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By Rob Rosas

**IF YOU suffer from lower back pain and sciatica, you are among four out of five Americans who will suffer with this crippling spinal condition.**

Shooting, stabbing and burning pains from the lower back region, often teamed with pain through the buttocks and down the legs are all classic symptoms of Sciatica or "pinched nerves".

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# AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

## Weekly distributes \$73,307 to 12 nonprofits



OLIVIA SANWONG

Representatives of 12 nonprofits hold checks totaling \$73,307 they received from the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund during a Rotary Club of Pleasanton luncheon.

I was pleased to join Pleasanton Weekly publisher Gina Channell-Allen last week at a Rotary Club of Pleasanton luncheon where we distributed checks totaling \$73,307.76 to 12 Tri-Valley nonprofits that were the beneficiaries of this newspaper's 2015 Holiday Fund. With us were Anubha Jain, manager of corporate responsibility for Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and her associate Sean Rico Fisher, our partners in handling the Holiday Fund each year.

It was a timely luncheon, too, with many of these charitable organizations still facing diminished contributions as a result of a waning recession and yet needing increased funds to meet a growing number of those in need. Even though we are seeing an economic rebound, the good times have not reached the nonprofit caregivers that depend on public contributions to serve our community.

Sue Compton, chief executive of Axis Community Health, summed it up: "This donation allows us to provide additional medical visits for the growing number of low-income and uninsured families who are coming to us for care."

Contributions to the 2015 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund were distributed in two tiers, with 65% of all dollars raised going to Axis, Open Heart Kitchen, Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, Valley Humane Society and Stanford Health at ValleyCare.

Another 35% of the contributions went to Agape Villages Foster Family Agency, Hope Hospice, Museum on Main, REACH, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley and Sunflower Hill.

Accepting checks for \$9,530 were Charlotte Salomon, chairwoman of Axis Capital Campaign, Axis Community Health; Linda McKeever, executive director, Open Heart Kitchen; Melanie Sadek, executive director, Valley Humane Society; Joyce and Bob Shapiro, co-chairs, ValleyCare

Health Charitable Foundation, and Susan Hayes, director of PPIE Foundation.

Accepting checks for \$3,665 were Jennifer Oxe, executive director, Agape Villages; Pleasanton Police Capt. Craig Eicher for Hope Hospice; Jim Gulseth, board member, Museum on Main; Eileen Manger, tenant coordinator, REACH; Sandra J. Wing, founder, Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation; Marlene Petersen, director, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley, and Susan Houghton, president, Sunflower Hill.

McKeever said Open Heart Kitchen now serves six low-income senior centers, has added more schools to its children's box lunch programs and has added longer hours and additional sites to its hot-meal programs. "The Weekly's Holiday Fund has been extremely helpful in allowing us to expand programs and keep up with the growing need in the community," she said.

Hayes, whose PPIE Foundation contributes to the needs of Pleasanton students and educators, agreed, saying, "We appreciate the generosity of the community whose donations through Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund have helped us achieve our goals."

Petersen added that the Holiday Fund enables her Senior Support Program to help seniors go through the aging process, such as dealing with the loss of a loved one, friends, the ability to drive and hear well, and many other meaningful experiences we often take for granted.

In presenting the Holiday Fund checks, Channell-Allen pointed out that by partnering with Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which handled all finances related to the Fund, all donors could take advantage of a tax deduction for the dollars they contributed through the foundation's 501(c)(3) status to the fullest extent of the law. Also, with the Pleasanton Weekly handling all costs of the campaign, every dollar goes directly to the 12 nonprofits with no administrative expenses. ■

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Pleasanton teen Erin Richards, who has performed traditional Irish dancing for 13 years, takes the stage representing McGrath Irish Dancers during a previous St. Patrick's Day Festival in Dublin. Photo by Harrell Harris/courtesy of city of Dublin. Cover design by Kristin Brown. Vol. XVII, Number 7

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

**If you didn't have your cellphone, how would you spend your 'down time' (such as standing in line or waiting for an appointment)?**



**Caitlin Coblentz**  
*High school English teacher*

Well, I'm a creative writer. So if I didn't have my phone and had time on my hands, I'm pretty sure I'd start writing a story in my head. Fiction. I'd think about developing the characters and would probably even create some of them by having a conversation with and talking to the people around me.



**Josh Hansen**  
*Sales*

If I didn't have my phone, I'd probably play with my kids more, read the newspaper, do more yard work, and I'd definitely spend more time just watching people and taking in my surroundings.



**Erika Haas**  
*High school student*

If I didn't have my phone, I'd pay a lot more attention to my surroundings and notice the details of what's around me. I'd also spend the time thinking about my life and daydreaming. Daydreaming is truly a lost art and a time when people often get their greatest ideas.



**Brian Carmichael**  
*Technical marketing engineer*

What I'd do depends a lot upon what resources were available to me. If I were at the doctor's office, I'd look for magazines or any other literature to read, or I'd look to see whether there was something decent on the waiting room television. Honestly, because I'm in high tech, I'm very tech-reliant and would feel totally out of sorts without access to my phone.



**Anne Haas**  
*Special ed assistant*

If I didn't have my phone, I seriously think I would welcome the break. I would decompress, focus on what and who is directly around me and really live in the present moment, wherever it happened to be.

—Compiled by Nancy, Jenny and Katie Lyness



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## DIGEST

### Mother's Day Lookalike Contest

With Mother's Day right around the corner, the Pleasanton Weekly is holding its annual Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest. First-place prize is four tickets to the Alameda County Fair and \$50 cash; second-place prize is two fair tickets and \$25 cash.

Send digital photos only to [contest@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:contest@pleasantonweekly.com) by 6 a.m. April 7. 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.

Pleasanton Weekly staff members will choose the finalists, which will be posted at [www.pleasantonweekly.com](http://www.pleasantonweekly.com) on April 15 for readers to vote online for which mother and daughter look most alike. Photos of the winners will be published in the May 6 print edition.

### Conde petition

Supporters of Hart Middle School principal Terry Conde launched an online petition last weekend urging the Pleasanton school district to reverse its decision to reassign Conde from the campus.

The petition had more than 220 signatures as of press time Wednesday. Parents and teachers posted messages lauding Conde's tenure as principal.

"Her 'student's first' (sic) mentality is a rare treasure among school administrators and something our school should not lose," the petition reads. "She is always available and willing to hear what a student needs to thrive and succeed. And most importantly, she is unapologetic for putting our kids first."

The school board voted Feb. 23 in closed session to approve her reassignment for unspecified personnel reasons, with district officials declining to comment, citing privacy laws. Conde also declined to comment on her reassignment.

### 'Celebrate Women! 2016'

Las Positas College's photography department is hosting "Celebrate Women! 2016," a photographic art competition with paintings and etchings.

The show runs through March 31 in the main hallway of Building 2400, with a reception 6-8 p.m. with awards presented at 7:30 p.m. this Tuesday in Room 2420. An art panel discussion will take place from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday in Building 300, Room 300, the graphic design studio. ■

## CarMax Superstore opening in May

Used-car retailer building new dealership at Staples Ranch

By JEB BING

CarMax, Inc., the country's largest retailer of used cars, will open its regional auto "Superstore" on a 20-acre site at Interstate 580 and El Charro Road in May.

Last year, Stoneridge Chrysler-Jeep moved its dealership from Dublin, where it now occupies the rest of the site that is zoned for auto dealerships.

The pre-owned car dealership will include three main single-story buildings with heights of up to 24 feet, including a main 13,064-square-foot "sales and presentation" building facing the I-580 freeway.

A larger 45,000-square-foot service building will be located farther south, with other buildings, including a non-public car wash, to be built between the freeway and

Stoneridge Drive, where the main entry to CarMax will be located.

The Pleasanton location is the first of three announced CarMax stores opening in the Bay Area in 2016 and CarMax's 19th store in California.

At one time, the Hendrick Automotive Group had planned to develop the entire auto mall site, but backed off as the recession hit and chose instead to expand its existing facilities in Pleasanton just off Santa Rita Road.

Keith Henderson, the company's real estate representative from its headquarters in Richmond, Va., told members of the city's Planning Commission who approved the CarMax plan two years ago that the firm has grown to over 100 locations since opening its first outlet

in 1993 and has sold more than 4 million cars since then.

He said the company prides itself on a hassle-free relationship with its customers where sales representatives do not haggle on prices. What the price shows on the car is what CarMax sells it for.

CarMax also plans to erect a 45-foot tall pylon sign at the edge of I-580 with a 20-foot wide illuminated sign in the company's gold, white and blue colors. Ground-level monument signs will be located at other parts of the site.

The Pleasanton site will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday with limited hours on Sunday. The service areas will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CarMax operates differently from traditional car dealerships in that it separates its inventory area from customer and employee parking areas. This is both for loss prevention control as well as operational efficiency and safety, company representatives said.

Also, CarMax does not use outdoor loudspeakers as sales associates carry pagers and cellphones for communications. In addition, the company does not use flags, balloons, inflatable gorillas or any other animal, placards in open car hoods, painted window lettering or other similar marketing techniques.

Beth Singer, who heads up public affairs for CarMax, said CarMax

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## Video series highlights impact of organ donation

Donor Network West launches new program at Pleasanton event,  
also partners with San Ramon hospital

By MEREDITH BAUER

Donor Network West introduced a new video series focusing on organ-donation stories last week in Pleasanton — two weeks after announcing a new partnership with San Ramon Regional Medical Center.

The organ procurement nonprofit launched its Dear Donor video series, which tells the story of an organ transplant from the perspective of the donor and the recipient. San Ramon-based Donor Network West unveiled its new video program during a presentation at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Pleasanton on March 2.

In its first video, the family of a young child who received new organs thanked the 22-year-old donor's family for the gift of life.

Matthew Ouimet, of Antioch, was just a toddler when his kidneys began failing due to a rare genetic disease, primary hyperoxaluria. He received a kidney and liver organ transplant in 2013 after Brandon Burnett died following a car crash. Now 5, Matthew enjoys playing in the backyard and running around like any other little kid, his mom Kristi Ouimet said in an interview.

The video detailed how the two families met and bonded, and how Burnett's mom Maggie Kolb feels grateful in a bitter-sweet way that they're able to see his impact on Matthew.

"She knew the importance for us to know Brandon as a person and not just the person who gave two organs," Kristi said, noting her young son will sometimes try to talk to Burnett. "He said things



COURTESY OF DONOR NETWORK WEST

Matthew Ouimet, 5, poses during a celebration of his successful organ transplant at a Donor Network West presentation in Pleasanton last week. Ouimet received a kidney and liver in 2013 from 22-year-old Brandon Burnett, a young military veteran — shown on a pin on the boy's shirt — who died following a car crash near Sacramento.

like, 'Brandon, you're my hero, and I just wanted to tell you thank you for making me feel better.'"

Donor Network West is responsible for organ donations from more than 175 hospitals within 100,000 square miles, ranging from Northern California to San Luis Obispo to Northern Nevada, organization spokeswoman Cathy Olmo said.

The recent partnership allows prospective donors to be transported to San Ramon Regional Medical Center, where the organs are recovered.

Olmo said smaller, local hos-

pitals that the network partners with often have extensive operation room backlogs, so organ recovery falls lower on the list. With the partnership, the timeline for organ recovery can be sped up so a family doesn't have to extend the painful process of waiting to take their loved one off life support, Olmo added.

Kolb said in the video that while she misses her son, being able to connect with his organ recipient gave her some peace.

"I would not hesitate to encourage everyone to become an organ donor," she said. ■

## Mudslide derails ACE train

'Miracle that nobody  
was killed,' sheriff's  
sergeant says

Service on Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) trains for Pleasanton commuters resumed Wednesday morning after a mudslide toppled a train from the tracks in the Niles Canyon area south of the city Monday evening, injuring nine people.

Two cars of the Stockton-bound train derailed at about 7:15 p.m. while it was traveling at about 35 mph in a posted 40 mph zone about a mile west of Sunol, halfway between Fremont and Pleasanton.

The first car flew off the tracks and landed on its side, partially submerged in nearby Alameda Creek. The car behind it remained upright but its wheels were buried in mud, ACE spokesman Steve Walker said.

Investigators initially thought the obstruction was a fallen tree, but determined Tuesday morning there was a mudslide over the tracks, Walker said.

Service was canceled for Tuesday as crews spent much of the day putting one car back onto the tracks and hauling another one out of nearby Alameda Creek using a crane.

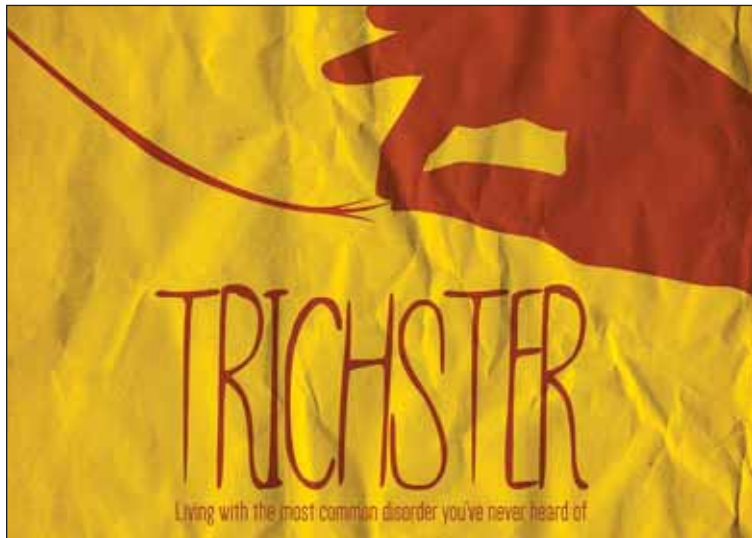
Whether the derailed car, valued at more than \$2 million, can be salvaged remains to be seen, according to Walker.

Five passengers and the train's engineer were on board the first car. Four of them were seriously injured in the derailment and were taken to a hospital. Five other people on board the train suffered minor injuries, just scrapes and

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## 'Trichster' set for local screening

Documentary by Pleasanton's Jillian Corsie tackles little-known crisis



By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

"Trichster," the debut feature film of Pleasanton native Jillian Corsie, a 2005 Amador Valley High grad, is playing at the Vine Theater in Livermore at 7 p.m. next Thursday, with tickets available at the door.

The film follows seven people as they navigate the complicated emotions surrounding their hair-pulling disorder, clinically known as trichotillomania, and the effect it has on their daily lives. Corsie directed the film, and last year she

appeared on ABC's 20/20 with one of the film's subjects to help bring awareness to this issue, which she noted is often hidden, misunderstood and misdiagnosed.

"I grew up in Pleasanton so I'm thrilled to screen 'Trichster' at the Vine," Corsie said. "The goal of this documentary was always to raise awareness about trichotillomania, and screening at the Vine is helping us to do that."

The film was made possible through three crowdfunding cam-

paigns and the dedication of five female, first-time filmmakers. Though it focuses on the human experience with trichotillomania, facts provided throughout the film frame the disorder as much more common than most people realize. Trichotillomania affects 2-5% of the population — which is three times more common than anorexia — and up to 15 million Americans.

"Trichster" premiered at the Soho International Film Festival in New York City where tickets sold out within a week of releasing to the public. It won best documentary from the Voiceless Film Festival, and Corsie was awarded "Best Young Filmmaker 2015" from the Los Angeles Center Studios.

Corsie will attend the screening and hold a question-and-answer session afterward.

For more information about "Trichster," go to [www.trichster.com](http://www.trichster.com). "Trichster" also will be available on iTunes starting April 18. ■

## New Hope Hospice medical chief

Danville doctor is lead hospitalist for Palo Alto Medical Foundation

By JEB BING

Dr. Michael Malek, the lead hospitalist for the Palo Alto Medical Foundation in Dublin, has joined Hope Hospice as chief medical officer.

In this position, he will provide guidance for the Hope Hospice clinical team, help with patient management and serve as a liaison with the medical community.

Malek was one of the associate medical directors at Hope Hospice between 2005 and 2013.

"We are very fortunate to have him with us again," Hope Hospice CEO Bob Boehm said. "He shares our core values and is dedicated to helping our patients and their loved ones live each day to the fullest with dignity, hope and courage."

Board-certified in internal medicine, he has been with the Palo Alto Medical Foundation for eight years and, currently, is the lead hospitalist for the foundation. He previously was in private practice for seven years.

"I am looking forward to being a part of the Hope Hospice family to help ensure a peaceful transition for people through end-of-life care," Malek said.

Malek lives in Danville with his wife and two children, ages 10 and 13. ■



Dr. Michael Malek

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## TAKE US ALONG



**Rugby returns:** More than 70 people representing the Pleasanton Cavaliers Rugby Club, including the young players shown here, traveled to Las Vegas for the USA Rugby 7s tournament last weekend. The event was a great sneak peek at many of the athletes who will be competing at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil as rugby returns to the Olympic Games after a nearly 100-year absence.

## School board approves resignation of former Walnut Grove principal

Village High culinary building, Classified Employee of the Year among other meeting topics

By MEREDITH BAUER

The Pleasanton school board accepted Tuesday the resignation of Jan Steed, former principal of Walnut Grove Elementary who was promoted in January to a new district position as assistant director of adult/career technical education.

Steed's resignation was accepted in a personnel document package during the approval of the consent agenda, which is made up of items considered routine and is voted upon all at once.

Steed was hired for the newly created district-level position in January after two years as Walnut Grove's principal. Chris Connor took over as interim principal at the school in mid-January.

Steed, whose resignation takes effect June 30, said via email before the meeting that she has been told to direct all questions to the district's human resources department.

District spokesman Patrick Gannon confirmed Steed's resignation from the district and said she was not resigning due to a promotion or reassignment. He said he couldn't comment on why she resigned, but he added that the district will soon begin recruiting for a new assistant director of adult/career technical education.

### In other business:

The school board approved a resolution to dedicate \$3.4 million from a potential future bond measure toward paying for a multipurpose building at Village High for district-wide culinary classes.

The board decided the building will be funded initially from the district's Sycamore Fund, which is fueled from the past purchase of district property. If a bond measure is successfully passed, the district will use bond money to reimburse the Sycamore Fund for the Village High project.

The multipurpose building is expected to cost \$5.8 million, and the state is expected to pay \$2.4 million of that total, district officials said.

However, no construction will start until after November — when a bond measure could conceivably be up for a district-wide vote — and the board will have to do a

separate vote if no bond is passed to decide if it still wants to pursue the project, according to Micaela Ochoa, deputy superintendent of business services.

All of Tuesday night's votes were 4-0, with Chris Grant absent because his father-in-law passed away earlier this week.

Earlier in the school board meeting, teachers and school employees cheered when Harvest Park Middle School administrative secretary Pauline Schroeder was honored as the 2016 Classified Employee of the Year.

Schroeder has been a district employee for more than 20 years, and she's held her job at Harvest Park since 2007, Gannon stated.

"Pauline is an extremely hard worker with a very positive attitude. She is the glue that holds the school together," interim superintendent Jim Hansen said.

The board also heard an overview of the district's second interim 2015-16 budget report, which is part of the typical process used to update a school district budget. The highlights of the report were an increase of about \$1.6 million in district revenue and an increase of about \$1.3 million in expenditures.

The revenue increase was partially due to donations, and the increase in expenditures was partially due to a rise in the district's required contribution to employee retirement funds, per a statewide mandate.

Overall, the district is projected to end the 2015-16 school year with about \$16.7 million in reserves, and about \$7.7 million of that is undesignated.

The budget update included projected ending balances of \$15.4 million for 2016-17 and \$15.2 million for 2017-18. ■

## Nominations open for Pleasanton Community of Character awards

Annual awards to be presented at luncheon May 18

By JEB BING

Nominations are being sought for the 2016 Juanita Haugen Community of Character Award, a program that recognizes individuals who contribute their time to the community and nonprofits that consistently model high ethical and moral standards.

Candidates for this award should exhibit traits of compassion, honesty, respect, integrity, self-discipline and responsibility.

The award is named in honor of the late Juanita Haugen, a longtime member of the Pleasanton school board and a co-founder of the Community of Character program. A well-known community volunteer, she believed that much of Pleasanton's success is due to its compassionate citizens, folks who exhibit good character traits and those people who volunteer throughout the community.

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual or a nonprofit group can find nomination forms at the organization's website at [www.communityofcharacter.org](http://www.communityofcharacter.org). Completed forms may be mailed to the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, 777 Peters Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566 or submitted to [PleasantonCommunityofCharacter@gmail.com](mailto:PleasantonCommunityofCharacter@gmail.com).

The deadline for submission is April 4.

Nominees must be Pleasanton residents or nonprofit groups conducting their volunteer work within Pleasanton.

The awards will be presented at

a Community of Character Award luncheon at 11:30 a.m. May 18 at the Veterans Memorial Building in downtown Pleasanton. Reservations may be made online at [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org) or through the Community of Character website. ■

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# Youth theater: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'

Shakespeare's beloved comedy at Firehouse theater

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company, in partnership with the Bay Area Children's Theatre (BACT), is presenting "A Midsummer Night's Dream," one of Shakespeare's most staged and most beloved comedies, at the Firehouse Arts Center from tonight through March 20.

"Shakespearean comedies are a perfect vehicle for teaching young people the art of storytelling through theater, including voice and speech, how to interpret text, and performance skills," BACT's Rebecca Posamentier said.

The plot has the Duke of Athens marrying his true love, and the local tradesmen attempting, with very poor results, to rehearse for a play to present at the festivities. In the meantime, four young Athenians pursue their lovers in a "tragicomedy" of errors. Oberon and Titania (king and queen of the fairies) mess with everybody's plans, including each other's, all while troublemaker Puck, Oberon's "shrewd and knavish sprite," throws his own hijinks into the mix.

As is the tradition with Civic Arts Stage Company, the actors are split into two casts — for this production tagged the "Moon Cast" and the "Forest Cast."

The 47 young cast members, ages 9 to 17, are from throughout the Tri-Valley area, with 17 schools represented: Amador Valley and Livermore high schools; Alisal, Donlon, Fairlands, Mohr and Walnut Grove elementary schools; and Gale Ranch, Harvest Park, Pine Valley, Pleasanton and Hart middle schools. Comprehensive schools include Joe Michell K-8, Sunol Glen K-8, Valley Christian K-12, Valley Montessori K-8 and Venture School.

The professional production team includes director Bob Shryock, stage manager Zach



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Civic Arts Stage Company in partnership with the Bay Area Children's Theatre is presenting Shakespeare's beloved comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," from March 11-20.

Goldberg, props master Lizabeth Stanley, costume designer Patricia Austin and lighting designer Cassie Barnes.

The show is at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$12-\$18; child or senior, \$7-\$13. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■



JEB BING

New CarMax Superstore nears completion on 20-acre site on Staples Ranch in Pleasanton. The new dealership will open in May.

## CARMAX

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is currently seeking employees for the new Pleasanton agency.

"We are currently hiring 50 positions for this location," she said. "Full and part-time positions are available,

and positions include sales, business office, and service (detailers, experienced technicians)."

She said CarMax offers competitive pay and a comprehensive benefits package, and it was recently named for the 12th year in a row one of Fortune magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For." ■

## DERAILMENT

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bruises, Walker said.

Alameda County fire officials said a few other people had minor injuries but were treated at the scene.

Sheriff's Sgt. Ray Kelly said Monday night it was a "miracle that nobody was killed."

The other approximately 200 passengers on board the train were

taken by bus to the Alameda County Fairgrounds and then to their final stations, according to the fire department. All passengers reached their final stations by about 1 a.m., ACE officials said.

The ACE commuter train, which runs from Stockton to San Jose, has had two previous derailments in its approximately 17-year history, though neither has resulted to any injuries of passengers. ■

—Scott Morris, Bay City News Service

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## POLICE BULLETIN

### Baby sitter pleads not guilty in Livermore child abuse case

A baby sitter accused of abusing a Livermore baby boy pleaded not guilty last Friday to a felony child abuse charge.

Moriah Gonzales, 20, of Livermore, was arrested on Feb. 19 after the baby's parents called Livermore police after reviewing "nanny camera" surveillance footage that they said showed Gonzales abusing the boy the previous day.

But Gonzales' attorney, William DuBois, said that Gonzales didn't harm the 13-month-old boy and he thinks the case against her is "way over-charged."

DuBois said a pediatrician who examined the boy after the incident in which Gonzales allegedly hurt him "found that there were no injuries whatsoever."

Livermore police Officer Taylor Burruss wrote in a probable cause report that the video footage captured shortly before 11 a.m. on Feb. 18 initially shows Gonzales holding the boy face-to-face and pacing with him to try to calm him down as he cried.

But Burruss alleged Gonzales then placed her hands closer to the boy's face and muffled his cry and then the boy began to squirm and kick and went limp.

Gonzales lifted the boy up and flung him over her shoulder in a supine position with the back of his head resting on her shoulder, according to the police officer.

Gonzales then put the boy into his crib and left the room, Burruss said.

One of the boy's parents discovered the video footage about four hours later, asked Gonzales to leave and called police, according to Burruss.

When police interviewed Gonzales the next day, "she provided a statement that was completely inconsistent with what the video

showed," Burruss said.

Gonzales "denied hurting the boy in any way" but police decided to arrest her anyway, Burruss said.

Defense attorney DuBois said he thinks there are "some inaccuracies" in Burruss' probable cause statement and he doesn't think the boy's parents were concerned about the video footage because they had Gonzales take the boy to a park after they saw the video instead of asking her to leave immediately.

He said, "Nothing I've seen so far indicates that a felony was committed."

At Gonzales' hearing in Alameda County Superior Court in Pleasanton, Judge Jacob Blea issued an order requiring Gonzales to stay away from children under the age of 18. When Gonzales returns to court on April 8, Blea will hold a hearing on DuBois' request to modify that order. Gonzales is free on \$100,000 bail.

#### In other police news:

- A 35-year-old Modesto man died Tuesday morning when his truck rear-ended another truck on Interstate 580, causing both vehicles to go down an embankment east of Livermore.

At 5:32 a.m., California Highway Patrol officers responded to a report of a collision on eastbound I-580 west of the Grant Line Road undercrossing in unincorporated Alameda County, according to the CHP.

A 43-year-old man was driving a 2000 GMC Sierra pickup truck on the highway at about 65 mph when a 2006 GMC Sierra pickup truck traveling at a high rate of speed struck it from behind, CHP officials said. The impact caused both vehicles to veer across all four lanes and go down an embankment along the highway.

The driver of the 2006 GMC Sierra, identified as Modesto resident Fernando Luna, was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the vehicle as it overturned. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the CHP.

The 43-year-old in the 2000 GMC Sierra walked away from the collision uninjured.

— Bay City News Service



Moriah Gonzales

## Freda Wall

July 10, 1918 – February 27, 2016

Freda Rose Wall (Brandenburger), a woman whose love, grace, kindness and patience extended through five generations, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Feb. 27. She took her last breath in peace at home surrounded by loved ones and holding the hand of her beloved husband of 78 years.

Freda was born on July 10, 1918, in Gibson, Montana, to German and Austrian immigrants Amelia and Frederick Brandenburger. She was the first of six children: Anne, Margaret, Freddie, Helen, and Sonny. When she was six, her family left Montana and moved to Southern California. Freda attended Huntington Park High School, which incurred extensive damages during the Long Beach earthquake of 1933. Newspaper reports from the time state that had students



been inside during the quake, they would not have survived. As a teenager, one of Freda's favorite pastimes was playing tennis with her sister Anne.

When she was 17, she met the love of her life, a young car mechanic named Glen Wall. They met at a gathering of mutual friends. Their love blossomed quickly, just like the gardenias Glen used to bring her when he picked her up for dates. They were married on August 27, 1937, in Santa Ana, Calif. A few months later Freda was pregnant. In July 1938, Freda gave birth to their only child, a daughter, Joyce Helen Schilling (Wall). Freda nearly lost her life during a difficult childbirth, but she proved to doctors then, what she would continue to prove over the next 77 years: Freda Rose Wall was one strong woman.

Joyce was the center of Freda's world and the apple of her eye. Freda lit up anytime her daughter was around.

When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, Glen was drafted into the Army and Freda became one of the thousands of "Rosie the Riveters" joining the workforce. She went to work at an avocado plant and later at a delicatessen.

In 1958 and 1960, the amount of love and care she brought into the world grew exponentially with the birth of her granddaughters, Glenda Susan Schilling and Cynthia Jo Hinds (Schilling). Her world now revolved around all three women in her life. She doted on her granddaughters and was very much involved in their upbringing. She was the matriarch of the family, and her compassion and patience made her the perfect mother and grandmother.

In 1981, Glen and Freda moved to Northern California into their forever home in Pleasanton. They were not alone in their move, as Joyce and her husband Kurt Schilling were already living in the area. Her granddaughters were now married, having babies of their own, and also living locally.

During the late 1980's and early 1990's,

Freda volunteered at the Hope Hospice Thrift Shop in Pleasanton and helped care for her great-grandchildren who lived near and far.

Until recently, Freda spent much of her leisure time at the Stoneridge Mall people-watching, chatting every week with her hairdresser Pat at An Elegant Touch off Main Street, and exercising with fellow senior citizens at the Pleasanton Senior Center.

Freda was an amazing woman and addition to this Earth. She was quiet and reserved, but mighty. If love could move mountains, she could have formed the Sierras. Her family was



her world, and she took every opportunity to be actively involved in their lives.

She could do amazing work with her hands. Whether it was in the form of china painting, needlepoint

or cooking, she was quite skilled. She could bake the perfect lemon meringue pie, with a meringue so high and fluffy no one could compete. Her chocolate, walnut and specialty sunshine cakes were family favorites. She could even use two heavy cast iron frying pans simultaneously to make the most delicious Swedish pancakes, which her family called "thin pancakes," on any given Saturday morning. She could bluff her way to a near-perfect game of gin-Rummy, but also loved to play less difficult card games like Five Card Stud, Old Maid, or Go Fish with her grandkids. She could successfully solve a Wheel of Fortune puzzle with two letters on the board, or solve any "Murder, She Wrote" mystery before anyone else in the room.

Most importantly, her smile or the touch of her hand could calm even the most devastating troubles. She was a natural-born peacemaker and problem solver. At any given time, if you sat next to her, she would take your hand in hers and pat it with her other hand as if to say, "It's okay — everything will be okay. I love you." To say her family will miss her is an understatement.

She is survived by Glen Wall, her loving and caring spouse, who fondly called her, "Duxx." He moved heaven and earth to personally care for her in the comfort of their own home during her final years. Their love is truly everlasting an eternal. She is also survived by her sister Anne; daughter, Joyce Schilling; two granddaughters, Glenda Schilling and Cynthia Hinds; five great-grandchildren, Christina Andring, Kurtis Jones, Michael Jones, Brandon Andring, and Amelia Leonard; and 11 great-great grandchildren.

At her request, a private family service was held. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be sent in her name to Hope Hospice. Please visit them at <http://hopehospice.com/donate-now/ways-to-donate/> OR to call for more information: (925) 829-8770.

PAID OBITUARY

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### March 6

#### Theft from auto

- 8:55 a.m. in the 2000 block of Eilene Drive

#### Vandalism

- 10:50 a.m. in the 3100 block of Cranwood Court

- 4:14 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

### March 5

#### Alcohol violation

- 1:06 p.m., intersection of Owens Drive and Hopyard Road

#### Drug violation

- 4:43 a.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive

#### Fraud

- 10:19 a.m. in the 3200 block of Clifford Circle

#### Theft

- 6:04 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 8:18 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 8:55 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

#### Vandalism

- 7:39 p.m. in the 4500 block of Chabot Drive

### March 4

#### Assault/battery

- 10:57 a.m. in the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Drug violation

- 10:10 p.m. in the 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 10:35 p.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

#### Residential burglary

- 4:11 p.m. in the 2300 block of Gloria Court

#### Theft

- 3:32 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

- 10:35 a.m. in the 2300 block of Santa Rita Road

### Sandia turns 60

Sandia National Laboratories' California site is celebrating its 60th anniversary this week, continuing its major research and development responsibilities in national security, energy and environmental technologies and economic competitiveness.

The site, which started on March 8, 1956, with a singular nuclear weapons mission, now supports all Albuquerque-based Sandia missions. Nuclear weapons account for nearly half of the California site's work, along with strong programs in homeland security, transporta-

tion energy, cyber security and chemical and biological defense.

"From the Cold War to today, we've been providing exceptional service in the national interest in Livermore for six decades," Marianne Walck, vice president of Sandia's California site and the energy and climate program, told employees at a 60th anniversary event. In addition to the employee event, the site will host a 60th anniversary community event at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

The California site has changed significantly over the past six decades since it was first established by the Atomic Energy Commission to support projects for the University of California Radiation Laboratory, now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Then it was largely devoted to weapons design and development projects, including the W47 warhead for the Polaris missile.

Environmental testing and systems studies were initiated, and the site obtained its first computer system to calculate flight trajectories. Since the mid-1950s, the California site has played a major role in ensuring the safety, security and effectiveness of the current nuclear weapons stockpile.

The 1970s were marked by the nation's first major energy crisis and the establishment of the Department of Energy. The Sandia California site quickly moved into energy alternatives and efficiency with programs in solar and combustion.

The Combustion Research Facility, which opened in 1980 to meet research needs, has greatly expanded fundamental knowledge of combustion processes and contributed to significant design innovations for diesel engines, pulse combustors for furnaces and pollution reduction methods. In fact, work in this operation has had a major impact on every engine on the road today. Just last month, Sandia showed off its algae raceway where it is testing fuels for the future — fuels that could someday power our cars.

Most recently, the California site has been working with Tri-Valley research and emerging energy facilities to draw on its core science, technology and engineering capabilities to invent, develop, demonstrate and deploy homeland security systems that are now helping defend the nation. That includes establishing the Livermore Valley Open Campus, an innovation hub and novel venue for collaborations among experts from within and outside Sandia.

In further celebration of 60 years in the Tri-Valley, Sandia California will open a new building by year-end that will consolidate "front door" activities, house the site's human resources department and host the training center for students and new hires.

Plans for another new 86,000-square-foot building will provide additional space for engagement with industry and academia as the Livermore site embarks on another decade as a Tri-Valley center of innovation, engineering and employment. ■

### LETTERS

#### Damage control by mayor

Dear Editor,  
After promising the Chamber of Commerce two weeks ago that the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone (EDZ) and Costco is one of his highest priorities, Mayor Thorne now says he's in a "dialogue" with the community about the project.

Was it dialogue when the existing business owners and other local, small business who will be devastated by this project were kept in the dark when the EDZ was proposed? Was it dialogue when the city released the environmental impact report (EIR) and held a Planning Commission hearing for public comments with virtually no notification?

Was it dialogue when the city finally abandoned their attempt to approve this under the radar after a huge public outcry and only then agreed to neighborhood meetings and a council workshop? Is it dialogue when

Thorne says that "no projects are proposed at this time" while neglecting to explain that after the rezoning is complete that big-box stores, hotels and any other retail can be approved by city staff without public hearings or the ability to challenge the approval by voter referendum?

Is it dialogue when the city remains mum about the proposed taxpayer subsidies to cover the infrastructure costs or that the key traffic mitigations on the freeways are under the control of Caltrans and have no foreseeable funding for the next 20 years?

This is pure damage control by the mayor. Instead of writing newspaper articles, the mayor and city staff should commit to a transparent, democratic public process and abandon their strategy of subversion, obfuscation and deception.

—Matt Sullivan,  
Pleasanton resident  
City Council 2004-2012



### WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

#### City Council

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **P16-0587/P16-0588, H. James Knuppe** – Consider an application for Design Review to construct an approximately 1,822-square-foot, two-story commercial/office building with five three-story multi-family residential units and a Growth Management agreement for 273 Spring Street
- Adopt a resolution accepting the midyear FY 2015/16 operating budget and amending the FY 2015/16 operating budget accordingly
- Adopt a resolution accepting the midyear budget for the FY 2015/16 capital improvement program (CIP) and amending the FY 2015/16 CIP accordingly
- Update on the Stage 3 Drought Emergency

#### City Council/School Board of Trustees Joint Meeting

Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
PUSD Board Room – School District Office  
4665 Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view meeting information.

#### Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.  
Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view meeting information.

#### Housing Commission

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Please visit our website at [www.cityofpleasantonca.gov](http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov) to view meeting information.

### COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT

The City Council is accepting applications for the following:

**Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee**  
1 Member

**Economic Vitality Committee**  
1 Member from each of the following categories:  
Commercial Real Estate Development  
Environmental Industry  
Medical Technology  
Non-Profit Community Based Organization

**Planning Commission**  
1 Member

**Youth Commission**  
3 Middle School Members  
2 High School Members  
1 At Large Member  
2 Alternate Members

#### Altamont Education Advisory Board

The City of Pleasanton is recruiting for a member to participate on the Altamont Education Advisory Board. The representative chosen by the City Council must be a Science, Environmental Education or Vocational Education teacher from the Pleasanton Public Schools.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016

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# Sports



## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill girls defeat Carondelet in swimming, diving

Falcons soccer honors girls who made all-EBAL team

The Foothill varsity girls swimming and diving team scored a big win last week, defeating Carondelet Catholic High School in Concord 95-91.

This time it was the diving part of the team that led the Falcons to the win, as the team was down four points through the swim portion but outscored the Cougars 12-4 in diving to get the win.

Emily Balicanta placed first by over 35 points to pace the divers.

The first event set the tone for the rest of the meet, with the 200 medley relay team of Kennedy Truex, Ryane Skinner, Hailey Morse and Paige Heacox out-touching Carondelet for first by 0.02 seconds.

Also placing first during the day were Maddie David (200 and 500 freestyle), Skinner (200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke) and Truex (100 backstroke).

On the boys' side of the meet, the Falcons took apart De La Salle Catholic High in Concord 115.5-67.5.

First-place finishes were turned in by the 200 medley relay team (Jonah Cooper, Jonathan Mui, Joe Schafer and Aaron Li), Schafer (200 IM), Aaron Li (50 and 100 free), Cooper (100 butterfly and 100 back), Calvin David (500 free), Mui (100 breast) and the 200 free relay team (Schafer, Jonah Ong, Calvin Chui and David).

Diver Rob Harries placed first by over 30 points.

The junior varsity teams dropped both their matches, but they got some good performances and first-place finishes from the 200 medley relay of Alyson Isaacs, Haley Isaacs, Audrey Goodman and Emiko Tsutumi, as well as Catherine Ren (100 IM), Hailey Benner (diving) and Haley Isaacs (100 breast).

#### Soccer

Last week, Foothill's soccer program held its end-of-the-year awards banquet to recognize players for the 2015-16 season. League awards were presented to those recognized by opposing coaches for their contributions, as well as team awards determined by players and coaches.

Earning first team all-East Bay Athletic League honors was Julia Densmore. Tami Kwong was a second-team selection, with Sarah Mirr and Taylor Noval being selected to the honorable mention team.



JIM MIRR

Foothill soccer players Taylor Noval, Tami Kwong and Sarah Mirr were three of the four Falcons honored as all-EBAL selections. Not pictured: Julia Densmore.

Mirr and Noval also were honored as Scholar Athletes, along with Bryanna Schreiber, Kira Broach, Jazmyn Green, Catherine Cho and Kathryn Lee.

Team awards went to Kwong as the Most Valuable Player, Densmore as the Inspiration Award winner and Mirr for being the Most Improved Player.

Player of the Month awards went to Densmore (December), Ali Jackson (January) and McKenna Moura (February).

#### Spring sports time!

Next week we will feature our spring sports preview on these very pages, so I want to make sure teams are lining up their parent volunteers and coaches to send in results and photos.

At the end of each week, send me a summary of how the team fared over the week. It does not have to be much — just the basics — as I will put it all together so we can recognize as many of the hard-working prep athletes throughout Pleasanton as possible.

Make sure to include pictures if possible. Just remember to provide a description of the picture with identification of the players, as well as credit for who took the picture.

Send everything to me, Dennis Miller, at [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com), and we will get it in the Pleasanton Weekly the following Friday. ■

## RADD athletes win basketball medals

By JEREMY WALSH

Local basketball players on Pleasanton RADD (Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled) teams earned medals during the Special Olympics Northern California basketball competition hosted at three Pleasanton schools last weekend.

Pleasanton resident Adam Pinney led the way with a gold medal in the individual skills competition, which consisted of dribbling, target-passing and shooting drills. Lisa Burley and Jacob Wald took home silver medals in the skills competition, and Antriksh Singh earned a bronze medal.

The RADD A team earned a gold medal after winning its first game 20-13 and its second game 34-16.

The RADD B team finished with a silver medal, winning its first game



KAY KING

Four Pleasanton RADD athletes took home medals in the individual skills competition. From left: Jacob Wald (silver), Lisa Burley (silver), coach Jim Spillane, Adam Pinney (gold), coach Kay King and Antriksh Singh (bronze).

by two points and then dropping the second game by a couple baskets.

"It was a very fun weekend for the athletes and coaches, as

well as the many family members and friends who came to support these amazing and hard-working teams," coach Kay King said. ■

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# AMADOR VALLEY TRADITION

Irish bagpiper Jeff Campbell will be among the many performers during this year's St. Patrick's Day Festival in neighboring Dublin.

## DUBLIN HOSTS ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

By ISABELLA OHLMEYER

Put on your green attire and get ready to tap your toes to Irish music at the 33rd annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in Dublin this weekend.

Dublin was founded by Irish settlers in the late 1800s, and the historical and cultural traditions that are celebrated in the Republic of Ireland's capital city continue to be recognized in the Tri-Valley city of the same name, especially around St. Patrick's Day.

"The event is a great way to celebrate our heritage," Dublin Mayor David Haubert said. "It's been a longstanding tradition, and I look forward to attending this event every year."

The weekend-long Irish celebration, set to run through this Sunday, draws thousands of people to Dublin every year.

"Our staff does a great job at making the St. Patrick's Day celebration bigger and better each year. It is something the entire community can participate in," Haubert said.

Participants can start the celebration off at the Dublin Sister City Association's annual Green and White Gala tonight at 6 p.m., beginning

with an Irish happy hour and followed by dinner and dancing.

The party continues Saturday morning when St. Patrick's Day Festival-goers can satisfy their hunger with some green pancakes, sausages and eggs with Alameda County firefighters at the local fire station on Donahue Drive from 7-10 a.m.

Tickets cost \$5 at the door, and all proceeds go towards the Alameda County Firefighters Local 55 charity fund.

As the pancake breakfast winds down, the parade line picks up.

The Dublin Lions Club is sponsoring Dublin's St. Patrick's Day parade for the 33rd year, a well-known kick off to the weekend's Irish festivities.

The parade is set to feature 80 participant groups, includ-

ing Scouts, youth sports teams, private businesses, nonprofits, horse riders, clowns and local politicians — such as the mayor, Dublin City Council members and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

"This parade is the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the West Coast area — the first being San Francisco's annual celebration," said Bill Burnham, activities director for the Dublin Lions Club and the Dublin parade director.

Former Mayor Tim Sbranti will be the parade announcer and former Mayor Peter Snider, who helped spearhead



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Amador Valley grad Clare O'Leary shared fond memories of her years dancing at the Dublin celebration.

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n this weekend.

## CELEBRATION THIS WEEKEND

BART expanding to Dublin, will serve as grand marshal.

“Peter Snider was the person who came to me and said that we needed to start a St. Patrick’s Day parade 33 years ago,” Burnham said. “The hometown parade does not have any judges and is fun for kids and all ages to enjoy.”

The Saturday morning parade helps usher in the annual St. Patrick’s Day Festival, which runs both days at the Dublin Civic Center and features music, Irish dancing, carnival rides, international food and drinks and more than 250 vendor booths.

One of the musical acts will be Jeff Campbell, known as “The Bagpiper” and a veteran performer at the Dublin event.

“I have been performing at this festival for five years now,” Campbell said. “I keep coming back because it’s a fun, enjoyable festival. I get to meet a lot of cool people, and my music is well-received by the crowd.”

Campbell, who has more than 30 years of piping experience, will be performing popular Irish tunes such as “Danny Boy” and “When Irish

Eyes are Smiling.”

Festival attendees can also head over to the dance stage both days to watch competitive Irish dancers. Sunday’s show lineup includes dancers from the McBride School of Irish Dance tapping their toes from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Amador Valley High grad Clare O’Leary, a former McBride School dancer, recalled fondly her years performing at the St. Patrick’s Day celebration from 2001 until stepping away from dancing three years ago.

“Although I am no longer competing, I will always consider myself an Irish dancer,” O’Leary said. “Irish dancing is an amazing way to express and represent my culture. Even though I don’t live in Ireland, I am constantly connected to my heritage — from the music to the traditional costumes and dance steps.”

Vendors with Irish-themed arts and crafts will be among the people selling various items during the two-day festival.

Celtic Art Studio, for the third year in a row, will be selling original, limited-edition Celtic art inspired

by mythology and symbolism and created by Welsh artist, Jen Delyth. Co-owner Chris Chandler said he has noticed an increase in sales each year shortly after participating as a vendor at the event.

“We do a fair amount of online mail orders in our business, and we get a lot of customers from the Dublin area who attended the event and visited our booth,” Chandler said.

After enjoying the arts and crafts for sale, festival-goers can sample Irish menu items from longtime event food vendors such as Proverb Foods, which will be selling Irish bangers and mash with apple cider gravy, grilled bangers with bell peppers and onions, and Irish Guinness and cheese nachos.

“The St. Patrick’s Day event is one of the most fun events of the year,” said Lori Strong, director of operations with Proverbs Foods. “The city of Dublin does an extraordinary job creating and managing the event.”

Another activity this weekend is the Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk on Sunday morning on Dublin Boulevard. Registration starts at 7:15 a.m., and the race start is at 8:30 a.m.

“For our 18th year having the race at this event, we expect 2,400 participants either running or walking, which is great,” race director Damian Sandholm said.

Participants will be given a race bib and a t-shirt during registration. Children who complete the race will be given a participation ribbon.

“The race is a great way to gather people together and build community and fitness,” Sandholm said. Individual timed racers can participate for \$25 and non-timed racers can register for \$23. Of the race proceeds, \$2,000 will be donated evenly among the local elementary schools in Dublin.

The St. Patrick’s Day celebration wraps up when the festival concludes at 5 p.m. Sunday. For more details on all the festivities, visit [www.dublinca.gov](http://www.dublinca.gov). ■



HARRELL HARRIS/COURTESY OF CITY OF DUBLIN

A young couple dances to Irish music during a previous St. Patrick’s Day Festival in Dublin.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

#### Today

- Green and White Gala, Dublin Senior Center: 6 p.m.

#### Saturday

- Alameda County Firefighters’ Pancake Breakfast, Fire Station No. 16 on Donahue Drive: 7-10 a.m.
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade, from Amador Plaza to Dublin Boulevard to Village Parkway to Amador Valley Boulevard: 9:30 a.m.
- St. Patrick’s Day Festival, Dublin Civic Center: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Sunday

- Shamrock 5K Fun Run and Walk, begins on Dublin Boulevard at Civic Plaza: 8:30 a.m.
- St. Patrick’s Day Festival, Dublin Civic Center: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



HARRELL HARRIS/COURTESY OF CITY OF DUBLIN

Families take in carnival rides while donning their green attire at the Dublin Civic Center.



Madelyn Bartolome plays Sarah Brown and Arthur Hwang portrays Sky Masterson in the high schools' upcoming production of "Guys and Dolls."

SALLY BAKER

## 'GUYS and DOLLS'

### Amador Valley, Foothill students team up to stage musical classic

**BY ISABELLA OHLMEYER**  
**M**ix a Bible-quoting craps shooter, a Salvation Army gal, a room full of gamblers, Hot Box nightclub showgirls and the Save-a-Soul Mission band, and the result is "Guys and Dolls."

Students from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools are bringing the award-winning musical comedy to the Amador Theater tonight through March 20.

"Guys and Dolls" is a classic and has a wonderful musical score, great dancing and humor," said Mark Aubel, producer and music director for the high schools' joint spring musical.

The play by Frank Loesser opened on Broadway in 1950, running initially for 1,200 performances and winning the Tony Award for Best Musical, among other honors. Actors Marlon Brando, Frank Sinatra and Jean Simmons immortalized the characters on screen in director Joseph L. Mankiewicz's 1955 movie version.

The story is about New York's most infamous craps game in which Nathan Detroit (portrayed locally by students Zac Richey and Danny Hanna) bets the notorious gambler Sky Masterson (played by Arthur Hwang) to take a Salvation Army gal Sarah Brown (played by Madelyn Bartolome and Christina Ge) to dinner in Havana, Cuba.

The Pleasanton high schools' production includes single- and dual-cast characters.

"My favorite part is meeting so many people who are so passionate about theater, and I made a lot of new friends," Hwang, a Foothill senior, said about the "Guys and Dolls" show.

Hwang said he not only has an interest in musical theater, but a deep passion for music as well.

"I've also been passionate about music all my life," he added. "Not only vocal, but I have been playing the violin, piano and guitar since I was young. And I just got into singing a little while ago, so I will see where it takes me."

Ge, also a senior at Foothill, is one of two performers who portray the conservative Sarah Brown, who lets loose as time goes on.

"Sarah Brown is a missionary member who is uptight and keeps it all in until she gets drunk off of I don't know how many Bacardis," she said. "It's a really fun character to play."

"Guys and Dolls" also follows the craps game organizer, Nathan Detroit, and his love journey as his fiancée of 14 years, Hot Box showgirl Miss Adelaide (Rachel Probst and Morgan Werder), seeks his attention and yearns to marry Nathan after so long.

An Amador Valley senior, Werder said she has admired her character of Miss Adelaide for years and can relate to the showgirl.

"While I can relate to her love of performing, I think most women can relate to her struggle with love," she said. "She wants nothing more than to love her fiancé, yet she often finds herself alone. I have a lot of respect for Adelaide; she wears her heart on her sleeve and still loves wholly and with understanding."

The two high schools have come together to showcase the stories of classical and modern musicals in a joint spring show for years, said Aubel, who works as a music director at Amador Valley. "Guys and Dolls" marks the 32nd musical he has conducted.

"What I love most about our musicals is that it brings the two schools together on a project," Aubel said. "You have the choral, orchestra, jazz and drama departments from both Amador and Foothill working together to create magic. Many times students become life-long friends."

"Guys and Dolls" debuts tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Amador Theater, located on the Amador Valley High School campus at 1155 Santa Rita Road. Shows are set for Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. through March 20.

For tickets and other show information, visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org). Check out a behind-the-scenes video at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com). ■

## Choral masterpieces in 'Celebration and Remembrance'

Valley Concert Chorale concerts this weekend in Pleasanton, Livermore



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The mission of Valley Concert Chorale, under the direction of John Emory Bush, is to engage audiences in the transforming power of music by sharing their passion and joy in live performance.

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

The Valley Concert Chorale, now in its 53rd season, will perform choral masterpieces by renowned composers in two March concerts of "Celebration and Remembrance."

"We are delighted to bring to the community two choral masterpieces of the 20th century," artistic director and conductor John Emory Bush said. "Our concerts will offer audiences an experience of musical celebration and remembrance through the music of Leonard Bernstein and John Rutter."

Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" is featured in three movements ranging from the dramatic and vigorous to tranquil and serene, and it even includes a musical cut from "West Side Story."

"It has an old-fashioned sweetness, along with its more violent moments," Bernstein said.

The work was commissioned for the 1965 Southern Cathedrals

Festival at Chichester Cathedral in England, but its world premiere took place July 15, 1965, in the Philharmonic Hall, New York with the composer conducting.

Bernstein specifically called for the text to be sung in Hebrew using the melodic and rhythmic contours of the Hebrew language to dictate mood and melodic character. By combining the Hebrew with Christian choral tradition, Bernstein was implicitly issuing a plea for peace in Israel.

"Leonard Bernstein, though best known for his Broadway musicals 'Candide' and 'West Side Story,' I believe, will one day be recognized as a great 20th century choral composer," Bush said. "His 'Chichester Psalms' is his choral masterpiece and a favorite of choruses all over the world."

Rutter's "Requiem" is one of the best-loved and most widely performed choral works of the 20th

century.

Rutter composed his "Requiem" in 1985 during a time of personal bereavement, which was the immediate reason for writing it. Unlike the many Requiems written since about 1850, Rutter's music is a meditation on themes of life and death using a personal compilation of texts. ■

### 'Celebration and Remembrance'

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- Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. High school and college students \$10. Children are free. Go to [www.valleyconcertchorale.org](http://www.valleyconcertchorale.org) or call 866-4003.

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## Clubs

**HAPPY HOUR IN PLEASANTON** The Widowed Men and Women of Northern California invite you to

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**TRI VALLEY WRITERS** Kevin Smokler presents "Criticism:

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## Events

**AVHS COMPETITION CHEER TEAM USA NATIONALS SEND OFF** Bring family and friends to watch the Amador Valley High School Varsity and Group Stunt teams perform

at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15 at Pleasanton Middle School. Come "send them off" before they take the floor for USA Nationals on Saturday, March 19 at the Anaheim Convention Center.

## Kids & Teens

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# Legal Notices

## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**NORDIC LIGHTS PRESS; MELISSA SNARK FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 514546-47

The following person(s) doing business as: NORDIC LIGHTS PRESS; MELISSA SNARK, 6731 PASEO SAN LEON, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Melinda S. Dawney MacKnight, 6731 Paseo San Leon, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/2015. Signature of Registrant: Melinda MacKnight. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/11/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 4, 11, 18, 25; 2016)

**SWEEETART CREATIVE BAKING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 514729

The following person(s) doing business as: SWEEETART CREATIVE BAKING, 3037 HOPYARD ROAD SUITE C, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Nermana Salihovic, 4450 Mohr Ave. #32, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Nermana Salihovic. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/18/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 4, 11, 18, 25; 2016)

**WELCOME TRAVEL TRANSPORT COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No.: 514829

The following person(s) doing business as: WELCOME TRAVEL TRANSPORT COMPANY, 4317 KRAUSE ST., PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Zhiqin Wu, 4317 Krause St., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Zhiqin Wu. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/22/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 4, 11, 18, 25; 2016)

## 997 All Other Legals

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA** Case No.: HG16803439 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ANURADHA BAJAJ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANURADHA BAJAJ to ANU BAJAJ. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: June 9, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Dept.: 503 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: Feb. 10, 2016 /s/ Morris D. Jacobson, Presiding Judge, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, March 11, 18, 25, April 1; 2016)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA** Case No.: HG16806367 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ERNEST EMANUEL QUINTANA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ERNEST EMANUEL QUINTANA to ERNEST JAMES GENBERG. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: July 14, 2016, 1:30 p.m., Dept.: 503 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 24405 Amador Street, Hayward, CA 94544. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: March 4, 2016 /s/ Morris D. Jacobson, Presiding Judge, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, March 11, 18, 25, April 1; 2016)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GLENDA PRESTON**  
Case No.: RP16806338 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GLENDA PRESTON. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHAEL HUGHES in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: MICHAEL HUGHES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Eric G. Dzubur, 21550 Foothill Blvd., #3, Hayward, CA 94541 (510)582-2588 (Pleasanton Weekly, March 11, 18, 25; 2016)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LUWANA ROSALIE-JANIE MERCADO** aka LUWANA ROSALIE-JANIE McCLURE  
Case No.: RP16806678 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LUWANA ROSALIE-JANIE MERCADO, also known as LUWANA ROSALIE-JANIE McCLURE. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: BRENT HULL in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: BRENT HULL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions,

however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: April 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Glen L. Moss, 1297 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541 (510)583-1155 (Pleasanton Weekly, March 11, 18, 25; 2016)

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LUWANA ROSALIE-JANIE MERCADO** aka LUWANA ROSALIE-JANIE McCLURE  
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## PET OF THE WEEK



## Fluffy Muffin

Muffin a gorgeous fluffy white gal who may have had a few birthdays, but she's still young at heart. She adores being brushed, especially around her face. It may take Muffin a minute to warm up to new people and situations, but once she's settled in, she is friendly and interested in what's going on around her. She is an indoor-only cat, and she likes playing with fuzzy mice and string toys. Muffin is available for adoption through Maddie's Fund. For info, contact Terri at terrilduncan@yahoo.com or 487-7279.

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## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Alamo

**6 BEDROOMS**  
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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 200-0202

### Castro Valley

**5 BEDROOMS**  
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 Sun 1-4 Louise Davis 200-2457

### Danville

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**155 Vista Del Diablo \$800,000**  
 Thur 10-1/Fri 5-7/Sat/Sun 1-4 Karen Crowson 784-6208

### Dublin

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**3303 Vittoria Loop \$930,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Kevin Wess 290-8143

### Livermore

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**6630 Forget Me Not Common \$460,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Phyllis Weiner & Peter McDowell 872-1416/209-0343

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**705 Travis Circle \$1,258,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Kenneth Er (510) 828-8572  
**2787 Vernazza Drive \$1,590,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226  
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**2623 McLarren Court \$1,325,000**  
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**5 BEDROOMS**  
**2101 Gabriella Lane \$1,450,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

### Pleasanton

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**2434 Pomino Way \$1,895,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**134 Maitland Drive \$650,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Izabella Lipetski (510) 506-2072

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**786 Mirador Court \$1,389,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Mike Carey 983-0569

**886 Gray Fox Circle \$1,688,000**  
 Fri 10-1 Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**4462 Tosca Court \$1,799,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema 260-2220/413-6544

**1003 Pineto Place \$2,250,000**  
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**8267 Moller Ranch Drive \$1,749,800**  
 Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

**2280 Camino Brazos \$1,199,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

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**1090 Shadow Hills Court \$2,048,000**  
 Sat 2-5/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

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## Delinquency rates on mortgage loans continue to decline

By JEB BING

Delinquency rates for commercial and multifamily mortgage loans continued to decline in the fourth quarter of 2015.

A commercial/multifamily delinquency report by the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) showed that the performance of commercial and multifamily mortgages remains strong, with continued improvement in the delinquency rates of loans held by banks and in commercial mortgage backed securities.

“Strong property fundamentals and values,

coupled with still low interest rates, are likely to continue the positive trend,” said Jamie Woodwell, MBA’s vice president of Commercial Real Estate Research.

The MBA analysis looked at delinquency rates for five of the largest investor-groups: commercial banks and thrifts, commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), life insurance companies, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Together these groups hold more than 80% of commercial/multifamily mortgage debt outstanding. ■

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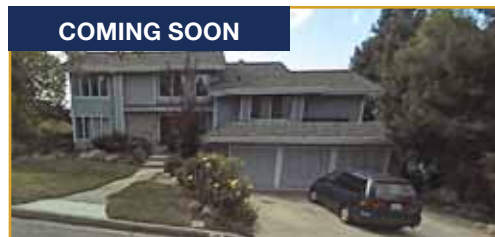
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## Market Off to A Strong Start

There is still some uneasiness in the real estate market due to the political and economic climate but Pleasanton took a big step toward shaking that off in February with a big increase in pending sales and, for the second straight month, rising inventory. Pending sales had been falling steadily since May, so the increase was welcome. Inventory remains low but is ahead of the level of a year ago. Prices

also firmed up a bit in February, with all indicators rising above their January levels, as well as those from a year earlier. Demand remains the strongest in the lower end, where there is just over two weeks of inventory of homes priced below \$1 million.

53 properties were actively listed at the end of February, four more than at the end of January and ten more than a year ago. Pending sales more than doubled, from 24 in January to 50 in February. That was on par with January 2015's 51 pending sales. Closed sales fell six units from January to 23 in February. That was also below the 30 closed sales in February 2015. The big jump in pending sales cut inventory relative to sales from 2 months at the ...Go to [www.680homes.com](http://www.680homes.com) to read the rest of this article.



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- Built in December 2005
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- Wonderful natural light with east facing front exposure
- Beautiful large rotunda with a grand entrance and circular staircase to the upstairs
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## 4413 Arbutus Court, Pleasanton

This 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home has 2249 sq.ft of living space and has been recently upgraded. Quaint backyard with a deck for outdoor entertaining.

**LISTED FOR \$938,000**



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This charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath home located in downtown Pleasanton was completely remodeled in 2013 — everything including the walls, windows and roof are brand new.

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- ✓ Executive looking for Large family home. Prefers Laguna Oaks, Bridle Creek and Castlewood. Pool would be great, approved up to 2.2 million.
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Restored and Upgraded English Country Farmhouse Style Home on Desirable 2nd Street, originally built in 1890. Highly Sought After Downtown Location... just a short walk to Main Street! Front Porch with Sitting Area, Three Bedrooms, Plus Den/TV Room (Guest Suite-4th Option), Office-Off Master, Two Remodeled Full Bathrooms, Powder Room, Large Kitchen, Formal Dining Room. Approximately 2,005 Square Feet, Large 6,750 Square Foot Lot, Detached 720 Square Foot Two Car Garage (Workshop Option), Upgraded Plumbing and Electrical, Double Hung Dual Pane Windows, Refinished Wood Flooring, Crown Molding, 7" Baseboards, Ten Foot Ceilings, Private Rear Yard with Upgraded Landscaping and Driveway. For more information or to schedule a private showing, please contact Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. Visit 4326second.com.

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### BRIDLE CREEK



#### 838 SUNNY BROOK WAY PLEASANTON

Desirable Largest Upgraded Hillstar Model on Quiet Secluded Street in Bridle Creek, built by Greenbriar Homes, Premium .30 Acre Lot with Private Rear Grounds that Includes Recently Upgraded Landscaping, Pool/Spa & Rock Waterfall. View of Pleasanton Ridge, Front Porch Sitting Area, Five Bedrooms (Downstairs Suite), Formal Private Office (Possible 6th), Bonus Room (Home Theater Option), Approximately 4,455 Square Feet Spacious, Spacious Family (Great) Room, Large Gourmet Kitchen with Granite & SS Appliances, Crown Molding, Upgraded Wood Flooring, Three Car Garage, Award Winning Schools, Walk to Downtown, Convenient Commute Access to South Bay/ Silicon Valley/East Bay. For a Private Showing call the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group and for more information visit 838sunnybrookway.com.

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#### 834 SEMINOLE DRIVE LIVERMORE

Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group represented the buyer in the purchase of this charming three bedroom, two bath home. Offering 1,282 square feet on a 6,200 square foot lot, this turnkey home has been updated with granite counters, wood cabinets and stainless steel appliances. An open floor plan with fireplace is great for entertaining. Den with french doors just off of open living space. Large rear yard with grass and dog run. Great location!

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**3948 Hamden Ct. -Dublin- \$ 799,000**

Lovely home with an elegant and contemporary interior. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 baths with great upgrades including new laminated wood flooring installed in 2015 and striking window treatments. Bright eat-in kitchen with a breakfast bar. Beautiful oversized lot with custom cobblestone patio.



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**10717 Inspiration Cir. -Dublin- \$ 1,088,000**

Gorgeous Westside Gem, meticulously maintained with the perfect location that backs to open space! Amazing private backyard with incredible landscaping! Expansive open and bright floor plan with beautiful upgrades. Full bedroom and bath downstairs.



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**2090 Ray ST. - Pleasanton- \$800,000**

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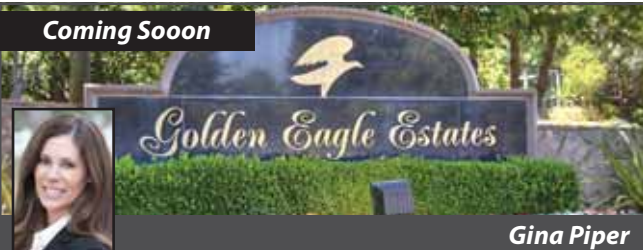
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