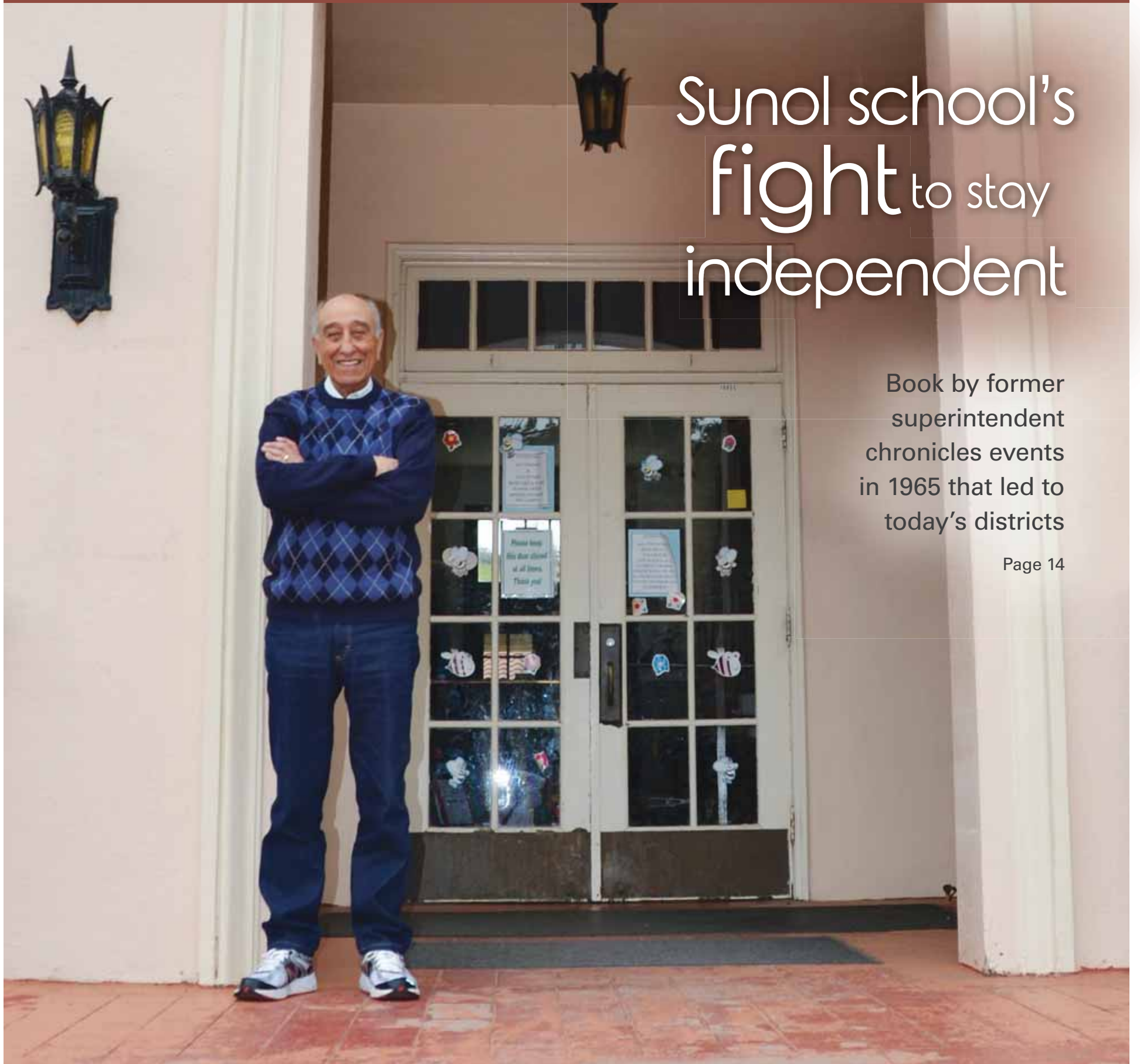


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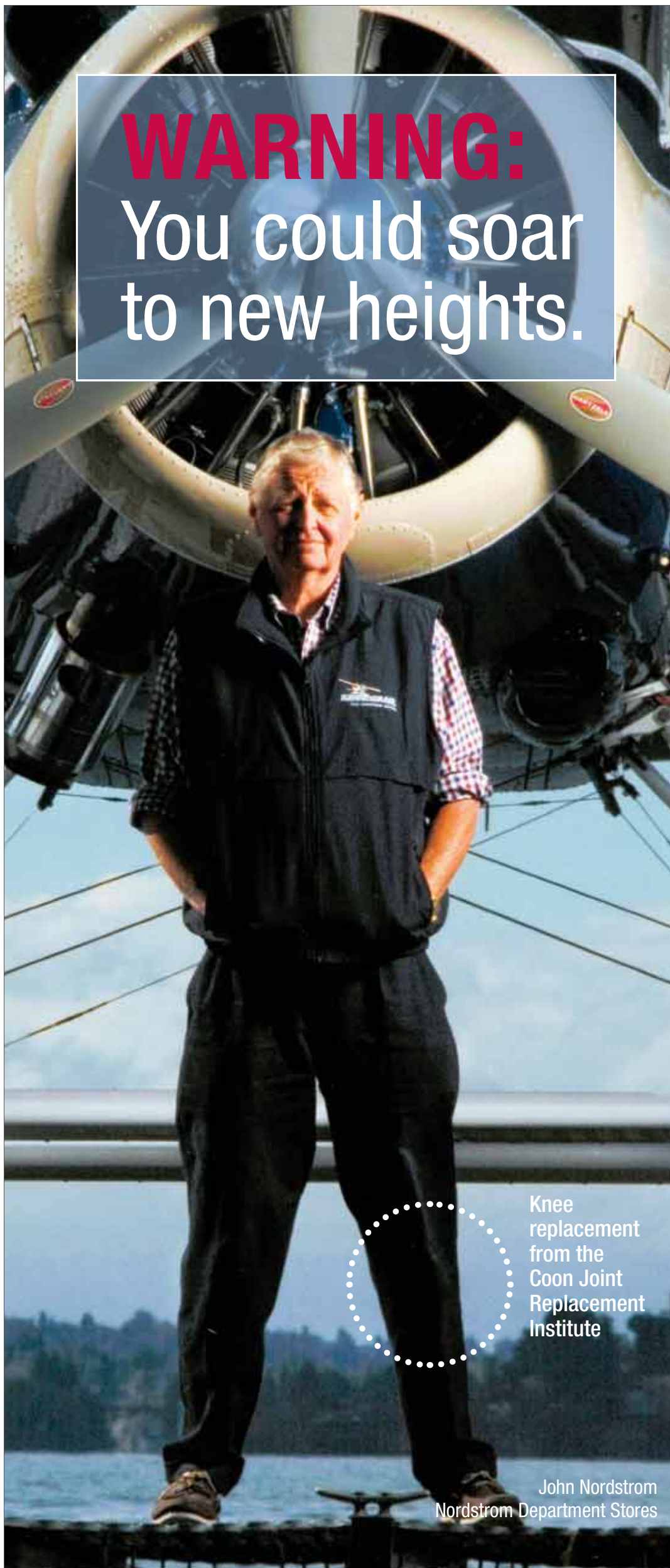
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

As traffic increases, we all want it 'calmed'

With several thousand new residents moving into new apartment complexes being built to comply with court- and state-mandated housing requirements, concerns over the adequacy of Pleasanton schools, water capacity and especially traffic are dominating local public discussions.

In response to neighborhood complaints, roadway changes have already been made on Sycamore Road and Alisal Street, where speed humps and new flashing radar speed signs have been posted, resulting in speed drops for golf course and other traffic from 39 mph on Alisal and from 37 mph to 31 mph on Sycamore.

Uphill and downhill speeds dropped from an average of 36 mph to 27 mph after speed bumps were installed in four different locations on Crellin Road in the upper Vintage Hills section of Pleasanton. Just by posting the radar speed signs on Old Stanley Boulevard, a popular link between Stanley/First Street and Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, speeds were reduced from 36 to 32 mph.

Those who drive on Black Avenue are seeing major traffic calming efforts underway as taxpayer funds are being directed to make the road a less-favored route to travel. Among the changes being made in the \$405,000 project are curb "bulb-outs," which will provide very narrow lanes at some intersections and crosswalks, a roadway "neckdown" in front of the aquatic center (which will do much the same), at least one speed bump, 25 mph pavement markings painted on the roadway and possibly another electronic sign to show motorists' speeds.

Michael Tassano, city traffic engineer, said Black Avenue is unique in Pleasanton and those who live along the route — some of whom have been the complainers — knew what they were getting when they bought their homes. Alisal Elementary at one end and Walnut Grove Elementary at the other were there long before most moved onto Black Avenue or the intersecting side streets.

Plus, the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, along with its hot weather crowds and occasional swim tournaments, have been part of life (and traffic) on Black Avenue for decades. The post office with its 5 p.m. deadline customers and the Gingerbread preschool across the street also are old-timers. Add Lynnewood United Methodist Church and a Quarry Lane school and Black Avenue — probably more than any other residential street — has traffic.



CITY OF PLEASANTON

Now it's Junipero Street and a part of Independence Drive and the trendy, popular Mission Hills Community Park that are the top of the worry list for speeding, high volume cut-through traffic.

The short four-block long Junipero, once a peaceful neighborhood street, became a major thoroughfare several years ago when Valley Avenue was extended from Bernal and the fairgrounds to Sunol Boulevard, connecting on the other side to Junipero and, by extension, to all of southwest Pleasanton.

Motorists heading to the I-680 southbound connection at Sunol or to Hearst Elementary and Pleasanton Middle schools find Junipero a less-congested route in peak traffic hours. Plus, a planned development on Lund Ranch, if ever built, could add traffic from up to 33 homes to be built there.

Tassano and his associates — Ed Evangelista, senior traffic engineer, and Mark Candland, traffic engineering technician — met with homeowners in the neighborhood two weeks ago, the first of a series of traffic-calming meetings similar to those held on Black Avenue. Proposed changes ranged from prohibiting left turns on Bernal Avenue into the neighborhood at Independence to even posting a gate there that could only be opened by residents.

Other suggestions included median strips to narrow Junipero and Independence, traffic circles and curb bulb-outs that would not only slow traffic but even make the streets less friendly to travel. Speed bumps, radar display signal, flashing pedestrian beacons along the park and limited on-street parking alongside the park were among the traffic engineers' suggestions.

All will be considered by a neighborhood traffic calming task force Tassano is organizing. Stay tuned. As more people move to town, more neighborhoods will want their street "calmed down." ■

About the Cover

Former Sunol Glen School District superintendent Peter Corona finishes a tour of the school earlier this month. Corona led the fight against Sunol's unification with neighboring school districts in 1965, as chronicled in his new book, "Sunol: Never Too Small to Succeed." Photo by Meredith Bauer. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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New Listings in Pleasanton

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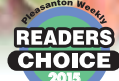
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you feel like you live a balanced lifestyle?



Joyce Senechal

Mom/marketer

No. I feel as though I do a lot, in a lot of different areas, but that I really need to be more physically active and to find better ways to work around my physical limitations. I know I feel better when I do.



Michael Okocha

Elementary school student

My life is pretty well-balanced. I mean, like most kids, of course I wish I had a little more time to just play, but my mom and I enjoy a whole lot of what we call "snuggle time," where we just hang out together and talk. And that's really fun, so I'm OK with everything.



Kathi Nelson

Product manager

I do feel I have a balanced lifestyle. I have enough flexibility with my work schedule that I'm able to accomplish pretty much everything I need and want to do in life. I think it helps that I'm very efficient in how I handle things.



Mary Okocha

Health care technology and marketing

Well, I'm always striving to maintain balance. I look for ways to improve the balance that I do have in life, by adopting new technologies and services to increase both the quantity and quality of my most cherished personal time with family and friends.



Nancy Lyness

Lawyer
I do have good balance. I work very hard, but I am also able to spend plenty of time with family and friends and to pursue my hobbies and interests. I also find time to put out some good into our local community. Probably the only thing that is a bit off-balance is that I don't get enough sleep. But, at least for me, I think sleep is highly overrated.

—Compiled by Jenny and Katie Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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Literacy tutors

The Pleasanton Library is hosting a training session March 26 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for prospective volunteers interested in tutoring adults who are working to improve their English-language skills.

The library's literacy program provides books and training materials; volunteers need only bring a desire to help, plus enthusiasm, creativity and the ability to work with library staff to develop teaching skills and curriculum, library officials said.

Tutors should be at least 18 years old, fluent in American English and available for a consistent hour or two per week for a semester or more. Tutoring can be one-on-one, in a small group or with the large group classes held on Thursdays. For more info, contact chalbe@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

St. Pat's Brew Crawl

Downtown will turn a shade of green tomorrow when the Pleasanton Downtown Association holds its fifth annual St. Patrick's Brew Crawl from 5-8 p.m.

Nearly three-dozen downtown restaurants and shops are participating in the event, and attendees will have the chance to sample a variety of craft beers from local breweries and tasty bites while getting into the St. Patrick's Day spirit — two evenings after the holiday.

For tickets and other event details, visit the PDA website at www.PleasantonDowntown.net or call 484-2199. Tickets can be redeemed from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Brew Crawl's starting spot, the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main St.

The event will be held rain or shine.

Glazer appointments

The Tri-Valley's State Senator, Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) was appointed last week as chair of the Senate's Banking and Financial Institutions Committee and selected to serve on the Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

In a statement, the first-term state senator said he appreciated "the confidence that the president pro tem is showing in me by tapping me as chairman of the important Banking and Finance Committee."

"One of the most important tasks of a legislator is to be a good steward of the state's finances, so I'm pleased to have a seat at the budget table," added Glazer, who was elected last May to complete an abbreviated term that expires this year. He is seeking re-election to a full term. ■

Anti-Costco group seeks initiative to block big box stores on Johnson Drive

Another signature-gathering effort gets underway in Pleasanton

By JEB BING

Opponents of a possible bid by Costco to build a new membership-only retail store on Johnson Drive in Pleasanton said last weekend that they will start gathering registered voter signatures to ban stores over 50,000 square feet from locating on the site.

Led by Bill Wheeler, owner of Black Tie Transportation which has its operations on Johnson Drive next to the proposed big box site, a new citizen coalition called Citizens for Planned Growth (CFPG) will have until May 12 to collect the 4,017 signatures required to

place its initiative on the November ballot.

"We are concerned that the commission and council have not listened to the people, and we want everyone to have a say in what happens in their community," Wheeler said. "This initiative will simply give Pleasanton citizens the right to vote on a zoning decision that affects a large percentage of the population."

The initiative, if placed on the November general election ballot and approved by a majority of voters, would prohibit construction of big box retail stores on the 40-acre Johnson Drive site, but it would

allow other potential developers, including several hotel interests, to build there.

Retailers with stores under 50,000 square feet also could build there, including another Walmart grocery store and Trader Joe's, which have indicated interest in the site.

Once occupied by a Clorox research center that has since been torn down, the site is currently under consideration by a city-appointed task force as an economic development site that would change its zoning to allow major new development.

Wheeler, who has been an out-

spoken opponent of allowing big box stores on the site, particularly Costco, wants to have his signature-gathering effort well underway before the City Council, Planning Commission and task force have their first joint meeting on the rezoning plan in mid-April.

"The area identified for the Johnson Drive EDZ (Economic Development Zone) is currently designated as 'Business Park' and 'General and Limited Industrial' in the city of Pleasanton's 2005 General Plan, which allows for high-quality, campus-like development, includ-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Old-timers will remember this spiffy 1948 Cadillac, owned by Mike Garneri, which will be on display this weekend at the Goodguys 34th All American Get-Together at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Goodguys 34th All American Get-Together opens tomorrow

Two-day show to feature 3,000 hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars

The Goodguys Rod & Custom Association will kick off its first show of 2016 when the 34th All American Get-Together opens Saturday for a two-day run at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

The show will bring together more than 3,000 candy-colored and chromed hot rods, customs, classics, muscle cars, trucks of all years and American-made and powered vehicles.

The spring event officially ends the "off season" for hot rodders all over California and has become one of the "must attend" events on the Goodguys schedule, said show representative Betsy Bennett.

At the weekend event, fans will get a close-up glimpse of just how eclectic the modern-day

hot-rodding scene is with V8-powered, low-to-the-ground eye catchers like hot rods from the 1930s and '40s, lead sled customs from the 1950s, muscle cars from the 1970s as well as the new breed of American muscle like 5.0 GT Mustangs, Z28 Camaros, Chargers, Challengers and everything in between.

Goodguys events date back to 1983 when the late Gary Meadors founded Goodguys as a way to get car people and hot rod aficionados like him together to show off their cars, trade ideas, listen to some live music and have a little fun.

Meadors, who died Dec. 27, stepped back from day-to-day Goodguys operations in 2009,

appointing his youngest son Marc Meadors as company president. But the vision continues with Goodguys welcoming all genres of American car enthusiasts. What started over 30 years ago is now a strong, 21-event series that allows car people to meet and hang out with car people.

At this weekend's 34th Get-Together in Pleasanton, fans will see acres of American-made and -powered hot rods, customs, classics, trucks and more sprawled through the scenic fairgrounds in Pleasanton. It will be a trip back in time for many.

A highlight of the event is the rain-protected indoor custom car

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Pleasanton leaders talk bond measure

New city library, AVHS traffic also topics in joint meeting

By MEREDITH BAUER

Pleasanton's school board and city council convened for their annual joint meeting Monday night to discuss the school district's potential facilities bond measure, among other topics of common interest.

On the schools side, the district provided a presentation on its facility needs, leading into a discussion about a community survey regarding a potential local bond measure.

The district is looking at proposing a district-wide bond measure as early as November to pay for renovations and technology upgrades at schools. If an upcoming local demographics report indicates the district is in need of a new school, some of the bond could be dedicated for that campus, according to interim superintendent Jim Hansen.

Hansen said a poll is underway to evaluate community support and what type of bond residents would support. However, he said his best estimate at this point would be a \$312 million bond at a cost of \$60 per \$100,000 assessed property valuation.

School board president Jamie Hintzke said voters would see a list of specific projects and dollar amounts for each project when they vote, but the district has not created the final project list at this point.

School board member Mark

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Free heart screenings for youth set at Hart this weekend

EKG, echocardiogram exams available to check for heart issues

Spencer Clark and his wife, Patricia, in a family photo with their sons Kohlten and Zieren. Spencer Clark died of an undetected heart condition in 2007.



COURTESY OF PATRICIA CLARK

By MEREDITH BAUER

After Patricia Clark's husband died of an undiagnosed heart condition, she knew she had to spring into action to protect others' loved ones.

A free heart screening event for teens and young adults this Sunday at Hart Middle School aims to do just that.

Via Heart Project will offer free EKG and echocardiogram exams. Anyone ages 12 to 25 are encouraged to get checked since the exams offered aren't done during an annual physical or during a sports evaluation physical.

The screenings will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at Hart, 4433 Willow Road. Registration is open until today at viaheartproject.org/screenings and is

limited to 750 students.

All of the screenings are non-invasive, and they do not include x-rays or any procedures with needles, organizers said.

The first time Clark's husband had symptoms related to his genetic heart condition was the day he died in 2007. While he knew he had some heart problem as a child, he hadn't been diagnosed with any serious condition.

Clark, of Pleasanton, said her husband was going about his day as usual at Intel when he collapsed while talking with an employee.

"He was never told the severity of his condition," she said. "A lot of these tests are not available for kids who don't show any symptoms."

Clark said she made the decision to take her husband off life support

after 12 excruciating days, vowing to make sure no other family went through the same pain.

Her husband, and later two of her sons, were diagnosed with a genetic condition, Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Sunday's screenings will look for a myriad of conditions, diseases and abnormalities, including Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

Clark, who is helping organize Sunday's screening, said prior health screenings done by Via Heart Project have helped detect heart problems in otherwise healthy children — and the vast majority walk away with the assurance their hearts are in good shape.

"Knowledge is everything," Clark said. "I'd do anything to spare another family what my family had to go through." ■

PPIE to fund 4 instructional coaches in light of layoffs

School district coaches among dozens of employees affected by funding lag

A Pleasanton schools fundraising organization announced Monday it intends to allocate part of its annual giving fund for the salaries of four instructional coaches who would otherwise be laid off.

Pleasanton Unified School District sent out notices in mid-March to dozens of employees who are set to be laid off next school year after \$3.7 million in one-time funding from the state wasn't renewed.

Susan Hayes, executive director of Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, announced the intention to dedicate \$360,000 from its current fundraising campaign to

pay for the four salaries.

"The coaching program has been shown to strengthen teaching skills across the board," she announced at Monday night's joint city and school board public meeting.

The funding lag meant 25.9 permanent full-time equivalent positions and 53.4 temporary full-time equivalent spots in the school district had to be eliminated since those dollars were fueling those positions.

District staff noted it regularly releases all of its temporary employees at the end of the school year and regularly rehires some of them. ■

—Meredith Bauer

GOODGUYS

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show where owners compete for the "Custom of the Year" award. The event is open to all styles of vehicles from 1936-72.

For those who have the need for speed, the shrill sound of rubber meeting pavement will fill the air outdoors. Competing in the Goodguys AutoCross, a closed performance race course, drivers will show off their vehicles' speed and agility, battling it out in a weekend-long fastest-car-wins contests.

Again this year, the event will qualify winning drivers for the "Duel in the Desert" final shootout at the 19th Southwest Nationals on Nov. 19 at WestWorld in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Goodguys show also is a hot rod shoppers paradise with the Fairgrounds Midway featuring a multitude of vendors. Sales booths

will offer high-performance parts and accessories for multimillion-dollar custom big rig tractor-trailers those appealing to budding hot rodders and do-it-yourselfers.

The midway show is popular for giving show-goers the chance to interact directly with manufacturers.

There will be fun activities for children, too. A model car program sponsored by Revell will offer kids a model kit, with other events including PPG coloring contest, face painting and arts and crafts.

The Goodguys 34th All American Get-Together gates are open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. General admission is \$20, and \$6 for children 7-12. Alameda County Fairgrounds parking is \$10.

Sign on to www.good-guys.com to purchase event tickets or to register a show car, or call Goodguys at 838-9876 for more information. ■

—Jeb Bing

Dublin authorities warn high school students against playing 'Assassin'

Students can engage in risky behaviors for sake of the game, police say

Dublin police and the Dublin school district are warning parents about the risks involved if any of their high school-age students participate in the "Assassin" game.

In a joint statement, police Capt. Garrett Holmes and school district spokeswoman Michelle McDonald said students face possible legal and disciplinary action if any weapons, even imitation guns associated with the game, are brought onto school campuses or if evidence is discovered that the game is being played at school.

"The school administration is very concerned about the safety of our students and thus, collectively, is informing parents and students about the risk associated with these activities," said McDonald, the school district's public information officer.

Pleasanton police and school officials issued a similar advisory about the "Assassin" game earlier this year.

In the game, teams of seniors are assigned "targets" whom they have to "assassinate" using toy Nerf-type guns that fire foam darts. Each participant pays to

play and after several rounds and several weeks of play, the winner is the last person standing.

The activity is of significant concern, McDonald said, because students have, in the past, engaged in risky behaviors for the sake of the game.

Some examples of dangerous behavior in previous years, Holmes and McDonald said, include:

- Painting or disguising weapons to make them look more realistic
- Reaching for concealed weapons in public places
- Lying in wait behind bushes, trash cans, vehicles or fences
- Accessing or hiding on the property of another, often late at night
- Waiting for a target while dressed in all black or camouflaged clothing
- Reckless driving to avoid being targeted
- Car loads of teens driving around "stalking" or "hunting" their targets
- Jumping out of moving vehicles to attack or flee from other participants
- Conducting a "drive-by" shooting of a target in a parking lot or

public street.

When viewed through a non-participant's eyes, the behaviors look and have all the elements of an actual threatening or violent event unfolding. They often prompt multiple calls to the police who respond to what they believe to be a violent incident in progress.

Not only does this consume significant time and resources of emergency personnel, it also jeopardizes the safety of our community when actual threats cannot be responded to in a timely manner, Holmes explained.

"Furthermore, in the eyes of a startled homeowner protecting his or her family or property, a violent response to a player is quite possible, he added.

"Parents and students need to be aware that this activity can look like a realistic violent crime," he added. "If a police officer or another person is injured during the response to that incident, the people involved, including the parents of the minor taking part, could be held liable." ■

—Jeb Bing

IKEA submits plans for Dublin store

Construction could begin as early as spring 2017

Bay Area residents could have three IKEA stores to choose from if plans submitted for a new Dublin location are approved, the company said Tuesday morning.

If approved by the city of Dublin, construction on a new home furniture store could begin as early as spring 2017 for a projected store opening sometime in summer 2018, according to IKEA officials.

The proposed 339,000-square-foot store would be built on a 21-

acre property in the northwestern corner of Hacienda Drive and Interstate 580.

Additionally, the plan includes the development of a nearby six-acre area for a 52,000-square-foot space that could be used for retail stores, a restaurant and a boutique hotel, company officials said.

The store would be IKEA's ninth location in California. The two current Bay Area locations are in Emeryville and East Palo Alto.

"We continue to be thrilled with

the reception afforded us in the Bay Area," IKEA U.S. president Lars Petersson said in a statement. "This proposed store would complement the presence in Emeryville and East Palo Alto, providing Tri-Valley customers their own store."

Construction on the project could create more than 500 jobs and, once open, the store would employ about 350 people, according to company officials. ■

—Bay City News Service

DSRSD employee recognized for work on recycled water fill stations

Olson named WateReuse's 2015 Staff Person of the Year

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) clean water specialist Stefanie Olson was honored by the state's largest water-recycling industry group this week as the 2015 Staff Person of the Year.

WateReuse California honored Olson for her work on DSRSD's residential recycled water fill stations, which were popular enough to garner state and national media attention throughout the summer months.

"Stefanie's work was instrumental in helping Tri-Valley residents survive the drought and appreciate the true value of recycled water. Moreover, it has paved the way for potable reuse in the Tri-Valley and helped garner recycled water acceptance throughout the state," DSRSD principal engineer Rhodora Biagtan said in a statement.

From its inception in 2014 to

the end of 2015, 3,600 people signed up to use the fill stations and took home 30 million gallons of recycled water for use on their lawns and plants, the district stated.

DSRSD provides wastewater service to Pleasanton by contract, as well as water and sewer service for Dublin and parts of San Ramon. ■

—Meredith Bauer



Stefanie Olson, Dublin San Ramon Services District clean water specialist, was named 2015 Staff Person of the Year by WateReuse California.

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COSTCO

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ing administrative, professional office, research and limited industrial uses," Wheeler said.

The city's new zoning plan, however, would amend the General Plan to allow several new uses, including a large "club retail" store, he added.

"Some of the new uses would generate significantly greater traffic and air quality impacts," Wheeler said. "The significant and unavoidable traffic impacts and related air quality impacts associated with some land-uses will significantly reduce the suitability of the area for (other) uses."

Once submitted, the initiative by the CFPG would go to the Pleasanton city attorney, who would prepare an official ballot title and summary no later than March 24. Following that, the notice of intention and official ballot title and summary will be posted or published, and the organizers can begin circulating the document for signature collection.

Speaking at a recent Planning Commission meeting, Wheeler said that in spite of statements by Mayor Jerry Thorne that the rezoning effort will get a full public hearing, "it seems like the project is proceeding without adequate public input."

"It is already being talked about as a 'done deal,'" Wheeler said. "At a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting, I personally heard Dan Rosenbaum from Nearon say, 'Costco has signed the lease. They are here.'"

"What we've seen from the informal polling that we've done in the last few months is that what the Pleasanton community overwhelmingly doesn't want is 'more' — more traffic, more big box, more congestion, more crime, more pollution," he added.

If the citizens' initiative qualifies for a November vote, it's likely that the City Council could place the proposed Economic Development Zone plan also on the ballot for voter approval.

That would be like the dueling Measures PP and QQ over hillside development that went to voters several years ago where the majority number of votes won the day. It could be the same with a November vote if there are competing initiatives facing Pleasanton voters on the Johnson Drive zoning issue. ■

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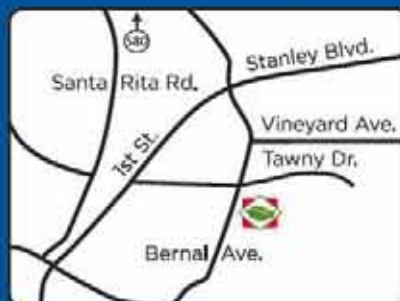
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COURTESY OF JEREMY DETAMORE

Foothill High's We the People team is amping up their preparation to get ready for nationals since they were chosen for a "wild card" spot weeks after the state competition.

Foothill to make first-ever appearance in We the People nationals

High school civics competition tests students' constitutional knowledge

BY MEREDITH BAUER

Foothill High's We the People team will advance to the national round of the civics competition after being selected as a "wild card" participant.

Foothill came in second in the state competition, and while only first-place teams are guaranteed a spot at nationals, teams can still advance if they're selected during the "wild card" process — which the Falcons were.

The advancement marks the first time Foothill will compete in We the People's national round, team adviser Jeremy Detamore said.

"This has been a hard-working and dedicated group of students from day one, and I'm happy that their dedication will be rewarded," he said in an email. "They've really proven themselves as scholars and citizens, and I'm glad they get one more chance to display that."

The competition, now in its 29th year, simulates congressional hearings, and students are evaluated based on their performance and knowledge of the Constitution.

To get ready for nationals, which will be held at the University of Maryland from April 22-25, the Foothill team has been "turning it up to 11 very quickly" as soon as they heard about their eligibility last Friday, Detamore said.

"We learned about the wild-card spot very late in the game, so other teams have a significant jump on us in terms of preparation," he said.

The national high school civics competition reserves 50 seats for state winners. If a U.S. state does not have a qualifying team, and if U.S. territories can't fill the remaining slots, a wild-card spot opens up on a rotating basis for states with teams already in the competition. Arizona, Nevada and Idaho were among the states that also received a wild-card entry.

Foothill's berth was announced several weeks after the state competition because other states were offered the spot before California, which got a wild card last year. Foothill was selected after several states turned down the offer.

Though this marks the Falcons' first appearance, Pleasanton is no stranger to the We the People nationals.

Amador Valley High has advanced to that competition 14 times. This year, Amador Valley finished third in the state round, behind Foothill and Arcadia High School in Los Angeles County.

The Foothill team is accepting donations to help offset costs associated with participating in nationals at the University of Maryland. To contribute or learn more information, visit fthllab.ejoinme.org/WethePeople16. ■



COURTESY OF JEREMY DETAMORE

Foothill's We the People team will advance to the national round next month.

'Festival of Colors' to benefit eye care abroad

Indian celebration set at fairgrounds next weekend

By JEREMY WALSH

A colorful springtime celebration common in India is coming to the Alameda County Fairgrounds next weekend, aiming to bring together people of all cultures in Pleasanton while also raising funds to support free eye care for those in need in India.

Holi, known as the "Festival of Colors" or the "Festival of Sharing Love," is typically observed in March across India during which participants throw wet and dry colors on each other to promote friendship, love, the triumph of good over evil and spring's arrival signaling the end of winter, according to Rajani Suryanarayan, an organizer of the Pleasanton event.

"Holi is a playful way to bring the community together and bond with your family and friends by throwing colors on each other. It

is also a way to get to meet new people from our society," said Smruthi Danda, a volunteer organizer and a junior at San Ramon's Dougherty Valley High School.

"Holi—The Festival of Colors" at the fairgrounds will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 26, with funds raised benefiting the Sankara Eye Foundation, a Milpitas-based nonprofit that works to provide eye care in India with the goal of eradicating curable blindness in the country by 2020.

"This event is not just for the Indian community," added lead volunteer Sumanth Addagarla. "It is a family-friendly event for anyone who wants to experience diversity and to get to know other cultures while having fun."

For ticket prices and other festival information, visit www.giftofvision.org or email info@giftofvision.org. ■



PHOTO BY SUDHA PATIBANDLA

Holi is a traditional Indian celebration where people throw wet or dry colors on each other to promote friendship, love and togetherness.

BOND MEASURE

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Miller said many of Pleasanton's schools have long been in need of upgrades, but those projects were put on hold after the recession.

"They're showing their age in many ways, so I think we really need to do this," he said.

Mayor Jerry Thorne and other members of the Pleasanton City Council urged caution about a bond measure on the November ballot, given the fact the ballot is expected to have a high number of tax-based measures.

"I always worry that if someone sees lots of bond measures and tax measures on a ballot that they'll just say 'no' to everything," Thorne said.

The meeting also covered an overview of the city's Civic Center Library Master Plan so far, including suggested layouts of a combined center and library facility, a review of a market analysis for ways to use the existing Civic Center site and projections of future library patrons' needs.

City Manager Nelson Fialho said Pleasanton has the smallest library of Alameda County's cities but has the highest visitation rate

per capita.

City officials provided an update about a joint plan to renovate Amador Valley High School's traffic pattern. The council and school board discussed the plan's budget and proposed design, which includes adding a sidewalk, adding a traffic signal on Santa Rita Road and adjusting the student parking lot slightly.

The city noted that while construction starts May 9, the contractor for the project has agreed not to work during Amador Valley's finals so students won't be distracted by the noise. Construction is expected to end Aug. 2. ■

TAKE US ALONG



At Martha's Vineyard: Karen and Joe Costa took the Pleasanton Weekly to the Edgartown Lighthouse on the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday March 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

P15-0551, Catalyst Development Partners

Work Session to review and receive comments on a Preliminary Review application to relocate the existing single-family residence from 536 St. John Street to 4372 Pleasanton Avenue and construct 12 townhomes at 536 St. John Street

P15-0739, John G. Maze

Application for Design Review approval to retain the existing residence and construct three new apartment units at the rear and related site improvements located at 236 Ray Street

P16-0174, Graceway Church

Application for Conditional Use Permit to operate a religious facility within an existing building in Valley Business Park at 1183 Quarry Lane

PUD-99, Ponderosa Homes

Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan to construct 19 single-family residences and related improvements on an approximately 9.02-acre site located at 1851 Rose Avenue

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT

The City Council is accepting applications for the following:

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3 Middle School Members
2 High School Members
1 At Large Member
2 Alternate Members

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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.

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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN



Man killed in Highway 84 crash near Pleasanton

A 22-year-old man died in a head-on crash on Highway 84 near Pleasanton last Friday night.

Around 9:05 p.m., a silver Nissan 370z was traveling on westbound Highway 84 west of Ruby Hill Drive, according to California Highway Patrol (CHP) officials. At the same time, a gray Ford F250 pickup truck was traveling eastbound on Highway 84.

The Nissan lost control and crossed over two sets of double yellow lines and collided with the Ford, the CHP said.

The driver of the Nissan, identified as Lathrop resident Larry Munoz, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Ford was taken to a hospital with minor injuries, according to CHP officials.

In other police news:

- The East Bay Regional Park District Police Department announced Officer Barry Lindsey

as its 2016 Officer of the Year.

Lindsey, whose patrol includes Pleasanton parks, was chosen as an exemplary officer from the park district's ranks, which are headquartered in Castro Valley. As a dirt-bike patrol officer, his beat includes the Iron Horse Regional Trail.

Officers could nominate others for the honor if a peer exhibited strengths in the fields of customer service, exceptional performance of duty, police service ability, leadership ability, community service and ongoing education/continuing professional training,



COURTESY OF EBRPD

East Bay parks police officer Barry Lindsey was the department's choice as Officer of the Year.

parks spokeswoman Carolyn Jones said.

The department also honored dispatch supervisor Stacey Kenney as its 2016 Dispatcher of the Year.

- A West Oakland man pleaded not guilty Monday to a murder charge stemming from the fatal shooting of a Dublin man during an attempted robbery in downtown Oakland in November.

Damion Dupclay, 24, is scheduled to return to court on May 23 for a pretrial hearing for the shooting death of Jonathan Josiah Orbeton, 39, in the 1600 block of 18th Street near Martin Luther King Jr. Way at 2:37 a.m. on Nov. 12.

Investigators allege that Dupclay shot Orbeton while trying to rob him.

Investigators reviewed surveillance video of the crime and saw Dupclay's car fleeing the area, police said. The car was reportedly spotted later that day but Dupclay fled, leading police on a pursuit to the corner of 14th and Wood streets in West Oakland. He got out of the car and ran, but officers caught him.

Oakland police said that after Dupclay was

arrested, he confessed to killing Orbeton.

- Two mall-goers returned to their cars for an unwelcome surprise after several car break-ins last week at the Stoneridge Shopping Center.

In one March 10 case, the car owner returned to their car around 8 p.m. to find their rear right window smashed. A duffle bag containing electronics was stolen, but Beats by Dre headphones and a cellphone were untouched in the car, according to Pleasanton police.

All told, the car owner lost about \$800 in items, and no arrest had been made as of Monday, police stated.

In a March 11 case, a woman returned to her car to find one of her windows smashed and a bag holding her hair products had been stolen, police stated.

About \$80 in items, including a Lululemon bag, a curling iron and hairspray, were snatched. No arrest had been made in the case as of Monday, police stated. ■

—Meredith Bauer

Bay City News Service contributed to this report.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 13

Alcohol violation

- 1:40 a.m. in the 800 block of Sunset Creek Lane

Drug violation

- 10:26 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft from auto

- 4:03 p.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue
- 7:50 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

March 12

Alcohol violation

- 1:44 a.m. in the 500 block of Main Street

- 8:20 a.m. in the 1600 block of Paseo Del Cajon

Fraud

- 7:33 p.m. in the 5300 block of Case Avenue

Graffiti

- 8:32 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Theft from auto

- 10:50 a.m. in the 4000 block of Francisco Street
- 11:07 a.m. in the 1500 block of Mendoza Court
- 1:34 p.m. in the 4000 block of Francisco Street

Vandalism

- 10:09 a.m. in the 4900 block of Bernal Avenue

March 11

DUI

- 11:20 p.m., intersection of Sherry Court and Kottinger Drive

Fraud

- 5:52 in the 1800 block of Zenato Place

Graffiti

- 6:05 p.m. in the 4300 block of Black Avenue

Residential burglary

- 8:29 p.m. in the 8100 block of Regency Drive
- 8:44 p.m. in the 2500 block of Arlotta Place

Theft

- 12:26 a.m. in the 200 block of Ray Street
- 7:27 a.m., 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from auto
- 9:27 a.m., 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road; theft from auto
- 5:25 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:31 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 8:53 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 11:23 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

March 10

Alcohol violation

- 9:54 p.m. in the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

Burglary

- 7:12 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Residential burglary

- 8:24 p.m. in the 2300 block of Meadowlark Drive
- 9:05 p.m. in the 4500 block of Muirwood Drive

Theft from auto

- 6:57 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:00 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road
- 7:21 p.m. in the 5700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:28 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 7:29 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:18 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Vandalism

- 6:31 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 11:19 p.m. in the 4400 block of Valley Avenue

March 9

Drug violation

- 11:13 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Embezzlement

- 5:46 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:02 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 4:53 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Theft

- 10:26 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue
- 11:31 a.m. in the 4600 block of Willow Road

Vandalism

- 6:36 a.m. in the 900 block of Crellin Road

March 8

Drug violation

- 3:30 p.m., intersection of West Angela Street and Pleasanton Avenue

Residential burglary

- 9:43 p.m. in the 4400 block of Clovewood Lane

Theft

- 8:43 a.m., 6800 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from auto
- 10:54 a.m. in the 900 block of Riesling Drive
- 4:04 p.m. in the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way
- 8:03 p.m. in the 1500 block of East Gate Way

March 7

Assault/battery

- 2:09 p.m. in the 7700 block of Forsythia Court

Fraud

- 3:39 p.m. in the 2700 block of Labecca Court

Theft

- 12:07 p.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto
- 2:08 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 3:39 p.m., 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 10:23 p.m., 5100 block of Franklin Drive; theft from auto

Vandalism

- 12:02 p.m. in the 11300 block of Dublin Canyon Road

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EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

We believe local is better

Bay Area News Group has announced it is merging five of its newspapers, including the Tri-Valley Times (formerly known as the Tri-Valley Herald), The Valley Times and the Contra Costa Times. These titles will no longer be published; instead readers will receive a regional daily, the East Bay Times, beginning in April.

Sharon Ryan, the group's publisher, tried her best to put a positive spin on it, but it missed the mark.

"Readers have been quite clear with us about how much they like their newspapers and what they want more of, and we're changing to serve them better," Ryan said in a story earlier this month.

We empathize with Ryan. Running a print media operation has challenges like no other industry. The Internet changed the business model, and all newspaper publishers here and across the nation have had to make drastic, undesirable and unpopular changes just to remain in print.

It's Ryan's statement that the group is "changing to serve (readers) better" that we take issue with. Maybe changing to continue serving readers, but better? This was a cost-cutting measure — a necessary and understandable one. But providing regional news as opposed to local news is not serving readers better. Reducing the number of journalists covering local government is not serving readers better.

Our staff has had to make changes, too — everything from reducing office space to centralizing our production at our headquarters on the Peninsula. We continue to receive support from readers through Support Local Journalism and by implementing a "pay meter" on our websites. We also ask that readers support our advertisers and acknowledge their participation in keeping local media alive and well.

Unlike most newspapers, which have cut back on the breadth of their local news coverage, we have taken steps to maintain the level of professional reporting readers have come to expect. Coverage of local government and local issues specific to the communities we cover are at the heart of quality journalism. And quality journalism is imperative to an effective democracy. ■



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LETTERS

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— *Shaké Sulikyan*
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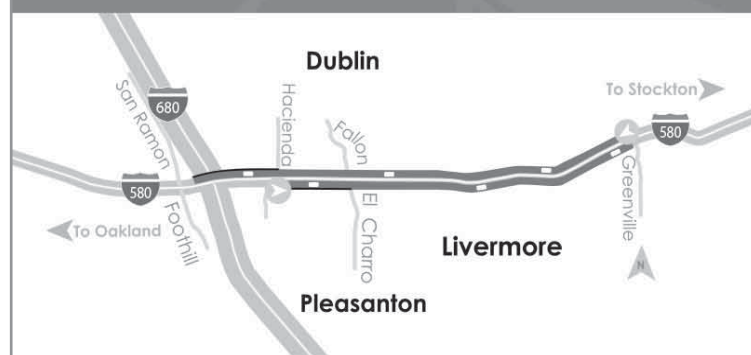
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Furry friends find running mates

Animal shelter's Jog a Dog program credited with increasing adoptions

MEREDITH BAUER
Volunteer Genie Grey goes for a morning run with an East Bay SPCA shelter dog as part of the nonprofit's Jog a Dog program.

BY MEREDITH BAUER
Weekend runs are the 2-year-old's favorite. When the door opens in the morning, he all but gallops into the pre-dawn mist, relishing the cool breeze on his face.

At least, that's what volunteers believe Tiki — a Dobermann American Staffy mix — feels when they take him running with other dogs from the East Bay SPCA shelter in Dublin.

Tiki wouldn't have gotten much of a chance to go on runs if it weren't for Jog a Dog, a volunteer-run program at the local East Bay SPCA branch. Several times a week, Jog a Dog volunteers take some of the shelter's dogs on long runs through a Dublin park to help them burn off energy, relax and socialize with other dogs.

The program, in its third year, has helped dogs get adopted because the animals are happier, calmer, more relaxed and better prepared to interact with kids during adoption events when they've gone for a run earlier in the day, said Amy Fields, lead volunteer for Jog a Dog.

"It's really brought our adoptability levels to a new high," East Bay SPCA behavior and training coordinator Laurel Stark said.

Other area shelters also recruit volunteers to take dogs on walks or runs. Pleasanton's Valley Humane Society has groups of dog walkers who take dogs out three to four times a day, executive director Melanie Sadek said.

She said some volunteers take the more energetic dogs on brisk runs, while others might take slower dogs on a leisurely stroll. Either way, she said the exercise makes a difference for the dogs.

"Tired dogs are good dogs," she said. "Whether they are in their forever home or waiting to find their new family, dogs that have been exercised are calmer and less excitable. Having the dogs exercised allows potential adopters to see a more relaxed dog and a better example of how the dog might be once in their home."

Sadek said it's an added bonus that volunteer-led walks and runs help dogs get used to being on a leash, going to the bathroom outside and going on walks with other dogs.

The East Bay SPCA takes in about 3,000 animals a year and its Oakland and Dublin locations act as adoption centers and animal-training facilities. Its Oakland location also provides a veterinary clinic.

Fields started the program at the Dublin location after she learned about how running helped dogs relax — and since she loved running and volunteering at the animal shelter, it seemed like a perfect match.

Fields, a Foothill High alumna who now lives in San Ramon, said about

10 people do three shifts of dog-jogs throughout the week. Typically, a group will go running each Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday for about a mile and a half through nearby parks.

Right now, the program is only at the East Bay SPCA's Dublin location, but Fields said she hopes to bring it to the Oakland location if enough volunteers come forward.

She said dogs in the program typically stay at the shelter for just two weeks before they get adopted.

Dogs, especially the larger ones, are sometimes so excited to see new people after being inside for a while that they'll jump or run around the room when potential adopters visit. But if they've had a run in the morning, Fields said, the dogs will be much more mellow. They'll be still happy to see people, but they'll be more likely to walk up to visitors and let them pet them.

Brandon Carmo, a Pleasanton native who now lives in Danville, said running helps calm the dogs so potential adopters see how the dogs will be on a regular day.

On a cool, cloudy morning last year, Carmo held Tiki on a leash. Tiki looked at Carmo expectantly, getting treats when he performed commands, like sitting and waiting.

Once Carmo opened the door, Tiki all but bounded through, pulling excitedly on his leash. Two other volunteers joined them with dogs, and the canines got in their requisite sniffs before starting out on their jog.

Running the dogs is also a great way to get them used to socializing with other dogs, Carmo said. Not all dogs are used to going on runs, so

they have to be trained to cooperate with the other dogs while running down the sidewalks.

He pays attention to Tiki's movements while they run. He can tell if Tiki is uncertain or uncomfortable while running or whether he is feeling confident.

Carmo started volunteering with East Bay SPCA a few years ago, working with cats at the Dublin shelter. Fields approached him when she started the Jog a Dog program since she knew he was an avid runner.

Running has always been a fun way for him to get exercise and to feel better, he said. A runner since college, it's been a go-to strategy when he needs to clear his mind.

He said the dogs he runs with clearly feel the same.

And as for Tiki, he was adopted in October and met his forever family just after a run, Fields said.

"They'll become more their true selves when they get that initial energy burst out in the morning," Carmo said. ■

'It's really brought our adoptability levels to a new high.'

Laurel Stark,
East Bay SPCA coordinator



Left: Volunteers Amy Fields (left) and Genie Grey run with Star and Tiki to help the dogs unwind before an adoption event at the East Bay SPCA shelter in Dublin. (Photo courtesy of Fields). **Right:** Volunteer Brandon Carmo goes for a morning run with Tiki. (Photo by Meredith Bauer).

Presenting 'True Fusion'

Youth Music Festival at Firehouse next weekend



MARK DUNCANSON

Above: Brenna Lonner, 13, of Harvest Park Middle School performs for YouTube video. **Right:** "True Fusion" performers (left to right) Chloe Reddy, Michael Florczyk and Logan Adams shoot a YouTube video.



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Let the fusion begin. Youth Music Festival 2016 features nine of the Bay Area's best teen musicians performing cross-genre music in "True Fusion" with two concerts on March 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Festival director Mark Duncanson said that it is a nod to the goal of "fusing" performers this year more collaboratively than in the past and with genres they otherwise would not perform. He noted that in some cases, they even changed the genres of songs, as in playing a rock anthem as a lullaby, or vice versa.

"Giving young performers the opportunity to apply their natural talents and arts educations to collaborating with their fellow artists

is so exciting," Duncanson said. "As a musician myself, I have a deep interest in nurturing the recreational music culture in the Tri-Valley."

Musicians this year are from Amador Valley, Foothill and De La Salle high school, and Hart and Harvest Park middle schools. Amador students Karin MacCarty, 16, Chloe Reddy, 17, and Alyssa Crumrine, 15, as well as 13-year-old Brenna Lonner from Harvest Park will perform their original compositions.

Guitarist Shanth Gopalswamy, 14, from Foothill, returns to the Firehouse theater after making a splash on its stage last summer when he opened for the Bay Area Musicians concert.

The Youth Music Festival was started 14 years ago as a way for young area musicians to share the love of

music in a supportive and non-competitive environment. Besides director Duncanson, staff members are assistant director Jeff Zavattero and vocal director Andrew Mondello.

"Because the creative process for 'True Fusion' is highly collaborative, we as staff are there to simply facilitate the process rather than influence the content," Duncanson said. "During our first rehearsal, the performers decided to write an original song just for the festival, which was a very exciting product of this creative process."

There will be two Youth Music Festival concerts, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. March 26. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$5 students. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

Museum exhibits soldiers' letters, Civil War to now

Photos from Vietnam War feature infantry experience

The new traveling exhibit at Museum on Main, "War Comes Home: The Legacy," highlights private correspondence from almost every major conflict in U.S. history.

Rich with historic and contemporary letters, the exhibit, which opened earlier this month, explores the joys and hardships that returning soldiers and their families face, as expressed through private letters and email correspondence.

"Those of us coming back ... are not looking for sympathy," wrote Staff Sgt. Parker Gyokeres. "We might be reluctant at first to talk about what we've been through ... your support has made this journey an incredible one ... Thanks, above all, for listening."

Related artifacts have been donated or lent by veterans and their families living in the Pleasanton area, dating from the Civil War to the present. These include uniforms, equipment, keepsakes and souvenirs, and correspondence from soldiers and sailors serving under the flag of the United States.

"War Comes Home: The Legacy" is part of Cal Humanities' current War Comes Home initiative, a program to promote an understanding of veterans and explore how war shapes a community. The exhibition is based on the work of the Center for American War Letters and is presented by Exhibit Envoy.

Concurrently, Museum on Main is hosting "An Ordinary Year, an Extraordinary Time: Photographs from a Tour in Vietnam," featuring the photography of Steven Burchik, who served as a forward observer with the Army's First Infantry Division from the summer of 1968 into the summer of 1969.

During his tour, Burchik took thousands of photographs with a personal camera that he carried on and off duty. A selection of these photos illustrated Burchik's award-winning 2014 memoir, "Compass and a Camera: A Year in Vietnam," and 65 images chosen by Burchik comprise the exhibit.

Burchik will be speaking at 7



STEVEN BURCHIK

"A Soldier Crosses a River" is one of Steven Burchik's photographs that are now on display at Museum on Main.

p.m. tonight at the museum, telling about his tour in Vietnam where he was stationed in the rice paddies near Saigon. He will also be offering his book, which pulls not only from his memories but from the daily letters he wrote to his fiancée and photographs from the more than 4,000 he took while serving overseas. His talk is free but preregistration is required; call 462-2766.

"War Comes Home" runs through April 24; "An Ordinary Year" through May 29. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. Visit www.museumonmain.org for more information. ■

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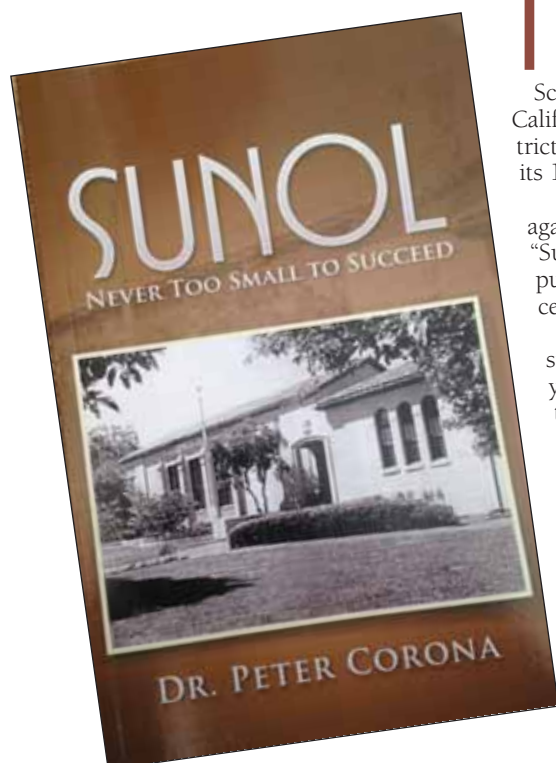
Book by former superintendent chronicles events in 1965 that led to today's districts

By Dolores Fox Ciardelli



MEREDITH BAUER

Peter Corona, author and former superintendent of the Sunol Glen School District, visits the campus earlier this month.



The 1960s were heady times for educator Peter Corona when he became superintendent of Sunol Glen School District at the age of 32.

School districts were unifying all over California, and a Pleasanton-Dublin district was poised to swallow tiny Sunol and its 150 students.

Corona, 87, remembers the battle against unification in his new book, "Sunol: Never Too Small to Succeed," published last fall by Xlibris as Sunol celebrated its 150th year of schooling.

The 238-page volume is also the story of education in a small town 50 years ago. For example, one day music teacher Harriett Finger wanted the piano moved onto the stage of the auditorium.

"Since we lacked enough manpower, I walked to a bar and asked for volunteers," Corona recalled in the book. "A large number of men came out and lifted the piano on the stage with ease. Later, Mrs. Finger saw me and said, 'It took a week to fumigate the auditorium.'"

This little history book is full of names and anecdotes.

"I didn't like writing in the first

person, but at the same time, I had to tell the history of the people in Sunol," Corona said in a recent interview. "As communities change, people don't know what it was like."

Corona's superintendent/principal job included teaching the fifth/sixth grade combination — plus he coached upper-grade students during recess, noon hour and physical education class. The job gave him the opportunity to be a specialist and a generalist at the same time, he said.

Corona invited old-timers to assemblies so students could learn from them. He also invited international students from UC Berkeley to share their experiences.

"While I was exposing Sunol to the outside world, Sunol was beginning to expand the outside world to me," Corona wrote.

In March 1962, he organized a trip for students in grades 4 to 8 to the university to hear President John F. Kennedy speak.

"When he was assassinated the next year, they all felt close to him and especially sad," Corona said. "They had written to the president, and he sent a letter to them with words of wisdom."

But Corona's effort to keep the tiny Sunol district independent was his proudest accomplishment.

In the early rural days, schools had been

started within walking distance of the students. By 1960, other small districts had joined Sunol Glen but always with their residents in favor of the move. Now Sunol was apprehensive as it watched other small districts being unified with larger ones against their will.

"The general consensus was that the greatest loss to these small communities was the loss of their school boards, where the local citizens elected them to represent their community," wrote Corona.

In 1961, a year after Corona came to Sunol, a provision was added to California state law that unification would take place if a majority of the votes in the proposed combined school district favored it. Then the state called for an election on June 1, 1965, to unify the schools in the Amador High School District and its three feeder elementary districts — Pleasanton, Murray (Dublin) and Sunol.

The Sunol Glen district had only 6% of the voters in the proposed unified district, so its voters could be 100% against unification and still lose.

Corona, who continued to live in Walnut Creek throughout his career, knew he had to become involved in the communities surrounding Sunol to effectively fight



unification. Following his love of history, he joined the new Amador-Livermore Valley Historical Society in 1963, volunteering for committees and sharing Sunol's educational programs. He also joined the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce. And he began to attend state Board of Education meetings.

"I researched unification with the same intensity and dedication as pursuing my doctor's degree," Corona remembered in the book.

As the election grew near, Corona gave presentations, met with voters and took out a full page, non-unification ad in the Pleasanton Times.

On Election Day, all of the 271 eligible voters in Sunol turned out to vote. Corona recalled that one supporter brought ill elderly people to the polls on stretchers from the convalescent home. The final tally of 1,946 votes was 65% against unification.

Corona continued to improve education in Sunol, and the board was fully supportive as he earned his doctorate in leadership and human behavior at Cal Western in San Diego (later U.S. International University, now Alliant International University). His dissertation, "Role of the Superintendent as Perceived by Community Leaders and

School Administrators," was used by California administrators for many years, he said.

Sunol education was even recognized in Europe when Corona was invited to travel with other superintendents to the Soviet Union for a month in 1966. This eye-opening trip into closed Communist countries during the Cold War is also chronicled in the book.

In 1970, Corona left Sunol to become superintendent of Benicia Unified School District, wanting to expand his experience to the high school level. He spent 47 years as a superintendent in districts throughout the state and credits the skills he learned in Sunol with being able to save four elementary districts in Southern California.

"Sunol: Never Too Small to Succeed" has been translated into foreign languages including Chinese, Russian, Italian and Swedish, Corona said.

Corona also wrote a book called "Little Italy, the Way It Was," about growing up in San Diego's Little Italy when the men were mainly commercial fishermen. He donates proceeds from his books to local causes, and he noted that "Little Italy" helped pay off its church's debt.

"My parents were born in Italy,

Top: Sunol Glen School on a cool morning earlier this month. (Photo by Meredith Bauer).

Bottom: An undated postcard shows the school in the first half of the 20th century. Museum on Main curator Ken MacLennan said the photograph was likely taken before World War II. (Photo courtesy of Museum on Main).

and I married an Italian girl I met at UC Berkeley," Corona said.

He credits Yolanda, his wife of 61 years, for keeping the home fires burning while he pursued his career. She taught elementary school for many decades in Mt. Diablo Unified School District, where she still works as a substitute teacher. He also has resumed teaching, a physical fitness class at the emeritus college at Diablo Valley College. "Together we have over 115 years in education," Corona said with a laugh.

Sunol Glen became its own unified school district in 1987. Dublin became unified in 1988 and Pleasanton in 1989. None of them would exist if the election of 1965 had passed the Amador Unified School District.

"I never saw it as an adversarial issue," Corona said. "I just wanted to save Sunol is all." ■

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

High school spring sports preview

Seasons underway for baseball, softball, tennis, lacrosse and more

The East Bay Athletic League spring sports season is the busiest time of the year as nearly every inch of field, pool and gym seem to be taken every afternoon. Following is a breakdown of the Amador Valley and Foothill teams.

Baseball

Amador lost seven of nine starters to graduation last year, but the Dons will have a solid base to start.

The Dons bring back three pitchers in Anthony Trucco, TJ Myers and James Cowick. Behind the dish is Cade Lau, a senior who was the backup last year.

Around the horn, first base is still an open competition, but the other three spots are taken, with Connor Mayes at second, Cal Loughlin at shortstop and Vince Russo holding down third.

Two of three outfield spots are filled with Patrick Loughnane and Cole Torquemada.

For crosstown Foothill, it is going to be a wait-and-see kind of season as newcomers transition in with returning players.

The defense starts with the middle of the field. Shortstop Ruben Mercado is back and joined by Justin Goodman at second. Giovanni Caponigro is back behind the dish for the Falcons.

Joey Lea returns on the mound with Jake Wilson and Logan Caton also being counted on to pitch.

In the outfield, Troy Bachand and Tyler Wineger return. Ryan Sweeney is also back as the designated hitter for Foothill.

Softball

Foothill will send out perhaps its strongest team in some time, as the Falcons return seven starters — six

of whom will be starting for the third year.

Nalani Scates (P), Ragan Lacy (C), Maddie Warren (1B), Megan Shackley (SS), Alana Mendez (CF) and Jenna Crawford (IF/OF) are the six who give the Falcons huge depth and experience.

Yoko Penny (3B) is another returning senior that started last year. Mary Rockwood (IF/OF) and Karen Didio (P/IF) are other key returners for the Falcons.

Freshman Hope Alley (OF) will fight for playing time, and sisters Taylor and Kelsey Congdon, as well as Izzy Lopez, will all be counted on to contribute.

Amador earned its second straight North Coast Section title last year, led by freshman pitcher Danielle Williams. Now a sophomore, Williams puts the Dons in contention to win a third straight NCS crown, not just the EBAL.

Hannah Myers, Sofia Molina, Jillian Pluschkell, Alex Sanchez and Anamaria Beard are also solid returners for the Dons.

Golf

The Falcons have been a force for some time and their heavy credentials the past decade speak volumes: six EBAL Championships since 2008; seven NCS Championships and one runner-up finish since 2006; four NorCal Championships, one runner-up and one third-place finish since 2007; and six appearances at the CIF State Golf Championship since 2007.

This year they appear solid as well. The Falcons have three top seniors in John Francisco, Heetae

Yang and Parker Jameson to go with juniors Raj Chekuri, Alex Chin and Chase Godi for a solid core.

Amador returns the NorCal co-medalist from last year in Noah Woosley. Others returning are Andrew Chern, Nathan Leung and Josh Moroney.

Track and field

Foothill will enter the season with a solid base of athletes. On the girls' side, juniors Sarah Brocha, Mikayla Tran and Ariana Nino will join sophomore Abby McKeag and senior Rachel Ose as key contributors.

A quartet of boys are expected to lead the way for Foothill.

Seniors Matt Gates, Jonathon Dourneau and Ross McCabe will join forces with Bailey Roker for a solid core group of sprinters.

Amador is always strong in numbers, and this year it seems the same again.

For the boys, Rohit Menon, Will Gushurst, Trent Osaki, Jovan Perez, Brett Walsh, Alex Laurence, Andrew Helmers, Ian Menk and Nathan Esparza will lead the way.

The Amador girls will be paced by Megan Shih, Samantha Lai, Madison Perez, Emily Tincher, Melodie Laroudier, Rebecca Holley, Annaka Green, Brookey Villanueva, Megan Cavanaugh, Alexis Andres and Tori Palma.

Volleyball

It will be much of the same as the last two years for Foothill — find a setter and the team will be solid.

Whoever plays setter will have some solid hitters to share the ball with this season.

Edgar Alaniz, Sean Hsu and Max Kelly all return for the Falcons. Clayton Marceau, Robert Lee and Brent Gibson are among those looking for the setting position.

Amador will count on four senior starters to lead the way this season.

Rahul Patel (OH), Jake Marchi (OH), Max Husbands (MB) and Nick Scheele (S) give the Dons depth at crucial spots.

Boys lacrosse

If experience and senior leadership are key to a team, then Amador is starting with a full house this year.

In the cage for the third year will be Trey Cranney. In front of Cranney will be a pair of players also in the third year on varsity. Sean Tomonari and Jacob Lum give the Dons a solid start on defense. Shane MacDonald also figures to be a prominent defensive player.

In the midfield, Ryan Racer is in



JORGE QUERO

Sarah Brocha returns for the Foothill girls track team.

his third year of varsity play. Alex Pappis is back for the third year as well. Ben Highfill and Todd Ristow round out the top four in the middle.

Up front, the Dons have Brody West, Bryce Veit and Jake Newman.

Foothill has some talented players that are in their fourth year of varsity play.

Sean Maloney, headed to Hofstra next year, and Brian Dentler have been staples of the Foothill team for the past three years. Christian Meekens, Sam McGee, Alvin Carroll, Donnie Morrissey and freshman Tyler Sensiba are other key players.

Girls lacrosse

Amador returns 11 players to this year's team.

Senior goalie Amanda Stapp is joined on the defensive end of the field by senior captain Juliana Leedeman and junior Emily Hickey. Up front, the Dons welcome back another senior captain Charly Hennegan and a junior captain Sadie Grozier.

Foothill comes into the season with 10 returning players, but will still be young as only two seniors dot the Falcons' lineup.

Jessica Hewlett and Sophia Brown are the lone seniors this year. Hewlett is a stellar defender and Brown is a four-year varsity player that was a first-team all-EBAL selection last season.

Erin Schafer is only a sophomore, but a good one, already committing to Brown University. Junior Jacqueline Templeman is a junior who has locked in to play for UC

Davis after high school.

A pair of juniors will be looking for time in the goal with Rashika Sunku and Alexis Simmons both showing promise.

Swimming and diving

The Foothill girls team will bring a blend of talent to the EBAL this year.

Seniors Kennedy Truex, Ryane Skinner, Paige Heacox, Hailey Morse and Olivia Larson will team with junior Maddie David and freshman Elisabeth Balicanta to lead the swimmers, with Emily Balicanta and Isla Andrews as the top divers.

On the boys' side, seniors Joe Schafer, Jonathan Mui and Jeffrey Tang will be joined by junior Aaron Li as leaders. The Falcons also expect a lot from freshmen Jonah Cooper, Nick Skinner, Calvin David and Calvin Chui. Rob Harries and Cameron Levine are the top divers.

The Amador girls squad is looking for good swims from Caitlyn Plattel, Samantha Howell, Jacqueline Davis, Amber Fornoles, Jenna Brown, Emily Claridge and Marissa Lawrence.

The Amador boys have some talented swimmers as well, with Alex Gilchrist, Regis LaChance, Eric Li, Jack Naughton, Chris Jhong, Cole Reznick and Wolfgang LaChance leading the way.

Tennis

Seniors Abhisek Sahoo, Luke Zhang and Eric Luong are the experienced leaders for Amador.

Freshmen Eswar Ramineni, Vedhant Kaliyur and Ethan Allavarpu had very solid non-league campaigns. Finally, sophomores Casey Guan, Jeremiah Cheng (singles) and Rohan Kota (singles) all return from last year.

Fellow sophomores Jaewook Lee, Pranav Praveen, Dario Tommasini and Carl Yahata-Pettersson have stepped up from the junior varsity team to contribute.

After finishing second in league last year, Foothill returns this year with a mix of veteran players and some very talented new players which could make this year's team even stronger.

The Falcons will be led by seniors Andy Francis, Daniel Yang and Patrick Maund, juniors Cliff Moran and Arnav Patel, sophomores Kyle Thompson, Ben Chen and Jared Tay — all of whom played major roles in last year's success.

Four talented freshmen in Akash Patel, Alex Yang, Shreekar Eedara and Dylan Weiglein figure to make some noise. ■

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SUSAN WEIGLEIN

Foothill varsity tennis players with their medals following a second-place finish in the James Logan tournament.

Special Olympics basketball events a slam-dunk

Young athletes shine in pair of competitions at Pleasanton Middle School this month

By MEREDITH BAUER

The ninth-grader had spent the preceding weeks practicing, and she was ready to sink some baskets.

Amy Huang, an Amador Valley High student, smiled as she readied for the start of the Northern California Special Olympics Basketball Competition on Tuesday. She had her eyes on the prize, and she said one thing was on her mind that day: "To win the game."

Hundreds of students from Pleasanton and other Tri-Valley schools participated in two Special Olympics events at Pleasanton Middle School this month. Students from transitional kindergarten to fifth grade took to the court March 3, and sixth- through 12th-grade students competed Tuesday. Fifteen schools attended the event this week, including ones from Livermore, Dublin and Castro Valley.

"Human braveness is defined more by the spirit than by the body," Pleasanton Middle principal Jill Butler said during the opening ceremony.

The Special Olympics basketball games regularly take place at

Pleasanton Middle and are separate from qualifying matches that determine entry to the Special Olympics World Games.

Every student who participated received a ribbon, so everyone felt like a winner at the end of the day, said Alicia Newell, special day class teacher at Amador Valley.

Special education students from various schools spent time before the tournament talking, and general education students also attended as volunteers. Pleasanton Middle's basketball team for the event included special education and general education students.

"It's important for them to have the camaraderie with their classmates," Newell said.

While teachers try to find ways to integrate their students with their general education peers, it can be challenging on a day-to-day basis. However, events like this help students feel like they're really just as important as every other student, as well as helps normalize disabilities for general education students, according to Christine Fitzsimmons, an Alisal Elementary



MEREDITH BAUER

School special day class teacher.

"If they have siblings who are neuro-typical and they participate in sports and events, they may be left out of that," she said. "We're in a pretty sports-focused community, so it's very typical that kids would talk about their weekend games or

tournaments ... and this gives my class the same opportunity."

Schools were paired up and assigned to one of four courts. Scorekeepers and referees were on-site, but the goal of the event was just to make sure everyone had fun.

During a Pleasanton Middle

The team cheers on as Village High transition adult student Alyssa Arreguin sinks a basket in the NorCal Special Olympics Basketball Competition at Pleasanton Middle School on Tuesday morning.

face-off against Livermore's K-8 Joe Mitchell School, students dribbled and passed down the court, their faces covered with smiles and looks of determination.

"They don't really keep score ... Everybody wins," Fitzsimmons said. ■



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY FULMER

Amador Valley's Jack Harker buries the puck past Dublin goaltender Sage Zonner to put the Dons ahead in the shootout Saturday. Harker's goal proved to be the difference in the semifinal game.

AVHS hockey wins dramatic semifinal in shootout

The Amador Valley hockey team earned a spot in the championship game by beating the Dublin Gaels in a shootout Saturday night, with Jack Harker netting the go-ahead tally before Dons' goaltender Kevin Tieck secured the semifinal win by stopping Dublin's final shot.

The two teams finished regulation knotted at 3-3, and then battled through two scoreless overtime periods before the top-seeded Dons prevailed in the fourth round of a shootout at the Dublin Iceland rink.

Dublin got on the board first with an even-strength goal by Matthew Durst, giving the Gaels a 1-0 lead they held into the second period. The Dons tied the game on Devin Cox's goal, and they took the lead minutes later on a shot from Peyton Wisch.

The Gaels evened things up at 2-2 on Jared Minton's short-handed goal in the third. Ama-

dor's Carter Leong scored next, but the advantage was short-lived, as Durst soon tied the game with his second goal of the night.

The semifinal headed to overtime, and Amador and Dublin fought through two extra periods unable to untie the score, pushing the game to a shootout.

The first three rounds of the shootout were also scoreless, with Tieck and Dublin goaltender Sage Zonner each perfect in the net.

Harker skated up in the fourth round for Amador and put the puck past Zonner to give the Dons a 1-0 shootout lead. Tieck stymied Dublin's ensuing scoring attempt to clinch the victory.

Amador is set to face the Cal High Grizzlies in the championship game next month, with date and time not yet confirmed. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Pleasanton swimmer training for NCAA Championships

Chen stars on Michigan relays as junior

By JEREMY WALSH

Amador Valley graduate Jason Chen is preparing to take part in the NCAA Division I Championships with his University of Michigan teammates next week in Atlanta.

The Wolverines captured their sixth straight conference title by winning the Big Ten Championships last month at Purdue University in Indiana. Chen was a swimmer on three of those championship teams, and a major player on this year's squad.

"It's crazy that I'm a junior now," Chen said in a recent phone interview. "It's just been an amazing experience."

The 20-year-old sprint swimmer from Pleasanton was a member of Michigan's 4x200 medley relay team that took first place at the Big Ten Championships — with Chen swimming backstroke. He was also part of the second-place 4x200 and 4x400 freestyle relays.

Chen had strong individual races as well, taking third in the 100-yard backstroke, sixth in the 50-yard free and ninth in the 100-yard free.

He is eligible to swim on the three relays at the NCAA Championships, and he narrowly missed qualifying as an individual in the 100 backstroke.

"I'm just going to try to put my head down and race hard for my team," said Chen, a business major in Michigan's Ross School of Business.

Born in China, Chen moved with his family to the United States when he was 5 and then relocated to Pleasanton as a middle schooler. He attended Harvest Park, graduated from Amador Valley High in



MICHIGAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Pleasanton native Jason Chen stars on the University of Michigan swim team.

2013 and was an active swimmer on the Pleasanton Seahawks.

"Growing up in Pleasanton, growing up somewhere that was super safe, I was truly blessed to have that," he said, also praising the support he received from local teachers and swim coaches.

Chen described himself as a top fish from Amador who had to adapt to a "big ocean" at Michigan. "It's pretty difficult and exciting at the same time," he said.

Chen was limited to a handful of competitive races his first two years at Michigan, due to inexperience as a freshman and knee surgery recovery his sophomore season.

Fully healthy as a junior, Chen broke out this season, swimming events every meet for one of the nation's top programs.

"It's really exciting being part of a team like that," he added. "The goal here is to win."

The collegiate season runs August to March, and he maintains a busy daily routine as a student-athlete.

Chen said he usually wakes up weekdays at 5:30 a.m. before

practice from 6-8 a.m., and then heads to class between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. before another two-hour practice starting at 2:30 p.m. He said he typically spends his evenings studying or working as a project manager for a consultant firm with start-ups.

He summed up his college life as: "Eat, sleep, swim, work and study."

Chen said he tries to stay grounded and keep the big picture in mind, using the support of his teammates, coaches and family. "It helps that my mom was a national-level athlete as well," he added.

Looking ahead, he said he plans to spend part of his off-season cheering Michigan teammates vying during Olympic trials before beginning training for his senior year in the pool.

"I've got a lot of work to do," he added.

Chen said he hopes to also spend time next year "finding where I am in the business world."

And as for his own national-team aspirations, "The thought is there, but I don't know. We'll have to see how I do next year," he added. ■

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Civic Meetings

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Classes

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Clubs

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH 285 The Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 285, a social/philanthropic organization, invites those who love all things Italian to join for a potluck and guest speaker evening at 6 p.m. the third Friday of the month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Judy at 462-2487.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. No dinner will be served. For more information please visit <http://pleasantonlionsclub.org>.

TRI VALLEY WRITERS Kevin Smokler presents "Criticism: Meet Confidence!" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at Four Points By Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. The writer's life comes with triumph and disappointment. What writers do with, and learn from, disappointment is often the difference between success and near misses. Cost is \$12 for members,

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TRI-VALLEY STARGAZERS ASTRONOMY Feed you wonder about the night sky and the Cosmos by joining Tri-Valley Stargazers from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the third Friday of the month at Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Contact Richard Combs at 337-2385 or combs.richard@comcast.net.

Events

'AX OF MURDER' This zany murder mystery find actors and director selecting their next play, but could a script be haunted? No. Well, at least that's what the director tries to convince the other members of the troupe as the writer hints at the trail of terror that has cursed the play. "Ax of Murder" will run at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, March 5-26 at Sunol Glen School, 11601 Main St., Sunol. Tickets are \$15. Go to www.sunol.net.

DUBLIN LIBRARY SPRING USED BOOK AND MEDIA SALE Come to the Dublin Library's Spring Sale from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, March 26, members only, memberships available at door; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday sale open to all; and from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 27 for Bag Day. Fill a paper bag for \$4. Proceeds support library materials and programs. Call 803-7252.

Holiday

TRI-VALLEY CULTURAL JEWS PURIM CELEBRATION Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will be holding a secular Purim celebration from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 at the Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore. They will make hamantaschen, have crafts, games, and fun for all ages, and present the annual Purim skit. Attendees are welcome to come dressed as their favorite Purim character. \$10 suggested donation for non-members. Contact Noah King at 371-8585 or maluba2@yahoo.com.

Kids & Teens

BUNNY HOP SCAVENGER HUNT Come to the Second Annual Bunny Hop Scavenger Hunt from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, March 26 presented by the Pleasanton Downtown Association. Children 10 years and younger can start at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., to receive a goody bag and their first clue. Parents will be given answers to help children, plus goodies for adults. Go to PleasantonDowntown.net.

Lectures/ Workshops

'MAKERS: WOMEN IN HOLLYWOOD' The American Association of University Women Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch is co-sponsoring "Changing Images of Women in Film" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 at the Livermore Public Library to celebrate Women's History Month. The film will be followed by a panel

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CONTAINER GARDENING The American Association of University Women Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Branch is co-sponsoring a "Container Gardening" demonstration with Jacquie Williams-Courtright at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at Alden Lane Nursery, 981 Alden Lane, Livermore. Free hour long class on growing flowers, fruits and vegetables in containers. Refreshments. Call 484-3415 or go to www.aauw-lpd.org.

ONE-ON-ONE RESUME CRITIQUE Need help getting more job interviews and getting a good job? Come to a free one-on-one resume critique from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 in the Dublin Library Program Room, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin. Call 803-7252 to schedule a 20-minute session.

TRI-VALLEY GREEN HOME WORKSHOP Experts from StopWaste, the City of Dublin, and Moore Mechanical will lead a free workshop to help you make the best, most cost-effective choices for your green home improvement from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 at Dublin City Hall, 100 Civic Plaza. Call (510) 891-6500 or go to www.dublinenergy.eventbrite.com/.

On Stage

'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM' Enjoy one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies in a youth theater production at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, March 11-20 at the Firehouse Arts Center. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" includes magic, fairies, and mistaken identity; a whimsical comedy perfect for the whole family. Presented by Civic Arts Stage Company and Bay Area Children's Theater. Tickets are \$12-\$18. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

'THE ITALIAN GIRL IN ALGIERS' This madcap, farcical opera also has a serious undertone which pokes fun at authority figures, inept lovers, and unfaithful husbands. See "The Italian Girl in Algiers" at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, March 12-20 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$39-\$89. Go to livermorevalleyopera.com.

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Support Groups

EAST BAY ESSENTIAL TREMOR SUPPORT GROUP If you have recently been diagnosed with ET or would like to learn more about this common movement disorder in a safe and supportive environment, please join us from 10 a.m.-noon on the third Saturday of each month, in the Blackhawk A and B conference rooms at San Ramon Regional Medical Center, 6001 Norris Canyon Road, San Ramon. For more information, view their blog at www.eastbayet.com or call 487-5706 or email eastbayet@comcast.net.

MOTHERS WITH A PURPOSE Mothers With a Purpose meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Foothill High School Library. Mothers with a Purpose was formed by local moms to offer support to families affected by addiction. Visit www.motherswithapurpose.org.

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Volunteering

PLEASANTON LIBRARY LOOKING FOR LITERACY TUTORS The Pleasanton Library needs volunteers to help adults with English skills and will hold a volunteer training for tutors at 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 26. Tutoring can be one-on-one, in small groups or large groups. The Literacy Group provides everything, from books to materials to training. Tutors should be 18 and older and fluent in English. Register at chalbe@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

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The following person(s) doing business as: SAI RAKSHA COLLECTIONS, 2149 RHEEM DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Gayathre Krishnan, 2149 Rheem Drive, 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: Gayathre Krishnan. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/10/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 18, 25, April 1, 8; 2016)

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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)

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 your claim with the court and mail 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)

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: LUWANA ROSALIE-JANIE MERCADO 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 20, 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 your claim with the court and mail 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)



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Mortgage applications see dip

By JEB BING

Mortgage applications decreased 4.8% for the week ending Feb. 26 from a week earlier, according to data from the Mortgage Bankers Association. The previous week's results included an adjustment for the Presidents Day holiday.

The Market Composite Index, a measure of mortgage loan application volume, decreased 4.8% on a seasonally adjusted basis from one week earlier. The Refinance Index decreased 7% from the previous week, reaching its lowest levels since January.

The refinance share of mortgage activity

decreased to its lowest level since, 58.6% of total applications, from 61% the previous week. The adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) share of activity decreased to 5.6% of total applications.

The average contract interest rate for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages with conforming loan balances (\$417,000 or less) decreased to 3.83% from 3.85%, with points decreasing to 0.39 from 0.42 (including the origination fee) for 80% loan-to-value ratio (LTV) loans. The effective rate decreased from the previous week. ■

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Truly a spectacular home in Sorrento at Dublin Ranch. Built in 2006, a former Toll Brothers model home with design and decorator touches around every corner! Featuring hand scraped pergo flooring, granite counter tops, maple cabinetry, Kitchen Aid appliances, designer tile...so much to list! There is a potential 4th bedroom downstairs directly next to a full bathroom that is currently being used as an office. Three bedrooms are located upstairs with a built-in "tech center" in the upstairs landing. The master suite is spacious and truly a retreat!

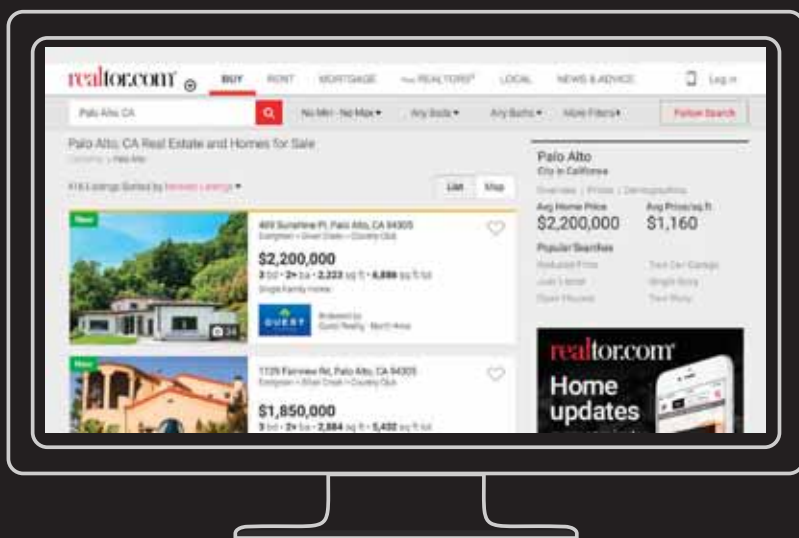
Sorrento offers a phenomenal Dublin location with close proximity to freeway, BART, shopping, award-winning schools and parks galore! The community features a stunning clubhouse, pool and workout facility.



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Numbers Say It All – Over \$81.5m in PENDING and SOLD Properties in 2015...



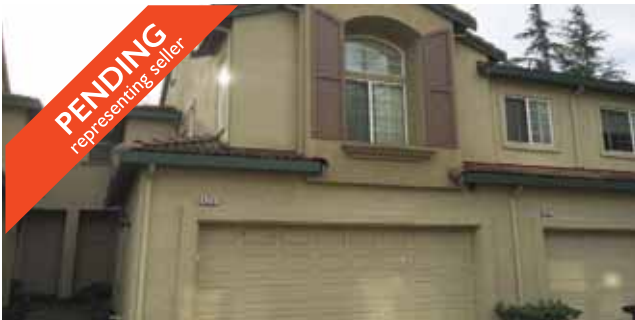
NEW LISTING

YOU ARE INVITED! Sunday, March 20th from 1-4pm

1290 BAROLO COURT, PLEASANTON

Spectacular Mediterranean Ruby Hill Custom Estate with +/- 6,719sf overlooking the lake and bridge. Located on the 5th & 6th fairway with sprawling golf course views, cathedral ceilings, gourmet kitchen, downstairs bedroom, impressive office, gym, wine cellar, gated pool/spa area, on a private 1.2 acre corner lot.

Offered at \$3,750,000



PENDING
representing seller

4256 ZEVANOVE COURT, PLEASANTON

Great Location in Pleasanton! This beautiful townhome is attractively situated near BART, shopping, cinema theaters and easy freeway access. Two master suites, 2.5 baths, large kitchen with granite counters open to dining area. Eye-catching faux painted wall. Tile flooring, newer carpet. Delightful back patio. Indoor laundry. 2 car attached garage. **Offered at \$675,000**



PENDING
representing buyer

5136 GENOVESIO DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Great location! This desirable floor plan offers a bedroom and bathroom on the 1st floor, is move-in ready with lots of light, high ceilings, walk to work, Bart and shopping.

Offered at \$940,000



ACTIVE

225 VALLECITOS ROAD, CUSTOM RUBY HILL VINEYARD ESTATE

NEW PRICE! Marvelous 18.43 acre income producing vineyard estate with 11.7 acres of CabSav and CabFranc grapes in one of the most scenic Ruby Hill Vineyard Estate settings, with all bedrooms on the main floor and a bonus room, wet bar and full bathroom on the upper level.

Offered at \$3,449,000



PENDING
representing seller

3751 VINEYARD AVENUE, PLEASANTON

Pleasanton Downtown Jewel! Rare opportunity to add on with potential to create your perfect home! HUGE CORNER LOT with +/-0.32 acres! This 2 bedroom/1.5 bathroom Ranch style home includes +/-1,218sf plus a +/-1,000sf basement and a 2 car garage. Amazing location close to downtown Pleasanton, within walking distance to schools, restaurants and shops!

Offered at \$774,990



PENDING
representing seller

9933 LONGVIEW LANE, PLEASANTON

Beautiful single level home. Very private location with tremendous views. 3 very large oversized bedrooms. Large windows to showcase the views & beautiful nature. Neutral & light colors throughout. +/-3,172 sf on a 2.62 acre lot in gated community. **Offered at \$1,599,000**



PENDING
representing seller

79 CASTLEWOOD DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Stunning and Exclusive Hilltop Estate in the "Prestigious Castlewood Country Club" community with unobstructed panoramic views on Pleasanton's Westside! Excellent single story floor plan with +/- 2,450sf which offers master suite, guest suite and an office/4th bedroom. Large decks and patios offer stunning and panoramic views and are ideally suited for entertaining. Located directly on the golf course and in an extremely private setting! **Offered at \$1,449,000**



SOLD
represented seller

17 CASTLEDOWN ROAD, PLEASANTON

Pleasanton's Coveted Castlewood location. Enjoy panoramic valley & Mt. Diablo views while nestle amongst oaks on this near 0.5 acre lot, set in the heart of the Castlewood Country Club.

Sold for \$1,275,000



SOLD
represented buyer

2524 WILDE AVENUE, PLEASANTON

Stunning family home. Gourmet kitchen and breakfast nook look into park like backyard. Gorgeous millwork throughout. Beautiful outdoor living complete with pool, fire pit and sport court.

Sold For \$1,967,000



SOLD
represented buyer & seller

2001 RUBY HILL BOULEVARD, PLEASANTON

Location, location, location!!! The MOST PRESTIGIOUS piece of real estate in Pleasanton! 36 sprawling acres right next to Ruby Hill with a 2.5 acre building pad, zoned both residential/commercial (approved for event center). LISTED AND SOLD! **Sold for \$4,800,000**

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Move in ready South Pleasanton location. Less than 5 minutes to Downtown & I-680. 3BD / 2BA 1,561sf. On a 6,825sf. Lot. Built in 1969 this home has been updated top to bottom with a new kitchen offering granite counters, bath and backyard with newer pool and covered entertaining space. Great space inside with large formal living, family and dining rooms. Newer roof, appliances and solar for pool.



COMING SOON
6300 LAURA LANE
PLEASANTON
Located in Happy Valley. Looking for a Vineyard? This is your chance. Offering a premium location on a private road with 1.25 acres. Only 5 minutes to Downtown Pleasanton and I-680. The land offers a large open space roughly 1/2 acre to expand the vineyard, add an additional structure or guest house. Main home offers 3,100sf 4BD, 3BA with a large room on the main level. Open design living with large family & living rooms. Pool with automatic cover, pool house, 3-car garage, side yard access and incredible views and privacy.



OPEN SUN 1-4
11841 DUBLIN GREEN
DUBLIN
Charming single level home with a private setting. Built in 1976 - 3BD, 2BA 1,338sf. On a 7,000sf. Lot. An open kitchen with newer cabinets, granite counters and bar seating. Formal dining room with vaulted ceilings opening to the formal dining. Mature landscaping with a terraces yard offering amazing views.
\$753,000



OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4
6341 SUDDARD CT.
PLEASANTON
Located in Valley Trails. Updated throughout and move in ready. Prime location on a court and close to amazing schools, shopping and commute access.
\$759,000

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Sunny Livermore Townhome!
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PLEASANTON \$725,000
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SAN RAMON \$2,650,000
3375 Ashbourne Circle
Carlsbad Model in Norris Canyon!
6 BD/6.5 BA Premium loc!Foyer w/dual strcs & bridge, Upgrd w/chry wd cab,Grnt slab cntrs,SS App& More!
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DUBLIN
7608 Jacqueline Street \$1,550,000
Luxury Schaefer Ranch Home
4 BD/3 BA Sausalito flr pln.Open Lvg & Din Rm, Ofc, loft,Cal Rm w/5 pnl fldg dr, Grmt Kit & More!
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DUBLIN
6529 Bantry Bay Street \$662,500
Open Sat/Sun 1 - 4
Tralee Community Townhome!
3 BD/3 BA Townhome w/Gran Kit ctrs, New SS app, Mstr/Junior Suites & 2 Car Gar +storage.
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MOUNTAIN HOUSE
124 W Colima Dr. \$359,000
Open Sun 10 - 1
Lovely Condo in Cambridge Place
3 BD/2.5 BA 2 story condo 1452 sq.ft. Kitchen w/ss appl, Travertine flrs, 2 car garage
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5501 De Marcus Blvd \$575,000
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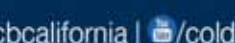
LIVERMORE
2101 Gabriella Lane \$1,450,000
Price Reduced - Private Reserve
5 BD/5 BA Incredible Location in the Private Reserve!Gorgeous Upgrades, approx 4200 sq ft.
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SAN RAMON
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Magnificent Home!
6 BD/7.5 BA Loaded w/upgrades-Mahogany flooring,solid cherry cabinets,library,wine cellar & much more!
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COMING SOON

LIVERMORE
3041 DANIELLE LANE • \$1,585,000

Gorgeous S. Livermore home in desirable vineyard area, 4bd/4.5 bath with media/game room and office, chefs kitchen; .41 acres of beautiful landscaped yards; walking, biking, equestrian trails nearby. This is a 10! Asking \$1,585,000.
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OPEN SAT/SUN 1:00 TO 4:00

PLEASANTON
1748 BEACHWOOD • CALL FOR PRICING

Desirable single story, 4 bedroom home on an oversized lot in Pleasanton Valley. Owner has made wonderful improvements, to include flooring, paint, garage door, landscaping, solar, and more. Bring your boat or RV, this home has RV storage area. Call for pricing.
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PLEASANTON
487 DEL SOL • \$960,000

Sold for \$110K over asking in 8 days! This single level home grabs you from the street & draws you into its lair. There are fireplaces in the living & family rooms. Remodeled kitchen & baths. Hardwood floors...Dine on the large rear deck w/panoramic views of Pleasanton Ridge. Take a 10 minute stroll to Main Str & the Farmer's market.
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COMING MARCH 25, 2016
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JUST SOLD

PLEASANTON
540 DIVISION STREET • \$579,950

Built in 1900, this 3-bdrm, 1-bath Queen Anne-style has bonus rm./office/bdrm - partial basement. Distinctive architectural bead board paneling & ceilings! Perfect for restoration enthusiasts, history buffs or artistic visionary. Walking distance to Main Street!
Bob Clik 925.487.8734
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PLEASANTON
3263 VINEYARD AVE #73 • \$325,000

SENIOR Community in Pleasanton Vineyard Estates - Active Adult Community. Beautiful 2009 home with 1540 sqft. Enjoy 1-story living in this inviting 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Open floor plan. Light and bright. Modern décor.
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PLEASANTON
6543 PASEO SANTA CRUZ • \$1,099,000

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PLEASANTON
4917 GOLDEN ROAD • \$849,000

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Single Story! 3 bdrm, 2 bath home close to charming downtown Pleasanton! Kitchen & Master bath upgraded & remodeled, inviting family & living rooms, hwdwd floors, dual pane wdos, mature landscaping, approx. 1540 sf & much more.
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PLEASANTON VINTAGE HILLS
3205 CHARDONNAY PLACE • \$1,125,000

NEW LISTING
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3519 Helen Drive, Pleasanton



Rarely available, this Mohr Park detached single level has a private yard and 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Call for price and release date.

Our 2016 Results: Sold Listings

1358 Lyon Court, Livermore

\$795,000 (\$10k over asking!)



Updated 4 bedroom, 3 bath home with pool/spa had multiple offers.

4356 Valley Avenue, #D6 Pleasanton

\$685,000 (\$36K over asking!)



Unique townhome with yard was updated and centrally located with prime location.

161 N. L Street, #105, Livermore

\$525,000 (\$25k over asking!)



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Sales (Represented Buyers)

1083 Pomerol Circle, Brentwood

\$585,000 (Represented Buyer)



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619 Splitrail Court, Livermore

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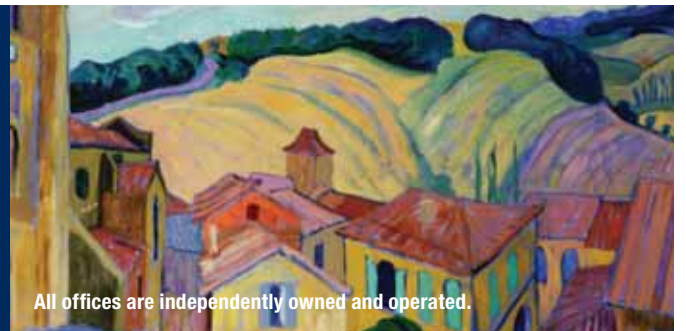
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OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4

3627 Manchester Street, Pleasanton
4 Bed | 2.5 Bath | 2,048+/- Sq. Ft. | \$999,500
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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

8267 Moller Ranch Drive, Pleasanton
5 Bed | 3 Bath | 3,650 Sq. Ft. | \$1,749,800
Doug Buenz
925.785.7777 | 680homes.com



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

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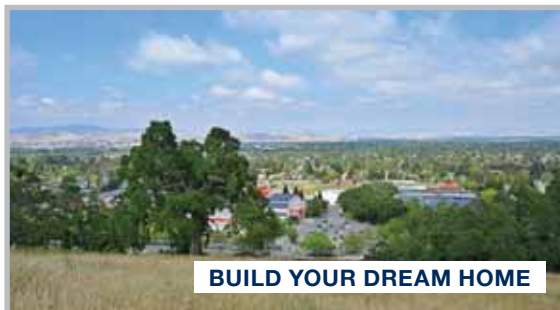
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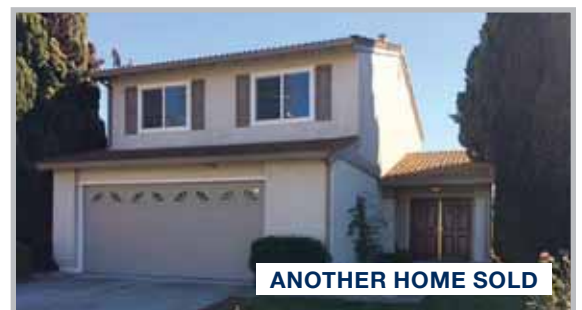
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5360 DOOLAN RD | 4bd 4ba
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PLEASANTON \$2,495,000

5753 Hidden Creek Court | 5bd 5ba
Blaise Lofland | 925.251.1111
By Appt



PLEASANTON \$2,048,000

1090 Shadow Hills Court | 6bd 4(1)ba
Julia Murtagh | 925.251.1111
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PLEASANTON \$1,895,000

2434 POMINO WAY | 3bd 2(1)ba
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PLEASANTON \$1,748,000

504 Bunker Lane | 4bd 3.5ba
Esther McClay | 925.251.1111
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PLEASANTON \$1,395,000

4326 2nd Street | 3bd 2(1)ba
Blaise Lofland | 925.251.1111
Sun 1:00-4:00



DUBLIN \$1,299,000

4632 VALLEY VISTA DR | 5bd 4(1)ba
Emily Barraclough | 925.251.1111
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PLEASANTON \$1,199,000

2280 CAMINO BRAZOS | 5bd 2(1)ba
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