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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

What's going on at PPIE?



JEB BING

PPIE office at 333 Division St. is leased from the city of Pleasanton. This week it was locked up with PPIE's longtime director Susan Hayes dismissed.

What's going on at the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation, better known as PPIE?

A month ago, Susan Hayes, the organization's long-time executive director, stood with several PPIE board members as she presented a check for \$570,000 to the Pleasanton school board for a group photo that's on PPIE's web and Facebook pages.

Today, she's out as PPIE's leader, told by its board president Bob Miller, a research and development director at The Clorox Company, that her contract would not be renewed June 30 when it expired.

I drove over to PPIE's offices at 333 Division St. to find the door locked, the office closed and the phone switched to an answering machine. No note to direct visitors (or possible contributors) to another PPIE location or depository. No press releases to tell us Hayes is no longer the director. No public announcement to the thousands in the community who support PPIE and Hayes' efforts to raise money for our schools. Nothing about changes on its Facebook page and website. Nothing.

Only a few of the 11 board members I contacted replied to my question about what's going on at PPIE, and just two seemed to know much about the change. Miller is on vacation and also hasn't responded. Others, including city and civic leaders, knew little or nothing about changes at PPIE, although several said they heard major changes and organizational restructuring are planned. The city owns and leases the building PPIE occupies on Division Street.

It's known that the PPIE board has recently been considering how it can continue to grow and have an even greater impact on excellence in education for Pleasanton, developing plans and strategies for the near future.

"As we've done this work, we realize we are at a transition point, needing to shift the focus for the next few years in order to achieve our stretch goals and deliver even more to the

community, and we are aligned that the skills needed for the next phase are very different from the skills used recently," said Joan Laursen, PPIE and Pleasanton school board member. "We will be seeking a new executive director to drive this work."

In her PowerPoint presentation to the school board in June, Hayes pointed out that in addition to the \$570,000 check being presented, PPIE over the last three years has donated more than \$550,000 annually to the school district. This represented its highest donation levels in consecutive years and 40% of the total donations given in the past decade.

"Having achieved new consistent levels of giving to the district, PPIE seems poised for growth," Hayes said to loud applause.

But the growth planned will go forward without Hayes, although it's been her tireless efforts to gain the generous support of the Pleasanton community that has raised the contributions needed to help schools maintain excellence by meeting classroom needs unfunded by other means.

During Hayes' tenure, fundraisers included benefit concerts, the annual Pleasanton Run for Education, a giving fund and corporate matching programs.

Someone else will pick up these duties for the nonprofit now, but the change seems to come at an awkward time.

The Pleasanton school board met last night to consider a multimillion-dollar bond measure it plans to place on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot, which will need strong campaign support from organizations such as PPIE. Also on Nov. 8, voters will select candidates to fill three seats on the school board. Although the three incumbents could be re-elected, election campaigns could be disruptive for a new PPIE director and fundraising effort.

I just hope that going forward, its board of directors will be more transparent in keeping the public and its supporters informed about what's going on at PPIE. ■

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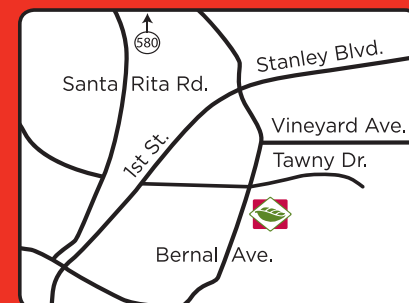
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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What do you enjoy seeing in nature?



Sandra Harrison Kay
Literary, mixed media artist

I enjoy everything in nature. I work at a nursery and truly appreciate the spectrum of colors, textures and variety of plant life there. But it is really the relationships I enjoy the most, between the seeds, soil, sun, water and sky. Of course, I could live without the bugs and insects, but they are necessary to the growth process so I enjoy them as well.



Ryan Wong
Market team member

I love the sounds and sights of the ocean. I enjoy seeing the waves and hearing them crash on the beach while seagulls are flying overhead and kids are playing in the sand. I find all of that very relaxing.



Kerry Krauter
Engineer

I love to see large, vast vistas, whether it is while I'm out on a hike, or stopping the car on the side of a scenic route to get out and take a look. I enjoy quietly and slowly looking around and just soaking it all in. It's almost as though I'm taking a panoramic photo in my head.



Robert Plummer
Engineer

I enjoy watching the inter-play of sunlight hitting trees and the shadows that are created on the ground by that interaction. It is always different, depending on the wind. Sometimes there is great symmetry there, and other times there is not. I think of the shadows as nature's kaleidoscope.



Afrinish Janua
Network architect

I like to see anything in nature that is green. Whether it is leaves or plants or seaweed or moss. I believe all things green are symbolic of life and living, and seeing life always makes me feel very good and alive.

—Compiled by Nancy and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Bolster blood supply

More than 25 Bay Area faith organizations are partnering with the American Red Cross this month, including in Pleasanton, to collect much-needed blood donations in what is the largest single blood collection effort for the Northern California Blood Services Region.

The Interfaith Community Blood Drive, comprised of nearly four-dozen individual drives, aims to collect more than 1,700 blood donations this month, which is traditionally a time of year when the supply of donated blood struggles to meet the demand, according to the Red Cross.

The annual interfaith effort, now in its sixth year, has collected more than 11,000 pints of blood since its inception.

The Pleasanton drive is set for tomorrow, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 6100 Paseo Santa Cruz.

Self-care for caregivers

Hope Hospice is hosting a free presentation tomorrow morning to help family caregivers learn strategies to focus on their own well-being while striving to care for a loved one.

"Self-Care for the Caregiver" will feature speakers providing information on caregiver burn-out, stress management strategies, obtaining support and assistance, seeking solutions and utilizing resources, according to organizers.

The class runs from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100 in Dublin inside the second-floor conference room. To register or learn more, visit www.hopehospice.com or contact Debbie Emerson, community education volunteer for the nonprofit, at debbee@hopehospice.com.

Chats on meditation

Interfaith Interconnect will present the July Religion Chat from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court in Pleasanton.

The topic will be "How is meditation practiced in your faith?" Speakers will be Raghu Tirupatur, who will talk about the Hindu tradition, and Claire La Scola, who will speak on Christian meditation. The event is free of charge and everyone is welcome.

The series on meditation concludes July 17 with a presentation by Manish Sagar of Stanford University, who will talk in Livermore about research findings on how meditation affects the brain.

Religion Chat is a monthly interfaith forum held on the second Wednesday of the month at one of Interfaith Interconnect's 16 participating congregations in Pleasanton and Livermore. ■

Supervisors approve \$3 billion county budget for 2016-17

Board: Balanced budget builds reserves, closes funding gap without significant program cuts

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has approved a \$3 billion budget for the new fiscal year that began Friday that includes modest funding increases to community service providers and expands resources for affordable housing.

Board members said the budget that they approved last week allows the county to continue building its financial reserves and is balanced by closing a \$72.2 million funding gap without significant program reductions or layoffs to its 9,641 full-time employees.

County officials said that while this year's funding gap is smaller than those recorded during and just after

the recent economic downturn, when shortfalls routinely topped \$100 million, its size is daunting given the relatively positive conditions in which growth in the national and local economies is providing some boost to county revenues.

They said the county's challenge of keeping its finances in balance isn't likely to decrease in the coming years because a growing wage gap is keeping a large number of residents reliant on government services and there are many forecasts that suggest the economy could fall back into recession in the near future.

The budget renews the county's commitment to helping residents

squeezed by the region's soaring housing costs, supervisors said.

Although cuts to federal housing programs mean less funding available for the county to meet community needs, board members said the county is continuing to spend more than \$100 million annually in housing programs across various agencies and departments.

They said they also have committed to spend \$5 million to \$7.5 million a year of their limited discretionary funding on affordable housing programs in the county.

In addition, the board voted to place a measure on the November ballot asking voters to approve up

to \$580 million in general obligation bonds to support affordable housing and prevent displacement of vulnerable populations, including low-income residents, seniors and the disabled.

The board also declared a housing state of emergency in the county and directed county departments to pursue several strategies to ease the problem of housing displacement and homelessness.

The county is closing its funding gap through a combination of spending reductions, revenue increases and one-time strategic changes such as efficiency measures. ■

—Bay City News Service



Hundreds crowd Lions Wayside Park in downtown Pleasanton for annual July 4 community picnic, watching the Community Concert Band perform.

Hundreds turn out for Independence Day picnic

18th annual event offers patriotic music, tribute to veterans

By JEB BING

Hundreds turned out Monday for the 18th annual Fourth of July community picnic in Lions Wayside Park in downtown Pleasanton.

With more than 700 hot dogs given out free by The Pleasanton Lions Club and more than 200 wooden tokens given to youngsters to trade for ice cream cones at Meadowlark Dairy, picnic organizers Jerry Long and Ron Sutton estimated that well over 1,000 attended this year's event, crowding their beach chairs under canopies and shade trees — although with temperatures in the low 90s, it was one of the coolest celebrations in years.

Allan Freebody, whose roots go back to the early settlers of Australia and who became a U.S. citizen

two years ago, opened the program with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Following were Sarah Keene, who will turn 18 just before Election Day and Katja Zengel, who took the pledge to activate their birthright citizenship by registering to vote on their 18th birthdays.

Called "Celebrating Freedom and its Evolution since the Revolution," the event attracts hundreds every year. Sutton said it's held mid-day so that those participating still have time to get home for their family barbecues and later to the fairgrounds for its annual fireworks celebration.

Ken McDonald led the picnic celebration, which included "Happy Birthday to USA" by Mildred and Patty Hill, a patriotic singalong to

music by the Pleasanton Community Concert Band.

Another theme this year was the evolution of music in America, with examples provided by the band, under the direction of Bob Williams, who also is a music historian. This exploration was guided by speaker Ann Collins, who provided insights into the hidden messages in some spirituals sung by African-American slaves in the South. Vocalist Pat Bosma, who played Lady Liberty at the start, switched later to sing favorite American melodies.

Before his welcoming remarks, Mayor Jerry Thorne was honored at his introduction in a special tribute by the band. It played a portion of his favorite marching

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Police welcome 2 new officers

Cerri, Evans undergoing field training before starting patrol duties

Joshua Cerri and Nicole Evans were sworn in last week as new officers on the Pleasanton police force.

Both are recent graduates of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Police Academy.

Cerri was born and raised in Pleasanton, and he participated in the city police department's Teen Academy in 2008. He said that inspired him to pursue a career in law enforcement.

After graduating from Amador Valley High School, Cerri enrolled at Arizona State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in public service and public policy with an emphasis in criminology.

Evans was born and raised in Livermore, graduated from Granada High School and went on to earn an associate degree at Las Positas College with an emphasis in social science. Her father is a deputy with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

The two new officers will now undergo a 16-week field training process before being assigned to patrol duties in Pleasanton. ■

—Jeb Bing



Joshua Cerri



Nicole Evans

Foothill grad playing for collegiate national team

Team USA berth caps center fielder's stellar sophomore season at Nevada-Reno

By DENNIS MILLER

Pleasanton native TJ Friedl was one of those kids growing up that was pretty much good at any sport, but as he entered college at the University of Nevada at Reno, it was all about baseball.

And what a success that has turned out to be for the Foothill High graduate.

Friedl was recently named to the final 24-player roster for the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team, becoming just the third player in Nevada history to be named to Team USA. As a result, he will compete in three international friendly series this summer.

Team USA is in Taiwan this week for a five-game set against Chinese Taipei, a series that lasts through tomorrow.

The Americans will then fly to Japan for another five-game series in three different stadiums next

week. The team will close out its summer tour against Cuba for another five-game set from July 23-27.

Friedl capped an incredible sophomore season this spring as he became the first Nevada player since 2001 to bat .400.

The outfielder batted .401 with 89 hits, 68 runs and 35 RBI. Friedl ranked second in the nation in triples, fourth in runs and 11th in batting average. He also stole 13 bases and posted a .986 fielding percentage in center field.

Friedl was selected for the ABCA/Rawlings West All-Region Second Team. Additionally, he was named to the All-Mountain West first team and to the All-MW Tournament Team this year.

Friedl and the Collegiate National Team were 2-0-1 in their summer training games against club competition. The Pleasanton native



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Pleasanton native TJ Friedl (center) playing with Team USA.

hit a double and scored a game-tying run against the Santa Barbara Foresters last week.

For complete coverage of Friedl and Team USA, follow Nevada-WolfPack.com and USABaseball.com.

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Downtown Rotary installs new president for 2016-17

Realtor Randy Brown succeeds CPA Janet Yarbrough in Castlewood ceremony

By JEB BING

Randall Brown of PMZ Real Estate was installed last week as president of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton in a colorful celebration at Castlewood Country Club.

A member of the boards of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the Stanford/ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, Brown has been in real estate for 11 years. His wife Lisa joined him for the installation, which puts him in charge of the service club through next June 30.

Brown succeeds Janet Bowman Yarbrough, who stepped down during the ceremonial event, called the "demotion dinner."

Yarbrough, a CPA, owns a tax and accounting business on Main Street, which she started in 1989. She is the treasurer of the Pleasanton Downtown Association and a member of the city's Economic Vitality Committee. Her husband of 38 years, Lloyd, joined her at the dinner.



JEB BING

Randy Brown, new president of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, joins outgoing president Janet Yarbrough at Castlewood Country Club installation dinner.

The Rotary Club of Pleasanton, often called the "downtown" Rotary Club, was chartered in 1965. It is an organization of women and men who represent a diverse mix of professions and participate in a variety

of local and international projects, including raising funds for scholarships for high school students, service projects for senior citizens and providing wheelchairs for those in need. ■

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music from when he was the drum major for the University of Tennessee's marching band. The band also honored current and former military members, playing the familiar service songs of each military branch while those veterans stood to be recognized by applause.

McDonald, assisted by Les Duman, then honored Bob Butler and Margene Gerton Rivara as this year's recipients of the Ed Kinney Community Patriot Awards. Butler was recognized for his years of community service, including two terms as mayor of Pleasanton, and Rivara for her work in city arts and providing housing for seniors. ■

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Flood insurance rates pose threat to businesses, homes

High costs put small businesses and home ownership at risk, Realtors say

By JEB BING

Flood insurance costs continue to put small businesses and home ownership at risk, but the National Association of Realtors this week told Congress that a range of solutions are on the horizon.

David McKey, 2016 vice chair of NAR's Insurance Committee, told U.S. Senators that Realtors continue to report their clients face significant hurdles due to excessive flood insurance costs and future uncertainty.

"Despite everything that's been done on this issue, the threat of a \$30,000 flood insurance premium still looms," McKey said. "A few years ago, the uncertainty over future rate increases was enough for buyers to direct Realtors not to show them any listings in the flood plain. That's enough to worry business owners and homeowners alike, and it's something that needs to be addressed."

In his testimony, McKey praised the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act, which became law in 2014 and reined in the most inaccurate rate increases across the country.

Before the Affordability Act, thou-

sands of small business owners faced immediate and excessive rate increases under FEMA's implementation of the "Bigger Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012."

But McKey warned the committee that significant concerns still remain. He noted that even now, rates continue to rise exponentially by 25% each year until policy-holders reach their "full-cost rate."

For a business or a homeowner to prove that they've reached the full-cost rate, they must hire

a licensed surveyor and provide FEMA with a costly elevation certificate. If the certificate shows that the property owner has already reached full cost, the owner may request an optional full-risk rating to end the 25% increases. Otherwise, the increases continue.

This creates what McKey described as an "endless escalator" of rising costs for businesses and homeowners.

Although it isn't possible to determine how many properties will ultimately be affected, current estimates show that roughly 1 million properties have subsidized insurance rates that may be subject to significant

increases, the association said.

McKey reiterated NAR's support for a range of solutions to address the problem, including reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program, which sunsets in October 2017; using advanced technology to improve the accuracy of flood maps to provide the data needed to determine how many face unaffordable rates and also reduce the number of property owners who have to file expensive appeals, and fostering a private insurance market to complement the NFIP.

Additionally, McKey suggested an NAR-backed strategy for actually preventing flood damage. By authorizing the use of funds to proactively mitigate properties located in hazard areas, McKey noted that it's possible to protect property owners while saving taxpayers' money.

This might include flood-proofing, elevating or otherwise strengthening a property.

Unfortunately, while funding is currently available for mitigation efforts, funds typically aren't accessible until after a flood event, when costs are higher and the damage has already occurred, the association said.

"Realtors see the effect of rising flood insurance rates firsthand in their businesses and in the local communities," McKey said. "But commonsense solutions to the problem are well within reach." ■

'But commonsense solutions to the problem are well within reach.'

David McKey,
NAR Insurance Committee



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A golden anniversary

Pleasanton residents Bud and Kathy Engel, who first met at Long Beach State University, are celebrating 50 years of marriage tomorrow. The couple moved their young family to Pleasanton so Bud could teach in the fall of 1971, and they never left.



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Assemblywoman honors Pleasanton veteran Eugene Cota

‘Demonstrated a lifetime of selfless service, courage and patriotic devotion’



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Air Force veteran Eugene Cota (right) speaks at recognition ceremony outside the Museum on Main after being honored by Assemblywoman Catharine Baker as her district's Veteran of the Year.

By JEB BING

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) honored Air Force veteran Eugene Cota as Veteran of the Year for the 16th Assembly District in a ceremony at the Museum on Main in downtown Pleasanton last week.

“Having served 18 years in the United States Air Force, and many more as a member of local veterans

service organizations, Eugene has demonstrated a lifetime of selfless service, courage and patriotic devotion to our country,” said Baker, whose district includes Pleasanton. “It is a great honor to recognize Eugene as Veteran of the Year for Assembly District 16.”

Throughout his 18 years in the Air Force, Cota served all over the world, including Japan, Korea, Germany,

Vietnam, and at Air Force bases in California and Georgia.

He met his wife while stationed at Camp Parks in Dublin. The two married and started a family in Germany in the years when America and its European allies feared a massive invasion from the Soviet Union.

After a four-year tour in Germany, Cota and his family returned to California where he was stationed for duty at what is now Vandenberg Air Force Base. While stationed at this base in Santa Barbara County, he was present for early launches of liquid fueled missiles, such as the Atlas and Titan, and served with the Strategic Air Command during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

Cota is currently involved in many veterans service organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Korean War Veterans Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, Air Force Sergeant Association, Air Force Association, VFW Mexican Ancestry Association, USA Association, VNVDV and the Alameda County Veterans Commission.

Baker added, “The freedoms we enjoy today were secured, and are every day safeguarded, by our nation's heroes such as Eugene. Eugene's service in the U.S. Armed Forces and his steadfast support for his fellow veterans has made him more than worthy of this honor.” ■

Outside Nashville takes the win



SHANE MICHELI/VASSER PHOTOGRAPHY

Outside Nashville (left) picks up speed to win the \$50,000 Oak Tree Sprint for the Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Monday during the Alameda County Fair's final day. Outside Nashville topped eight other horses in the race, winning by almost two lengths and giving jockey Ricky Gonzalez his second stakes victory of the meet.

City offering free movies in the park

Pleasanton residents are invited to enjoy free movies outdoors on Thursday evenings this summer.

The first in the series was “Minions,” shown last night at Amador Valley Community Park, located at 4455 Black Ave., behind the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center.

Coming up are “Labyrinth” on July 14, “Mulan” on July 21, “Inside Out” on July 28, “Ant-Man” on Aug. 4 and “E.T. The Extra Terrestrial” on Aug. 11.

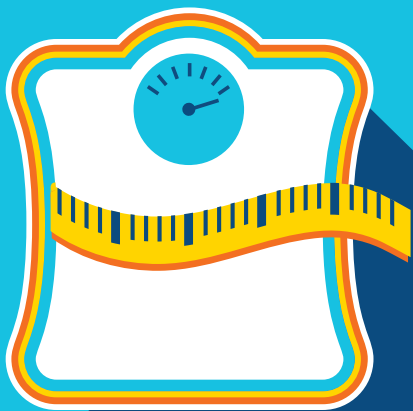
Mark Duncanson, the city's recreation coordinator, said all films will be shown at dusk on a huge screen that measures 26 feet diagonally. All films scheduled are rated PG or G.

The 23-acre park is centrally located and features picnic/barbeque facilities, two play structures, plenty of open space and ample parking. Films are shown on the grassy area directly behind the aquatic center.

Seating will be cordoned off in sections with blanket seating in the front, low-back beach chairs in the center, and camp chairs and other higher positioned seating in the rear, to accommodate for the best viewing. No blankets or chairs are allowed on the lawn area prior to 10 a.m.

For more information, call the Movies in the Park phone line at 931-4826. ■

—Jeb Bing



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Livermore PD officer investigated in sexual misconduct probe

A Livermore police officer is now among a host of Bay Area law enforcement officers being investigated for possible sexual misconduct with a teenage woman whose online alias is Celeste Guap.

Livermore police said that after becoming aware of media reports that one of their officers was among the many officers alleged to have had a sexual relationship with Guap, department officials identified the officer and placed him on leave pending the results of an internal administrative investigation.

An independent criminal investigation is being handled by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

Livermore police said the officer, whose name was not released, will remain on leave until the administrative investigation has been completed and the purpose of the probe is to determine if any department policies were violated.

The alleged misconduct among law enforcement personnel was initially brought to light when the Oakland Police Department's internal affairs division investigated the suicide of Officer Brendan O'Brien last September.

Three Oakland police officers were placed on leave and two other officers resigned when it was alleged that they had sexual relations with Guap, who's now 18, when she was a minor.

Last week, the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office said a deputy who was under investigation for alleged sexual misconduct with Guap has resigned. But the deputy is still the subject of a criminal investigation.

Other law enforcement officials who allegedly were involved with Guap include two Alameda County DA's inspectors, officers from the San Francisco and Richmond police departments, deputies from the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and an officer with the Defense Logistics Agency, a branch

of the Department of Defense that's located in San Joaquin County.

An Alameda County sheriff's spokesman said an independent investigation cleared its deputies of any criminal wrongdoing or unethical conduct.

Livermore Police Chief Michael Harris said in a statement, "I take very seriously any behavior by members of the Livermore Police Department, on or off-duty, that negatively impacts the public trust."

Harris said, "It is my expectation and has been my experience that the men and women of the Livermore Police Department understand this and take pride in holding themselves to the highest ethical standards, striving to serve our community with honor."

He said, "If, after a thorough investigation, it is determined that the employee in question has violated department policy, swift and appropriate discipline will be enforced to hold the officer accountable for his actions."

In other police news

• Police seized more than 500 pounds of illegal fireworks last week from two people who were selling them in Dublin through the internet.

Dublin police said an undercover operation June 29 led first to 33-year-old Pinole resident Danielle Island who delivered about 80 pounds of fireworks to police. Then a Sunnyvale man, Daniel Kim, 28, delivered 60 pounds of fireworks to officers.

Kim was questioned and officers learned that he had more fireworks at his home in Sunnyvale. Officers obtained a search warrant for the home and found about 400 pounds.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squad will destroy the fireworks, police said.

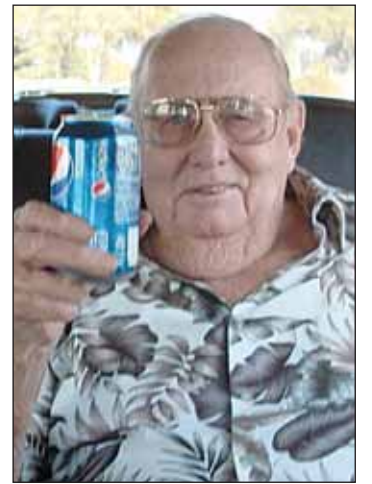
Dublin officers took a zero tolerance approach toward illegal fireworks and additional officers were on patrol last weekend to keep residents safe, department officials said. ■

—Bay City News Service

Arthur (Bud) Plato

May 8, 1926 – June 19, 2016

Arthur "Bud" Plato died peacefully, with his family by his side, on Sunday, June 19, 2016 at the age of 90. Bud was born on May 8, 1926 in San Rafael, California. He was a longtime Pleasanton resident and business owner. After graduating from Amador High school, he enlisted in the Navy. Once his service was complete, he returned to Pleasanton, the city he loved and became



very involved in the community. In the early 1950's, he was a member of the Pleasanton volunteer fire department. Other affiliations include the Lyons Club, Planning Commission and VFW.

Bud was well known, as the owner of the American Cleaners, located in downtown Pleasanton - Established in 1943 and prospering until his retirement in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, of 52 years, Peggy Plato of Tracy and 7 children. Paula Lucio of Tracy, Hap Plato of Tracy, Patty Vent of Salinas, Linda McCloud of Tracy, Lori Brandes of Pleasanton, Lynn Andrus of Arizona and Chip Plato of Manteca, as well as numerous grand children and great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Chahta (Choctaw) Foundation, PO Box 1849, Durant, OK. 74702 - www.chahtafoundation.com

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

July 3

Theft

- 7:18 a.m., 3700 block of Bairn Court; theft from auto
- 12:50 p.m., 1300 block of Santa Rita Road; theft from structure

July 2

DUI

- 7:15 a.m. at Foothill Road and I-580

Theft

- 10:17 a.m., 3600 block of Andrews Drive; theft from auto
- 10:17 a.m., 5400 block of Sunol Boulevard; theft from auto
- 10:25 a.m. in the 5700 block of W. Las Positas Boulevard
- 11:16 a.m. in the 4600 block of Del Valle Parkway
- 12:40 p.m. in the 4400 block of Clovewood Lane
- 10:07 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 10:05 p.m. in the 1000 block of Malaga Court

July 1

Fraud

- 9:17 a.m. in the 200 block of Rachel Place
- 11:29 a.m. in the 600 block of Palomino Drive

Theft

- 9:27 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Vandalism

- 9:50 a.m. in the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 2:36 p.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive

Missing person report

- 1:46 p.m. on Black Avenue

DUI

- 7:10 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and First Street

June 30

Drug violation

- 3:19 a.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

- 8:27 a.m. in the 1200 block of Laguna Creek Lane
- 4:35 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:42 p.m. in the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way

Burglary

- 8:30 a.m. in the 5100 block of Franklin Drive

Assault/battery

- 2:34 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

June 29

Drug violation

- 1:44 a.m. in the 5800 block of Laurel Creek Drive
- 11:15 p.m. in the 4600 block of Chabot Drive

Theft

- 1:47 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 7:04 p.m., 4400 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 8:06 p.m., 2900 block of Stoneridge Drive; auto theft

- 10:41 p.m., 4600 block of Chabot Drive; theft from auto

Fraud

- 1:56 p.m. in the 7000 block of Commerce Circle

Assault/battery

- 10:44 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

June 28

Burglary

- 11:04 a.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

Shoplifting

- 4:22 p.m. in the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 6:12 p.m. in the 7800 block of Paseo Santa Cruz

June 27

Sex offenses

- 8:33 a.m. on West Lagoon Road

Theft

- 8:44 a.m., 6200 block of Inglewood Drive; auto theft
- 10:40 a.m., 5200 block of Case Avenue; theft from structure
- 1:28 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting
- 2:11 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

Domestic battery

- 9:14 p.m. on Division Street

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Magical nanny

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 Who: Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre
 When: 8 p.m. July 16, 22, 23, 30;
 2 p.m. July 17, 24, 30, 31
 Where: Bankhead Theater,
 2400 First St., Livermore
 Tickets: \$25-\$43; visit www.trivalleyrep.org; call 373-6800;
 or go to theater box office.

ROBERT SHOLTY/DC SCARPELLI

Mary Poppins (Rachel Powers), a nanny with the ability to fly and perform magic, is friends with Bert (Robert Lopez), a charismatic jack of all trades.

'Mary Poppins' alights on stage

Tri-Valley Rep presenting beloved nanny in delightful musical

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The Banks household is in chaos. Mr. Banks worries about money. Mrs. Banks is concerned about her place in society. And the children are so naughty that it's not funny anymore.

Enter Mary Poppins.

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's upcoming "Mary Poppins the Musical," onstage July 16-31 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, has been

dubbed a "practically perfect musical." Based on the classic 1964 Disney film and books by P.L. Travers about the extraordinary British nanny, the musical opened on Broadway in 2006 and received nominations for seven Tony Awards.

"I was lucky enough to have an apartment in New York, so I did get to see it," said Daren A.C. Carollo, who is directing the Tri-Valley Rep production.

The Broadway offering was an extravaganza of special effects, he noted, but his production will focus on the characters, the Banks family — parents George and Winifred, and their ill-behaved children Jane and Michael.

"You are really going to care about the people in our production," Carollo said. "The heart of the story is the same."

The parents are at their wits end when their nanny suddenly quits, but then along comes Mary Poppins, who bonds with the children using patience, kindness — and a bit of magic.

"She turns everyone into the best aspects of themselves; not just Jane and Michael learn from her but also George and Winifred," Carollo said.

Mary Poppins does fly and she does pull magical items from her

carpet bag. As always with Tri-Valley Rep, musical numbers, choreographed by Kelly Cooper, will delight and inspire. Music director is Jo Anne Fosselman, and vocal direction is by Sierra Dee.

"I look forward to a very lush orchestra, a very fun and playful scenic and lighting design," Carollo said. "I look forward to people having a smile on their faces for almost two hours."

Carollo is with a professional equity company, but he loves his work in community theater with "people who are passionate about the arts" and whose enjoyment of the endeavor is their compensation. He has produced in New York; locally, he also directed Tri-Valley Rep's "Hair-spray" and "The Sound of Music."

"I have a great love for ('Mary Poppins' producer) Kathy Breedveld and the people of Tri-Valley Rep," Carollo said.

"This show features some of the best Bay Area actors," he added. "Rachel Powers, who plays Mary Poppins, is a mother so she has all of the maternal aspects."

Venis Goodman is making his Bay Area debut as George Banks. Alexis Rodgers plays Winifred Banks. Robert

Lopez is Mary Poppins' friend Bert.

The production uses two casts of children: Emily Joy Kessel and Juliana Morrow as Jane; JD Cerruti and Elliana McKean as Michael.

"One of my favorite things is, kids are so brutally honest," Carollo said with a laugh. "They can read exactly what I'm thinking and are often the first to call me out. I love being around the kids and watching them create these iconic roles."

He recommends families listen to the music ahead of time, if children aren't familiar with it. Musical numbers include "Spoonful of Sugar," "Step in Time," "Jolly Holi-

day," "Precision and Order," "Feed the Birds," "Let's Go Fly a Kite," and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."

"Feed the Birds," interestingly enough, was Walt Disney's favorite piece in history," Carollo said.

Carollo moved to the Bay Area in 1999, and this is his 56th show as a director. His enthusiasm for "Mary Poppins" could not be greater.

"She's a very strong woman, which I'm proud to represent in American musical theater," he said. "I want the audience to come in with an open heart and follow the Banks family from falling apart to falling together." ■

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Daren A.C. Carollo,
 Director



ROBERT SHOLTY/DC SCARPELLI

Jane and Michael Banks, whose lives are transformed by nanny Mary Poppins, are played in some performances by Juliana Morrow and Elliana McKean.

Pianist to present free concert

Classics plus Joplin make for relaxing afternoon

Pleasanton pianist Naren Krishna, a recent high school graduate, is presenting a free concert for the public, with pieces by Rachmaninoff, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Bach, Tchaikovsky and Joplin.

The concert will be held at 2 p.m. July 17 at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St. in downtown Livermore.

Krishna began piano lessons at the age of 5 and has played for National Guild of Piano Teachers at the national level for eight consecutive years, receiving "Top Talent" each year. He recently obtained his high school diploma in social music through the guild.

The pianist is a third-degree black belt in tae-kwon-do and is at an advanced level in the Israeli martial art form, Krav Maga. He also volunteers at the Stanford Health Care Emergency Room on Sundays.

Krishna is trilingual, speaking French, English and his mother tongue, Tamil. His academic interests include programming, robotics, electrical engineering and neuroscience. He plans to major as an undergraduate in computer science at UC Berkeley.

The piano concert is being hosted by Galina's Music Studio in Livermore. To hear a sample of his playing, search "Naren Krishna — Montage 2016" on YouTube. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Pleasanton pianist Naren Krishna has a free performance set in Livermore next weekend.

George Winston coming to town



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Grammy-winning composer and pianist George Winston is coming to Pleasanton for a performance at the Firehouse Arts Center at 8 p.m. July 23, but "An Evening with George Winston: A Solo Piano Concert" is currently sold out. More info on the show at www.firehousearts.org.



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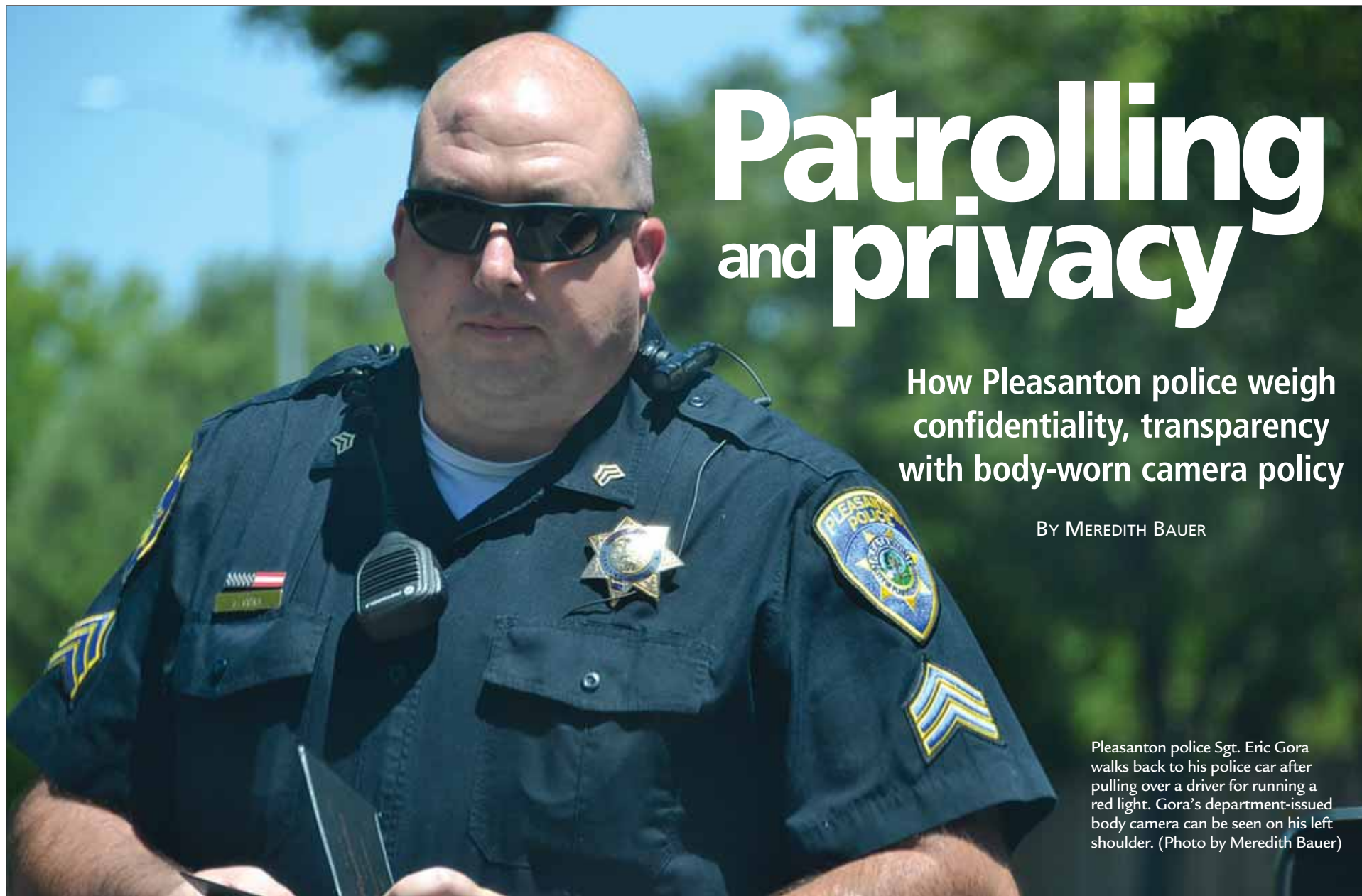
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Patrolling and privacy

How Pleasanton police weigh confidentiality, transparency with body-worn camera policy

BY MEREDITH BAUER

Pleasanton police Sgt. Eric Gora walks back to his police car after pulling over a driver for running a red light. Gora's department-issued body camera can be seen on his left shoulder. (Photo by Meredith Bauer)

The police sergeant slows down as a traffic light turns yellow — but the car ahead speeds through as the light switches to red.

One quick click of a button and the red light run is caught on camera, avoiding any chance of a “he said, she said” argument down the line.

Body-worn cameras for law enforcement officers have swept the country over the past few years, both as a method for police to authenticate their statements and to keep officers accountable.

While Pleasanton Police Department officers have used body cameras since 2012, they are now required to turn on their body cameras whenever they interact with a member of the public. This includes responding to police calls, talking with witnesses or suspects and otherwise engaging with the public for a safety issue unless “it is not safe or practical to do so,” according to the updated policy.

The revised policy went into place on Sept. 14, roughly two months after San Jose resident John Deming Jr. was shot and killed by Pleasanton police officer Daniel Kunkel during an altercation. Deming, 19, reportedly confronted police after they responded to an early-morning burglary alarm and found him inside a specialty car shop in downtown Pleasanton one year ago this week.

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley later cleared Kunkel of criminal charges, but controversy arose after the investigation revealed Kunkel didn't have his department-issued body camera turned on when he fatally shot Deming. As a result, no known video exists of the shooting.

“The law enforcement landscape has unquestionably changed these past years, and our ability to capture police encounters and events through digital imaging will serve us by enhancing officer safety, improving agency accountability, reducing agency liability, simplifying incident review and enhancing new

recruit and in-service training through post-incident use of videos,” Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller said last week.

A year after the department's first fatal police shooting in about a decade, Pleasanton police have settled into a “new normal” with body-worn cameras.

Previously, it was up to the officers' discretion to use the body cameras whenever footage could be helpful to an investigation. Now they are required to turn on the camera during all interactions or must have a good reason for not doing so.

“Officers are expected to record per policy any type of contact,” Pleasanton police Sgt. Eric Gora said. “Anything outside of grabbing a cup of coffee or lunch.”

However, officers and privacy advocates alike agree that police body-camera policies and procedure are still fluid because of issues such as personal privacy.

“Our officers are still becoming accustomed to them and realizing the positive effects that can come from them,” said Officer Ken McNeill, president of the Pleasanton Police Officers Association. “There's still a little bit of a learning curve.”

Many questions remain. Where does recording interactions end and public surveillance begin? Could video be used in matters unrelated to the case for which the recording occurred? What about sensitive cases where victims don't want to be taped? And who has access to view the videos?

Pleasanton's new policy accounts for most of these questions, but police departments nationwide have varying policies — some are specific and clear about privacy issues, some are vague and some departments don't use body cameras at all.

“The transition in body-worn camera policy better serves the profession and this police department given the current reality



TASER INTERNATIONAL

The collar-mounted cameras used by the Pleasanton Police Department record interactions from the officer's vantage point, such as shown in this still photograph pulled from video taken by the same model camera filming in a different community.

law enforcement is facing today,” Spiller said. “The more structured, less permissive policy addresses officer accountability.”

Handling sensitive situations

Gora heard dispatch alert him to a possibly stolen truck nearby, and minutes later he had the truck in his sight.

He clicked his body camera to start the recording, which allows the 30 seconds before the button press to also be logged into the camera's memory. A few minutes later, after the driver led officers on a chase down Valley Avenue, about 10 officers involved were able to log body camera footage showing each step of the pursuit and arrest.

Manufactured by TASER International, Pleasanton police body cameras are worn

on the shoulder, not the chest or lapel, so the camera can see over the dashboard while the officer is driving. The video will record everything the officer sees, Gora said.

But while body cameras are helpful for many situations, he said, officers have to be cognizant that victims, potential witnesses or other residents might not want their conversations recorded.

Some people don't like to have the inside of their homes recorded. Victims in certain situations — such as domestic abuse cases, cases with child victims or sexual assault investigations — prefer to avoid having their faces on camera.

“Sometimes, we see people at their worst,” Gora said. “We see them in the hospital; we see them after a traumatic moment.”

Pleasanton's policy allows officers to turn off their cameras if they are talking with a



MEREDITH BAUER

Sgt. Eric Gora holds a TASER International body-worn camera system. The memory pack is pulled into these consoles after an officer gets off duty, and the footage is downloaded to a cloud-based storage center off-site.

victim, a witness or a confidential informant in these situations.

In addition, officers who are not actively patrolling or responding to cases do not have to wear body-worn cameras. For example, detectives who are pursuing cold cases and who often wear suits and record conversations with audio devices don't have to wear their cameras, nor do undercover officers whose cover would be blown by an obvious recording device.

Shahid Buttar, director of grassroots advocacy for the San Francisco-based digital rights group Electronic Frontier Foundation, said while his organization advocates for public viewing of body camera footage, the issue becomes tricky when it comes to these sensitive police interactions.

"This is one of the problems with police body cameras," he said. "These are private conversations."

Pleasanton officers are also allowed to stop a recording if they need to consult with a superior about sensitive information, such as informing them that a witness wants to be a confidential informant. However, Gora said, the officer must state they are stopping the video and must say that the video has restarted once they turn the recording back on to avoid allegations of improper video editing.

"It's more important for us to get the statements," he said.

Not 'Big Brother'

Privacy advocates such as Electronic Frontier Foundation staff attorney Sophia Cope appreciate the idea of body cameras, but only when they're backed by firm policy.

"Any community should be able to trust that the camera is there so they're being treated fairly," she said, "as opposed to just another tool for surveillance."

Advocates' fears are that police officers will have their cameras running 24/7 and will evaluate that footage later for future use against private citizens, Buttar said.

"Without proper safeguards, it can be another method of unconstitutional mass surveillance," he said.

In Pleasanton, Gora said the fundamental purpose of body-worn cameras is accountability — not surveillance.

While officers' cameras aren't on all day, they are "buffering" whenever they're on an officers' shoulder. That means when an officer hits the record button, the previous 30 seconds of footage gets recorded. Once the button is pressed to stop

the video, the audio and video automatically shut off and resume buffering. The rest of the day's footage that wasn't actively recorded is lost.

"We're not recording their entire 24-hour shift," Gora said.

McNeill agreed, saying higher-ranking officers will later review some footage at random, but not to evaluate residents who aren't involved with active cases. Typically, officers will review footage to make sure the cameras are being used as described in case reports.

"We don't use our cameras in that sort of way," McNeill said, referring to surveillance. "We're not doing wide-sweeping surveillance with our cameras. These are for very specific contacts or calls for service. It's not something where we're going to go out to an area and have the camera on and check later to see who walked into the frame."

On the other hand, the videos also aren't meant to be used to catch officers gossiping or breaking minor rules, such as chewing tobacco on the job, police spokesman Lt. Brian Laurence said.

"We're not trying to be 'Big Brother' and use these as a way to supervise our employees," he said.

He said officers are trained to understand they're always being recorded, either by their own camera, by security cameras or by citizens' phones.

"Knowing that we're always being recorded, you're always a little more cognizant," Laurence said.

McNeill said officers have no expectation of privacy while outside the station and on the job.

"Our officers would rather have their version of events in HD, rather than seeing someone else's grainy cellphone video from across the street," he said.

Storage and public access

Policy surrounding storage and release of the body camera footage can be just as important from a privacy perspective as the actual recording process.

Pleasanton police download their footage into TASER International's cloud-based storage system using a rack of download stations. The footage is stored off-site, and everything recorded is downloaded, Laurence said.

That process isn't cheap. It costs Pleasanton police \$87,000 per year for the digital storage, equipment maintenance and for a two-year equipment replacement. The initial cost for the shoulder-mounted TASER body

cameras was \$25,000 since Pleasanton police were able to trade in their former Scorpion cameras for an equipment credit, Gora said.

If officers want to review footage, they have to go through a formal chain-of-evidence process, Laurence said.

"We hold all of our body-worn cameras to the same level as any other piece of evidence," he said.

McNeill said the police union provided its input when the department was revising its body camera policy, and giving the officers the ability to review footage before court was an important point for the union.

While footage can be used in court cases and by prosecutors in making legal decisions, it does not fall under California's public records protections and is treated like investigative reports, not as public records.

Police investigative reports are broadly protected from public release in California.

"Records of complaints to, or investigations conducted by, or records of intelligence information or security procedures of ... any state or

local police agency, or any investigatory or security files compiled by any other state or local police agency, or any investigatory or security files compiled by any other state or local agency for correctional, law enforcement, or licensing purposes" are included in a list of exemptions in the California Public Records Act.

Body camera footage can be requested by the district attorney's office or defense lawyers, just like a case report or photographs of a crime scene, Gora said.

Footage of any crime can be used in court, even if the footage was made during investigation or pursuit of another case. An example would be if police stopped someone for shoplifting and the body camera captured someone in the background in the process of stealing a car. The footage of the car theft could be used in court, even if police weren't investigating that crime at the time.

Cope said it's important that these policies get revised nationwide to make body camera footage available for public and media inspection to reveal cases of police abuse.

However, the privacy of victims must again be considered. Police agencies such as Pleasanton's maintain the position that because police interactions are often sensitive, it wouldn't be wise to allow the footage to be publicly disseminated.

Cope said it should be up to individual communities, not just the police department, to decide what should be public and what should be kept secure.

While policies vary, most law enforcement industry agencies recommend that data is kept confidential unless access is approved by a chief or authorized officer.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police recommends "only authorized users" be allowed to access body camera footage for "legitimate and authorized purposes." The Police Executive Research Forum notes departments must adhere to their state's public records laws when deciding whether to disclose footage to the media and public, but sensitive footage of victims could fall under certain exemptions, depending on the state.

However, the American Civil Liberties Union recommends body camera footage be made public with the permission of those recorded. The organization also recommends redactions be made to shield victims' identities, such as changing the victim's name or blurring their face.

While the national debate will continue to change how body cameras are used, Gora agreed that the cameras are the "new normal" for officers.

"We're never going to go back on this policy," he said. ■

Tri-Valley body camera policies

The following are excerpts from or descriptions of the policies governing Tri-Valley law enforcement agencies' use of body-worn cameras:

- **Pleasanton:** "All Department members, including Police Managers who are assigned a BWCS (body worn camera system) shall wear the device when working any uniformed assignment and shall activate the device as provided in this Policy. Except as otherwise provided, any Department member ... shall wear and activate the device during pre-planned enforcement encounters such as probation searches, parole searches, arrests or search warrant entries, gang enforcement, or as directed by a Supervisor."
- **Livermore:** All officers are equipped with body-worn cameras, and officers are allowed to turn off the recording if the victim or witness requests to not be on camera.
- **Alameda County Sheriff's Office:** Deputies are required to wear body cameras and start recording when they are interacting with the public in regards to a case. Dublin contracts with the sheriff's office for police services, so Dublin's department follows the sheriff's camera policy.
- **San Ramon:** "The San Ramon Police Department may provide members with access to portable recorders, either audio and video or both, for use during the performance of their duties. The use of recorders is intended to enhance the mission of the Department by accurately capturing contacts between members of the Department and the public." "The portable recorder should be activated in any of the following situations: (a) All enforcement and investigative contacts including stops and field interview (FI) situations."
- **Danville:** "The purpose of this equipment is to accurately document the events, actions, conditions and statements made during vehicle stops, pedestrian stops, arrests, disruptive inmate confrontations, medical responses and other critical incidents in order to verify the accuracy of crime reports, jail incident reports, collection of evidence, and testimony in court. Recordings also enhance the ability to review procedures for the purpose of employee evaluation and training."

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Adobe becomes more important as staging area to new Ridge trail

The Pleasanton City Council has agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the East Bay Regional Park District to add a new trail to the Pleasanton Ridge, using the Alviso Adobe Community Park as its primary staging area.

In addition to giving the park district approval to start the trail from the Adobe, the MOU proposes new parking, a restroom and a water fountain to accommodate more visitors to this expanded public open space.

Specifically, the plan calls for converting Old Foothill Road to a southbound, single-lane, one-way street and using the existing "extra lane" to provide 45-50 parallel parking spaces. It also calls for creating an access point to the Ridge immediately west of the Alviso Adobe Community Park and a commitment from the park district to con-

struct an additional trail-head, to be known as the Garms Staging Area, a mile to the north within five years.

Although moving parking and a staging area for a new and less-strenuous trail close to the Adobe — which has been under-used since its restoration — makes sense, not everyone agreed. The park district and a city task force saw the 231-acre Castleridge Property as a way to increase the size of public open space on the Pleasanton Ridge and provide an additional access point to the Ridge and its existing trails system.

The city's Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee voted unanimously in support of the plan, but the city Planning Commission opposed it, expressing concern about the aesthetics of the restroom and potential impacts of the parking and trail on Alviso Adobe programs.



JEB BING

Restored Alviso Adobe off Foothill Road and the community park surrounding it will soon be a staging area for the new Castleridge trail to the top of Pleasanton Ridge under an agreement the city signed with the East Bay Regional Park District.

Others also have objected, including Dolores Bengtson, a self-described Alviso advocate and regional park supporter. She was concerned about the impact on the park's ability to maintain a peaceful, rural atmosphere. A regional park staging area is contrary to good park planning, she said.

The city's Parks and Recreation Commission also felt that the proposed parking plan will introduce too much activity next to Alviso Adobe Community Park and will detract from the park "experience." But city staff said that to reduce park-

ing along Old Foothill Road would diminish needed parking and lose the effectiveness of the project.

The City Council agreed and voted unanimously to endorse the new trail plan. Councilwoman Karla Brown said that she supports the plan as an interim solution to gain access to the ridge, although she also asked city staff to look for parking elsewhere.

Under the terms of the MOU, the park district will pay for the parking on Old Foothill. If the parking was moved, the city would have to foot the bill. ■

TAKE US ALONG



The great outdoors: John and Marianne Sensiba in Boca de la Sierra, Mexico took the Weekly on their day of zip-lining, hiking, plunging and rappelling.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to 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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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• PUD-114, Guy Houston

Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan to allow for the construction of three new single-family residences and three second units and rezoning from the A (Agriculture) District to the PUD-RDR/A-OS (Planned Unit Development – Rural Density Residential/Agriculture and Open Space) District for the property located at 11300 Dublin Canyon Road.

• P16-0949, William Tungpagasit

Application for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a tutoring facility located at 6754 Bernal Avenue, Suite 750.

• P16-0975, Dr. James Delano

Application for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a veterinary clinic within the existing building located at 4487 Stoneridge Drive.

• PUD-118, Mike Carey

Applications for: (1) certificate of appropriateness to demolish all existing structures; (2) rezoning of an approximately 13,040-square-foot site from O (Office) to Planned Unit Development – Mixed Use (PUD-MU); and (3) PUD Development Plan approval to construct: (a) an approximately 2,229-square-foot three-story mixed-use building with office/retail space on the first-floor and three apartments on the second- and third-floors; and (b) three, three-story detached single-family homes with potential office space on the first-floors and related site improvements at the property located at 4791 Augustine Street.

Library Commission

Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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PET OF THE WEEK

VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/K. JACOBY

Pharah the commander

A veritable platoon of kittens has taken over Valley Humane Society, and 3-month-old Pharah is leading the offense. The spry tortoiseshell is currently issuing commands as they plan to infiltrate homes all over the Tri-Valley with cute and cuddly maneuvers. Line up and move out to adopt your next kitten from VHS. The Pleasanton nonprofit is discounting all kitten adoptions and allowing all adult cats to go home fee free through July 30. For more info, visit www.valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656.



Health & Wellness

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

Seniors

SENIOR SCAMS Join for coffee with a cop as Pleasanton Police address on-line and phone scams, mail fraud and the risks of on-line dating at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The lecture will allow plenty of time for Q & A to respond to your specific scam or fraud questions. Call 931-5365.

EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND CLEANING Stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month to have your eye glasses and sunglasses cleaned and adjusted by a representative from Sears Optical. For more information call 931-5365.

PHOTO CLUB The photo club is open to any senior who enjoys the hobby of photography at any level. It is suggested that you have some form of a digital camera. The group shares photos and makes suggestions how the photos might be improved. Meetings include occasional speakers and field trips, and are from 2-4 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Cost is \$2 for residents, \$2.50 for non-residents. Call 931-5365.

Community Groups

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION The Jose Maria Amador Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month Sept.-May. It is a social gathering and time to explore the history of our American roots. For more information contact the chapter's regent Diane Groome at JMADAR.Registrar@gmail.com.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

PLEASANTON-TULANCINGO SISTER CITY All are welcome to join for "Taco Tuesday" at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road Unit J. We are an active organization promoting cultural exchange, goodwill and friendship. We have a youth and adult exchange program. Call 989-6882 or go to www.ptsca.org.

TRI-VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED TVRWF present guest speaker Tom Vaillancourt and Dr. Patrick Wagner at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14 at Beeb's Restaurant, 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore. The Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act is a very complicated law and still not understood by the average American. This presentation is designed to make the law as understandable as possible by presenting the big picture on how the law affects the average American. Cost is \$30 for members, \$34 for guests. RSVP by July 11. Contact Linda Krikorian at 426-1474 or krikorianpublishing@yahoo.com.

Theatre

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Music

SHAMANIC DRUM CIRCLE Drumming will help you to gain access to your inner guidance and learn to work with your helping spirits. Presented by Ashleigh Pevey, a Shamanic healer, sessions are usually 3-4:15 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Bring a drum or rattle; a few will be available. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org.

Talks & Lectures

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society presents Diane George, discussing using Google for genealogy, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 11 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. At the San Ramon Valley Genealogical Society, Diane is the leader of the Azores Research SIG and assists with the Legacy and FamilySearch SIGS. Diane is interested in the use of technology for genealogy and in encouraging people to use that technology. Free. Contact Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, at program@L-AGS.org.

Fundraisers

STAND UP AGAINST CANCER COMEDY FUNDRAISER Stand Up Against Cancer will provide you with an evening of laughs while benefiting the Pleasanton Relay for Life/American Cancer Society. The show will be at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 9 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Featuring Jeff Applebaum, Sandra Risser and Patrick McDermott, plus some spe-

cial guest comics. The evening will be hosted by Pleasanton funnyman John DeKoven, Chief Executive Comic of Bunjo's Comedy Productions. Tickets are \$25. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

GEORGIE PORGIE MINIATURE GOLF FUNDRAISER Local charitable organization, Bay East Foundation, will host their annual Georgie Porgie miniature golf fundraiser from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Friday, July 15 at Golden Tee Golf and, 2533 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley. This family friendly event includes unlimited miniature golf on two 18-hole courses, unlimited arcade play, a BBQ lunch, face painting, balloon artists and numerous raffle prizes for children and adults. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door, for children \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Proceeds go to Bay East Foundation's "Members Helping Members" fund. This program assists the 5000+ members of Alameda County based Bay East Association of Realtors who experience a catastrophic event in their life. Go to www.shopbayeast.com.



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Legal Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

SPINAL HEALTH CENTER; SPULLER CHIROPRACTIC AND WELLNESS CENTER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 518675-76
The following person(s) doing business as: SPINAL HEALTH CENTER; SPULLER CHIROPRACTIC AND WELLNESS CENTER, 2340 SANTA RITA ROAD #3, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Ryan Spuller, DC, 5522 Aspen St., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 04/01/2011. Signature of Registrant: Ryan Spuller, DC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/25/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 2016)

MATH SOLUTION FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 519585

The following person(s) doing business as: MATH SOLUTION, 4338 VALLEY AVENUE #G, PLEASANTON, CA 94566; P.O. BOX 74, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Galina V. Volkova, 4338 Valley Avenue #G, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Galina V. Volkova. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/20/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 24, July 1, 8, 15, 2016)

EAST BAY MONTESSORI TRAINING; EBMT; EBMT; EAST BAY MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTER; EAST BAY MONTESSORI TRAINING FACILITY; MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTER OF EAST BAY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 519680-85

The following person(s) doing business as: EAST BAY MONTESSORI TRAINING; EBMT; EBMT; EAST BAY MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTER; EAST BAY MONTESSORI TRAINING FACILITY; MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTER OF EAST BAY, 35699 NILES BLVD., FREMONT, CA 94536, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bay Area Montessori Training, LLC, 35699 Niles Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Harpreet Grewal, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/22/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016)

HAPPY VALLEY ART SCHOOL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 519678

The following person(s) doing business as: HAPPY VALLEY ART SCHOOL, 6994 VILLAGE PARKWAY, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Happy Valley Art School LLC, 6994 Village Parkway, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 06/01/2014. Signature of Registrant: Yinghua Wang, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/22/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA Case No.: HG16821377 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ZE GAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ZE GAN to KEVIN ZE GAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two

court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: SEPTEMBER 2, 2016, 11:30 a.m., Dept.: 24 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: June 29, 2016 /s/ Morris D. Jacobson, Presiding Judge, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2016)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: FAYE MARILYN JACOBSEN aka FAYE M. JACOBSEN

Case No.: RP16819416 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FAYE MARILYN JACOBSEN also known as FAYE M. JACOBSEN. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JANICE M. SUTTON and JOYCE WILLIAMS in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: JANICE M. SUTTON and JOYCE WILLIAMS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on AUGUST 3, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 201 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ William P. George, Esq., 19040 Cox Ave. Suite 3, Saratoga, CA 95070 (408)255-6292 (Pleasanton Weekly, July 8, 15, 22, 2016)

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LISTED AT \$929,000

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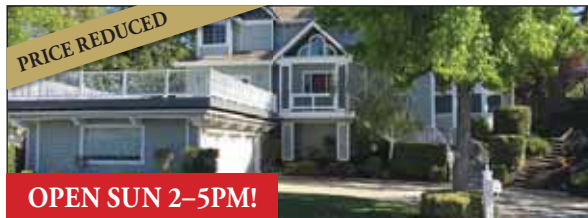


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Q: Doug, we are currently considering selling our home, and we have had a couple agents recommend that we do some things before we get our home on the market. Specifically, they recommend new carpeting, paint, landscape tune up, and new appliances. We have lived in our home for over 20 years, and we think it looks fine. We think if a buyer wants new carpeting, or paint, or appliances we would rather just credit them the money so they can pick out what they want. Is this smart? Jim M, San Ramon

A: Jim, this is a common question we get from sellers on a regular basis. Your thought process is completely logical and understandable. However, buying a home is not a logical endeavor. It is an emotional purchase first and foremost. 90% of buyers buy what they see, not what could be. There is a strong preference among buyers for homes that are "turn key"... homes that don't need work. Like everyone else, buyers are busy and stressed, and are generally not excited about having to do work before they move into a house. Fresh paint and new carpeting can do wonders to transform a house and improve its appeal to buyers. In fact, even if the buyer tears out all of the new carpeting you just put in, it can still be the best money you ever spent. Buyers will have a more favorable opinion of your home and will generally pay more for it because it will have more emotional appeal, even if they don't like the color of the carpet or paint. I have even had buyers over the years indicate that they want to buy a "fixer ...
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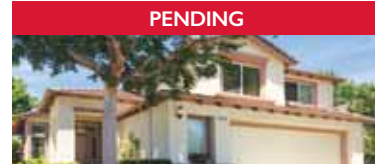
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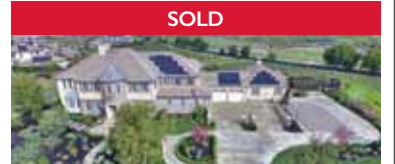
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