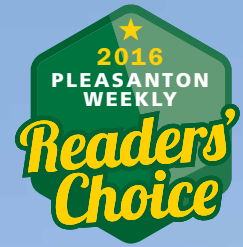


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# AROUND PLEASANTON



BY JEB BING

## Slowing for the cone zone



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Oops! Watch out for the cones.

CarMax, Inc., the country's largest retailer of used cars, opened its first Bay Area location in Pleasanton this month and asked me to demonstrate my car skills at its opening day ceremony.

Frankly, the speeches by Joel Merrier, general manager of the new Pleasanton facility, and Mayor Jerry Thorne were more to the point of detailing CarMax's expertise at showing and handling cars for sale than my bungling of some simple assignments.

Even so, I earned enough points in the "CarMax Road Rally" competition to qualify for a \$2,000 donation to Stanford Health Care/ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, the charity of my choice. Its directors, Joyce and Bob Shapiro, were there to accept the CarMax check, although they were clearly nervous as I fumbled my way through the "rally" that they might not get the money.

They weren't alone. Members of the my downtown Rotary Club, Thorne, his fellow City Council members and about 100 city, civic and business leaders I know were standing on the CarMax tarmac cheering me on as I competed for the top prize in parallel parking, trunk stuffing and identifying the make, model and color of a car under wraps.

Their cheers soon turned to moans as I backed my red Camaro into cones placed about where the stripes are painted to mark Main Street parallel parking stalls. Atop each cone was an egg, which brought more moans as they tumbled to the pavement. Even with the help of a CarMax saleswoman who stood through the Camaro's open rooftop window, it was obviously not my day for squeezing in the space, although the crowd applauded my partner's gestures more than my turning of the wheels.

Packing the trunk of another car was no better. As another saleswoman handed me Christmas-type wrapped packages of different sizes, I wrestled with the proper placing of large ones over smaller types to get all 11 in the boot and close the trunk lid in rough-

ly 90 seconds. I thought I'd won the test and slammed the lid shut as time ran out, only to look over and see my helper holding three more packages that I had missed.

Moving down the aisle of charming new-ish cars, I reached the covered one — which I quickly identified as a 2014 red Nissan DX. When the wrap was removed, I found I was close. It was a Nissan, but a 2015 white Juke model. Oh well, by then the CarMax folks had taken a liking to my humor, if not skills, and gave the white-faced Shapiros the \$2,000 check anyhow.

The Road Rally is just one of numerous events CarMax sponsors in the communities it serves, with its contributions particularly focused on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) organizations.

At the Pleasanton grand opening celebration, the retailer announced that The CarMax Foundation will invest approximately \$95,000 for building a playground in the Bay Area through a partnership with KABOOM!, the national nonprofit that seeks to ensure that all kids get the balance of play they need to become healthy and successful adults.

"Our commitment to our local communities is rooted in CarMax's culture," said Bill Nash, president of CarMax. "As CarMax expands in this region, we are especially excited to support and develop partnerships with area nonprofits that are making a positive impact in the community."

CarMax is also investing approximately \$35,000 to donate a Rigamajig to the Palo Alto Fisher House, and CarMax is currently identifying an organization to receive an Imagination Playground. The associates of the Pleasanton CarMax also chose the YMCA of the East Bay to receive a \$10,000 grant from The CarMax Foundation.

"The Pleasanton community has been very welcoming to CarMax," Merrier said. "We are excited to be able to support the community in addition to bringing the unique CarMax experience to the Bay Area."

Thank you, CarMax. ■

### About the Cover

The Wings of Freedom tour will bring three World War II bombers to Livermore Municipal Airport this weekend, including the B24 Liberator bomber shown behind Pleasanton Weekly reporter Meredith Bauer, who flew in the bomber last week. Pleasanton Weekly photo. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What is your first real childhood memory?



**Susan Lewis** *Marketing/research*

I remember standing in line at preschool, waiting to be picked up, and along with the other children, I would paint the school's redwood fence with a paintbrush and a bucket of water we were given. The fence would get very dark from the water, but of course it would dry overnight, so I would paint it all over again the next afternoon. I never got tired of painting that fence every day.



**Rob Drucker** *Lawyer*

Well, I'm from Miami, where everyone has a pool, so my earliest memories are of learning to swim. I remember being barely able to walk, yet diving under water to pick up plastic, orange clothespins from the bottom of the pool.



**Yvette Richert** *Event planner*

I remember being terrified one day when my dad came into the house after work. He had shaved off his mustache earlier that day, but I hadn't yet seen him and had never before seen him other than with a mustache. When he came in, I thought he was a stranger and got really scared. My dad then got upset because I didn't recognize him.



**Mike Angel** *Advertising sales*

I was almost 3, and my grandmother brought me to the hospital to meet my new baby brother. I remember going into the hospital room holding a big blue balloon. I don't remember much else from that day, other than knowing I had just become a big brother.



**Wendy Jantz** *Legal secretary*

I remember being in a ballet recital when I was about 2-1/2 years old. I danced to "I'm A Little Tea Pot," but when the song ended, I refused to get off the stage after my final curtsy. I just kept on dancing until the teacher finally had to come pick me up and carry me off the stage. I remember seeing and hearing my mother in the audience, laughing hysterically.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

**Have a Streetwise question?** Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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# Newsfront

## DIGEST

### Election news

The Alameda County Registrar of Voters will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the next two Saturdays and Sundays to allow voters to cast their ballots in the June 7 Presidential Primary Election.

The registrar's office in Oakland is currently open for voting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office also will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Additionally, the period to request vote-by-mail ballots for the June election ends next week, with applications due to the registrar's office by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The office is located inside the courthouse at 1225 Fallon St., Room G-1. Voters wishing to cast ballots during weekend hours can access the office by using the 12th Street entrance of the courthouse. For more information, visit [acvote.org](http://acvote.org) or call (510) 272-6973.

### Swingin' Blue Stars

The Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet are presenting a Memorial Day weekend revue: "USO Camp Show Capers!"

This brand new show is the Bay Area group's sixth annual appearance at the Firehouse Arts Center, performing the biggest hits of the Andrews Sisters from the '40s, '50s and '60s with special tributes to Mitzi Gaynor in "South Pacific," Carmen Miranda with her trademark fruity headdress, red-headed bombshell Ann-Margret, and the comedy antics of Bob Hope.

The show is at 2 p.m. this Sunday. Visit [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

### Recycled water

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) will reopen its second residential recycled water fill station starting on Wednesday at the city of Dublin's Public Safety Complex at 6363 Clark Ave. at the intersection with Dublin Boulevard.

The Dublin station, which closed at the end of October for the rainy season, will offer free recycled water to homeowners in order to help keep their landscaping alive during the drought, according to DSRSD officials.

The second fill station, much smaller than the main DSRSD recycled water fill station, can only accommodate vehicles and pick-up trucks, no trailers. Vehicles pulling trailers should use the Pleasanton fill station located at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7399 Johnson Drive.

The Dublin fill station will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. In 2015, recycled water accounted for 26% of all water used by DSRSD customers. ■

## School board spares 2 library assistants, seeks funds to save other positions

Foothill band director Lydia Lim resigns; Leslie Heller named principal at Hart Middle School

By MEREDITH BAUER

Pleasanton's school district Tuesday scraped together enough money to fund another two library assistants, and the school board has instructed staff to comb through the finances again to search for more funding for staff whose positions are on the chopping block for layoffs.

After considering Gov. Jerry Brown's May revision to his state budget proposal, board members approved a plan to cut some district services and use one-time student attendance dollars to fund for another 1.9 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to pay two more elementary/middle school library assistants.

School district administrators and

board members have been struggling to find enough funding for dozens of positions that were previously funded with \$3.7 million in one-time state funding that wasn't renewed.

Over the past months, fundraising donations and funding adjustments made it possible for the district to rescind all the layoff notices for permanent certificated staff and some of the notices for classified staff — but 12 classified employees' jobs are still in jeopardy.

In general, the debate over how to fund the remaining positions brought up one big question: Why has Pleasanton Unified been funding positions with one-time funding?

The district began funding cer-

tain positions about three years ago, district spokesman Patrick Gannon said in an interview. Since that time, certain jobs have been funded with state attendance dollars, and others have been funded by community fundraising organizations like Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation.

But since nearly the entire upper management team has changed over the past year, it's unclear as to why the decision was made during former superintendent Parvin Ahmadi's administration in the first place to fund ongoing jobs with inconsistent funds.

"This practice began under the former administration, and we can-

not speak to the reasons why," Gannon said. "Moving forward, however, the administration and board believe it is essential to provide more stability district-wide."

As a result, the current district administration decided to take the one-time funds that were coming to the district this year and spread them out over three years, an operational move that was approved by the board in April. That led to more stability for some positions, but a complete lack of funding for others.

"All positions on the one-time list are critical," Gannon said in an interview. "However, it is our strong

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Artist's sketch shows apartment building planned for Kottinger Gardens senior housing now under construction between Kottinger Drive and Vineyard Avenue in Pleasanton.

## Work begins on Kottinger Gardens

185-unit affordable senior housing project set for completion in late 2017

By JEB BING

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley joined other city, county and community leaders Saturday to celebrate the groundbreaking of Kottinger Gardens, an affordable rental community being developed by MidPen Housing.

In response to the tremendous need for affordable housing among Alameda County's growing population of seniors, Kottinger Gardens will ultimately provide 185 brand new affordable rental homes on two sites that had previously provided 90.

Being developed in two phas-

es, Kottinger Gardens is the redevelopment of Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens, two distinct senior housing properties initially built in the 1960s and 1970s and located across the street from one another.

Once completed, Kottinger Gardens will be one integrated, vibrant community with many onsite amenities where low income and very low income senior households can age in place and continue to live active and enriched lives.

The vision for Kottinger Gardens grew out of the Kottinger Place Redevelopment Task Force, a diverse group of cross-

sector participants assembled by the city leaders with representatives from the City Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Housing Commission, the Pleasanton Gardens board of directors and those living in the neighborhood.

Their initial common goal was to evaluate Kottinger Place, an aging property owned by the city, and to determine how to most effectively leverage the asset for years to come.

"Today is an exciting day that represents the culmination of a tremendous amount of vision and

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## First Wednesday celebrating Olympics

200 vendors, bands, events to make Main Street come alive

Live music, children's activities, food trucks and an Olympic Day celebration are in store for next week's 1st Wednesday Street Party in Pleasanton, sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

The event will feature nearly 200 vendors plus live music, games for children and fun for all.

It will also observe the 2016 Summer Olympics, scheduled for August in Brazil, with a celebration in the 1st Wednesday entertainment garden, sponsored by ClubSport of Pleasanton.

Paralympian Sebastian DeFrancesco will be on hand for photos, to sign autographs and to show off his table tennis talents that earned him five medals in competitions throughout the world.

The PDA's Olympic Day event is one of more than 2,000 taking place nationwide during the month of June.

Along with the family-friendly entertainment garden, adults 21 years of age and older can enjoy rocking bands inside the beer and wine garden. Handles on Main will be pouring craft beer. Mitchell Katz Winery and Wente Vineyards will be serving up their best varietals.

Fast Times will be bringing the neon, rad and fresh '80s hits to the entertainment garden from 6-9 p.m., in addition to live music from Garage Band Academy and Pleasanton elementary school bands.

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## Memorial Day observance set at Pleasanton Senior Center

By JEB BING

Pleasanton will observe Memorial Day on Monday with an outdoor ceremony starting at 10:30 a.m. next to the Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard.

The Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, will play a variety of patriotic music.

At 11 a.m., the ceremony will begin with members of Pleasanton Post 237 of the American Legion and Post 6298 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars posting the colors

as they will pay tribute to the men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to the country.

Speakers at the ceremony will include Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and Army Lt. Col. Andrew Jones, garrison commander of Camp Parks in Dublin.

American Legion Post Commander Buddy Loggins will serve as the emcee.

Currently these organizations are working with the city of Pleasanton to fund and build a Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery.

Dedication of the new memorial is planned for November.

For more information, sign on to the cemetery committee's website at [pleasantonveteransmemorial.com](http://pleasantonveteransmemorial.com).

Prior to Monday's ceremony, Pleasanton Scouts will place flags and medallions on the graves of the more than 500 veterans who are buried at Pioneer Cemetery and the adjoining Catholic cemetery on Sunol Boulevard. Scouts also will help place American flags along the walkways at the Senior Center and put up shade canopies and chairs. ■



JEB BING

American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars color guard post colors at last year's Memorial Day ceremony at Pleasanton Senior Center. This year's observance will be on Monday.



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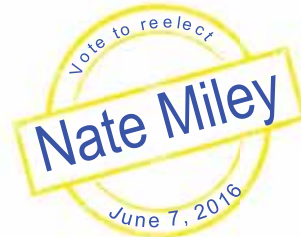
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# Bond discussion shows PUSD safety issues, technology aspirations

From fire alarms to security cameras, staff says district needs immediate updates

By MEREDITH BAUER

Pleasanton school district staff presented a picture of isolated decay and troublesome security holes at some schools due to a lack of funding to update buildings as part of a school board discussion last weekend on how best to pursue a bond measure this fall.

The school board is considering asking voters to approve a bond measure during the Nov. 8 elections. The bond would likely be used for facilities construction and upgrades and for technology enhancements.

At a special board workshop Saturday morning, district staff and experts outlined schools' immediate needs and described a plan to pass a bond of \$312 million. A bond of that amount would mean an additional property tax of \$60 per \$100,000 assessed valuation — a rate that polled above the 55% voter approval threshold needed for passage.

The district has not passed voter-approved funding since 1997, when voters approved a \$69.8 million bond measure. Pleasanton property owners are currently paying \$23.90 per \$100,000 assessed valuation, which gives it the second-lowest bond revenue among Alameda County school and community college districts, according to a presentation from financial advising firm Keygent Advisors.

District staff described how the district's phone system lacks the ability to make district-wide intercom

announcements in an emergency, how the fire alarms don't alert all classrooms in some schools and how strangers are able to walk on certain campuses because they aren't fenced in. Staff stated other problems range from leaking roofs to playground tripping hazards from cracked asphalt.

Board members said the reality is the district has scrimped and saved to avoid the disastrous cutbacks that occurred at some districts during the recession, and needs like paint and new pavement took a backseat to employee salaries and challenging student programs.

"Clearly, there are huge needs. There's no way we are structurally, facility-wise, matched with any of our neighbors," board president Jamie Hintzke said in an interview after the meeting.

Of the \$312 million, \$283 million would be used for facilities and \$29 million would be used for technology, under the proposal. The final amount, along with ballot text that would include an itemized list of projects, is expected to be presented to the board for approval in a June or July board meeting ahead of the Aug. 12 election deadline.

Security concerns are among the most urgent, district director June Rono said during Saturday's three-hour meeting.

While fire alarms work in all classrooms, some schools' systems aren't connected campus-wide, according



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District officials say cracks like these at Harvest Park could be tripping hazards.

to Rono, who is interim director of facilities, maintenance, operations and transportation.

"The problem is when you do have a major fire, it is possible there are wings in that campus that wouldn't know," he said.

The district's phone system is 26 years old and lacks basic modern capabilities, like the ability to make a district-wide emergency alert over the intercom. Voicemails aren't even able to be forwarded on some phones, director of technology Amy Nichols told the board.

"The only way we can buy many parts for our phone system is to go on

eBay and cross our fingers, and I am not kidding," Nichols told the board.

Staff said there had been situations where students and staff had been minorly hurt by cars in parking lots due to inefficient traffic flow. Rono mentioned the roofs on some schools are still made up of gravel and tar, and some schools' security cameras are failing or broken.

In general, schools said these were their top priorities for facilities improvement:

- Reconfigure parking with new canopy and access driveway
- Multipurpose room expansion for music, physical education and lunch
- Classroom buildings to replace portables
- New lunch shelter
- Reconfigure rooms into science labs
- Repair skylights, new lighting, HVAC.

The district is also looking at getting overhead projectors and better audio systems for classrooms, Nichols said. The projectors would provide a clearer image, and the wires could be installed under the floor and behind walls to eliminate tripping hazards, which are especially a problem in elementary classrooms.

She said the estimate also includes the possibility of providing a device — perhaps a Chromebook or a tablet — to each teacher, each student from fourth to 12th grade and enough devices for younger students to share.

Board members said they'd need

to work out the details around giving every student a device, such as a roll-out schedule and considerations about allowing students to bring their own devices.

"Over the long haul, we would hope this would replace the need for school sites to come up with innovative ways to fund," Nichols said.

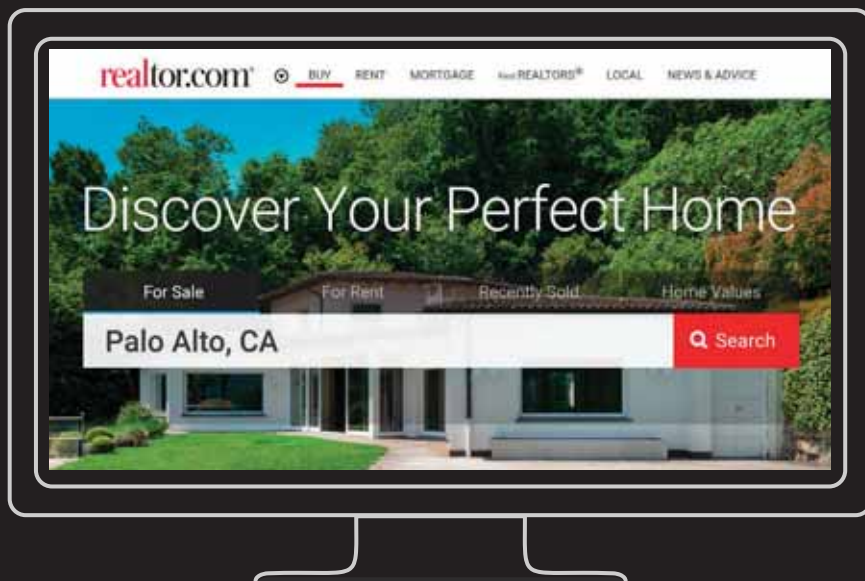
Nichols said the benefits are that it allows teachers to incorporate digital studies into each subject and testing can be done online. She also said providing the right type of furniture is critical because teachers need to be able to move desks and chairs easily for certain lessons, and some types of furniture use space more efficiently than others.

Board member Chris Grant said since many Pleasanton parents work in Silicon Valley or in the technology sector, they expect their schools to teach critical skills related to computers and innovation.

"Our community is very technologically advanced, and we as a district aspire to have kids who can compete anywhere in the world. And part of that is learning in an environment that is conducive to group thinking, to critical thinking skills and to utilizing technology," Grant said.

The board members didn't make any decisions at its Saturday meeting since the meeting was arranged as a workshop, but they asked staff to bring back more information at upcoming public meetings. ■

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# Zone 7 moves forward on \$30 million water treatment enhancement

## Board approves first step to add ozone filtration to Del Valle plant

By MEREDITH BAUER

The Tri-Valley's water wholesaler is moving forward with a decades-long plan to add ozone technology to the area's primary water treatment plant, which could end up costing as much as \$32.9 million.

The Zone 7 Water Agency board voted 5-1 last week to approve the first \$2.74 million for the initial project planning and design contracts, with the remaining cost to be financed with debt issuance. Board member Angela Ramirez Holmes voted against the measure,

and board member Sandy Figuers was absent.

The board approved a contract with CDM Smith Inc. for up to \$2,664,000 for planning services and with Water Quality Treatment Solutions, Inc., for up to \$78,000 for design review and technical support services during its meeting May 18 in Livermore.

The agency has discussed its intention to take out debt to finance large construction costs, and it was an important consideration when the board decided to raise

wholesale potable water rates for the area's municipalities and water agencies. Higher rates meant greater reserves, which meant a better chance at a favorable financing option.

But the agency has not received any debt issuance yet, general manager Jill Duerig said. The agency has not decided what type of debt-financing to pursue, including whether to pursue an op-

tion that requires voter approval.

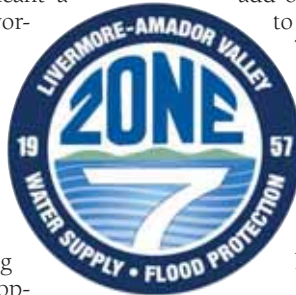
The planning and design contractors will evaluate the best way to add ozone filtration systems to the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant, which cleans water from Lake Del Valle before it is distributed to Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District and Cal Water's Livermore division.

The total cost of

the project is expected to cost \$28.3 million — but it could be as high as \$32.9 million if additional upgrades are approved, Zone 7 staff stated.

Ozone technology is a common filtration method among other Bay Area water agencies, and Zone 7 is behind on the times because it was fiscally conservative during the recession, Duerig said.

The filtration system is more efficient at removing bad taste, bad odor, byproducts and cyanobacteria



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## SCHOOL BOARD

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belief that we must fund positions in multi-year budgets."

Based on the most recent budget updates from the state, the school district will receive \$237 per student attendance day in one-time discretionary funding, as compared to about \$600 per student attendance day last year, deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa told the board.

Given the remaining funding gap, the board decided Tuesday to reduce the district-wide furniture budget and to eliminate a budget for food provided during long district meetings. Staff is expected to present how that funding can be divided among remaining threatened positions at the

next board meeting in June.

The district eliminated some unstaffed positions, kept school-specific budgets static for next year and made other adjustments after going through the budget with a fine-toothed comb to find the money for these two library assistants, Ochoa said.

In addition, the board voted to eliminate food for all-day interview committee meetings and pre-board meeting meals and to reduce the furniture replacement budget to an emergency reserve of \$60,000. The impact would be that schools wouldn't be able to replace furniture unless it is broken and unusable.

Ochoa also said staff has been told to be careful about how often it uses the district's legal counsel to curtail legal expenses, and requests have been

sent to the district's contracted counsel to request a cheaper hourly rate.

Several parents, teachers and staff urged the board to find a way to fund the elementary/middle school library assistants and the technology support specialists, noting that libraries are a safe haven of learning for students and that technology support specialists ensure the reliability of systems the district has spent a good deal of money to purchase. One example, staff noted, is the new wireless internet system, which cost the district more than \$1 million.

The board also voted to forgo spending \$10,000 to host its annual Education Summit in order to use that money on salaries instead.

The board acknowledged about \$60,000 will have to be set aside

for district elections in the fall since three seats are up for reelection and a bond measure may be up for voter consideration. The district is obligated to pay for the cost of public elections.

### In other school business

• Foothill band director Lydia Lim's resignation was accepted by the school board Tuesday night.

Lim, who was chosen as director of Foothill's competitive high school band in February, is resigning effective June 10 to become the head band director position at Clayton Valley High School in Concord.

"I'm sad to leave the amazing Foothill students, but I'm excited for this new adventure," she said in an email Wednesday morning.

As for the search for a Foothill

replacement, Gannon said, "The position is posted and we're actively pursuing the best candidate to fill the role as soon as possible."

• The board also appointed Foothill vice principal Leslie Heller as Hart Middle School's next principal, succeeding Terry Conde. Heller has been with the district for 17 years and has been Foothill's vice principal since 2012.

Conde will continue as principal until July 1, at which point she will be reassigned due to an unspecified personnel issue, Gannon said.

• District administration had hoped to have a new principal chosen for Harvest Park Middle as of Tuesday's meeting. However, the district still plans to have a principal in place before the start of the next financial year on July 1, Gannon said. ■

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## TAKE US ALONG



**Secret shelter:** Carlos, Michael and Becky Ortega took the Pleasanton Weekly with them on a visit to the Kennedy Bunker on Peanut Island in Riviera Beach, Fla. To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com). Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

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— bacteria found in toxic blue-green algal blooms. Lake Del Valle is in the midst of a months-long toxic algae bloom, and the lake has been closed to swimmers since the winter.

Some board members elaborated on why they supported the decision

to move forward with the proposal, which had been delayed for at least a decade due to a lack of funding.

"We need that ozone very badly. We need to quit stalling," board member John Greci said. "I don't want to see this delayed anymore. I've waited a lot of years to see this inception."

Ramirez Holmes said she was

voting against moving forward because the agency didn't have the debt issuance in place to pay for the rest of the plant.

"We don't have financing yet ... I'm concerned about the downpayment of several million dollars," she said. "I'm concerned at this point that we don't have all the pieces of the bigger picture." ■

## WEDNESDAY

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New this year, presented by the Alameda County Fair, is a rock-climbing wall, face painting, balloon twisting and a video game truck.

The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's "Fun With Science" team will also be doing scientific

demonstrations for children.

Next week's 1st Wednesday also features some of the best street eats of the Bay Area.

Food Truck Mafia will offer four new trucks each month at 1st Wednesday Street Parties to meet foodie needs. Next Wednesday, sample food from Rice Rockit, Out of the Cave, Grillaz Gone Wild

and Grab & Go Kabob. Taste sweet treats from Primrose Bakery and Noland's Cake Shop. Or relax and take a seat at one of downtown's restaurant patios.

The 1st Wednesday Street Party is sponsored by Hacienda Business Park, the Alameda County Fair and ClubSport of Pleasanton. ■

—Jeb Bing

## KOTTINGER

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collaboration," Thorne said at the groundbreaking. "I'm thrilled to finally begin construction on this development, which will expand affordable senior citizen housing in a way that maintains and enhances the neighborhood essence long enjoyed by the surrounding community members."

Expected to open in fall of 2017, the first phase now under construction will provide 131 brand new affordable rental apartments on the former site of Kottinger Place, which previously held 50 units.

Phase 2, which will be developed on the current site of Pleasanton Gardens, will provide an additional 54 affordable apartment homes, where today there are 40. The 90 Kottinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens households will have priority when Kottinger Gardens leases are up.

The two complexes will be connected by a raised and well-lit crosswalk to provide residents easy access to community amenities on either side of the properties.

"We're honored to partner with the city on this innovative development, MidPen's first in Pleasanton," said Matthew O. Franklin, president of MidPen Housing.

"We applaud their initiative to transform a previously underutilized site and their leadership in bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders around a common vision," he added. "We're excited

to begin the construction that will make it a reality."

Kottinger Gardens Phase 1 will include a mix of single-story cottages and a two- and three-story building that will collectively provide 127 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedroom apartments for low-income seniors, age 62 and older, who earn no more than 60% of area median income, which is \$49,260 for a single-person household.

The community will also feature a community gardens, a bocce ball court, fitness center, resident lounge with computers and a community room with a kitchen for larger gatherings. Units will have private patios or balconies.

On-site programs and services will be managed and coordinated by MidPen Resident Services. Designed to help seniors age in place healthfully, these include wellness programs, group exercise classes, health screening, educational workshops and social activities and events.

MidPen also will provide professional onsite property management through its Property Management division.

Financing for the \$44.2 million development was provided through both public and private sources including the city of Pleasanton, Alameda County, the Housing Authority of the County of Alameda, the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Union Bank. ■

## Dear Pleasanton Voters:

After **14 public hearings over four years**, involving neighbors, planners and open space advocates, the plan for the former Lund Ranch, now known as Measure K, is a **fair compromise that preserves 174 acres of permanent open space**, provides **two miles of new public trails**, over **\$500,000 for traffic improvements**, and roughly **\$1 million in additional community benefits**. In return, the property owner builds **just 43 homes**, similar in size to the surrounding neighborhoods and clustered in a single area.

Contrary to what petitioners told people, this is **not about the Pleasanton Ridge or any other prominent slope in town**. In fact, a number of our community's **leading ridgeline advocates endorse Measure K** and agree that it's a thoughtful compromise for property that was originally intended for significantly more development.



**On June 7, join us in voting YES on K.**

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## Vote Yes on Measure K

Measure K on the June 7 ballot for Pleasanton voters affirms the action of the City Council last January in approving the latest developer's plan for 43 upscale homes on the 194-acre Lund Ranch II site in the southeast corner of the city.

The council's decision also closed out 14 years of debate over development plans for the property where, at one time, more than 100 homes were planned on the site, which is zoned residential.

We believe the council's action is in the best interest of the city and, especially, the two neighborhoods on either side of the proposed development whose streets would bear an equitable share of traffic from the 43 homes.

As part of the agreement, Greenbriar Homes Communities, the developer and property owner, will donate 174 acres of its property to the city as open space, which will be kept free of any future development in perpetuity with hiking trails to be added.

Greenbriar's development also will provide more than \$1.2 million for our schools, approximately \$1 million in additional community benefits, over \$500,000 for local and regional traffic improvements, two miles of new public trails and deed-ing all but the 43 flatland home lots to the city in perpetuity. This guarantees protection of remaining hillsides under Measure PP, the 2008 citizens' initiative that prohibits structures on slopes of 25% or greater or within 100 feet of ridgelines.

Measure PP is a critical issue in the Measure K referendum. Opponents, those advocating a No vote on Measure K, contend that 500 feet of a proposed road connecting one part of Lund Ranch II to Sunset Creek Way and Sycamore Creek Way to Sunol Boulevard would cross a slope that's greater than 25%. A majority on the City Council, in their vote, determined that Measure PP's restrictions apply only to residential and commercial structures, not roads. Measure K opponents disagree.

Measure PP is vague on the definition of roads. Even PP authors, Councilwoman Karla Brown, who opposes Measure K, and former Councilwoman Kay Ayala, who supports it, disagree. Measure PP is written to prohibit residential and commercial structures from being on the ridge slopes. It's silent on whether that extends to roads.

The real argument over Measure K is about traffic. The council-approved plan calls for 12 of Greenbriar's new homes to use Lund Ranch Road, Independence Drive and Junipero Street to reach Sunol Boulevard which, with Middleton Place traffic, would mean motorists from 27 homes would be using these thoroughfares.

Motorists from the other 31 new Lund Ranch II homes would use Sunset Creek Way and Sycamore Creek Way to Sunol Boulevard. That's unacceptable to those living along Sycamore Creek and in the Bridle Creek communities.

That's what makes this an unusual

referendum because for the first time in our city, we have a small wealthy neighborhood with deep pockets paying for signature gatherers to qualify a measure (Measure K) for the ballot that would keep a housing development's traffic off "their" streets and send all of it to Ventana Hills and adjoining neighborhoods and streets on the other side.

If Measure K loses, Greenbriar must wait one year to reassemble its project and again seek approval from the city Planning Commission and City Council. It could be for up to 43 homes again, but this time with all traffic using Ventana Hills and adjoining streets.

Whether Greenbriar would again contribute free-of-charge the rest of its property to the city of Pleasanton is unclear. It's private property and not accessible to the public, which it would be with a favorable vote June 7 on Measure K.

We believe the city has the best deal now and urge a Yes vote on Measure K. ■

## Re-elect Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley on June 7

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, first elected to the county Board of Supervisors in 2000 and now also representing Pleasanton, is vying for re-election on June 7 against challenger Bryan Parker, a former Port of Oakland commissioner and former Oakland mayoral candidate.



Nate Miley

In the last four years since Miley took the county board's responsibility for representing Pleasanton from Supervisor Scott Haggerty, our city has had extraordinary county service and attention on issues needing county assistance. We urge voters to re-elect Miley to another four-year term.

Miley represents District 4 on the

county board, which includes East Oakland, Montclair, Castro Valley, Ashland, Cherryland, Fairview, El Portal Ridge and Pleasanton.

It's here, though, where he spends much of his time. With an office at the fairgrounds, he checks in regularly with Mayor Jerry Thorne, City Council members and city, civic and business leaders in Pleasanton.

Just last weekend, he represented the county board at the groundbreaking of the new Kottlinger Gardens housing complex for seniors and, across town, at the grand opening of the new Axis Community Health center that serves low-income and uninsured Tri-Valley residents.

After becoming our county supervisor, Miley initiated quarterly Alameda County-City of Pleasanton liaison meetings with selected council members. It's a great forum that allows city leaders to talk one-on-

one about issues of mutual interests, such as widening Highway 84, building BART to Livermore and discussing proposed development of a convention center and hotel on the Fairgrounds.

But it doesn't take meetings to talk to Miley. He's a good listener. If the city has concerns related to the county, such as with unincorporated Happy Valley sewer, water and fire services, City Manager Nelson Fialho just picks up the phone for a quick conversation. "He's always available to us," Fialho says.

Miley knows that Pleasanton is an engaged community with a variety of diverse stakeholders. Rather than tell them about the county's expectations, he listens and relies on us to

tell him what we think are the priorities and how he can help.

Challenger Bryan Parker is an affable, skilled candidate who is seeking election to his first public office. In his interview with the Pleasanton Weekly's editorial staff, he advocated all the important goals: improve public safety, attract new and good-paying jobs, invest in transportation improvements, and much more. His main theme, however, was "change," and the need to replace Miley as part of that change.

Over the last four years that Miley has been the county's supervisor for Pleasanton, he's served us well. We see no need to change and recommend a vote for Nate Miley for Alameda County Supervisor on June 7. ■

## LETTERS

### Yes on Measure K

Dear Editor,

The No on Measure K campaign to reject the approved Lund Ranch II housing project, located in a valley in southeastern Pleasanton, is one of repeated false statements. Opponents claim that homes are being built on hillsides and promote other false claims on their website, mailers and ads.

They are counting on all that to scare enough voters into ignoring the facts/truth. One claim is the project violates Measure PP. The co-authors of Measure PP have both made public statements that prove that is false.

What No on K supporters really care about is satisfying their own NIMBYism by routing all project traffic through neighborhoods other than their own.

Voting No rejects a fair compromise for all, and instead, supports

this selfishness, rejecting the preservation of 174 acres of hillsides and ridges (90% of the project area) from any future development and not allowing all Pleasantonians to enjoy them as public open space — all because opponents don't want traffic to 31 of the homes via their neighborhoods.

Remember the proposed Home Depot at Bernal and Stanley? That was rejected, and look what all of us got instead — over 300 "stack 'n pack" apartments and a big, multi-store retail center.

What could have been up to as many as 150 homes has been reduced to 43, all located in a valley, on flat land, honoring Measure PP. Reject fear, falsehoods and NIMBYism. Get the facts/truth at [www.yesonk2016.com/fact-check/](http://www.yesonk2016.com/fact-check/). Vote Yes on Measure K.

—Mark Priscaro

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Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
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- FY 2015/16 Fee Assistance Program Year End Report & Update
- Review of the Updated Pocket Guide to Human Services

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**PleasantonVoters.com endorses a No on K vote**

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton residents have the opportunity to decide the future of our hillsides with a No on Measure K vote.

Passage of Measure K would allow development on Pleasanton hillsides, in direct violation of the hillside protection ordinance (Measure PP) that was passed by Pleasanton voters in 2008. Passage of Measure K will bulldoze hilly terrain and lead to the removal of more than 645 truckloads of dirt to build roads on Pleasanton slopes.

Vote No on Measure K. If this critical measure passes, it will set a precedent for the majority of the City Council to make future interpretations of Pleasanton's hillside protection ordinance that favor developers. There are at least two more pending hillside developments in the planning stages.

This developer needs to present a plan that complies with Measure PP. Offering open space which is not buildable is not enough of an incentive to offset this exception-making precedent to Measure PP or the additional impact on our traffic, schools

and limited water resources. Support the grassroots effort that has fought the development that we see across I-580 on Dublin's hills.

To learn more, please visit [www.SavePleasantonHillsides.com](http://www.SavePleasantonHillsides.com). The No on Measure K campaign is 100% funded by Pleasanton residents against development on hillside.

—Kelly Cousins  
president, [pleasantonvoters.com](http://pleasantonvoters.com)

**Yes on K**

Dear Editor,

I was one of the authors of Measure PP. We wrote PP to make sure housing developments would have to follow rules that keep houses off of ridges and preserve our scenic views. The people of Pleasanton agreed, and Measure PP became law.

I would be the first person to speak out against any project that violates Measure PP. That's why I have followed the process for Lund Ranch closely and attended every public hearing.

The Lund Ranch project is exactly what we hoped to achieve when we wrote PP. It fully complies with Measure PP — and shows that PP works.

There are no houses on ridges.

There are no houses on hillsides. Our scenic views are protected.

Our General Plan allows up to 143 homes on Lund Ranch's 195 acres. By applying the PP rules, we cut Lund Ranch down to just 43 homes, preserving 89.5% of the land for permanent open space and two miles of publicly accessible trails.

I will be voting Yes on K.

—Kay Ayala

**Why am I voting Yes on K?**

Dear Editor,

The spreading of misinformation and gross inaccuracies continue from the No on K group, a recent post on Facebook by the No on K camp: "Measure K is ONLY about getting 43 homes built on a hillside." This statement is a complete fabrication.

When will this small group of people stop misleading the people of Pleasanton? There are zero homes being built on hillsides. Are there homes being built? Yes, there are 43 homes being built in a valley — yes, a valley.

Why am I voting Yes on K? I am voting Yes on K because I know this development presents a good

planned development for Pleasanton, all of Pleasanton. 174 acres deeded to our city for permanent open space. More than twice of what is required being given to our schools. Two miles of trails for all to enjoy.

This plan represents a compromise the Planning Commission and City Council worked hard to create. If the residents of Pleasanton vote this down, the developer comes back in a year with another plan which could be worse for all of us.

I am a 32-year resident and a staunch supporter of Measure PP, and I am voting Yes on Measure K. This development does not violate Measure PP.

—Vicki LaBarge

**Weekly misses big picture**

Dear Editor,

The Weekly has chosen to endorse the Lund Ranch project. In siding with a developer, Greenbriar, who has made millions off past real estate ventures in Pleasanton, and with our pro-growth, developer-friendly council majority, the Weekly missed the big picture — these hills that make our town special are in serious danger

of more and more alteration for future development. Vote No on Measure K.

The hillside road planned to access the 43 home project in our southeast hills is 25 feet wide, 700 feet long and will drop down a steep slope of more than 25% from the top of the ridge, grading tons of dirt.

Without question, this violates our Hillside Protection Ordinance (Measure PP) overwhelmingly passed eight years ago. Our vote spoke loudly back then: Don't touch these remaining hills. No houses, no structures, no roads. But here we go again. Vote No on K.

There are many confusing issues to analyze around Lund Ranch, but one thing is certain — if this plan is approved, a precedent is set for future roads to be built over any hillside to get to any flat spot for more houses. And on, and on, and on. These roads will bring even more traffic thru neighborhoods. No on K.

Don't let our hillside be violated for this wealthy developer to walk away with an \$80 million dollar project, passing off his unbuildable acreage to taxpayers as "open space" for us to manage with city funds, forever. Don't be fooled. No on K.

—Bill Lincoln

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Pleasanton Weekly reporter Meredith Bauer stands in front of a World War II B24 bomber. She and others rode in the bomber as part of the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom tour, which comes to Livermore this weekend.

# HONORING BRAVERY

Reporter flies in World War II bomber ahead of traveling tour's Livermore visit

BY MEREDITH BAUER

## If you visit

The Wings of Freedom tour comes to Livermore this Memorial Day weekend.

**What:** See, tour and ride World War II B24, B25 and B17 bombers. Do a flight training session on a World War II P-51C Mustang fighter.

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For more information and flight reservations, call 978-562-9182. Flights take place before and after tours.



MEREDITH BAUER

The propellers of a B25 bomber shine in the sun. The B25 Mitchell bombers are among the planes shown during the Wings of Freedom tour.

I gazed down the barrel of an M2 Browning machine gun, the sun flashing off the black paint.

The B24 Liberator bomber — a plane built for a clamorous war but now has a calmer career — bounced like a car hitting a speed bump. I slumped to my knees, my legs unaccustomed to the split second of weightlessness that comes with air pockets in military planes.

This B24, called Witchcraft, has seen its share of visiting journalists, veterans and history buffs as a part of the Collings Foundation's nationwide Wings of Freedom tour.

It saw so much more before that.

The aerial journey from Santa Maria to Monterey last week jostled me and a small group of volunteers. But about 70 years ago, the aircraft ferried young men into chaos.

There's a reverence here for the World War II veterans who board and take brief flights on the bombers, Collings Foundation flight coordinator Jamie Mitchell said. She said she can feel their melancholy. The memories are etched on their faces.

She said there tends to be a disconnect between veterans and younger visitors who view these planes as the baby boomers' cool rides or their ticket to glory back home.

"It's not glamorous to me at all," the 35-year-old Mitchell said. "You know you're standing in the same plane some guy stood in and didn't know if he was coming back."

Had I been a 25-year-old man flying on a bombing mission in 1940 instead of a 25-year-old woman taking a quick sightseeing trip in 2016, I would have needed to plug a special suit into the plane to survive the frigid temperatures in an unpressurized cabin. As it stood, we were only at 7,000 feet, and my biggest concern as I looked out the gunner windows was whether my phone would have enough battery to last the day.

Can you imagine being a young

man on this bomber in the height of World War II?

The guns sway as the plane pulls away from the earth, and you can see the landing strip becoming a small line beneath your feet if you peer between equipment in the bomber's flooring.

The engines roar. The wind threatens to whip your shirt off, so you tuck it in harder. If you even want to get to the front of the plane, you have to shimmy down a catwalk in the bomb bay. Don't fall — the doors beneath will open and you'll fall into the blue below.

At 25,000 feet above the ground, I would have needed to wear an oxygen mask. I would have been manning a machine gun instead of a camera, hoping the bullets that flitted against the side of the hull didn't hit me.

I probably would have seen friends die right beside me. I would have had to kill. Or be killed.

Every move mattered. Every moment mattered. Defeat meant a new world order. Defeat was not an option.

Can you imagine?

Had I been 25 in 1940 — as a woman — my husband could have been the one in this bomber. Today, the only time I worry about his safety is if a car crash has been reported on his work commute. But back then, I could have been the one at home, growing a victory garden and praying he didn't disappear or come home in a casket.

I can't imagine.

For a brief moment, my grandfather was one of those young men in military planes hoping to come home.

My grandfather Samuel Frisbie Rutland Jr. flew planes for the Navy and trained during World War II. He traveled from his family's Alabama farmhouse to practice the harrowing task of landing Hellcats on aircraft carriers, preparing for combat over the Pacific. Then the war ended. He was spared.

He went on to fly Navy Hellcats during the Korean War, but he had



MEREDITH BAUER

Collings Foundation volunteer Gary Dean overlooks the California coast while riding in a World War II B24 bomber. Dean and his wife Mandy traveled from Southampton, England, to escort the plane across parts of California.

several more years to train before that conflict began. Those years could have made all the difference because he came home and fathered three children, including my dad.

Mitchell said a veteran once stopped by her office and sat down just to talk. He pulled out photos of himself with the B17 bomber he served in during World War II. She said there are so many stories — tales of narrow misses and friends lost, of battles won and tearful reunions.

A friend's grandfather lived through

one of those stories. Major Jack R. Bissell flew 31 missions in a B24 bomber over central Europe. He served as the bombardier, deciding when to release the plane's bombs and recording strikes, so he would have had to crawl through the nose of the plane to get to a small pod where he would evaluate targets. Fuel refineries were big marks, as were railroads, bridges and airplane factories.

I made that crawl twice during my brief flight. My biggest concern was making sure I didn't step on the big,

red flaps that said "DO NOT STEP" Apparently, you could fall out of the plane if you did that. My second biggest concern was hitting my head as I stood up.

But of course, I didn't have to worry about a bullet smashing through the clear plastic nose of the plane. I scanned the ground and picked out baseball fields and swimming pools. Bissell would have needed to quickly decide if a building held Nazis or a nursery.

Once, an armed bomb didn't drop

when the bomb bay doors opened, and Bissell had moments to shuffle down the catwalk, lean out over the open sky and use a screwdriver to pry the explosive loose. It worked.

As I walked through the bomb bay on the B24, I brushed the empty bomb shell casings. I slowly moved down the eight-inch-wide walkway, hoping I didn't fall past the many support beams during the flight.

My heart beat heavily, and I let out a deep sigh when I made it to the front of the plane. Then I realized the bravest thing I'd done this month was a daily risk for the men who served here. And the real risks were much bigger. Much scarier.

And much more than I could imagine.

### History in motion

My job usually takes me inside school board meetings, to animal shelters or to the rare Pleasanton crime scene. But as the lucky passenger of the B24 bomber on the Wings of Freedom tour, I gladly exchanged florescent lights for a sunburn and sore legs.

Ahead of the tour's stop in Livermore this weekend, I toured B25 and B17 bombers — aka the "Flying Fortress" — and flew in a B24 bomber.

You may remember that type of plane as the infamous lemon that crashed in the Pacific in 1943, leaving Louie Zamperini and his crewmates to become Japanese prisoners of war, as depicted in the book and movie "Unbroken." (And the one in the tour actually saw combat! The other bombers were made just a little

too late to fight in World War II.)

B24 Liberators, also called the "Flying Coffins," could drop about 8,000 pounds of explosives and were used across Europe by the U.S. Army Air Forces, the predecessor to the U.S. Air Force, said Collings volunteer Kevin Ryan. But this specific plane in the Wings of Freedom tour was also used by the British Royal Air Force in the Pacific.

Witchcraft is the only fully restored and flying B24 bomber, according to the Collings Foundation. The name Witchcraft is a nod to another B24 bomber that flew missions over Europe during World War II.

Companies like Ford started pumping B24 bombers out of their factories when it became clear that war was the nation's new reality.

"They needed to crank out airplanes, not automobiles," said Ryan, a Livermore resident. "Factories used for washing machines, kitchen implements, they were all switched over."

The planes are put on display by the Collings Foundation throughout the year, and visitors can take short trips in the bombers or tour them on the ground.

These planes are important historical pieces for all Americans, but it's especially educational for younger generations who don't have a direct connection to World War II, Mitchell said. By making sure the planes stay in service, the foundation is keeping this piece of history alive.

"We need a tour like this so people can be a part of it," she said. "They're national treasures, and they belong to everyone." ■



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## Thomas McCoy Johnson Resident of Pleasanton

August 3, 1938 – May 17, 2016

Longtime Pleasanton resident Thomas McCoy Johnson, 77, passed away (Cancer) peacefully with his family by his side in his Pleasanton home on May 17, 2016. Tom is survived by his wife of nearly 58 years, Sue Johnson; his 3 children, Kevin (Leslie) Johnson from Pleasanton, Keith Johnson from Lake Tahoe, and Cherie (Greg) Blades from Tracy. He is also survived by his five grandchildren: Britni (Mark) Miller, Jordan (Lexi) Johnson, Kylie (Brett) Johnson (soon to be Bower), Kendall Blades, and Brock Blades. He is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Peyton Miller and Aubrey Miller. Raised in Millbrae California, Tom is the son of John McCoy and Virginia Johnson. His only sibling, Carol (Brad) Hallihan, resides in Millbrae. Tom, along with his wife, were members of the Class of 1956 from Capuchino High School. Many lifelong friendships were established while at Cap. Tom moved his family to Pleasanton in 1968 and has remained at his Bonita Avenue home for 48 years.

An avid skier, both water and snow, Tom was passionate about creating recreation opportunities for his family and friends. He developed the infamous "Island" on the Delta where he taught hundreds of friends and friends of his children to ski. Tom also provided family and friends with opportunities to sail on the Bay on his sailboat, experience time on his family property on Orcas Island, WA, celebrate many cruises, and join him at his vacation home in Lake Tahoe. Tom also joined his wife for the many volunteer recreation adventures (cruises, Yosemite, etc.) that they provided for friends/clients.

A man of great patience and care for others, Tom Johnson enjoyed life, provided a wonderful example for his family, and will remain in the hearts of all who love him.

A memorial service will be held to honor Thomas McCoy Johnson on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Graham Hitch Mortuary, 4167 1st Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

PAID OBITUARY

## Robert Xavier Bruns

July 10, 1929 – May 9, 2016

Robert Xavier Bruns, a long time resident of Pleasanton, entered into eternal rest on May 9, 2016, in Walnut Creek, CA, with his loving daughter by his side. Robert was a non-smoker, who had fought a lengthy battle with COPD.

Robert was born in Milltown, New Jersey on July 10, 1929. He graduated from Rider College and actively served in the United States Army from 1952 until 1954 and was honorably discharged. While in the Army, Robert toured Germany and fell in love with the country. His fondness for all things German remained with him the rest of his life. He was fortunate to travel there again two more times during his lifetime. Robert's career as a salesman in electrical merchandising led him and his family to move frequently. He and his family had moved from his native New Jersey to the New Orleans area, Dallas, Houston, Placentia, CA and finally to his beloved Pleasanton, CA.

Robert's first love was his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was active in his church and had volunteered to minister at the Women's Correction Facility known as F.C. I., in Dublin, CA. for a number of years.

He also had an abiding love for his family. Robert had a great affection for cats. His sweet and gentle nature was ever apparent when he held one of the family's cats.

He was predeceased by his first wife Frances Bruns in 1982, and also his second wife Betty Nansel Bruns in 1999. He is survived by his four children, Robert Jr., Michael, Mary Beth, and Timothy, granddaughter, Nicole Bruns, and his two brothers Gus and John Bruns.

Services were held at Graham Hitch Mortuary on Saturday May 14, 2016. He was laid to rest at Sacramento National Cemetery, in Dixon, CA on Monday May 16, 2016 with full honors.



PAID OBITUARY

# Community Pulse



## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pleasanton woman indicted for alleged visa fraud ring

A Pleasanton woman has been indicted along with three others on federal charges for allegedly participating in a scheme to commit worker visa fraud.

Pleasanton resident Sandhya Ramireddi, 56, her brother Pratap "Bob" Kondamoori, 54, of Incline Village, Nevada, and Sunitha and Venkat Guntipally, of Fremont, were indicted earlier this month on 33 counts of charges, including conspiracy to commit visa fraud, use of false documents and mail fraud, among other crimes, according to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) news release.

The four defendants allegedly submitted more than 100 fraudulent H-1B visa applications, which are popular specialty worker visas. ICE alleged they used California corporations to complete the scheme.

H-1B specialty occupation worker visas allow companies to temporarily employ foreign employees. To qualify, applicants must have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in a specific subject area and the "theoretical and practical application" of a subject area, according to ICE.

Venkat and Sunitha Guntipally founded and owned two companies that sought out and provided employees for technology firms, according to ICE. Kondamoori is the founder of SISL Networks, and Ramireddi was the human resources manager and operations manager of all three companies, according to federal authorities.

The four defendants allegedly submitted H-1B visa applications, stating the people in the applications would be placed at specific U.S. companies. However, the companies either didn't exist or they never intended to employ the people noted in the applications, according to ICE.

"Immigration benefit fraud is a serious crime," said Ryan L. Spradlin, special agent in charge at the ICE homeland security investigation (HSI) field office in San Francisco. "Schemes like this create security vulnerabilities that could be exploited by criminals and others who pose a danger to our community."

"HSI and our law enforcement partners aggressively target those who conspire to corrupt the integrity of America's legal immigration system and

put our nation's security at risk in the process," Spradlin added.

### In other police news

• Firefighters stopped the spread of a vegetation fire along westbound Interstate 580 in unincorporated Alameda County outside Livermore on Sunday night, a battalion chief with the Alameda County Fire Department said.

The fire was first reported at 9:49 p.m. as a vehicle fire, which spread to surrounding vegetation along I-580 at Flynn Road North, battalion chief Stephanie Radecke said.

Firefighters limited the spread to 10 acres. No one was injured and no structures were damaged, but the fire caused a traffic backup. "This is really impacting traffic," Radecke said that night.

The California Highway Patrol issued a traffic alert at 10:02 p.m. when four lanes of I-580 were blocked. All lanes were reopened by Monday morning.

• A Danville man was arrested Monday afternoon after allegedly running from San Ramon police officers, jumping down into a creek bed and then getting stuck — requiring local firefighters to pull him out.

The situation began when officers responded to a report of a suspicious person at an office building at 2641 Crow Canyon Road, near the Deerwood Road intersection, according to San Ramon police Sgt. Pat Cerruti.

The man ran from the scene when officers arrived and then jumped about 30 feet down into a creek bed located behind the business, Cerruti said.

With the man unable to get himself out of the creek bed and officers concerned about possible injuries, police called the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District to help remove the man and check on his condition, the sergeant said.

Two firefighters from the Fire Heavy Rescue 34 unit used ropes to go down into the creek bed, free the man and move him back to the street level, according to Cerruti.

The man, later identified as 39-year-old Alvin Florida, did not suffer any injuries, Cerruti said. Florida was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and resisting arrest and later booked into the Martinez Detention Facility. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff  
Bay City News contributed to this report.

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### May 22

#### Theft

- 11:41 a.m. at Stoneridge Mall; theft from structure
- 10:36 p.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

#### Drug violation

- 7:29 p.m. in the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

### May 21

#### Fraud

- 8:54 a.m. in the 5600 block of Black Avenue
- 9:22 a.m. in the 4400 block of Del Valle Parkway
- 10:52 a.m. in the 1500 block of Poppybank Court

#### Shoplifting

- 1:47 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall
- 8:52 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

### May 20

#### Auto theft recovery

- 1:35 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft from auto

- 7:39 a.m. in the 1200 block of Hopyard Road

#### Burglary

- 9:32 a.m. in the 1400 block of East Gate Way

#### Fraud

- 10:33 a.m. in the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue

### May 19

#### Drug violation

- 1:27 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Theft from auto

- 9:39 a.m. in the 7500 block of Rosedale Court
- 9:44 a.m. in the 1700 block of Harvest Road
- 1:04 p.m. in the 5200 block of Riverdale Court

#### Residential burglary

- 12:06 p.m. in the 5500 block of Legendary Court

#### Domestic battery

- 6:08 p.m. on Smoketree Commons

#### Vehicle tampering

- 3:21 p.m. in the 7700 block of Knollbrook Drive

### May 18

#### Residential burglary

- 7:24 a.m. in the 4200 block of Cabernet Court

#### Criminal threats

- 9:20 a.m. in the 4700 block of Hopyard Road
- 12:06 p.m. in the 700 block of Bonita Avenue

#### Trespass/prowling

- 8:41 a.m. in the 4500 block of Third Street

#### Fraud

- 12:08 p.m. in the 1400 block of East Gate Way
- 1:32 p.m. in the 3500 block of Rathbone Way
- 4:52 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall
- 6:42 p.m. in the 2200 block of Oakland Avenue
- 10:10 p.m. in the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Embezzlement

- 2:17 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

### May 17

#### Assault/battery

- 8:06 p.m. in the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard



## Kaitlin's cancer fight officially ends

Survivor now works for donations to find a cure, help sufferers

### Kaitlin's battle

- 80 days in the hospital
- 12 chemo medicines
- 10 spinal taps
- 9 rounds of chemo
- 7 blood transfusions
- 4 PICC lines
- 3 bone marrow biopsies
- 3 ambulance rides to UCSF
- 1 frustrating double port

MARIELLE HAYES

Pleasanton native Kaitlin Gallagher has been declared cancer free after battling leukemia for five years.

### BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Every single person is affected by cancer, says survivor Kaitlin Gallagher, 20.

"When I give speeches, I always say, 'Raise your hand if you know someone who has or has had cancer,'" Gallagher said. "Every single person in the room will raise their hand."

She currently is raising funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to be chosen as its 2016 Woman of the Year in San Francisco. Every dollar donated to fight cancer counts, she pointed out, as does every minute volunteered for the cause.

Donations might go to research or to redo hospital rooms for children, she noted. It all counts.

Gallagher was 15, in the middle of her sophomore year at Amador Valley High, when she was diagnosed with Stage 4 acute lymphoblastic leukemia after having chronic back and leg pains and a lump at the base of her throat. She headed into battle at the children's hospital at UCSF, armed with optimism, an extended family and many friends in Pleasanton.

"I have a really, really strong community behind me — both sets of grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins are all in Pleasanton," Gallagher said. "My grandparents are still in the

same house they bought 50 years ago."

Throughout her fight, she posted a blog written with a light touch. She told of "Living in Luxury" in her hospital suite with wall murals and feeling like a patient on "Grey's Anatomy" as medical students at the teaching hospital gathered around to discuss her case.

Gallagher said she never asked, "Why me?" but instead, "Why not me?"

*'I feel I was chosen because I was healthy enough to respond to chemo treatments.'*

**Kaitlin Gallagher,**  
cancer survivor

"I feel I was chosen because I was healthy enough to respond to chemo treatments — I responded 100%, with no side effects," she said. "Some people — and kids — don't respond at all."

After many months of medical procedures, Gallagher returned to Amador Valley High and, thanks to homeschooling, was able to graduate

with her class.

"I finished treatment in October and went back to school in November," she recalled.

Now, after five years, Gallagher has been declared officially cured.

"I will continue regular frequent checkups to make sure I'm comfortable with it," she said. "And I am part of a survivors' clinic at UCSF."

Gallagher is finishing her junior year at San Francisco State University, majoring in communications with a minor in marketing. This summer, she is an intern at NBC in San Jose

for the second year, taking the ACE train. She is unsure what her career will be but knows her avocation will continue to be helping others who have cancer.

"I've taken on so many organizations and nonprofits," she said. "I am passionate about working with organizations that provide cancer research grants and patient services."

She said she enjoys public speaking and frequently makes pleas for money, assuring her audience that anything — \$1 or \$1,000 — will make a difference. One speech in particular stands out in her mind, when she visited Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, which her longtime boyfriend attends.

"They were hosting a Relay for Life there," Gallagher recalled. "At the end of the night, there is a lap of silence and right before that, they have a speaker for all the college students. It was cool to sit in the dark with lanterns, and it was quiet so there were no distractions."

"I love speaking to peers about my story

and relating to them," she continued. "I also love getting in front of hundreds and hundreds of people and asking them to give money."

Gallagher is getting lots of opportunities to request donations since she was nominated for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Woman of the Year.

"I have 10 weeks to raise as much money as possible," she said, adding that she's been holding fundraising events in Pleasanton and in San Francisco. The deadline for donations is June 4.

"I'm asking for everyone and anyone to donate," Gallagher said.

Donations can be made at [www.mwoy.org/pages/gba/bayarea16/kgallagher](http://www.mwoy.org/pages/gba/bayarea16/kgallagher). Those who don't want to give online can write a check in her name and mail it to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

"Or they can call me (202-1907), and I will drive over and pick it up," she added with a laugh. ■



MARIELLE HAYES

Kaitlin Gallagher was pleased to find Oakland photographer Marielle Hayes to do portraits of her as she fought cancer — and won.



# Who is Yes on K?



*"As a lifelong Pleasanton resident, I am voting **YES on K** because it includes over \$1.2 million in new money for our schools."*

**—Kelly French**  
 Founder,  
 PPIE Run for Education



*"I am voting **YES on K** because the plan includes many community benefits, including 174 acres of public open space."*

**—Zaheer Siddiqui**  
 Non-profit Board President



*"As one of the authors of Measure PP, I am voting **YES on K** because with this plan the hills and ridges will be protected."*

**—Kay Ayala**  
 Former Pleasanton City  
 Councilmember, Founding  
 Member Save Pleasanton's Hills



*"I am voting **YES on K** because 89.5% of the land is being preserved as permanent open space with 2 miles of new public trails."*

**—Herb Ritter**  
 Planning Commissioner,  
 Former Parks and Recreation  
 Commissioner



*"I am voting **YES on K** because it is a good plan and a fair compromise for the existing neighborhoods."*

**—Espí Covarrubias**  
 Nurse and Mission Hills  
 Neighbor

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# Calendar

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## Concerts

**SWINGIN' BLUE STARS OF THE USS HORNET ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE** The Firehouse welcomes back The Swingin' Blue Stars for their big Annual Memorial Day Weekend Salute to the USO at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 29 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**SIMPLE GIFTS, A BOUQUET OF CHORAL TREATS** Enjoy the Cantabella Children's Chorus 2016 Spring Concert, "Simple Gifts, A Bouquet of Choral Treats," on Saturday, June 4 at First Presbyterian Church, 2020 5th St., Livermore. K-5 will perform at 1 p.m., grades 5-12 will perform at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$22. Children under 18 free. Go to [www.cantabella.org/tickets](http://www.cantabella.org/tickets).

**US AIR FORCE BAND OF THE GOLDEN WEST** The US Air Force Band of the Golden West presents a free concert by The Commanders Jazz Combo at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at the Firehouse Arts Center. A component of the US Air Force Band of the Golden West, The Commanders Jazz Sextet carries on the American musical tradition of the great small group jazz ensembles. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Talks & Lectures

**AMADOR VALLEY TOASTMASTERS** Give speeches, gain feedback, lead teams, and guide others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere at 7 a.m. every Thursday at Mimi's Cafe, 4775 Hacienda Drive, Dublin. Breakfast is available to order from menu. Go to [www.facebook.com/AmadorValleyToastmasters/](http://www.facebook.com/AmadorValleyToastmasters/).

## Fundraisers

**SHRED CANCER EVENT** Visit this community shredding event, sponsored by ProShred Security, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. Limit 10 boxes free. Suggested donation of \$5 per box. 100% of the proceeds go to the American Institute for Cancer Research. Bring paper, file folders, notepads, hard drives, envelopes, DVDs/CDs, hanging files, and tapes. Call 271-7566.

**THE DILLON STRONG FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER** Come to The Dillon Strong Foundation Fundraiser from 1:30-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 at Barone's Restaurant, 475 St. John Street. Bring your own picnic style with a raffle and silent auction. Live DJ sets, featuring Nick Tyrell, Maddy Hudson, In Living Color, and Four15 "Unknown Disturbance." Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, \$30 for reserved table top, and \$115 for a cabana. Proceeds go to The Dillon Strong Foundation, blessing children with life-threatening conditions through nutritional and health support. Contact [thedillonstrong-foundation@gmail.com](mailto:thedillonstrong-foundation@gmail.com), or go to [thedillonstrongfoundation.org](http://thedillonstrongfoundation.org).

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING** GNON will partner with the Valley Humane Society for their 8th Annual Birthday Bash from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, June 6 at California Collision, 57 California Ave. Donations and raffle tickets will be sold at the event to support VHS. This annual birthday event is open to not only women but also men. Also enjoy a car show as well as great food, music and more surprises. Tickets are \$10. Contact Frances Hewitt at 487-4748 or [gnoners@gmail.com](mailto:gnoners@gmail.com). For tickets and to RSVP, go to [www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html](http://www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html).

## Community Groups

**TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED PRESENTS SUSAN TULLY** TVRWF presents guest speaker Susan Tully, National Field Director, The Federation of American Immigration Reform (FAIR) Western Field Representative, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9 at Beeb's Restaurant, 915 Clubhouse Drive,

Livermore. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for non-members. RSVP by June 7. Contact Linda Krikorian at 426-1474 or [krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com](mailto:krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com).

## Health & Wellness

**TRI-VALLEY CELEBRATION OF LIFE** Cancer survivors and their caregivers are invited to the 24th Annual Tri-Valley Celebration of Life event at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7

at the Dublin Holiday Inn, 6680 Regional St., Dublin. "Seasons of Surviving" will include information on community resources and refreshments. Speakers are Kavitha P. Raj, M.D., Valley Medical Oncology Consultant speaking on "Survivorship: Life after Cancer;" and Petra Lentz-Snow, a cancer survivor and motivational speaker, discussing "Journeys into Healing." RSVP by May 27; give your name and the number of people in your party at 357-6498 or [juliane.lee@cancer.org](mailto:juliane.lee@cancer.org).

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill swimmers finish season at state meet

Pleasanton middle schoolers shine at Tri-Valley track and field championship

The Foothill High swim teams completed a successful season last weekend by sending a group of swimmers to compete in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) State Championship in Clovis.

Calvin David came through with the best swim of the weekend, finishing eighth in the 500 freestyle event. David also finished 22nd in the 200 free. The boys 200 medley relay team of Jonah Cooper, Jonathon Mui, Joe Schafer and Aaron Li battled to 11th place with some solid swims.

Kennedy Truex finished 15th in the girls 100 backstroke and came in 29th in the 100 free. Truex teamed with Olivia Larson, Hailey Morse and Paige Heacox to fight for a finish of 22nd in the girls 200 medley relay.

In the boys 100 back, Cooper finished 19th and Nick Skinner 30th for the Falcons. Finally, in the 1-meter diving, Rob Harries was 23rd on the boys' side and Emily Balicanta was 20th for the girls.

#### Golf

Losing their No. 2 golfer to a non-golf related injury late in the season finally took its toll on the Foothill boys golf team, as the Falcons stumbled to a fifth-place finish in the North

Coast Section (NCS) Tournament of Champions, held at Roddy Ranch Golf Course in Antioch on May 16.

Raj Chekuri suffered a foot injury right before the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) tournament, but the Falcons were able to play well enough to still win the league title. That was not the case at NCS as Foothill finished with team score of 390, missing the final Northern California qualifying spot by six shots.

De La Salle won the NCS title with a 370 score followed by Campolindo (381) and Monte Vista (384) — all three teams will move on to the Nor-Cal Championships at Corral de Tierra Country Club in Salinas next week.

In all, four of the top six teams in NCS were from the EBAL, leaving no doubt as to the strongest golf league in Northern California.

The Falcons were led by senior Heetae Yang with a 2-over-par 74. Yang was followed by junior Alex Chin (77), junior Chase Godi (78), senior John Francisco (80), senior Kyle Ko (81) and senior Parker Jameson (84).

#### Track and field

The future stars of the EBAL track and field teams were on display at the middle school Tri-Valley Meet of

Champions last week at Dublin High. Harvest Park Middle School captured both 1,600-meter runs during the May 17 competition, with Jack Gray winning the boys race with a time of 4 minutes, 51 seconds and Hope Bergmark taking the girls event with a time of 5:31. Hayley Hayes of Hart was second for the girls with a 5:44 finish.

Lizzy Shirber of Pleasanton Middle School won both the 400- and 800-meter races. Dajhae Wilshire of Harvest Park was second in the 100 and 200 races, just missing in each event.

Torre Anderson of Hart won the girls long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 11.5 inches, and the Hart girls team earned victories in the 4x100 and the 4x400 relay races.

#### NCS notes

In the lacrosse playoffs, both Amador Valley teams had their seasons ended by Granite Bay.

The Amador boys beat Foothill in the first round 13-8, but fell 8-6 to Granite Bay in the quarterfinals. The Amador girls had the daunting task of playing Granite Bay in the first round, and the Dons were on the wrong side of the 17-7 final.

The baseball and softball playoffs started earlier this week. Neither Amador nor Foothill made the baseball playoffs, but on the softball side, not only did the Dons and the Falcons make the Division I playoffs, they were named the top two seeds.

Amador is No. 1 and the Falcons No. 2, meaning the only way they meet would be in the finals. ■



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### Pride win Treasure Island tourney

The Pleasanton Pride U15A team won a tight championship match in Treasure Island last weekend to take first place in the Girls A Division and earn the girls' first Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association title. The Pride beat Danville Scorpion Venom 6-5 in the deciding game, using four unanswered goals to overcome an early 5-2 deficit. Team members included (top, left to right) coach Jen Murphy, Bella Mayo, Grace French, Lily Manos, Sophia Shibliq, Paige Doyle, Claire Lemelin, Kaitlyn Sweeney, Marley Diligent, Sydney Soares, Lauren Lemelin, Megan Guerra and coach Kelly French, and (bottom, left to right) Catherine Murphy, Audriana Templeman, Mady Sweeney, Bella Foster, Alexis Bayani, Noe Jue and Drew Pagtakhan.

## Foothill alum hired to Portland volleyball staff

Sedlak joining university as assistant coach, recruiting coordinator

#### By JEREMY WALSH

Former Foothill Falcons volleyball star Betsy Sedlak has been named a new assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the University of Portland volleyball program.

The 2008 Foothill graduate and former UC Davis volleyball player will join the Portland Pilots staff in the fall, moving to Oregon after working the past four years for the West Coast

Conference rival St Mary's Gaels.

"I am incredibly thankful and excited for this opportunity to coach volleyball at the University of Portland," Sedlak said in a statement through Portland. "The coaching staff's philosophy on consistent improvement has created an amazing environment."

After graduating from Foothill, Sedlak played collegiality at the University of Oregon before transferring to UC Davis, finishing her career as the Aggies' all-time hitting percentage leader and second in career blocks. She later played professionally for a short time in Denmark.

Sedlak has worked as operations director for the St. Mary's volleyball program since 2012, helping with film analysis, scouting reports and game preparation while also providing color commentary for the Gaels' video broadcasts.

Additionally, she has coached teens at the youth club level and went the extra step of coordinating year-end highlight videos for 15 club teams.

"Since day one, all of us who have worked with her have been impressed with her ability to connect with players, her intelligence, work ethic, and organization, and most of all, her love for teaching and mentoring student athletes," said Portland head coach Brent Crouch, who worked with Sedlak on the St. Mary's staff in 2012.

"She is just a rock-solid person and we are fortunate to have her on our staff in Portland," Crouch added. ■



Betsy Sedlak

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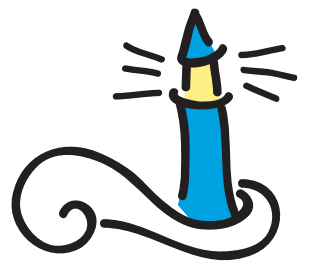


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## Strong wage growth, level home prices buoy housing affordability

By JEB BING

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According to a new report by the California Association of Realtors (CAR), affordability was flat when compared to the previous year as rising home prices offset income gains.

The percentage of home buyers who could afford to purchase a median-priced, existing

single-family home in California in the first quarter of this year rose to 34% from the 30% recorded in the fourth quarter of 2015 and was unchanged from first-quarter 2015.

According to CAR's Traditional Housing Affordability Index (HAI), this was the 12th consecutive quarter that the index has been below 40% and is near the mid-2008 low level of 29%.

The HAI measures the percentage of all households that can afford to purchase a me-

dian-priced, single-family home in California. CAR also reports affordability indices for regions and select counties within the state. The index is considered the most fundamental measure of housing well-being for home buyers in the state.

Home-buyers needed to earn a minimum annual income of \$92,571 to qualify for the purchase of a \$465,280 statewide median-priced, existing single-family home in the first quarter of 2016. The monthly payment,

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Welcome to this beautiful custom home located in the desirable Castlewood neighborhood, built in 1989 with just under 3,700sq.ft. of living space. This spacious home with two story foyer has 4 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms and a large office and is situated on .59 of an acre. This large family home is located on a premiere lane in Castlewood with a combination of stunning views and privacy. Recently upgraded with brand new Karastan carpets, fresh paint, and upgraded kitchen and master bathroom. Enjoy a spacious deck off of the back of the property for summertime dining and entertainment. Located 4 minutes from 680, 10 minutes from Downtown Pleasanton, schools, shops and fine dining.



**LISTED AT \$1,849,000**

### COMING SOON

#### Charming Downtown Pleasanton

- 4 bedroom and 2 bath home, just under 1800 sqft.
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- Private with a large back garden.

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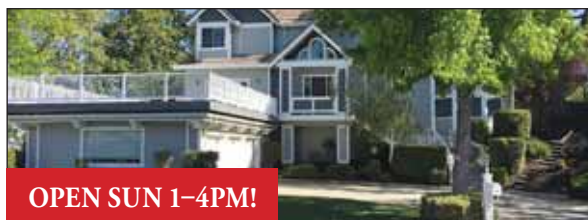


#### 4555 ENTRADA COURT, PLEASANTON

Desirable Downtown Single Level at Top of Court on a Premium .21 Acre Lot with Filtered Views! This 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Home Includes Two Master Suites and 2058 Square is located off Historic Neal Street. Newer Master Suite is Spacious with Gas Fireplace. Such a Great Location. Just a Short Walk to Main Street and You Can Enjoy all the Amenities of Downtown Pleasanton. Hardwood Floors and New Carpeting, Living Area with Window Wall to Beautifully Landscaped Private Rear Grounds with Decks, Spa and Filtered Views of Pleasanton Ridge. Don't Miss it! Visit 4555Entrada.com for More Photos and Information! Call the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group to Schedule a Private Showing!

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#### 4931 DOLORES DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Hilltop Estate Home with Views and Downtown Location is Situated on an approximately 1/2 Acre Lot in Pleasanton Hills Estate Collection! This Spacious 5 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom has 3809 Square Feet. Remodeled Bathrooms, Gourmet Kitchen with Granite, Spacious Master Suite. Large Deck for Entertainment with Views of Pleasanton Ridge. Oversized 3-Car Garage. This Property is Conveniently Located Near Downtown, Neighborhood Park and Access to 680. Just a Short Walk to Main Street and your can enjoy all the Amenities of Downtown Pleasanton. Private Rear Grounds with Mature Landscaping and In-Ground Swimming Pool. Visit 4931dolores.com for More Photos and Information! Call the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group to Schedule a Private Showing!

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#### 2492 SILVER OAKS LANE, PLEASANTON

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### DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON



**PENDING**

#### 4326 2ND STREET, PLEASANTON

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### BRIDLE CREEK



**PENDING SALE**

#### 751 SUMMIT CREEK LANE, PLEASANTON

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**Bill Wells**

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New carpets and fresh paint highlight this 4 bedroom/2 bath home across from beautiful Val Vista Park. Other features include remodeled kitchen and baths, large lot with side access and 120 sf separate workshop/playhouse/retreat.

**Open Sun 1-4**



**Rosie Yandell & Kent Rocca**

**654 Palomino Dr., - Pleasanton - \$699,000**  
Large downstairs bonus room highlights this large (over 1900 sf) townhome with 3 bedrooms, updated kitchen and baths, 2 car garage and so much more! Centrally located near the popular New Leaf market and downtown. Aggressively priced.

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**Cindy Gee**

**3389 Smoketree Commons – Pleasanton**  
Darling 2 bedroom, 2 bath, condo, approximately 856 sf. Top floor, nice views, some updates, walking distance to downtown Pleasanton, community pool, close to parks. Must See! Call for details.

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Gorgeous 5 bedroom, 3 bedroom, 2,898 sf home nestled on an 8,400 sf lot in the heart of Livermore's spectacular wine country.

**Open Sun 1-4**



**Gina Piper**

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Enjoy the best views in Castlewood from this amazing home perched above the golf course featuring 4 bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms and over 6,700 sf of living space.

**Coming Soon**



**Bobbie Lacañale**

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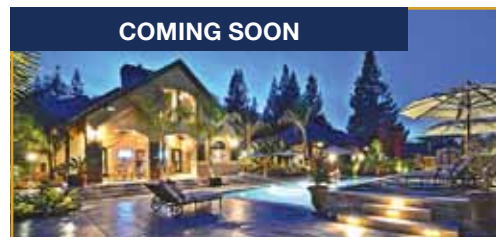
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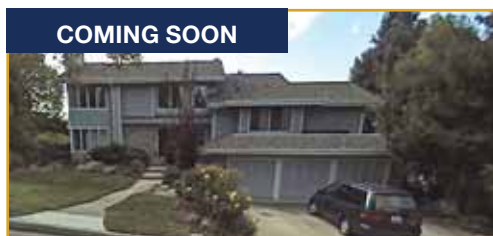
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**Q:** I am considering putting in an offer on a local property. My agent is uncomfortable with using my lender, who is out of state. Why should it matter? James C, Dublin

**A:** James, that is a great question, and we encounter it often. The common perception among agents is that out of state lenders add a layer of complexity, and that transactions involving out of state lenders are more prone to problems. This is often true.

The biggest issue is that an out of state lender has no local reputation or relationships to protect, so they don't have as much pressure to be accountable. They can promise you anything, and if they don't perform or get the job done it does not really impact them, while it has a tremendous impact on you and may even put your contract in jeopardy. There can be issues with timing, with appraisers, with process, etc. Local lenders are just more in tune with the quirks of the Bay Area market, and how to navigate issues that may arise. Because of this, using an out of area lender can put you in a weaker position when it comes time to negotiate an offer. Anything that adds uncertainty to a contract will generally have a negative impact on your ability to negotiate the best possible price.

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Peaceful gorgeous views from every room, Updated executive home approx 4631 sq ft. on approx 2 acres of pure nature, quiet gated. 4 bed, 4 bath bounus, huge great room/kitchen Open floor plan!! Must see!!  
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