other concerns in building 1,300 housing units on

the East Side as the task force has considered, including overcrowded public schools, traffic, a surging population, even the lack of adequate hospitals to serve the region's growing housing numbers.

Suggestions mentioned at Tuesday's public hearing for land uses on the East Side ranged from having the city buy the property from its current owners for use as a park or for building senior housing.

"So we stop now and when we take this up again, we will talk about those other issues," Thorne said. "I would also suggest that if we do decide (June 16) to pause this process, that would-be developers there look outside the box for a plan that wouldn't have quite as

much of an impact on the public."

"We might want to consider age-restricted development because people 55 and older don't have an impact on schools and more of them spend their money here in Pleasanton," Thorne added. "That would make sense to me."

Although a final decision on dealing with the current East Side planning process will be made June 16, Thorne indicated how he will vote.

"I hope others on the council will join me in signing a letter thanking the members of the East Pleasanton Specific Plan task force for the many hours of work they did on this project," he said, at the close of Tuesday night's meeting. ■

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Widow of slain officer sues BART

'I cannot let this situation and his concern for his fellow officers go unanswered,' she says

The wife of BART police Sgt. Thomas Smith Jr. alleges in a federal lawsuit that the department repeatedly denied his requests for additional training or use of its SWAT team during high-risk searches before he was inadvertently shot dead by a colleague in a search in Dublin last year.

The suit was filed by Kellie Smith, also a BART officer, in U.S. District Court in San Francisco last Friday. It alleges that BART's police department under chief Kenton Rainey and deputy chief Benson Fairrow has a practice of denying the use of trained SWAT officers for potentially high-risk building and probation searches.

The suit alleges that BART police officials also denied training requests by BART detectives and officers who were required to do building and probation searches without the assistance of BART SWAT officers.

San Ramon resident Thomas Smith, 42, a 23-year veteran at BART, was fatally shot when he led a team of eight officers in a search of a robbery suspect's apartment at 6450 Dougherty Road in Dublin at about 2 p.m. on Jan. 21, 2014.

Thomas Smith was killed by Detective Michael Maes, a law enforcement veteran with 26 years of experience as an officer who said he mistook Smith for an armed suspect during the search.

Eustace de Saint Phalle, the attorney for Kellie Smith, alleged that BART failed to provide proper training to Thomas Smith and other detectives for building and probation searches and BART management was aware of the lack of training.

The suit seeks an injunction to prevent BART from forcing employees to perform tactical operations without having the necessary training and to force BART to

implement changes to training and policies that will promote officer and public safety.

The suit also seeks unspecified damages for Smith's family.

"Smith realized that the dangerous nature of probation searches mixed with his detective unit's lack of proper training created a serious officer and public safety issue," de Saint Phalle said in a statement.

According to de Saint Phalle, Kellie Smith wrote an open letter to BART directors and police officials saying that because of the repeated denials for training requests, Thomas Smith asked her to sue BART and Fairrow if anything happened to him.

Kellie Smith said in the letter, "My husband's words will stay with me forever. I cannot let this situation and his concern for his fellow officers go unanswered."

Dana Smith, an attorney for



Sgt. Thomas Smith Jr., who was killed by a fellow officer in an inadvertent shooting in Dublin last year.

COURTESY OF BART POLICE

BART, said in a statement, "The BART family continues to mourn the loss of Sgt. Smith."

"BART's top priority is the safety of its officers and the public," Fox

said. "The tragic shooting occurred despite the extensive training the officers had received, which far exceeded the standards required." ■

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California metro areas continue to lead U.S. as offering least affordable housing

Sandusky, Ohio has lowest home prices, home builders report says

By JEB BING

Lower interest rates and home prices contributed to a solid boost in housing affordability in the many parts of the U.S. in the first quarter of 2015, but not here in the Bay Area or other metropolitan areas of California.

Still, the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index (HOI) reported that consumers everywhere benefited from continued low mortgage rates in the first quarter.

"These conditions offer a great time to buy," said NAHB chairman Tom Woods, a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo.

"The past two quarters have seen an improvement in affordability as mortgage rates remain low," said NAHB chief economist David Crowe.

Major California cities continued to top the list of the least affordable sites, led by San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale and Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine. Metropolitan New York City also was among the least affordable.

For a 10th consecutive quarter, San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City, Calif. was the nation's least affordable major housing market. Here, just 14.1% of homes sold in the first quarter were affordable to families earning the area's median income of \$103,400.

All five least affordable small housing markets were in California. At the very bottom was Santa Cruz-Watsonville, where 21.6% percent of all new and existing homes sold were affordable to families earning the area's median income of \$87,000. Other small markets included Salinas, Napa, San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles and Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta; in descending order.

Crowe said that in the rest of the country, 85% of the metropolitan

areas saw an increase in affordability. "Along with favorable home prices and pent-up demand, this broad improvement should help encourage more buyers to enter the marketplace," he said.

In all, 66.5% of new and existing homes sold between the beginning of January and end of March outside of California were affordable to families earning the U.S. median income of \$65,800. This is up from the 62.8% of homes sold that were affordable to median-income earners in the fourth quarter.

Unlike in California where home prices continue to rise, the national median home price declined from \$215,000 in the fourth quarter to \$210,000 in the first quarter. Meanwhile, average mortgage interest fell from 4.29% to 4.03% in the same period.

For the second straight quarter, Syracuse, N.Y. remained the nation's most affordable major housing market, as 95.6% of all new and existing homes sold in the first quarter of 2015 were affordable to families earning the area's median income of \$68,500.

Also ranking among the most affordable major housing markets in respective order were Toledo, Ohio; St. Louis; Akron, Ohio; and Harrisburg-Carlisle, Pa.

Meanwhile, Sandusky, Ohio topped the affordability chart among smaller markets in the first quarter of 2015. There, 96.3% of homes sold during the first quarter were affordable to families earning the area's median income of \$69,600. Other smaller housing markets at the top of the index included Cumberland, Md.-W.Va.; Elmira, N.Y.; Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa-Ill.; and Kokomo, Ind. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Man charged with lewd acts at Pleasanton day care

Pleasanton police arrested a 22-year-old Castro Valley man and child care teacher last week for allegedly committing sexual battery on a teenage girl last year.

Alexander Kurtz pleaded not guilty to one count of lewd and lascivious acts with a child younger than 14 during an arraignment hearing Monday afternoon, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office. He has been released from jail custody after posting \$200,000 bail, authorities said.

The arrest stemmed from a sexual abuse investigation into an event that reportedly occurred at the end of 2014 and was first reported to police by the victim's mother on May 26, according to Pleasanton police Sgt. Kurt Schlehuber.

The investigation so far has revealed one known incident of sexual abuse that occurred at Kurtz's now-former job, Building Kidz Preschool on Mirador Drive in Pleasanton, Schlehuber said.

Authorities accuse Kurtz of sexually abusing a teenage girl who was a former student of Busy Bees — the name of the child care facility prior to Building Kidz taking over in September 2014.

The Pleasanton Police Department informed Building Kidz of Kurtz's May 28 arrest, and he has since been terminated, Schlehuber said.

Police do not believe any current Building Kidz students were involved, Schlehuber said, adding that the incident appears isolated and no other victims have come forward.

Kurtz is next due in court for pretrial proceedings July 13.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding the case can call Pleasanton police at 931-5100. Those who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

In other police reports:

- A 27-year-old man was arrested Sunday after leading Pleasanton police officers on a vehicle pursuit that ended when the vehicle ran out of gas.



Alexander Kurtz

According to police reports, officers located a stolen vehicle leaving the parking lot of Chevron on Santa Rita Road around 11:15 p.m. The vehicle was reportedly occupied by two males and two females.

Police said the officers attempted to stop the vehicle when the driver, later identified as Pleasanton transient Joshua Millard, fled onto the freeway and into Livermore. The vehicle reportedly ran out of gas at Isabel and Vineyard avenues.

The three passengers were identified and released, police said.

Millard, who was on parole, allegedly admitted to stealing the vehicle. He was arrested on suspicion of evading a police officer, possessing a stolen vehicle and a shaved key, violating parole and vehicle theft.

There were no injuries or damage during the pursuit, according to police.

- A Pleasanton woman reported to police that a man she met on an online dating service had stolen her television and personal items after she invited him to her residence on Muirwood Drive, police said.

The woman and the man, known as "Rasheem," met on "Plenty Of Fish," police said.

The woman invited Rasheem to her residence, and while they were watching television, the woman reportedly picked up Rasheem's pants and put them in the laundry, according to police.

Police reports said Rasheem then accused the woman of stealing money from his pants, so she left him to search for the money.

Shortly after, the woman reportedly saw Rasheem leaving with her television, and she later discovered her cell phone and wallet were missing, according to police reports.

The woman described Rasheem as a 6-foot-1 black male with brown eyes and a bald head.

- A 1969 Pontiac Firebird was reported stolen from the ACE Train parking lot on Pleasanton Avenue during last weekend's Goodguys car show.

According to police reports, the car was stolen some time between 2:15 and 3:05 p.m. last Saturday. The vehicle is painted dark candy apple green with its rear bumper missing.

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

—Amanda Aguilar

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4. Don't let the compost completely dry out. A compost pile needs moisture to keep the composting process active.
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6. Too much of any one material will slow down the composting process. In general, it's good to keep a mix of green and brown material when composting.

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 25

Criminal threats

- 4:36 a.m., 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
- 11:15 p.m. in the 300 block of Oaks Bridge Place

Residential burglary

- 11:36 a.m. in the 3500 block of Yellowstone Court

Theft from auto

- 11:27 a.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive
- 12:16 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:48 p.m. in the 5800 block of Valley Avenue

May 26

Sex offenses

- 5:33 p.m. in the 4300 block of Mirador Drive

Fraud

- 1:05 p.m. in the 4200 block of First Street

Burglary

- 7:57 a.m. in the 00 block of Mission Drive; commercial
- 9:35 a.m. in the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road; residential

Embezzlement

- 11:10 a.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

May 27

Theft

- 2:34 a.m. in the 4400 block of Muirwood Drive; theft from structure
- 10:11 a.m. in the 7700 block of Chestnut Way; theft from auto
- 2:50 p.m. in the 4100 block of Churchill Drive; theft from auto

- 4:26 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 6:18 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

Domestic battery

- 4:49 a.m.; street information not disclosed

Drug violation

- 2:53 p.m. in the 4500 block of First Street

May 28

Weapons violation

- 12:58 p.m. in the 4300 block of Foothill Road
- 7:55 p.m. in the 00 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Assault/battery

- 3:18 p.m. in the 5000 block of Case Avenue

Theft

- 9:18 a.m. in the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane; theft from structure
- 10:53 a.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 3:07 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 8:06 p.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

May 29

Burglary

- 10:26 a.m. in the 7500 block of Homewood Court; residential
- 6:06 p.m. in the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; commercial

Theft

- 5:44 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive; auto theft
- 10:32 a.m. in the 2800 block of Tudor Court

- 2:47 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

- 3:15 p.m. in the 5800 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

- 5:38 p.m. in the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

- 5:11 p.m. in the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from structure

- 5:41 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 7:02 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

Vandalism

- 10:34 a.m. in the 600 block of Main Street

- 12:19 p.m. in the 3800 block of Keneland Way

May 30

Embezzlement

- 10:51 a.m. in the 1400 block of Whispering Oaks Way

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THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

County's 'Safe Drug Disposal' ordinance making headlines

There are two sides to every story, and often also in most court rulings. That's the case in last week's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to refuse to hear the challenge brought by the pharmaceutical industry against Alameda County's Safe Drug Disposal Ordinance.

The ordinance, sponsored by District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and passed in 2012, requires drug manufacturers to take ownership of the disposal costs of unused medicines in Alameda County by setting up drug programs within the county where consumers can safely get rid of unused medicines.

Advocates for such measures say they're important for combating prescription drug abuse. But drug makers have been fighting the Alameda provision, arguing that it unconstitutionally requires them to pay for services that local governments should provide.

Without doubt, prescription drug abuse is a significant public safety and public health concern. Studies show that the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from the home medicine cabinet of family and friends, and Alameda County's ordinance marks a milestone in the battle against the unsafe storage and disposal of prescription drugs.

According to the 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, more than 6 million Americans abuse prescription drugs. More than 70% of people abusing prescription pain relievers get them from friends or relatives, including sneaking them from the family medicine cabinet, according to the same survey.

A convenient way to dispose of both over-the-counter and prescription medication is vital to prevent the misuse of these substances, and to end the harmful environmental impacts of disposing of them in landfills or through our water system.

But the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America and two other drug associations appealed to the Supreme Court after losing their challenge last fall before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Now they've lost again in their bid to have the Supreme Court hear their case. That decision has received widespread attention from cities, counties, states and the media throughout the country that see the Alameda County ordinance as a model for their own jurisdictions.

While this is good news for O'Malley, it's a victory not shared by all. In an editorial, The Wall Street Journal noted that the Alameda County program requires all drug makers to fund and operate a county-wide disposal program, wherever they are headquartered in the world, as long as their products find their way into Alameda County through interstate commerce.

That could be a slippery slope. "The Constitution gives Congress the exclusive Article I power to regulate shared state markets that ought to preclude states from interfering in interstate commerce, especially by imposing protectionist policies against out-of-state businesses," the Journal's editorial writers stated. Business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, supported the drug makers' case.

They added that the difference in Alameda is that the county isn't merely regulating products and services within its jurisdiction. Instead, it is reaching deeply into the stream of interstate commerce at the national level, and forcing outside third parties to provide "free" local benefits. On this theory, Alameda could conscript publishers in New York to collect the recycling bins if residents subscribe to their magazines, or require manufacturers of other products like tires, batteries or mattresses to do the same.

The Wall Street Journal and others opposed to the Alameda County ordinance have busy days ahead. Four local governments, including San Francisco and King County in Washington state, have adopted similar laws, and at least a dozen more are considering doing the same as the court's decision paves the way for more cities and counties to pass mandatory drug disposal programs.

Alameda County's prescription drug disposal programs alone aren't enough. Other ways to curb prescription drug abuse includes educating health care providers, patients, parents and young people, and improving prescription drug monitoring programs. We all need to become educated and keep our children and ourselves safe as well as making sure our medicine cabinets contain only the over-the-counter and prescription drugs we need, use and then dispose of properly. ■



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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information regarding this meeting.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve the Alviso Adobe Community Park Strategic Plan
- Discussion of the Installation and Maintenance of Soap Dispensers in Park Restrooms
- Discussion of Proposed Permanent Name for the Neighborhood Park (T) Located at the Corner of Gibraltar Drive and Hacienda Drive

Youth Commission

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

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Library Commission

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Growing Opportunities



Sunflower Hill strives to help young adults with special needs gain independence

By CATHY JETTER

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Sunflower Hill vice president Lynn Monica offers basic gardening information at Family Garden Day at Sunflower Hill Gardens.

For most families raising children, the path to adulthood is traditional and well-defined. Children are enrolled in kindergarten, one grade follows the next and a quick twelve years later, college applications are distributed with the click of the send button.

Grade-point averages and bank balances might limit choices, but there are options for everyone who chooses to continue their education or pursue a trade after high school. The transition to independence is bolstered with dorm rooms or apartments where young adults can establish their identities and begin to make their own lives.

Opportunities to build skills and gain independence are not so easy or clear-cut for the families of adult children with special needs. Susan Houghton discovered this when her son, Robby, aged out of the California school system last year, at the age of 22.

Diagnosed with autism when he was 2 years old, Robby was successful in the public school system, surrounded by teachers and aides who challenged him daily to interact with people, develop his verbal skills and use his natural artistic ability.

As Robby approached his final year of high school, Houghton's research into continuing education programs for individuals with autism was disheartening.

"I was shocked to find there was nothing available," she said. "That's not to say there aren't programs out there, but every program that was appropriate for Robby was impacted, or too far away. Waiting

lists can be up to three years long."

Houghton pointed out that Robby excelled in his last year of high school, part of a transition program that included life skills and job training, but since he graduated, Robby's lack of exposure to new people and experiences has resulted in diminished verbal skills.

"The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Tri-Valley's excellent special education programs provided Robby with abilities to help him succeed," she explained. "But what was the point



of all that if he can't use them going forward?"

Cindy Everson was equally concerned.

As the mother of two autistic boys, Shane and Joe, Everson has worked with the Pleasanton Uni-

fied School District for 15 years to make sure her sons received the services they are entitled to. With 18-year-old Shane set to graduate from Amador Valley High School this month, Everson said she was dismayed to find there was no clear plan for these kids who are growing in age and number.

"One in 68 American children are diagnosed with autism each year," she pointed out. "500,000 autistic children will become adults in the next decade, and that number doesn't include people with

other disabilities. We are educated and proactive parents, and we were at a loss as to how to proceed. Just imagine how parents without resources must feel."

Houghton and a group of local parents and community leaders recognized it was up to them to create opportunities for their adult children and others with special needs, opportunities that go beyond day programs and field trips.

In 2012, Sunflower Hill was founded to start that process. The nonprofit organization is working to develop a housing community that will give its residents a place to build a whole life independent of their biological families, a goal that got a lot closer to reality when Concentric Development donated a 1.5-acre parcel just off Stanley Boulevard in Pleasanton.

With land secured, Sunflower Hill has already submitted plans for the 40-unit development consisting of studio, one-bedroom and four-bedroom options for residents who would have many different needs and abilities. With a supportive City Council voting 5-0 to make Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch a priority, the group is hopeful they will soon be able to begin construction.

"The concept is based on a senior living-type facility," Everson explained. "The location is ideal — close to downtown and near lots of community events. I keep imagining the people in this development getting to walk downtown to the dairy and enjoying music in the park, then going home to live with their friends, becoming a family."

Keeping the residents close to the community is a key component



Blake Muller and his grandfather, Dick Spicka, planted seedlings together.

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COURTESY OF SUNFLOWER HILL

Located in northeast Pleasanton, Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch would give adults with special needs the chance to lead independent lives with opportunities for social and recreational community-based activities.

to the goals of Sunflower Hill.

“Our original focus was only residential,” Houghton said, “but we quickly realized there are many other needs we can help fulfill. Continued education, finding a vocation and making social connections are all part of a fulfilling life.”

Everson concurs, pointing out that individuals with special needs have a lot to offer their communities.

“Our kids don’t need just busy work, they need direction,” she said. “They need to feel valuable, and we believe our kids have the potential to be involved with vocational tracks that will help them become participating members of the city they live in.”

To that end, Everson is engaged in conversations with the president and the director of disabilities at Las Positas College in Livermore, hoping to expand the educational opportunities for young adults like

Shane and Robby.

The college officials are very aware of the need for more programs due to the increasing number of students coming to them with significant special education needs, according to Everson, who referred to the rising numbers as a “tidal wave.”

“The certificate programs for kids at the community colleges are two-year programs,” she said. “Some offer three or four courses for kids

with special needs. We are looking at the possibility of one-, two- or three-year tracks for the kids who can learn, just not at the same pace as everyone else.”

Vocational tracks could lead to

certifications in fields including computer programming, culinary arts or horticulture. Cooking and gardening skills could be quite useful at Sunflower Hill’s newest endeavor, an edible garden at Hagemann Ranch in Livermore.

Lynn Monica, vice president of the Sunflower Hill Board of Directors, has spearheaded the planning and development of the garden with fellow board member Chris Bogert.

“Hagemann Ranch is a 5-acre historic parcel of land owned by the city of Livermore,” Monica explained. “We saw it as the perfect place to build a garden for the community, but it is also a tremendous opportunity to build programs that will give special needs children and adults something to do during the day that can eventually help them gain more independence.”

Granted a 1-acre parcel in the beginning of April, Sunflower Hill broke garden ground a week later.

Working with the Heritage Guild to maintain historical consistency, Sunflower Hill, the kids they represent and many volunteers have already prepped the hard earth and planted nearly two-thirds of the area designated for fruits and vegetables including tomatoes, corn, squash, berries and, of course sunflowers — which will line the front along Olivina Avenue.

In addition to planter boxes and a variety of gardens, plans include a green house, chicken coops and an outdoor kitchen for learning to make meals. Monica said the infrastructure will all be completed in the next few months.

Bogert and Monica are both graduates of the Alice Waters Edible Schoolyard Program, a five-day program designed to expose educators to “the core principles

and practical tools for bringing academic subjects to life in the kitchen, garden and lunchroom.”

Sunflower Hill is the first to take the lessons learned at the Edible Schoolyard and adapt them to a special needs program.

“This is really about educating the kids,” Monica said. “We want to show them where food comes from, help them to understand about healthy eating and teach them cooking and gardening skills.”

Monica envisions a time when the kids will eventually take ownership of the garden, selling plants and produce, taking food home and donating leftovers to local low-income food pantries, all of which will help cement a relationship between special needs individuals, the communities in which they live and the world beyond.

Those involved with Sunflower Hill see these partnerships as imperative for the future.

Nationwide there are only 82 programs similar to what is planned for Sunflower Hill, 12 of which are in California. But across the nation, the wait-lists and the limited options are no longer acceptable.

“The pendulum has swung,” Houghton said. “In the past, if these kids left their parents’ house, they were placed in group homes often built by parents for their children. But group homes, even when they are great, are privately funded. They can go away.”

In contrast, Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch hopes to be 100% publicly funded through tax credits and other potential funding, and its rooms would be filled through a lottery system.

“We need three to four times as many programs as we have today,” continued Houghton. “Even now Sunflower Hill is actively looking for more land, potential areas to build another community in the Tri-Valley.”

“This hasn’t been easy,” Everson added. “But when I think how many doors have opened in the past three years, I feel like this is what we are supposed to be doing. These kids deserve the opportunity to leave home, to have independence. We want their parents to be able to let go of their kids; it’s a normal experience. Everyone should have a chance to grow.” ■

“Our kids don’t need just busy work, they need direction. They need to feel valuable.”

Cindy Everson, mother of two autistic sons



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Robby Houghton spent the day brightening up the planter boxes at Sunflower Hill Gardens.



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Participants at a Sunflower Hill fundraiser spend an evening painting the organization’s signature flower.

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Pleasanton resident Navina Bernardi (center) carries the U.S. flag and leads the American team out during the opening ceremonies of the CBI world bocce championships in Italy.

KATHERINE WILKINSON

Pleasanton woman takes 4th in bocce worlds

BY JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton native Navina Bernardi returned home from the bocce world championships earlier this spring having surpassed even her own expectations with a fourth-place finish in her first-ever appearance in the tournament that features some of the best bocce players in the world.

"Fourth place was unreal, and people were in shock — as am I," she said, with a smile on her face during an interview this week. "No one expected this, to be honest. The odds of this were 30-1 probably."

The 20-year-old Bernardi, who went into the world championships in Italy hoping to place in the top 10, played her way to within three points of a spot on the podium.

"Me and my dad went there with the mentality of, 'Well, these women are amazing. We're definitely the underdogs,' which was true," she said. "But after watching them play, I can compete with them."

Bernardi, who recently wrapped up her junior year at the University of Southern California, was the lone American in the women's singles division at the CBI world championships, a week-long tournament held in late-April in Rome for top international competitors in punto, raffa, volo (PRV) — a form of bocce named

for its three distinct shot types.

The lifelong Pleasanton resident was joined on the U.S. team by the country's PRV men's and under-21 singles champions competing in different divisions. Also on hand were Bernardi's coach and father, Dario, as well as family, friends and other supporters.

"It was amazing. You really felt the support from the United States, coming from all around the world," Bernardi said. "They were so nice and so open-hearted toward us."

The tournament opened with the 20 international women separated into four divisions for round-robin play — with several countries having pulled out before the event. Her opponents ranged in age, including some teenagers and many professionals.

Bernardi began her run with a disappointing 15-11 loss in her first match, against China, on the first day of the competition.

"I think it was a lot of nerves ... I definitely could have beat her," she said of the opening defeat. "Basically after I lost that game, I had to win all of the games in division to maybe make it out of my bracket."

And the Pleasanton native would storm back with those three needed victories, all on the second day. She started with a 15-13 win over the favored Turkish woman and

followed with a 15-3 drubbing of France in the day's second match.

Facing a must-win scenario, Bernardi found herself down to Chile 14-12 in her final opening-round match before battling back to take the last three points to earn the 15-14 win.

She finished pool play in a three-way tie for first place with a 3-1 overall record, and she would go on to claim one of her division's two spots in the next round based on the point-differential tiebreaker.

In that round, the remaining eight players were divided into two groups for another round-robin during which Bernardi beat Algeria 15-6 but lost to Switzerland 15-11 and to Argentina 15-10.

Point differential was again in Bernardi's favor, however, and she advanced to the final four as the second seed from her group behind the Swiss player.

Bernardi lost 15-5 to eventual-champion Italy in the semifinal, and then fell short in a tight 15-12 match against the Swiss in the battle for bronze and a spot on the podium.

"Looking back, I'm still super-bummed I didn't get a medal and top-three because I'm just a competitive person," she said, smiling. "But I definitely played my heart out and left it all on the court." ■

Las Positas hires new basketball coach

Livermore resident James Giacomazzi has been named the new men's basketball coach at Las Positas College, taking the reins this summer as the third head coach in program history.

"(Giacomazzi's) strong experience at the community college level makes him the perfect fit for what we're trying to accomplish here at LPC," athletic director Dyan Miller said.

"I'm confident in his experience in coaching, recruiting and helping student-athletes to grow and succeed. Our men's basketball program is in good hands and I am confident that the Hawks will soar to new heights under his leadership," Miller added.

Giacomazzi comes to Las Positas from Sacramento's Cosumnes River College, where he led the Hawks to 209 victories and six postseason appearances during 11 seasons.

"Once I stepped foot on campus, I knew this place was special. LPC is the only college I would have left Cosumnes River College for," said Giacomazzi, who will also teach full-time in the Las Positas kinesiology department.

He has coached five all-state first-team players in his 18 years, seven of which were as an assistant coach at San Jose City College, LPC officials said. Sixty of his players have transferred to four-year colleges

with scholarship, and six of his players have played professionally.

"I can't wait to work with our guys and teach them my system of offense and defense," he said. "But even more than that, I want my players to be good husbands and fathers one day, and teach them more than just basketball. I am excited for the opportunity to build a program here in Livermore, the city in which my family and I have resided for the past six years."

Giacomazzi grew up in Fremont, playing basketball at Washington High. He later played at San Jose City College and UC Riverside. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Register for slow-pitch adult softball

Registration for slow-pitch adult softball leagues in Pleasanton is now open.

The city of Pleasanton offers Sunday through Friday evening leagues for men and women of all skill levels — which include co-ed, men's and women's leagues.

New this year is a women's masters league for players age 35 and older (by the end of 2015), with games played on Tuesday evenings. The men's legends morning league is for players age 50 or older (by the end of 2015), with games played on Wednesday mornings.

Co-ed business leagues are

offered on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with all games beginning at 5:15 p.m. at the Ken Mercer Sports Park Adult Softball Complex, 5800 Parkside Drive.

Priority registration for returning teams (from fall 2014) will be held now until June 22. Registration for new teams opens June 25. The registration deadline is July 15 (space permitting).

All league play begins the first week of August.

For more information, contact the sports office at 931-3437 or pleasantonsports@cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

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Staying Healthy

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- Safety in the Summer
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Summer fun Summer Safety

Swimming pools
mean good times but be
aware of hazards



For many families, some of the most anticipated summertime activities happen around the pool. But before you dive into the fun, be sure you and your family know the many ways to practice pool safety, from respecting the dangers of water to protecting against the sun to making sure swimming pools are properly treated.

Practice swim safety this summer

Swimming is a lot of fun, but drowning is a real danger. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reveals that drowning is the second most common cause of accidental deaths among kids.

Battalion chief Michael Miller of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department clearly remembers an incident of a near-drowning about 10 years ago in a backyard swimming pool in Pleasanton.

"A 3-year-old boy was found at the bottom of the pool," Miller recalled. "Pleasanton Police Department arrived on scene and started resuscitation efforts. Then we arrived on scene and were able to get the child breathing."

The boy was breathing on his own but not yet conscious when he arrived at the hospital.

"But he survived without any brain damage," Miller was pleased to report. "His parents call it his 'second birthday,' and they send a card to us every year."

"Prevention is important — keeping doors locked, and fences around pools," Miller said. "Get kids into swim school as soon as you can."

He said swimming pools can now be outfitted with alarms that go off if someone accidentally enters the water.

"The best method is never turn your back

on a toddler," he said, noting that drownings also take place in bathtubs.

He said the fire department answers calls in the summertime at Shadow Cliffs Regional Park when a child is missing who was last seen in the water, and the lake will be cleared while they begin a search.

"Usually they went to the snack shack," Miller said.

Accidents often happen around backyard pools when the adults are drinking and not minding children who can't swim, said Joe Toscano, an emergency room doctor at San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

"Luckily not a lot of people die from that, but there are a lot in hospitals from near-drowning in swimming pools, people's backyard pools," he said. "There is a spectrum of injury that goes along with drowning, not to the lungs but to the brain. They are deprived of oxygen."

He noted that people also get injured in swimming pools when they dive into the shallow end.

As an advocate for swim safety, Olympic gold medal winner and mom Janet Evans offers these tips to keep kids safe this summer:

Enroll in swimming lessons. Many people lack basic swimming skills, and enrolling children in swimming lessons at a young age will help reduce the risk of accidents and drowning.

Don't allow children to swim alone. Drowning is silent, and it happens quickly. Always have a responsible adult watching while children are either in or out of the pool.

Keep pool areas tidy. Cleaning up pool toys after play can help lessen the temptation of children to enter the pool area unsupervised.

Sun safety

Severe sunburns are more likely at the

beginning of the summer when the skin is pale after not much exposure during the colder months.

"We see severe sunburns, when people are not using sunblock and are staying out for too long" said Donna Koon, director of emergency services for Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare. "Depending on the severity, they can actually get blistering, and we have to treat it as a burn."

Sunburns can be the source of severe pain, fever and even dehydration. Plus they can have long-term effects, especially for youngsters: Just one sunburn during childhood can increase the risk of developing skin cancer.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, multiple events of extreme sunburn for individuals age 18 and younger can contribute to the development of melanoma.

The sun's harsh rays can also affect your appearance later in life, causing premature aging and wrinkling of the skin. For babies 6 months old or younger, keep their sensitive skin out of sunlight completely. For all other ages, here are the dos and don'ts for playing in the sun:

Dress your baby in protective clothing

- Always cover your baby's arms and legs in airy, light-colored garments. Dark colors absorb heat, while lighter hues reflect it, keeping baby cooler.

- Look for shirts and swimwear made from sun-protective fabrics. These garments are especially great if your kids spend a lot of time outdoors in the summer.

- Choose a wide-brimmed hat or ball cap and sunglasses to protect your baby's eyes.

Don't forget the sunscreen

- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommends that you avoid applying sunscreen on infants younger than 6 months.

- Individuals with sensitive skin should seek a hypoallergenic, chemical-free formula with zinc oxide or titanium oxide with an SPF of 15 or higher. If you use a chemical-based sunscreen, always test on a patch of skin first.

- Apply sunscreen at least every two hours and pay attention to the product's expiration date as the active ingredients can lose their effectiveness over time.

Water safety

Once your skin is properly protected, it's almost time to jump in. But before you do, make sure the water is clean and ready.

Do test the water daily

- Whether your pool uses traditional chlorine or is equipped with a salt chlorine generator, make testing it a top priority, especially when your pool is used frequently.

- Make sure to read and follow the product label instructions closely when dealing with pool chemicals. Proper dosing of pool chemicals is important for swimmer comfort.

- Always test the water and make sure the free chlorine level never falls below 1 part per million (ppm). Chlorine is the main sanitizer of your pool (and drinking water), and the more people in your pool, the more chlorine you may need.

Don't assume "salt water" pools are better or easier

- What people call "salt water" pools are still chlorine pools; the salt chlorine generator just makes chlorine on-site.

- Both traditional chlorine and "salt water" pools contain chlorine.

- Some people believe pools with salt chlorine generators are maintenance free — but this is

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Here are nine things to monitor that can indicate how your ticker is ticking and signs of an unhealthy heart:

1) Swollen, bleeding, sore gums

Most dentists know, there is a connection between your gum health and your cardiovascular health. Some of the same bacteria can be found in both places. If you have periodontal disease, this could indicate that you may have a bit of underlying heart disease occurring in your veins and arteries as well.

2) Snoring and sleep apnea

If you or your partner has sleep apnea, then your

chances of having a heart attack in the next five years is triple the normal risk. The reason? Sleep apnea may damage the right side of the heart, because of the strain your lungs are under trying to break through obstruction. Sleep problems can occur from other things like excessive snoring, and it's a good idea to get your heart checked out, too.

3) Swollen feet and legs

If you have a problem with your shoes getting tight by the end of the day, and excessive fluid gathers in your legs and feet, you might be experiencing some fluid retention. It's easy to identify when you take off your socks, and you can see deep marks or indents into your ankles and legs, accompanied by puffy areas of skin.

This is called edema, and is an indicator of coronary artery disease (CAD), which is where the arteries that supply blood to your heart tissue are blocked. Edema can point to other kinds of cardiovascular disease and even heart failure.

4) Coughing

Especially if it is persistent,

coughing is one signal that you may have fluid accumulation in your lungs, which is one of the symptoms of heart failure. Now if you were sick and had a small cold, a little coughing is not something to worry about.

But if you feel like you struggle to breathe because of fluid in your lungs, it might be related to your heart not pumping blood the way it is supposed to, and the lack of pressure causes fluid to accumulate where it normally shouldn't — such as in your lungs. This could be a sign of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) which begins with an unhealthy heart.

5) Dizziness

If you have an abnormal heart rhythm (known as an arrhythmia), then you could feel a little lightheaded, and would want to report this to your doctor. A heart attack can also cause dizziness, and fainting or loss of consciousness.

6) Fatigue

Women do not typically experience the same signs of an unhealthy heart as men do. In fact, often women report extreme fatigue, as if

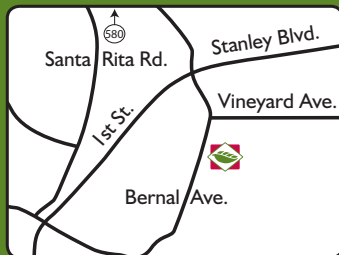
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someone let all the air out of their balloon, prior to having a heart attack. This fatigue can arise a few days leading up to a heart event, and so going to get it checked out immediately can mean life or death for some women. It's important not to waste time in this situation, as it could also indicate heart failure.

7) No appetite and nausea

During a heart attack, it's common that a person may experience nausea and possibly be sick to their stomach enough to throw up. If you have heart failure, sometimes fluid can build up in the abdominal cavity, causing it to swell. This can really affect with your appetite, causing

you to be less hungry.

Both of these symptoms are direct signs of an unhealthy heart, and you will want to pay attention to them, and visit your doctor regularly to learn ways to reduce your risk of having a cardiac event such as a stroke, blood clot or heart attack.

8) Sweating

If you are just sitting at your desk or in your armchair, and all of a sudden you break out into a drenching sweat, it may be the initial signs of a cardiac event. You might look like you just had a huge workout, but you were actually just sitting, relaxed. This is absolutely the

time to call 9-1-1.

9) Weakness

This overall feeling of lack of strength manifests during the days leading up to a heart attack. The feebleness and unexplained weakness can be severe, and is very different from just feeling tired at the end of a long day.

Important Note:

If you find that one or more of the above signs describes your condition, seek advice from a medical professional immediately. This article is intended solely for informational purposes, and only your healthcare provider can make an accurate assessment of your heart health. ■

—bistroMD

SAFETY

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untrue, and neglecting things can lead to pool problems.

- No matter what kind of pool you have, it needs to be tested every day.

Tips for keeping water balanced

If your eyes are irritated and the pool water is cloudy or looks green — the balance is probably off.

Here's how to test:

- Use strips that show chlorine, alkalinity, pH and cyanuric acid levels.

- Follow instructions on the package for how to submerge the strip.

- Compare color readings on the strip to the range on the product bottle.

3 facts about "salt water" pools

While there are plenty of options available for pool owners, there are many opinions about pools equipped with salt chlorine generators and traditional chlorine pools. Check out these facts to learn more, and to decide which best fits your family's needs:

- In a "salt water" pool, chlorine is produced by a salt chlorine generator rather than adding chlorine to the pool directly. A "salt water" pool is still being sanitized by chlorine. So, a "salt water" pool is a chlorine pool.

- The same amount of chlorine is required to maintain a "salt water" pool as a traditional chlorine pool.

- "Salt water" pools require the same maintenance functions and still must be checked and balanced regularly, just like a traditional chlorine pool. ■

—Family Features. Dolores Fox Ciardelli contributed to this story.

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Clubs

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY GARDEN CLUB The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. A potluck dinner will be followed by a business meeting. Roger and Janie Chapin will speak on English gardens. Visitors welcome. Go to www.lavgc.org.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS RON FILION The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Ron Filion, one of the founders of SFGenealogy.com and author of "Eaten by Cannibals," the true story of a Victorian native San Franciscan, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 8 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Contact Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, at program@L-AGS.org.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENTS STEPHEN FRANK TVRWF presents Stephen Frank, publisher of California News and Views, a frequent guest on the KSFO Brian Sussman morning radio show, a Vietnam Veteran, and developer of the POW/MIA bracelet with Bob Dorman, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11 at Cattlemens Restaurant in Livermore. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for non-members. RSVP by Monday, June 8. Contact Linda at 426-1474 or Krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com.

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Events

AN EVENING WITH FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT Peter M. Small will portray Franklin Delano Roosevelt, commonly known as F.D.R., and take a look back at his accomplishments as an American statesman and political leader who served as the 32nd President of the United States, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9 at Firehouse Arts Center. Call

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TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR The City of Pleasanton joins the Pleasanton Unified School District and Axis Community Health in presenting Health Fair 2015 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at

the Firehouse Arts Center. There will be workshops on family communication, nutrition and immigration law, immunizations required for school, and more.

VALLEY BONSAI SHOW The 7th Annual bonsai show will include more than 40 trees and plants, demonstrations by an expert bonsai artist, a members' sale table with bonsai pots and starter plants, and finished trees raffled off at the end of the demonstration. The show will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 20-21 at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Go to <http://www.valley-bonsaisociety.com/>.

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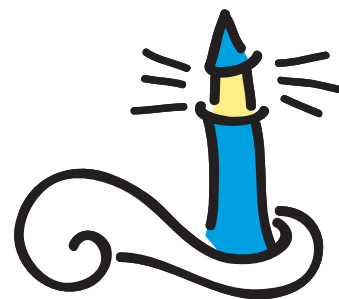
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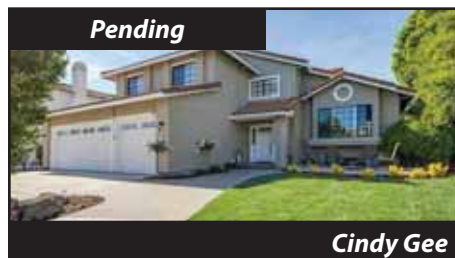
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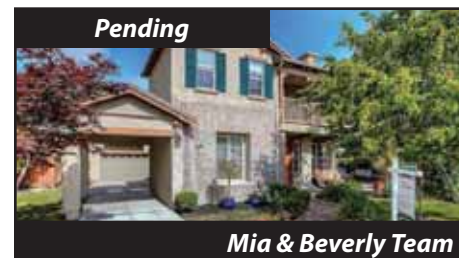
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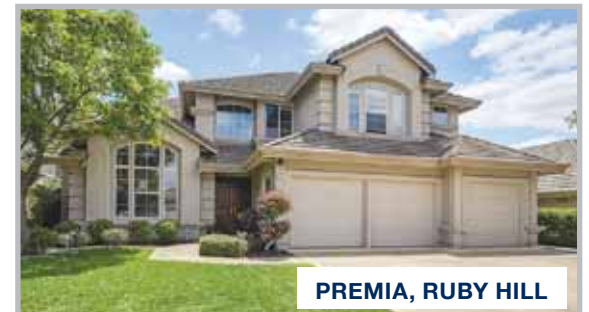
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