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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Big, bad changes for fairgrounds racing community

The game changed big time for horse racing at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton and likely for horse racing in Northern California on Dec. 31. On that day, the fairgrounds track officially lost its designation as a training track.

Last fall, the California Horse Racing Board decreed that the Pleasanton fairgrounds facilities would no longer be designated as an auxiliary training track for Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. The board decided there were plenty of stalls at Golden Gate (about 1,500) to accommodate all the horses actively racing in Northern California and designating Pleasanton as an auxiliary training facility was no longer necessary.

Pleasanton had been designated as an auxiliary facility since Bay Meadows in San Mateo closed in 2008. It received about \$7,100 per day to reimburse expenses. Prior to that time, Golden Gate and Bay Meadows dominated the year-round racing calendar outside of the summer county fair racing season. When one track was running, the other was the designated auxiliary track and received a steady stream of revenue from the state.

The state board's racing fund takes 1.25% of every dollar bet at a California track into its fund. It has used some of that fund to pay expenses for tracks that serve as training facilities. Technically, these are designated only for horses actively racing, but the racing secretaries who control the stall assignments have routinely allowed "baby horses" — the 2-year-olds in training — to be stabled with the racing horses.

Before the auxiliary track plan, the 2-year-olds were worked into shape at private tracks around the state. Once the state board started funding auxiliary tracks, they replaced the private tracks because private tracks need to charge fees to cover costs, while trainers could stable and train their baby horses free at auxiliary tracks.

So, for the fairgrounds, this means it will be open for training only prior to its June/July three-week meet during the county fair and its two-week-end fall meet.

For Golden Gate Fields, it means \$2 million into its coffers, half to purses and the other half to the bottom line.

For trainers, it means tough decisions. Go to "free" wood-framed, rat-infested stalls at Golden Gate that might accommodate the 2-year-olds as well as the racing horses or go pay to a private track for their "babies" or move out-of-state.

California's state-funded training money is unique in the country. Of course, so is California — not talking politics here. In California, trainers must pay \$20 per bale for alfalfa to feed their horses most of the year. In Kentucky — with its summer rains — grass grows rapidly, so horses can be fed with natural pasture. The economics are clear.

The Pleasanton fair still has some hands to play, according to CEO Jerome Hoban, the source for this column. While Golden Gate may assume it will be the auxiliary track during the fair racing season, the racing fairs association could band together and establish its own auxiliary tracks (say Pleasanton and Santa Rosa).

That supplies some leverage in the state discussions with Golden Gate Fields, but also could irritate — to say the least — the trainers who stable their horses "free" year-round at the Berkeley track who could be forced to move to Pleasanton or Sacramento during the summer.

Those discussions will take place over the next couple of months.

Meanwhile, Hoban has kept the Pleasanton track staff intact to clean the barns and do needed maintenance to its concrete-block stables. They plan to have the facilities in great shape when the horses return in May or April (date to be determined).

It's a dramatically different situation for the track workers, many of whom lived in the stables or the fairgrounds trailer park. Their work site has shifted from a wonderful community with great schools to Berkeley and they face either a relocation or a daily commute. Neither is a welcome choice.

It may have been a business decision for the racing board, but it was one that will impact these families greatly and not for the better. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton.

His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.

About the Cover

In November, Matteo Gable, 10, and his sister Grace, 8, proudly donated two AEDs for the Sports Park through Gable Heart Beats, a nonprofit foundation started after the sudden death in 2009 of their father Michael at age 38 due to an undetected heart condition. The mission of the foundation is education and heart screenings for young athletes. Contributed photo. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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Pleasanton Real Estate

Where are the Listings?

Inventories remain extremely low in Pleasanton. As of the first of February there were only 41 active listings. This represents a whopping 30% drop, as compared to February of 2016. Upper end homes that are priced in excess of \$1.5M make up nearly half of the currently available inventory. This segment of the market has slowed in comparison to homes under \$1.5M, with most properties experiencing significantly longer marketing times than the lower half of the market, which is still extremely competitive.

These market conditions can be very challenging for buyers and sellers alike, so it is important to work with an experienced and active agent that fully understands the nuances of the market.



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When you have good news, who do you like to share it with?



Jon Chernowski

Lawyer

The first person I tell everything to, whether it is good or bad, is my wife. Because if she were to find out about any of my news from anyone other than me first, she'd be so mad at me for having heard it secondhand as opposed to directly from the source.



Emma Orozco

High school student

When I have good news, I tell my best friends because I know that they will be there to really listen to it and care about what I have to tell them.



Jaxen Gurley

High school student

I always text or call my dad, even if it's in the middle of class. My dad and I have always been extremely close. The past few years have been rough for him, so I always am trying to find a way to brighten his day or put a smile on his face. Good news tends to do just that.



Rachel Lattinger

Beautician

I usually tell the people I'm with at the time I get the good news. Most often, that is my co-workers. We are all like family, so when we share good news, everyone is so genuinely happy for one another.



Rhea Dhadwal

High school student

I always tell my parents because I know they will care and also that they will say, "Good job!" It always feels great to hear my parents praise me, and because they have invested so much time and effort into me, I feel they deserve to be the first to hear whatever good news I have to share.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

State of the City

Registration is underway for Mayor Jerry Thorne's State of the City address, being presented by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pleasanton at the Club on Feb. 22.

Thorne, who just started his third term in office, typically updates attendees about the city's fiscal situation, public safety, and key public and private projects from the past year, as well as a look at initiatives for the year ahead.

The event opens with networking at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the State of the City address from noon to 1:30 p.m. Individual tickets cost \$35. To register, visit www.pleasanton.org.

'Taste Africa'

The downtown Museum on Main is set to host its monthly Reading Time program for preschoolers ages 2 to 5 this Wednesday from 10-11 a.m., aiming to introduce youngsters to the world around them and inspire creativity.

Wednesday's theme is "Taste Africa." The program will begin with book reading at 10 a.m. followed by crafts and activities.

Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. No reservations required but large groups should call in advance. For more information, call 462-2776 or visit www.museumonmain.org.

Tying the knot

The Alameda County Clerk-Recorder's Office is now taking reservations for couples wanting to get married on Valentine's Day, with appointments available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its main office in Oakland and satellite office in Dublin.

The Dublin location at 7600 Dublin Blvd. features an outdoor courtyard for wedding ceremonies, while the Oakland office offers a specially furnished wedding room.

Interested couples must obtain their marriage licenses by Feb. 10, exclusively at the clerk-recorder's Oakland office. Wedding ceremonies cost \$75 and last about 20 minutes. Appointments are required for the Dublin venue on Valentine's Day. Call 510-272-6362 for more info. ■

Correction

The Jan. 20 Holiday Fund section incorrectly listed the name of an organization that contributed \$4,000 to the annual giving fund. The contributor was the Valley Real Estate Network. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

Zone 7 managers field questions, complaints from residents at workshop

Water agency hosts informational meeting on rates

By JULIA REIS
Residents of Pleasanton, Livermore and other Tri-Valley communities peppered Zone 7 Water Agency managers with questions and complaints about its rates and expenditures at a workshop Monday evening.

The water rates workshop, held at 5 p.m. at the agency's administrative office in Livermore, was organized at the city of Pleasanton's request and billed as an informational meeting for residents to learn and ask questions about Zone 7's overall function.

"We're holding this meeting because we understood a lot of people, especially in Pleasanton, didn't

understand our rates," Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig said Monday.

Pleasanton residents have been increasingly complaining to city and Zone 7 officials about their water bills over the last few months as water conservation requirements have been eased and state reservoirs have filled from recent rainfall. Several speakers at recent Pleasanton City Council and Zone 7 board meetings said their bills have increased by 30% or more despite cutting water usage by at least that much since the drought began.

Besides the city of Pleasanton, Zone 7 also sells water wholesale to three other local water providers: the

city of Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District and California Water Service Co. (Cal Water) in Livermore.

Residents, along with representatives of Zone 7 and its retailers, filled most of the available seats at Monday's workshop, which kicked off with a nearly hour-long presentation that highlighted the agency's mission and history, its water supply and funding sources, capital infrastructure needs and rate increases during the drought.

Osborn Solitei, Zone 7's assistant general manager of finance, said during the presentation that the agency has implemented an ongoing soft hiring freeze, deferred

projects and obtained grant funding to cut costs in recent years.

In response to decreasing revenue because of drought conservation, Zone 7 initially opted to borrow more from reserves rather than raise rates. Between fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15, use of reserves jumped from \$1 million to \$16 million, Solitei said. It totaled nearly \$9 million last fiscal year.

At the same time, water sales revenue declined from a peak of \$38 million in 2013 to \$28 million last year. The increased reserves borrowing and drop in revenue left Zone 7 with \$1.4 million in cash when it closed the books last year, Solitei said.

"The board took actions not to increase rates by using reserves instead," Solitei said. "But because of the high use of reserves and the drought was not going anywhere, we

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PUSD leader search

Board forms new committee to vet consultants to lead hiring process

The Pleasanton school board Tuesday night approved appointments to a new committee tasked with evaluating proposals from firms hoping to lead the district's search for a new superintendent.

The board's approval of the committee as recommended came two weeks after the board last met and publicly discussed the superintendent vacancy for the first time since firing Rick Rubino as superintendent Jan. 6 after six months at the helm.

At the Jan. 17 board meeting, trustees apologized to the community but offered no new explanation for their decision to fire Rubino, whose contract was terminated less than three weeks after the board placed him on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into an undisclosed personnel matter.

PUSD officials have said that investigation was not completed but have declined to comment on why it wasn't finished and the matter that led the board to place Rubino on leave.

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New Leaf Community Markets is set to soon move out of its leased space in the Vintage Hills Shopping Center, the grocery store's home for just over 3-1/2 years.

New Leaf Community Markets closing Pleasanton store

Grocer vacating Vintage Hills center once it sells through remaining inventory

By JEREMY WALSH

New Leaf Community Markets has announced it will soon close its Pleasanton grocery store, which anchors the Vintage Hills Shopping Center at the corner of Bernal and Vineyard avenues.

"We put a lot of thought into this decision, and we believe it is the right thing to do for the long-term growth of our company,"

New Leaf officials said in a post on the company website. "This allows us to focus resources on thoughtful and sustainable growth."

The specific closing date, which has not been scheduled, depends on how quickly the store sells through its remaining inventory, company officials said. New Leaf was mostly picked over, with many shelves bare amid 50%-off

deals on many products, as of Wednesday morning

The Santa Cruz-based grocer first moved to Pleasanton in May 2013, opening in the old Romley's supermarket space that had been empty for nearly 15 years — a period that also saw the shopping center struggle with vacancies among its other tenant spaces, before New Leaf's arrival.

"Thank you Pleasanton" and "Store closeout" signs now greet

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Officials celebrate start of recycled water plant expansion at ceremony

Project aims to boost facility's production capacity by 70%

By JULIA REIS

Tri-Valley officials and representatives of 11 public agencies gathered at the recycled water plant in Pleasanton last week for a ceremony kicking off a construction project to significantly increase the facility's output.

A partnership between Dublin San Ramon Services District, the city of Pleasanton and East Bay Municipal Utility District, the \$18.2 million expansion project that aims to increase the plant's maximum capacity by 70% — from 9.7 million gallons a day to 16.2 million gallons. Construction is expected to take 18 months.

"Today we're not only celebrating improvements that will recycle water more efficiently, we're also highlighting our commitment to making our

water supply more reliable," DSRSD board president Richard Halket said during the Jan. 25 event. "Wastewater is no longer a waste product; it's a valuable resource."

Local demand for irrigation water has grown significantly since the water recycling plant was built over a decade ago as a joint venture between DSRSD and EBMUD. In 2014, it began providing recycled water for irrigation in the city of Pleasanton after the entities reached an agreement to share and expand the facility.

With the addition of Pleasanton, DSRSD officials anticipated demand for irrigation water would exceed the plant's current available treatment capacity by 2018.

Late last year DSRSD's Board of Directors awarded C. Overaa & Co. the construction contract for

the improvements. The \$18.2 million cost, which accounts for design work already completed, will be split between the agencies distributing the recycled water in proportion to projected demand. DSRSD will cover 46% of the expenses, EDMUD 27% and the city of Pleasanton 27%, according to DSRSD.

"By investing further in water recycling, we're sending a message to the rest of California (that) the drought is never over, we just have brief interludes of rain between droughts," EBMUD director Frank Mellon said.

About 70 elected officials, public agency staff and members of the business community were at last week's kickoff event. Among those in attendance were elected board members of DSRSD, EBMUD and Zone 7 Water Agency;



DSRSD

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne addresses the audience during the ceremony marking the start of the expansion of the recycled water plant on Johnson Drive.

representatives of Congressman Eric Swalwell, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker and State Senator Steve Glazer; and the mayors of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton.

"This project is proof positive that when good people come together and collaborate over a shared vision, great things happen," Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne said. ■

ZONE 7

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commissioned a rate study."

At the recommendation of consultants who handled that study and Zone 7 staff, the board approved increased wholesale water rates for its retailers for a three-year period in October 2015. It also approved a temporary drought surcharge of 57 cents in an effort to recoup revenue lost due to water conservation.

Last fall, the board voted to continue that surcharge for 2017 and implement a new fixed charge.

"A lot of things changed during the drought," Duerig said. "There were a lot of different opinions, but there

was compromise for the slow replenishment of reserves."

Upon opening the workshop up for questions, Duerig and Solitei heard complaints from multiple speakers about water rates along with questions about whether the agency was doing enough to cut costs.

"Employee costs should be reviewed and all possible pension reform instituted," Pleasanton resident Julie Testa said, adding that the water agency should look into possible redundancies and have an audit of its capital projects done.

Later in the workshop, Pleasanton resident Rob Brent asked, "What are you going to do on your side of the fence to trim your costs?"



JULIA REIS

Zone 7 Water Agency representatives gave a presentation and answered questions from residents at a water rates workshop Monday evening in Livermore.

Duerig said Zone 7 is in the process of coming up with a succession

plan that will look at staffing needs moving forward. She added that

Zone 7 cannot change its pension plan because it is negotiated by Alameda County since all workers, except her and Solitei, are considered employees of the county.

"We do frequent salary comparisons because if we don't, we will lose staff," she said. "We have to pay at a rate where we don't have a stream of people leaving."

When a speaker pointed out that Duerig had received a raise in 2015, she said that it was a "equity adjustment compared to other Bay Area water general managers."

Asked if Zone 7 would lower rates next year if demand increases enough in 2017, Duerig said, "We'll certainly look at all that." ■

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Stratford School adding new middle school program

Principal: Move comes after 'growing number of parent requests'

By JULIA REIS

Pleasanton's Stratford School is now accepting applications for its recently announced middle school, which will be added to the campus next school year.

The independent private school, which currently serves students in preschool through fifth grade, is located at 4576 Willow Road.

One of 23 Stratford campuses in California, the Pleasanton school will join four others in the Bay Area that offer sixth- through eighth-grade programs. The middle school program will begin with sixth grade in the 2017-18 school year, and if there is enough interest in seventh and eighth grades, Stratford would add them next school year as well, according to

spokeswoman Kathleen Hawkins.

"Since opening this campus in 2012, our intention has always been to open a Stratford Middle School in the Pleasanton area," principal Maureen Christensen said in a statement. "Over the past few years, we've received a growing number of parent requests, and based on this demand, we believe it is the right time to offer Stratford Middle School."

"Stratford School is fully committed to supporting the growth and development of students in Pleasanton with our middle school program, just as we have successfully done in a number of communities including Fremont, San Francisco, San Jose and Sunnyvale," she added.

Asked whether the school would

be expanding its facilities in light of the growth, Christensen said the campus was initially designed with a middle school in mind.

"Currently, we have ample library space, science and computer labs, lockers and open space to ensure a robust middle school experience for students," Christensen said. "This is an exciting opportunity for current and new students to further their education in their community at a Stratford Middle School."

The local Stratford school primarily draws students who live in Pleasanton, but there are also a small number of students from nearby communities like San Ramon, Livermore and Dublin. Its 23 campuses currently serve more than 5,000 students. ■



JULIA REIS

Stratford School, located at 4576 Willow Road in Pleasanton, recently announced its expansion to offer a middle school program next school year.

NEW LEAF

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customers entering the New Leaf store at 3550 Bernal Ave., informing shoppers of the pending closure.

"It's been an honor to serve this community and we'll miss seeing you, our favorite customers, every day," the thank-you sign reads. "If you find yourself in Santa Cruz or Half Moon Bay, stop by one of our other locations and say hello!"

Pleasanton City Manager Nelson Fialho said last Friday, "The news is unfortunate in light of the progress made over the years with facade improvements and decreased vacancies. I recall the days when the center was mostly shuttered. The city will do what it can to work with the property owner to find a suitable replacement."

New Leaf plans to "make every effort" to transfer Pleasanton employees to one of its six other locations

— all outside the East Bay — and provide them with other transitional services, according to New Leaf marketing lead Sarah Owens. New Leaf's parent company, Portland-Ore.-based New Seasons Market, also has a store in San Jose.

Employees who can't transfer will receive transition pay, extended health care benefits and job search support, according to Owens.

"We are proud of the relationships we built over the last three

years, and it's been an honor to serve this community," company vice president Mary Wright said in a statement.

"Putting employees first has been a core value since our founding and we are working hard to support each and every person through this transition, including finding jobs within our organization and providing transitional services," Wright added.

Focusing on nutritious products

and sustainable practices, New Leaf officials said the company would work with local organizations to minimize food waste resulting from the Vintage Hills store closure.

The Pleasanton store is one of two New Leaf stores outside Santa Cruz County — the other being Half Moon Bay. The other five locations are in Santa Cruz, Capitola, Boulder Creek and Felton.

All other New Leaf stores will remain open, Owens said. ■



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Open house set for Swalwell's new Castro Valley office

Congressman consolidates district operations previously split between Pleasanton, Hayward

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) is commemorating his new district office in Castro Valley with an open house there Saturday morning.

Located on Castro Valley Boulevard, Swalwell's new office consolidates operations previously split between his prior offices in Hayward and at 5075 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton — a move the third-term congressman says will save taxpayers' money and make his district operations more efficient.

The open house is set to run from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at

the office at 3615 Castro Valley Blvd., right behind KFC and next to CVS.

Swalwell and his district staff will be on-hand to meet with constituents, answer their questions and hear their feedback as well as to help residents learn more about the services Swalwell's office provides.

No tickets are required, but attendees are asked to RSVP online, for crowd-planning purposes, via Swalwell's congressional website: swalwell.house.gov.

In other news, Swalwell recently announced his appointment to the House Judiciary Committee, in

addition to his continuing to serve on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

A deputy district attorney in Alameda County before being elected to the House of Representatives, Swalwell said he was "honored" to be selected for the Judiciary Committee, which oversees matters relating to the administration of justice in federal courts, administrative bodies and law enforcement agencies.

To join the Judiciary Committee, Swalwell had to give up his spot on the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

He will continue to sit on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, on which he serves as the CIA Subcommittee's ranking member. Swalwell also holds a leadership position within his party, as co-chair of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.

In addition to Pleasanton, Swalwell's 15th congressional district includes San Ramon, Hayward, Union City, Dublin, Livermore, parts of Fremont and Danville, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Sunol, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview. ■



SWALWELL'S OFFICE
U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell is celebrating his new district office Saturday.

PUSD

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To address the district's leadership vacancy, trustees two weeks ago formally named deputy superintendent

of business services Micaela Ochoa as interim superintendent through June 30. She has been leading the district since the school board placed Rubino on leave Dec. 19.

The board also approved a new

request for proposals from search firms on Jan. 17 and the formation of a superintendent search firm committee composed of trustees Valerie Arkin and Steve Maher, three PUSD employees and five community members, each chosen by a trustee.

The new committee, confirmed Tuesday night, will be tasked with evaluating proposals from superintendent executive search firms, interviewing the firms on Feb. 21 and making a recommendation to the board on Feb. 28, Ochoa said.

The trustees previously agreed they did not want to use the same firm — McPherson & Jacobson — that oversaw the search last spring that led to Rubino's hiring, despite the firm saying it would conduct a new search for no additional charge if its candidate left the district within two years.

The committee will disband after recommending a search firm — or possibly more than one — to the board.

Besides Arkin and Maher, the committee will include:

- Ochoa, PUSD interim superintendent
- Dianne Howell, PUSD assistant superintendent of human resources
- Patrick Gannon, PUSD coordinator of communications and community engagement

- Janice Clark, Association of Pleasanton Teachers president
- Alex Sutton, local California School Employees Association president
- Don Errigo, local business owner and PUSD parent
- Kevin Gallagher, technical recruiter and PUSD parent
- Doug Gephart, retired superintendent
- Jared Lucas, human resources executive and PUSD parent
- Kathleen Ruegsegger, community member, former school board member (1990-93), 2016 school board candidate.

"I think they're going to bring some good perspective on the search firm proposals," school board president Joan Laursen said.

While the board moved forward with the committee, it did not take action on a new contract for Ochoa after discussing her interim superintendent salary in closed session for the second consecutive meeting.

The board also heard an overview Tuesday about the district's process for identifying a site for a possible new elementary school, with the board slated to take steps toward finding a site in northern Pleasanton during its next regular meeting.

Ochoa said administrators and representatives from consultant firm

Davis Demographics & Planning will present the latest enrollment projections on Feb. 14, which are used to plan facilities and project district revenue and expenditures for class size and staffing.

She added that PUSD has been working with the city of Pleasanton to provide a list of available 5- to 10-acre properties in the northern part of Pleasanton. That list will also be presented to the board Feb. 14.

After a discussion, trustees would be asked to provide direction to administrators on a request for proposals for a consultant who would look at properties the district could purchase, sell or exchange toward a new elementary school.

"They would use the demographer's report and based on that would provide recommendations on where sites are or some options the district could entertain," Ochoa said.

A new elementary school is one of the marquee items on the project list for Measure II, the \$270 million school facilities bond measure Pleasanton voters approved in November.

None of the funding in that list is earmarked for purchasing a new elementary school site, Ochoa said. The list budgets \$35 million for construction. ■

—Julia Reis



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Irby Ranch - 3988 First Street, 3878 Stanley Boulevard, and 3780 Stanley Boulevard a. **Public Hearing:** PUD-110, P15-0245, P15-0246, P15-0405, P15-0406 and Vesting Tentative Map 8245, Irby Ranch LLC - Consider applications for the following on an approximately 15.03-acre site located at 3988 First Street, 3878 Stanley Boulevard, and 3780 Stanley Boulevard: (1) General Plan Amendment; (2) Specific Plan Amendment; (3) Rezoning; (4) Planned Unit Development (PUD) Development Plan to construct 87 single-family homes and an affordable residential community for individuals with special needs as well as the extension of Nevada Street with associated Addendum to the Housing Element and Climate Action Plan General Plan Amendment and Rezoning's Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and findings; (5) Vesting Tentative Map; (6) Framework Agreement (7) Development Agreement; (8) Affordable Housing Agreement; and (9) Growth Management Agreement.

b. Consider approval an Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with Sunflower Hill to outline the timing and conditions under which Sunflower Hill will pursue implementation of a concept proposal and to negotiate a future ground lease and loan agreement with the City and develop a 1.64 acre site to be dedicated to the City as part of PUD-110.

Planning Commission

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- P16-1771, Larry McColm
Application for Design Review approval to remodel an existing, partially demolished commercial building and construct related site improvements at 30 West Angela Street.

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- City Council 2017-2018 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization Process
- Review of Civic Arts Programs and Facilities

Youth Commission

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road, Conference Room

- City Council 2017-2018 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization Process
- Review FY 2016/17 Community Grant Midterm Reports

Parks & Recreation Commission

Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Selection of Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Assignments as Needed
- Installation of Cricket Pitch at Ken Mercer Sports Park
- Parks Maintenance Division Quarterly Report for October - December 2016
- City Council 2017-2018 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization Process

Library Commission

Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

- City Council priorities
- Mission, Vision and Values for the strategic plan
- On-going circulation statistics
- Communication to the public regarding library technology

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TAKE US ALONG



1 o'clock sharp:

Kristina, Sofie, Bjorn, Annalise and Erik Jensen took a trip to London, and they brought the Pleasanton Weekly along to see the world's most famous time piece, Big Ben.

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.

DA's office unveils billboard campaign in fight against human trafficking

'The singular driving force behind sex trafficking is demand,' O'Malley says

Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley's office has announced a billboard campaign to raise awareness about human trafficking.

In a collaborative effort with Clear Channel Outdoor, county prosecutors said the billboards will directly confront the buyers of child sex trafficking victims and appear on roadways and in neighborhoods throughout Alameda County.

Coinciding with National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the campaign launch last month marked the third year in a row in which the county is utilizing billboards to help create awareness of the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Bruce Qualls, vice president of real estate and government affairs for Clear Channel Outdoor Americas San Francisco/Oakland, said in a statement, "Our billboards are seen by thousands of people every day, and we are proud to work on this effort to keep our children, families, and communities safe and to join the

fight to end human trafficking."

In addition to widespread awareness and engagement, the district attorney's office hopes to make clear the fact that men must also partner in the effort to stop commercial sexual exploitation.

The District Attorney's office said without people willing to pay for sex, traffickers have no incentive to lure vulnerable men, women and children into the illegal sex trade.

"One clear fact is that the singular driving force behind sex trafficking is demand," O'Malley said in a statement.

O'Malley said she remains dedicated to fighting the epidemic and hopes to engage more people in joining the fight to stop the crime.

The billboards urge people to learn more about stopping the spread of human trafficking by visiting www.stop-it-now.org. To report suspicious activity or human trafficking, residents call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center 24-hour hotline at 888-3737-888. ■

—Jade Atkins, Bay City News

Mall opens annual scholarship drive

Recipients can earn up to \$1,500 for college, vocational school

High school seniors in Pleasanton are eligible to apply for scholarship funds available through the Simon Youth Foundation, a national non-profit organized through Stoneridge Shopping Center's parent company.

The program, open to qualified students who live near Stoneridge and the surrounding community, offers up to \$1,500 toward students' enrollment in an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school. The foundation focuses on providing educational opportunities to at-risk high school students.

"The cost of college continues to

rise, and SYF is proud to partner with Stoneridge Shopping Center to award scholarships that will remove some of the financial obstacles that could otherwise prevent a student from achieving the dream of a college education," foundation president and CEO J. Michael Durnil, Ph.D., said in a statement.

The scholarship application window runs through March 1, and winners will be notified in May.

Recipients, who must be in the 2017 high school graduating class, are selected based on a variety of criteria, including financial need,

academic performance, leadership skills and participation in school and community activities, the foundation said. Students who are the first in their family to pursue a post-secondary education will also be given close consideration.

To check their eligibility or to apply, students can visit syf.org/scholarships.

Last year, the foundation awarded \$1.2 million to 300 students nationwide living in communities served by Simon Property Group, which owns and operates Stoneridge Shopping Center. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

East Bay Parks opens 24th annual trails challenge

A trails challenge has kicked off in the East Bay, giving hikers the chance to earn a free commemorative pin for their efforts, East Bay Regional Park District officials said.

The 24th annual Trails Challenge started Jan. 1 and ends Dec. 1, and includes district trails in and around Pleasanton.

Hikers can earn a commemorative pin by completing a minimum of 26.2 miles of trails or by hiking five trails in the park district, according to district officials.

The challenge will run on the honor system and is free to East Bay

residents. It is self-guided and self-paced. Registration is not required.

Participants can go to www.ebparks.org to get a PDF copy of this year's trail book or the books are available at participating park district visitor centers. Free T-shirts are also available at participating centers while supplies last.

Go to ebparks.org or call (888) EBPARKS and choose option 2 for a list of the participating visitor centers for T-shirts and guidebooks.

Participants turn in a logbook to show they have completed the challenge and are eligible for a pin, which

are also available while supplies last, district officials said.

The guidebook lists 20 trails that district officials want to highlight this year, which should make it easy to pick out a trail that best suits each hiker.

Trails range in difficulty from easy to challenging.

Icons indicate whether hikers can take dogs with them, though most trails are open to hikers with dogs, according to park district officials. Six of the highlighted trails are accessible to wheelchair users. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

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Local radio DJ named new host of TV30's 'Conversations'

McKay's debut show airing now on public access television, online

By JEREMY WALSH

Tri-Valley Community Television recently announced that KKIQ-FM 101.7 radio DJ Mel McKay has been selected as the new host for its long-running public affairs talk show, "Conversations."

McKay, who has a variety of broadcasting experience in Western states and Texas, succeeds longtime "Conversations" host Robin Fahr, who stepped down after being hired as director of marketing and communications for Visit Tri-Valley.

"We are pleased to have Mel join our TV30 family and host this valuable community program," Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director of Tri-Valley Community Television, said in a statement.

McKay began her career in Salt Lake City after completing a degree in broadcasting. She has performed as an on-air host and management executive for major radio stations in Reno, Redding, Las Vegas, San Diego and Dallas.

A staple on KKIQ, McKay will continue to be heard mid-mornings on the radio station and provide traffic information for its "Home-town Mornings" program.

Her debut show as



TV30
Mel McKay (left), new host of TV30's public affairs talk show "Conversations," records her debut episode, which featured Valley Humane Society executive director Melanie Sadek among its guests.

"Conversations" host is currently broadcasting on TV30 and its website. The episode includes as guests Melanie Sadek, executive director of the Pleasanton-based Valley Humane Society, and Paul Sevilla of the Livermore library system.

"Conversations" airs weekdays on TV30 on Comcast channel 30 and AT&T U-verse channel 99. The show can also be viewed via video

on demand on the TV30 website at www.tv30.org.

Tri-Valley Community Television, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides commercial and industrial production at their studio located in Pleasanton. The facility also broadcasts programming over channels TV28, TV29 and TV30 on Comcast cable as well as on AT&T U-Verse channel 99. ■

Labor Department sues Oracle, alleging job discrimination

Company denies accusations, calling suit 'politically motivated ... wholly without merit'

Oracle America Inc., which has offices in Pleasanton, has been sued by the U.S. Department of Labor for alleged job discrimination against women, African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanics and non-Asians.

One claim in the administrative lawsuit alleges that the Redwood Shores-based computer software giant pays Caucasian male employees more than women, African-Americans and Asian-American employees with the same job title.

In a second claim, the Department of Labor alleges Oracle favors Asian applicants, especially those from India, in hiring for product development positions and thus discriminates against Caucasians, Hispanics and African-Americans seeking those positions.

The lawsuit was filed two weeks ago with the Department of Labor's Office of Administrative Law Judges in Washington, D.C.

As a contractor with millions of dollars in federal contracts, Oracle is subject to anti-discrimination laws and rules enforced by the

Department of Labor.

The lawsuit asks for an order prohibiting the alleged discrimination and canceling Oracle's federal contracts until the department has determined it complied with the rules. The suit also seeks compensation to employees for lost pay and benefits.

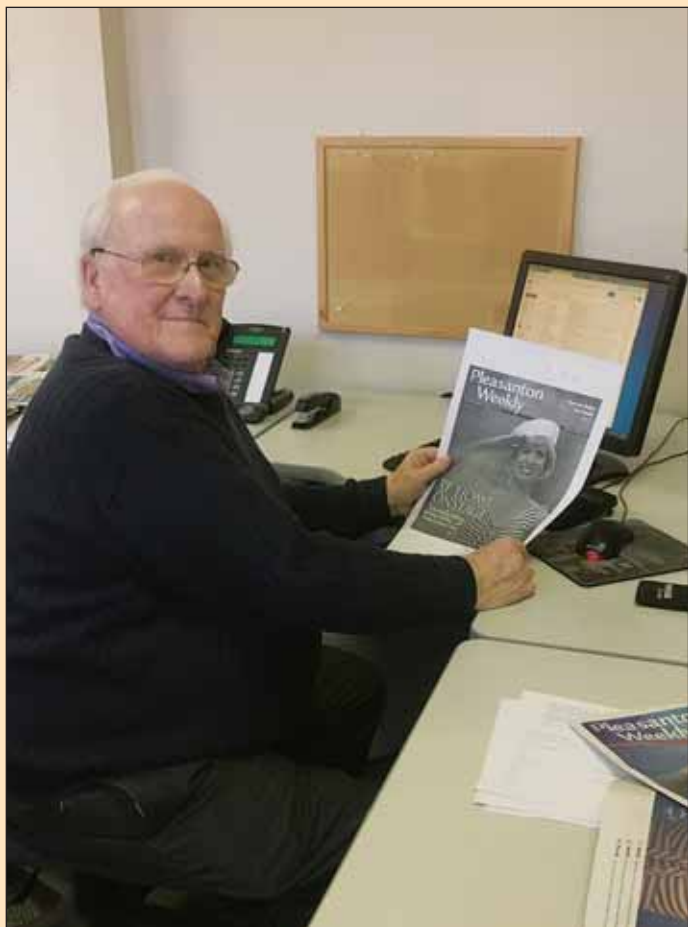
Oracle, one of the world's largest business software companies, strenuously disputed the allegations.

"The complaint is politically motivated, based on false allegations, and wholly without merit," Oracle spokeswoman Deborah Hellinger said in a statement.

"Oracle values diversity and inclusion, and is a responsible equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Our hiring and pay decisions are non-discriminatory and made based on legitimate business factors including experience and merit," Hellinger said.

Oracle has 45,000 employees in the U.S., including more than 7,000 in Redwood Shores, according to the department. ■

—Julia Cheever, Bay City News



GINA CHANNELL

Take Us Along: Signing off

'Mr. Pleasanton' is taking us with him into retirement. The Pleasanton Weekly's founding editor, Jeb Bing, grabs his final signed-off cover proof before officially retiring from the day-to-day operation and beginning his new role as editor emeritus.

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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Applications Requested for Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee"

The Pleasanton Unified School District seeks community members for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee, Measure I1 for school and classroom safety renovation, construction and modernization.

Interested parties please submit a letter of qualification and application. **The deadline is February 28, 2017.**

Applications are available at the Pleasanton Unified School District Business Office, 4665 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566 or by calling (925)426-4307, or email: pvanlooy@pleasantonusd.net, mochoa@pleasantonusd.net, or www.pleasantonusd.net, and are available at all school site administrative offices.

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POLICE BULLETIN

Concord man arrested on suspicion of bicycle theft

Pleasanton police arrested a 38-year-old Concord man for allegedly stealing a high-end bicycle and selling it to a friend, the department announced late last week.

The incident dates back to the day after Christmas, when a Specialized Stumpjumper bike valued at \$9,000 was stolen around midday from inside the Mike's Bikes store in the Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center on Bernal Avenue, according to a post on the Pleasanton Police Department's Facebook page.

After reviewing in-store video and speaking with witnesses who were able to get the license plate number of the car used in the theft, Pleasanton police identified Billy Ray Durlinger as their suspect.



Billy Ray Durlinger



COURTESY OF PPD

Pleasanton Police Department detectives (from left to right) Anthony Repetto, Anthony Pittl, Robert Shuffield and Jonathan Chin pose with a Specialized Stumpjumper bicycle recovered last week.

On Jan. 19, detectives went to Concord and arrested Durlinger on suspicion of theft and a drug-related warrant, but they could not find the bicycle, the department said.

However, officers reportedly found evidence that indicated Durlinger sold the bike to a friend. Pleasanton detectives conducted a search of Durlinger's friend's house on Jan. 26 and recovered

the bicycle, according to the department.

In other police news

- A second car in less than a week plunged into Alameda Creek in unincorporated Alameda County last week, California Highway Patrol officials said.

A gold Chevrolet Cruze was traveling west at about 40 mph on Niles Canyon Road around 5 a.m.

Jan. 26 when the driver fell asleep as he was approaching a left curve in the road. He woke up as he crossed the double yellow lines, swerved to get back into his lane and lost control of the car, according to the CHP.

The car left the road and went into the creek where the man, a 27-year-old Patterson resident, was able to escape through the windshield. He suffered minor injuries and was taken to a hospital, CHP officials said.

The man's car went into the creek about a quarter-mile from where Jayda Jenkins' car went into the creek on Jan. 21. Jenkins was still missing as of Wednesday afternoon, after days of searching by several law enforcement agencies.

CHP Officer Derek Reed said neither drugs nor alcohol played a part in last week's incident.

Jenkins was driving on Niles Canyon Road when her car hit another car and careened into the creek at about 10:45 a.m. Jan. 21, according to authorities.

The car turned upside down and was submerged when CHP officers arrived. When the car was eventually pulled from the water Jan. 24, Jenkins was not inside,

Alameda County sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ray Kelly said.

Investigators have found some of her clothes and other personal belongings downstream from where the car went into the water, Kelly said.

- A Stockton man was killed when he got out of his car after possibly running out of gas on Interstate 580 just east of Livermore last week, according to the CHP.

The 53-year-old man was headed east on Highway 580 when his car became disabled just east of Greenville Road at 11:54 p.m. on Jan. 25, Reed said.

He got out of his car for an unknown reason and was hit by a big-rig driven by a 58-year-old Florida man. The impact knocked him three lanes to the left, where he was also hit by a Honda Civic driven by a 24-year-old Concord woman, Reed said.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene. Neither the big-rig driver nor the Honda driver were injured.

There were no arrests and alcohol or drugs are not suspected factors in the crash. The name of the man killed has not been released pending notification of his family. ■

—Julia Reis and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 29

Domestic battery

- 1:37 a.m. on Palomino Drive

Theft

- 6:39 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 9:26 a.m., 6200 block of Ruxton Court; theft from auto

- 12:55 p.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 1:56 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 3:47 p.m. in the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Burglary

- 4:53 p.m. in the 3700 block of Stanley Boulevard

Jan. 28

Theft

- 9:22 a.m. in the 5600 block of Owens Drive

- 9:28 a.m. in the 7500 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

Battery

- 11:31 a.m. in the 5300 block of Owens Court

Fraud

- 1:38 p.m. in the 3000 block of Crestablanca Drive

Graffiti

- 4:19 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

Jan. 27

Drug violation

- 12:33 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

- 9:23 p.m. at Linden Way and Vineyard Avenue

Theft

- 8:50 a.m. in the 3100 block of Bernal Avenue

- 9:12 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

- 10:47 a.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

- 11:03 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springhouse Drive

- 11:40 a.m., 4800 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

- 4:49 p.m. in the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

- 5:57 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 10:24 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

Fraud

- 10:10 a.m. in the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

Embezzlement

- 5:42 p.m. in the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Jan. 26

Drug violation

- 12:23 a.m. at Valley Trails Drive and Hot Springs Court

Theft

- 4:03 p.m., 3600 block of Reflections Drive; theft from auto

- 4:13 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 5:13 p.m. in the 5100 block of Monaco Drive

- 9:21 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

Graffiti

- 5:24 p.m. in the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

Jan. 25

Commercial burglary

- 6:29 a.m. in the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

- 6:02 p.m. Street information not disclosed.

Residential burglary

- 1:08 p.m. in the 7500 block of Trotter Way

Theft

- 4:24 p.m., 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive; bicycle theft

- 6:36 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

Missing person report

- 9 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Jan. 24

Theft

- 12:04 a.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 8:04 a.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

- 8:09 a.m. in the 2100 block of Rheem Drive

- 4:59 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Vandalism

- 2:50 a.m. in the 7700 block of Canyon Meadows Circle

- 10:05 a.m., 2100 block of Rheem Drive; graffiti

- 1:19 p.m., 7700 block of Highland Oaks Drive; graffiti

Commercial burglary

- 7:47 a.m. in the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

- 5:25 p.m. in the 5600 block of Sonoma Drive

Jan. 23

Vandalism

- 2:14 a.m. in the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

- 9:53 a.m., 200 block of Rose Avenue; graffiti

- 9:20 a.m. in the 4100 block of Churchill Drive

- 1:34 p.m. at St. Mary Street and Pleasanton Avenue; graffiti

Theft

- 8:56 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

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JODY WEBSTER

Michelle Michelotti Gable and her children Matteo and Grace, 10 and 8, remember and honor their husband and father Michael Gable, who died in 2009 at age 38, with Gable Heart Beats, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to educating people about hidden heart defects and providing heart screenings.

YOUNG FAMILY'S FOUNDATION AIMS AT THE HEART

SCREENINGS WILL BE HELD FOR 200 YOUNG ATHLETES TOMORROW

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

After her 38-year-old husband Michael suddenly died of cardiac arrest Sept. 17, 2009, Michelle Gable learned that he had hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), which could have been detected with a screening.

Then just two weeks later, her baby daughter Grace had a cough that kept worsening and doctors found she was suffering from an enlarged heart. Grace spent her first birthday in the intensive care unit and was diagnosed with dilated

cardiomyopathy (DCM).

Gable became determined to alert others to these hidden dangers and help provide screenings to detect such heart defects before they proved fatal. She and her friend Amy Mayo — whose husband Stefan was in the band Segue with Michael Gable — founded the nonprofit Gable Heart Beats to work toward these goals.

"We knew Michael would want to save lives. And we wanted to honor him," Mayo said.

Tomorrow, 200 young soccer players from Pleasanton RAGE and Ballistic United will receive EKGs and echocardiograms at the Amador Recreation Center, thanks to Gable Heart Beats.

"Ultimately it can save lives of those who may not know they have cardiomyopathy or any other heart condition," Gable said. "In our family's case, we had no idea about the condition."

HCM, an excessive thickening of the heart muscle, is the No. 1 cause

of sudden cardiac arrests in young athletes, Mayo said, and it affects more than 600,000 people in the United States.

Although Michael and his baby daughter Grace didn't have the same cardiomyopathy, the conditions are related and hereditary. Son Matteo, 10, has been tested and is negative. For those who test positive, it is often possible to improve the condition with medications, as in Grace's case, said Michelle Gable.

Now, seven years after her 2009 diagnosis, Grace is doing "fantastic."

"There are no limitations on her activities," Michelle Gable said. "She is playing soccer for RAGE, basketball for Pleasanton Rec, and she's doing great in school. We see her cardiologist every six months."

Mayo said that the first thing they did after establishing the foundation was to look for others with the same goals. They located Holly Morrell in Laguna Beach, who pioneered the grassroots cardiac screening effort in 1999 with her Heartfelt Cardiac Project. They attended Heartfelt's screenings done in the Bay Area.

"We would observe and volunteer — and get a feeling for how the screening was done," Mayo recalled.

"Last year we did our first screening, we went to our first high school — St. Ignatius in San Francisco, where we screened over 150 students and staff," she said.

They collaborated with the Peter Patrick Madigan Antonini Foundation, started in honor of Peter, a 21-year-old San Franciscan who was about to enter the firefighter training academy when he collapsed and died while jogging on Ocean Beach in 2002. The screenings included both EKG and echocardiograms, which

normally cost patients about \$1,500.

"We learned about how many we could see in a day," Mayo said. "It takes about 15-20 minutes to do the echo."

An EKG detects a heart's electrical issues, explained Gable, and an echocardiogram takes a picture of the structure of the heart.

"If Michael had been given an echocardiogram, he would be here today," she said. "His was not an electrical issue but a structural issue."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Michelle, Matteo and Grace Gable present two AEDs to Pleasanton for its Sports Park at a City Council meeting in November with (from left) Councilman Jerry Pentin, Mayor Jerry Thorne, Councilwoman Kathy Narum and Councilwoman Karla Brown.



Michael and Michelle Gable enjoy their young children. Michael died suddenly from a heart condition that could have been detected with a screening.

“Although it is more costly for us, we won’t do a heart screening unless we are also doing the echo,” she added. “We do the best we can to give parents a picture of their child’s heart health.”

The St. Ignatius screening found five students to be referred to cardiologists for a more extensive echocardiogram.

“We referred them to someone in the area and will make sure there is follow-through,” Mayo said.

“It feels good when you detect something when their parents had no idea,” Gable said. “We’re very empowered to continue with what Michael would have wanted — and to reach that goal in five years is phenomenal. We are empowered that we are educating and helping to save lives.”

Gable Heart Beats has focused on soccer players since the sport is an important part of the family’s life. Michael Gable was a soccer star growing up in Monroe, Wash., where he was one of the few biracial students, and he received a full athletic scholarship to St. Mary’s College. There he met Michelle, also a soccer player, who graduated from Foothill High.

Gable noted that they began to coordinate with BUSC and RAGE after sharing their vision with two board members.

“Ray Morgan and Jon Asmussen were instrumental in seeing our vision,” she said. “They brought us in to their fundraiser — we got a portion of the funds, which we are putting back into heart screening.”

Tomorrow’s screening covers 100 of the young soccer players for free and is charging \$40 for another 100, ages 5 to 18.

“We filled the slots very fast,”

Gable said. “We sold all the paid spots within 2-1/2 days.”

In November, Michelle, Matteo and Grace were recognized at a City Council meeting when they donated two AEDs to the city.

“My kids were able to hand over the AEDs to the mayor, and they are being installed outside at the Sports Park, at the snack bar,” Gable said.

The ability to donate AEDs and provide screenings, of course, necessitates fundraising, and the fifth annual fundraising event — a dinner, silent and live auctions with live music — is being held at Crow Canyon Country Club.

“The first one was held at St. Mary’s, then it was at my house for three years,” Gable said.

“As we’ve grown, our fundraising efforts have also grown,” Mayo noted. “It was \$5,000, \$10,000, then \$15,000 as we all pulled together to get great auction items. It was \$20,000 at one fundraiser.”

The event also will feature speakers, this year including Matteo and Grace.

“This is the first time the kids are coming,” Gable said. “My son wants to speak about Gable Heart Beats, and Grace wants to do it, too. They have the courage to speak about what it means to them and how thankful they are for people to support the cause.”

“Michael must be smiling down, so proud of these guys,” she added.

“That’s a huge part of it, the younger generation helping to educate,” Mayo said. “If they take that on, we can keep sharing the message for years to come.”

Another fundraiser is sales of the album “One Race Human, a Tribute to Michael Gable,” which was produced by Segue, a compilation that



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Two-year-old Matteo and baby Grace in March 2009 with their dad Michael Gable. He was a singer and songwriter for 15 years with the band Segue as well as a devoted father who believed Pleasanton is the best place to raise children.

includes Michael’s songs that speak to his passion for living each moment with love and gratitude. Michael was a singer and songwriter with the band for 15 years. It can be ordered at gableheartbeats.org.

More also can be learned about Gable Heart Beats on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The Gable family will attend the heart screening tomorrow, as will Michelle’s parents.

“It is nice to give more to the community that we live in,” Gable said.

She is proud to be continuing a primary goal she had with Michael: rearing their children in Pleasanton, where Matteo and Grace attend Mohr Elementary. The family’s new goal is to prevent their tragedy from happening to others.

“In our family, we had no idea about Michael. He wasn’t symptomatic and it happened so quickly,” Gable said. Now her mission is “to be able to bring awareness to others and to provide those heart screenings, to save families from what we had to go through.” ■

Signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)

- Shortness of breath
- Heart palpitations
- Dizziness
- Fainting
- Unexplained fatigue
- Chest pain or pressure

Also research your medical history for sudden or unexpected deaths before the age of 55.

— Gable Heart Beats Foundation



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Matteo and Grace Gable continue the family tradition of soccer, which both their parents played at St. Mary’s College. Grace was diagnosed with a heart defect when she was 1 year old, but she now has no limitations on her activities.



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Young children on Grace’s first Easter in 2009. That September, Michael died and had been detected with an echocardiogram.



WYONNE VAUGHAN

We Banjo 3 combines traditional Irish music, American bluegrass and a gift of the gab for a fun evening of laughter and toe-tapping tunes.

We Banjo 3 combines *Irish and bluegrass traditions*

'Celt-grass' show headed for first
appearance at Firehouse Arts Center

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Four renowned Irish musicians are headed for Pleasanton — banjos, fiddles, guitars and mandolins in hand — to regale a new audience with their lively tunes and contagious good humor.

"Our show is a real romping adventure through Irish music and the best of Americana," Martin Howley, of We Banjo 3, said in a phone interview while on tour in Wisconsin. "We like to spread a message of love and connection, and love and optimism."

We Banjo 3 is a quartet, two sets of brothers from Galway — Enda and Fergal Scahill, and Martin and David Howley — who individually hold multiple All-Ireland titles. The Scahills hit the Irish music scene first.

"Dave and I looked up to them when we were younger," Martin Howley recalled.

"We grew up playing Irish music. There is a huge culture of traditional music in Ireland that is very, very popular," he continued. "I suppose it is the ancient Celtic music from hundreds of years ago when England subjugated Irish music. Because of this oppression, it became stronger.

"A glorious energy is encapsulated in that. Irish music has traveled all around the world."

The Howleys and Enda Scahill formed We Banjo 3, and then when they were to play the Milwaukee Irish Fest, which draws 200,000 over one weekend, they asked Fergal to join in.

"It just worked out," Martin Howley said. "He was ready to jump into the fray, playing full-time with the band."

"We've been playing together for five years, but we've known each other for 15 to 20 years," he added.

The four Irish musicians eventually began to combine old world traditions with Americana, combining the banjo, fiddle, guitar and mandolin

for an innovative style they refer to as "Celt-grass."

"Over time we began to develop a penchant for bluegrass," Howley said.

In their performances, they embrace a sense of fun and honesty, he noted.

"We pride ourselves on having a great live show," he said, "two hours of laughing and dancing and smiling our way through."

Their tour has included huge venues, such as the Milwaukee Irish Fest. In Japan they played in a concert hall of 3,000; in the Czech Republic they drew 25,000. The Firehouse Arts Center's 221-seat theater offers a much more intimate setting, which they also enjoy.

"We love it — we get to know every single person in the audience," Howley said.

Another intimate venue they played was the White House when they performed in March at a luncheon for Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny after organizers heard that then-President Barack Obama and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan were fans of We Banjo 3, Howley said.

"So one night on tour, we drove out from Kentucky to D.C., then got back in the car after playing for President Obama and all the glitterati," Howley recalled. "It was a big honor for the band."

Another 2016 highlight for We Banjo 3 was when its new album, "String Theory," hit the top of the Billboard World Albums chart in August.

"We were blown away," Howley said.

Now the band members are delighted to be sharing their music and their gift of the gab with an audience in Pleasanton.

The performance is at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18. Tickets are \$25-\$35. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■

Wines & Valentines to raise funds for Museum on Main

Dinner to feature prestigious Boisset Collection

Love is in the air as Museum on Main prepares for the 10th annual Wines & Valentines winemaker's dinner fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club. This year, the event takes place at 6:30 p.m. next Friday (Feb. 10) and will feature wines from the Boisset Collection of Boisset Family Estates.

"Many guests return year after year for the great food and wine," said museum executive director Jim DeMersman. "But they also love the 2-bit auction, a fast-paced live auction where guests can win prizes for the equivalent of 2-bits, equal to one quarter."

Wines will be paired to complement each of the four courses of the meal created by Castlewood Country Club: ahi tuna on a wonton crisp and Greek olive tapenade on crostini; Hacienda salad; a choice of pan-seared Corvina sea bass, grilled filet mignon or vegetable risotto; and chocolate molten lava cake.

Boisset Family Estates is a family-owned collection of wineries spanning some of the world's most prestigious wine growing regions including Sonoma and the Napa



MUSEUM ON MAIN

Castlewood Country Club is the venue for Museum on Main's annual winemaker's fundraising dinner, being held this year Feb. 10.

Valley. Jean Claude Boisset was born in Burgundy, France, and when he fell in love with California, he started several wineries here, blending the best of the old world and the new into one world of wine. These exclusive wines are usually only available through

private wine-tasting events.

Tickets to the event are \$85 per person and may be purchased online at www.museumonmain.org; at Museum on Main, 603 Main St., during regular operating hours; or by phoning the museum at 462-2766. ■

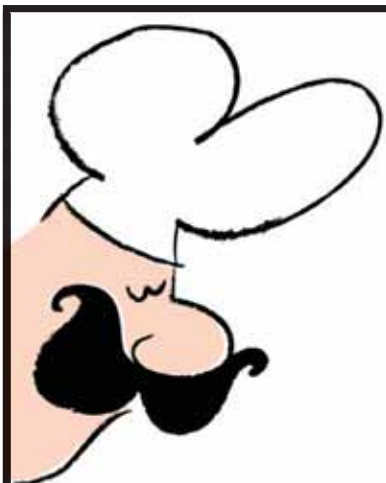
—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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Gross-Barnum wedding

Natalie Gross and Luke Barnum were married on Sept. 24, 2016 in a beautiful rose farm wedding in Durham, Calif. The daughter of Michael and Steffi Gross of Pleasanton, Natalie is a 2007 graduate of Foothill High School and a 2011 graduate of Chico State. Luke is the son of David and Molly Barnum of Chico, a 2006 graduate of Chico High School and a 2011 graduate of Chico State. The happy couple resides in the Marina District of San Francisco.



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GUEST OPINION

Tri-Valley faith leaders respond to ban on refugees

As faith leaders in the Tri-Valley, we are writing to express our concern for the new presidential administration's blocking the return to the U.S. of refugees and people of the Muslim faith.

On Jan. 28, a number of people were held at international airports. Some were not given access to legal counsel, nor were their families apprised of their situation. Equally concerning, people with valid visas were misidentified as refugees rather than immigrants and denied access.

This is a serious matter that demands the attention of concerned Americans of all faiths.

We are clergy that represent longstanding traditions of radical hospitality. The best in our religious traditions have welcomed the stranger, sheltered the refugee, offered safe home, and resisted fear and exclusion. We believe that this matches not only the best in our spiritual traditions but also the best

that we are as a country.

Our calling is to offer love, justice and hope in the face of fear. We will open our hearts and our doors to those who face the threat of deportation.

Our hope is that people of all faiths will respond in love to acts such as these and speak up for making our communities and our country the welcoming home we know it can be.

In Faith,

—*Imam Tahir Anwar,*
Muslim Community Center East Bay,
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Livermore
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LETTERS

Weekly is little more than a mouthpiece

Dear Editor,

I completely agree with the Pleasanton Weekly's outrage over President Trump's war with the media. Trump chief strategist Steve Bannon told the press on Thursday to "Keep its mouth shut" — an overtly fascist comment meant to intimidate which must have missed the Weekly's deadline.

But to infer that the Weekly is a paragon of journalism working in the public interest is a bit of a stretch. The Weekly has long been a mouthpiece for the Chamber of Commerce, developers and favored politicians like Jerry Thorne.

Where were they when the city was concealing information about subsidies to Costco during the Measure MM campaign, even after they were provided the evidence through a public records act request?

When reporting on the new Downtown Specific Plan task force, why is there no mention that the committee is packed with chamber and developer operatives salivating at the thought that the taxpayers will pay to move City Hall to the Bernal property, opening up prime real estate so they can make a bundle?

Like much of the corporate mainstream media, the Weekly functions to protect the status quo and enhance its advertising revenue. Ever notice that half the paper is real estate ads?

An informed public is critically important to a functioning democracy, and the press fills a vital role in this. Since it's clear that Pleasanton is not a functioning democracy and is run by a growth coalition of special interests, it appears that the Weekly has failed in its journalistic responsibilities.

—*Matt Sullivan*

Apologies to New Leaf that Pleasanton could not support you

Dear Editor,

It's a shame we can't support our own organic market here in Pleasanton. We'll shop at Walmart or Costco grocery where questionably sourced produce and products from any country with cheap labor are sold, but not at a place like New Leaf with high-quality, locally sourced items you can trust, many of which are in season and

from right here in the Bay Area or California.

Walmart serves a certain population in need and Costco is great for business and parties, but Pleasanton has people who can afford to influence markets with the power of their dollar. It's interesting to me how we're a country that values buying "Made in the USA," as has been evident from the recent election, yet we cannot live that creed.

I will miss you, New Leaf. I supported your grocery weekly, and thank you for all the local support you've given our local farmers and community groups like Girl Scouts and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

—*Karen Bilbrey Zengel*

Thank you for Holiday Fund contributions

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my deep gratitude to you and the Pleasanton Weekly, and to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, for choosing the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation to be one of the 2016 Holiday Fund recipients. The work you do to highlight and publicize the work of the recipient organizations makes it easy for people to contribute, especially people who want to help but may not know where to start.

I also want to thank the many people who donated to the 2016 Holiday Fund. Thanks to your generosity, and the generosity of people like you, we are able to provide assistance to cancer patients here in the Tri-Valley so they can have access to healing therapies that provide comfort and relief while undergoing traditional western cancer treatments but are often not covered by insurance.

Because of the attention brought by programs like the annual Holiday Fund and the gifts we have received, we have been able to provide nearly 1,000 grants to members of our community — your neighbors — since 2009.

So, thank you again, for providing a channel for the generosity of our fellow community members. We are deeply honored to be included with the other awesome organizations that were recipients of the 2016 Holiday Fund, all of whom do such important work for our community.

—*Sandra J. Wing*

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PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

Amador Valley wrestling takes second at Puma Classic

Pleasanton Rage alums sign letters of intent to play collegiate soccer



TIM PERLMAN

Amador Valley wrestlers celebrate after finishing second as a team in the Puma Classic last weekend.

The Amador Valley wrestling team won its third match in a row on Jan. 25. It was senior night at Amador, and after honoring their 10 graduating seniors, the Dons powered over Dublin by a score of 41-26.

Notable wins included pins by Cameron Ghoddoucy, Jacob Lum, Jake Perlman and Alex Crepeau as the Dons moved to 3-0 in the East Bay Athletic League.

Then on Saturday, the Dons headed up to Santa Rosa for the 19th annual Puma Classic tournament, where they continued their impressive showing among Nor-Cal's tough wrestling programs. Amador came away with a second-place finish overall out of 34 teams.

Following are the place winners: Ghoddoucy (154 pounds, first), Lum (162, first), Crepeau (287, second), Jackson Butler (172, fourth), Tyler Kline (140, fourth) and Thomas Pak (197, fourth).

Girls soccer

Take two of the best teams in the EBAL and expect a tight, hard-fought match. That's exactly what happened when Foothill took on Carondelet as the two battled to a 1-1 final last week.

The first half went scoreless as both teams found it difficult to create quality scoring chances. Foothill got a couple of shots and a pair of corners in the half for a slight edge overall. The second half started slowly for the Falcons as Carondelet seemed to make some adjustments at half and came out strong, putting the Falcons on their heels and under pressure.

The Cougars did score in the 48th minute, finishing from close range as they consistently got the ball into scoring range early in the second half. The Falcons leveled the match five minutes later after Tami Kwong's penalty kick was stopped by the keeper, but Kwong followed up and put it away to tie the game.

Foothill then closed out the week with a 3-0 win over Dublin.

The match featured extensive play from the entire roster of healthy players, something that has not happened much this season as the Falcons scratch and claw their way through the EBAL schedule.

Foothill scored twice in the first half with Sarah Broacha and Lucia Castaneda finishing from close range to give the Falcons the lead at half. The second half was much the same, with many different lineups on display for the Falcons with Sarah Broacha finding Kira Broacha on a nice cross to extend the lead to 3-0.

Dublin worked hard throughout the match but had limited opportunities in the Falcons' end, with Foothill keeper Amanda Harding making only three relatively easy saves to secure a clean sheet for the match.

Rage signings

The following Pleasanton Rage girls soccer club players have signed letters of intent to play women's collegiate soccer:

Tami Kwong (Foothill, San Francisco State), Summer Langsam (Amador Valley, San Francisco State), Marley Walke (Livermore, University of San Diego), Claire

Abele (Granada, Chico State), Michelle Feinberg (Monte Vista, University of San Francisco), Faith Baumgartner (Benicia, Cal State Los Angeles), Mariah Brown (Campolindo, College of the Holy Cross), Mary Clifford (Bishop O'Dowd, Lipscomb University) and Olivia Sekany (Laurel Springs, UC Berkeley).

Basketball

The Foothill boys pulled out a pair of wins last week, topping San Ramon Valley and Monte Vista.

The Falcons opened the week with a 54-49 win at San Ramon Valley. Ramon Christwell had 17 points and J.T. McDermott added 15 in the win.

Later in the week, Foothill knocked off Monte Vista 51-38. McDermott had 14, as did Will Lewis, to lead the way for the Falcons. ■

Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores, game highlights and photographs for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com



TRI-VALLEY JUDO

Local jiu-jitsu student earns bronze at Pan Am Championship

Alexis Yciano, a jiu-jitsu athlete who trains at Tri-Valley Judo in Pleasanton, took third place while representing Team USA in the Infantile Pan American Championship in the Dominican Republic late last year. The Discovery Bay girl fought peers from Colombia, Brazil and the host nation during her bronze-medal run. A jiu-jitsu student since age 6, Yciano earned her spot in the Pan Am tournament by ranking No. 1 in the U.S. for the second year in a row.

TV30 covering tonight's Foothill basketball game

Recorded version to air on local TV starting tomorrow night

Tri-Valley Community Television is covering its first high school boys basketball game of the season tonight when the Foothill Falcons travel to San Ramon to take on the Cal High Grizzlies.

A tape-delayed version of the game, complete with announcers' commentary, will begin airing on TV30 starting tomorrow at 7 p.m. on Comcast channel 30 and AT&T U-verse channel 99.

Play-by-play and color announcing

will include TV30 sports personalities Ian Bartholomew, George "Dr. B" Baljevich and former Dublin mayor Tim Sbranti.

For a full list of air dates and times for TV30's basketball coverage, visit its website at www.tv30.org. DVDs of the games can be purchased online, and live-streaming of TV30 broadcasts are available on the website. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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Theatre

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Concerts

WINTER VOICES: VOICES IN HARMONY AND SOME FRIENDS OF MINE "Voices in Harmony" will sing hits from the American Songbook and share their mastery of barbershop harmony at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. The award-winning male a cappella chorus has won championships and competitions. "Some Friends of Mine" will join the fun. Donation suggested \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. Go to www.catholicofpleasanton.org.

WE BANJO 3 A flamboyant mix of Irish, Bluegrass and old-time music, We Banjo 3 will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Firehouse Arts Center. The two sets of brothers, Enda and Fergal Scahill and Martin and David Howley, are among the most celebrated and distinguished young musicians in Ireland today. Tickets are \$25-\$35. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

Talks & Lectures

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES: HOW TO RAISE AN ADULT Come to a special Community Education Series event from 8:30 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Hart Middle School, 4433 Willow Road. The keynote speaker will be New York Times best selling author Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of "How to Raise an Adult," with books sales and signing as well. For more information contact 931-5359 or amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov. To register for this free event, go to pleasantonfun.com course code 64356.

AMADOR VALLEY TOASTMASTERS Learn how to give speeches, gain feedback, lead teams, and guide others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere at 7 a.m. every Thursday at Black Bear Diner, 5100 Hopyard Road. Breakfast is available to order from menu. Go to www.facebook.com/AmadorValleyToastmasters/.

VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS Virtually Speaking Toastmasters club meets from noon-1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Parkway,

Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: EAT YOUR HEART OUT Eat your heart out this Valentine's Day! Learn what you can eat for a healthy heart. Nancy Bennett, a registered dietitian, will share which foods to choose and answer your questions about eating for a good heart at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Free, no reservations required. Go to www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

Health & Wellness

LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE Did you know laughter has proven to reduce stress, relieve pain, energize the body and even possibly heal diseases? Local standup comedian and author, Margaret Zhao, will teach how to discover your own sense of humor and benefit from laughter. Regina Stoops will also give a short standup segment. This is an event by Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation Education series at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Alain Pinel Realtors, 900 Main St., Suite 101. Go to www.healingtherapiesfoundation.org/.

PLEASANTON SOLE MATES Join this weekly walking group at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday mornings departing from the Pleasanton Senior Center. Participants must be able to walk 2.5-3 miles and keep a moderate pace with the group. Stop by the Center to pick a monthly walk schedule or call 925-931-5365 for more information.

PLEASANTON PEDALERS If you love cycling, this group is for you. Join at 9 a.m. every Thursday. Rides will be at an easy pace from 15 to 25 miles, with no rider left behind. A signed waiver is required for all riders. Go to meetup.com/PleasantonPedalers.

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

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.com.

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.

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.

Teens

YOUTH COMMISSION The Pleasanton Youth Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road.

Religion & Spirituality

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP Lynnwood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Sunday morning services are at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided at both services, and Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m.. Children's choir is at 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.. At 5:30 p.m. on Sundays the church offers an informal service called "Come As You Are" with music, prayer, and discussion. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221 or office@lynnwood.org. Go to www.lynnwood.org.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY Unity of Tri-Valley is a welcoming spiritual community for people of all faiths and backgrounds. We are a positive path for spiritual living. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. Children's program available. Ongoing groups and activities. Join Reverend Micah Murdock, minister, at 10 a.m. every week for Sunday services at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Call 829-2733 or go to www.trivalleyunity.org.

EXPLORE YOUR SPIRITUALITY Invite 2.0 is to help explore the big questions and to find a deeper sense of your spiritual side. Is there something bigger out there? Is something missing? Join from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, now through Feb. 22 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Visit invite2.org.

Community Groups

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PET OF THE WEEK



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networking event at Pans on Fire, 3059 Hopyard Road Suites J & K, with cooking demonstrations, a best apron contest, great networking and more from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6. Cost is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. RSVP and prepayment required. Call 487-4748 or go to www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Call 556-2333 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

CLUTTERLESS (CL) SELF HELP SUPPORT GROUP ClutterLess (CL) Self Help Support Group, for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions, meets at 7 p.m. every Monday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. Cluttering is a psychological issue, not an organizing issue. We are for the Clutterer who is ready to change. Go to www.ClutterLessEastBay.org.

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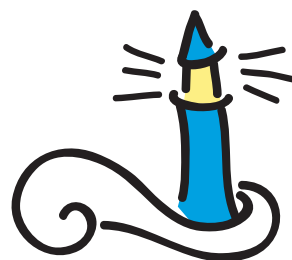
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. 496705 The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): NATURAL SPINAL CARE, 7450 SAN RAMON ROAD, DUBLIN, CA 94568 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 10/01/2014 UNDER FILE NO. 496705 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): Jeffrey Layne, 22 Tweed Lane, Danville, CA 94526. Signature of Registrant: Jeffrey Layne. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on Dec. 19, 2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10; 2017)

NATURAL SPINAL CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 525617 The following person(s) doing business as: NATURAL SPINAL CARE, 7450 SAN RAMON ROAD, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yang DC Chiropractic PC, 7450 San Ramon Road, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Jim Yang, CEO, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 12/19/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10; 2017)

SUNSHINE PHOTO BOOTH FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 526792

The following person(s) doing business as: SUNSHINE PHOTO BOOTH, 161 SIERRAWOOD AVE., HAYWARD, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Chand, 161 Sierrawood Ave., Hayward, CA 94544. 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: Michael Chand, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/24/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17; 2017)

LARKIN PRO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 526455

The following person(s) doing business as: LARKIN PRO, 268 RACHAEL PLACE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amy Larkin, 268 Rachael Place, 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: Amy Larkin. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/13/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17; 2017)

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DREAM BAY HOMES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 526786

The following person(s) doing business as: DREAM BAY HOMES, 3203 CURTIS CIRCLE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mano Chidambaram, 3203 Curtis Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/01/2017. Signature of Registrant: Mano Chidambaram. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/24/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17; 2017)

SUN21 GLOBAL LLC FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 526771

The following person(s) doing business as: SUN21 GLOBAL LLC, 6754 BERNAL AVE., SUITE 740-208, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SUN21 GLOBAL LLC, 6754 Bernal Ave. Suite 740-208, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: Yong Sun, Manager Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/24/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; 2017)

GAINED INSIGHT FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 526123

The following person(s) doing business as: GAINED INSIGHT, 5820 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD SUITE 219, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Katherine Nagy/Nitz, 106 Palmer Street, San Ramon, CA 94583. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 10/10/2011. Signature of Registrant: Katherine Nitz/Nagy. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/05/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; 2017)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Aviso al Demandado): DAVID ADSETT You are being sued. Lo estan demandando. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (El nombre del demandante es): SHARON SABONIS

Case Number: HF16832126 (Numero del Caso) You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene 30 DIAS CORRIDOS despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion, para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120 o FL-123) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. Si desea obtener asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar a un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

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2. The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, direccion y numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): JOHN T CHAMBERLIN 699 PETERS AVENUE, SUITE C PLEASANTON, CA 94566 (925)485-9666 Date (Fecha): SEPT. 22, 2016 Clerk, by (secretario, por) JAMIE HARRIS, Deputy (Asistente) (seal)

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Realtor Billowitch joins Alain Pinel's local office

Award winner has expertise in relocation, staging, short-sales

By JEREMY WALSH

Alain Pinel Realtors announced last week that Realtor MaryJane Billowitch has been hired as a new addition to the company's Pleasanton/Livermore office.

A local award winner who is a certified relocation specialist and accredited staging professional, Billowitch has developed a strong reputation for her ability to showcase homes and for her understanding of clients' needs, according to APR officials.

"I take great pride in helping my clients achieve their goals. Through an extensive network of professional contacts and relationships with lenders, I have had the privilege of helping countless buyers and sellers," Billowitch said in a statement. "I am excited to join the APR team and look forward to continuing to showcase the area's many wonderful communities."

Don Faught, managing broker for APR's Pleasanton/Livermore

office, lauded Billowitch for her variety of experience and for what her skills will offer to the local real estate team.

"With her accreditation as a relocation specialist and staging professional, MaryJane is an outstanding addition to our team," Faught said. "Her specialized expertise will serve as a resource for clients as our area continues to see growth and attract residents. We are thrilled to have her join us."

Billowitch's decade of experience also includes strong knowledge of communities throughout Northern California and expertise in structuring short-sale transactions, APR officials said.

She earned the Achievement Club President Award from the Bay East Association of Realtors three years in a row and the Achievement Club Master Award twice, including last year. She was also featured on HGTV's "My First Place" in 2011.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

MaryJane Billowitch has joined APR's Pleasanton/Livermore office.

A Livermore resident, Billowitch is a member of several trade organizations, including Bay East, the California Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. Outside of real estate, she volunteers at her church and children's school and has served as a Brownie leader and troop organizer.

A Pennsylvania native, Billowitch earned a degree in business administration from Lehigh Carbon Community College. ■

Finance firm opens Pleasanton office

The Wealth Conservatory moves to Koll Center Parkway

Financial-planning firm The Wealth Conservatory recently opened an office in Pleasanton for the first time.

Already with locations in Livermore and two other states, The Wealth Conservatory hopes the move into Pleasanton will help the firm better accomplish its mission of helping people and organizations be prudent investors and successful fiduciaries over assets under its stewardship, according to company officials.

"The Pleasanton office is a great location for serving our

local clients, in addition to those in Fremont, Walnut Creek and the greater Bay Area," said Steve Bell, a wealth consultant with the firm.

Founded in 1994, The Wealth Conservatory is a fee-only financial planner certified by the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors. It also operates in Springfield, Mo., and Bedford and Lebanon, N.H.

The firm's new Pleasanton office is located at 6701 Koll Center Pkwy., Suite 250. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 20-Jan. 13

Pleasanton

- 3237 Arbor Drive** B. & J. Pace to E. Toy for \$1,230,000
- 53 Castlewood Drive** B. Pfefer to H. & S. Ilg for \$980,000
- 4129 Churchill Drive** Otte Trust to R. & S. Farnsworth for \$1,100,000
- 7833 Creekside Drive** C. Alire to S. Kong for \$718,000
- 652 Grapevine Drive** A. Yekan to X. Zhang for \$741,000
- 1636 Holly Circle** E. Rinker-Lane to X. Zhang for \$790,000
- 2130 Pomezia Court** M. Dong to Ruso Trust for \$1,457,000
- 7256 Stonedale Drive** Noriega Trust to J. & R. Gallero for \$825,000
- 7289 Valley Trails Drive** G. & R. Wilkinson to R. Benavides for \$900,000

Dublin

- 11913 Bloomington Way** Lacrampe Trust to D. Pena for \$878,000
- 4097 Chalk Hill Way** TH WR-8 Venture to A. & S. Wolf for \$1,356,000
- 4118 Chalk Hill Way** TH WR-8 Venture to S. Rajan for \$1,033,500
- 7270 Cronin Circle** S. & T. Pulanco to L. & J. Tran for \$519,000
- 6611 Donlon Way** Pulte Home to E. & I. Persoff for \$1,244,500
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #202** E. Keikoan to P. Decambra for \$235,500
- 3259 Monaghan Street** D. Ambler to Y. Zhuang for \$685,000
- 4654 Rimini Court** M. & N. Runas to S. Zhao for \$840,000

Livermore

- 112 Anna Maria Street** Castanares Trust to J. Channing for \$645,000
- 961 Dolores Street** K. & K. Becker to J. Lawrence for \$600,000
- 355 El Caminito** S. Hord to Rescue Home Now for \$635,000
- 1883 Elm Street** Enigami Global Investors to L. & M. Hermano for \$650,000

- 279 Fennel Way** Shea Homes to K. & R. Madsen for \$810,000
- 283 Fennel Way** Shea Homes to J. & S. Carlson for \$733,500
- 291 Fennel Way** Shea Homes to T. & S. Toor for \$705,500
- 2243 Hampton Road** S. & M. Jensen to Young Trust for \$830,000
- 1549 Hollyhock Street** D. Lignell to D. & H. Bhandari for \$512,500
- 1476 Portola Avenue** V. & L. Lee to J. Stokes for \$400,000
- 3863 Santa Clara Way** Nieceys Inc. to C. Hamann for \$640,000
- 930 Verona Avenue** Ryan Trust to Y. Feldman for \$678,000
- 1431 Wagoner Drive** S. MacDonald to K. & M. Lee for \$625,000

San Ramon

- 9005 Alcosta Boulevard #207** Gautam Trust to P. Wang for \$425,000
- 470 Bollinger Canyon Lane #281** N. Nagtode to A. Kumar for \$360,000
- 7175 Briza Loop** Ross Trust to E. & L. Dimas for \$745,000
- 365 Eastridge Drive** M. & R. Dannug to G. Li for \$482,000
- 2001 Echo Place** Y. & H. Egladyous to V. Jaiswal for \$895,000
- 636 Greylyn Drive** Mazola Trust to G. Wang for \$870,000
- 3059 Hastings Way** Access Capital Investors Fund to N. Poulios for \$1,233,000
- 63 Mesa Vista Court** Magcale Trust to R. & N. Clark for \$1,005,000
- 2162 Mornington Lane** A. Chia to K. & D. Sharma for \$1,250,000
- 4716 Norris Canyon Road #102** J. Tsui to J. Lee for \$575,000
- 435 Ryan Terrace** Taylor Morrison of California to J. Ou for \$759,000
- 615 Ryan Terrace** Taylor Morrison of California to J. Brandman for \$780,000
- 203 Stone Pine Lane** Stow Partners to M. Chan for \$510,000
- 9573 Velvet Leaf Circle** C. & A. Cunningham to J. & S. Kim for \$1,650,000

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Our Neighborhoods

Pleasanton Weekly

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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 20-Jan. 13

Pleasanton (Dec. 20-21)

Total sales reported: 9

Lowest sale reported: \$718,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,457,000

Average sales reported: \$971,222

Dublin (Dec. 20-21)

Total sales reported: 8

Lowest sale reported: \$235,500

Highest sale reported: \$1,356,000

Average sales reported: \$848,938

Livermore (Dec. 20-21)

Total sales reported: 13

Lowest sale reported: \$400,000

Highest sale reported: \$830,000

Average sales reported: \$651,115

San Ramon (Jan. 10-13)

Total sales reported: 14

Lowest sale reported: \$360,000

Highest sale reported: \$1,650,000

Average sales reported: \$824,214

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Danville

5 BEDROOMS

5655 Bruce Drive \$3,550,000

Sun 12-3 Debra Allen & Kristy Peixoto & Co. 251-2536

107 Sunhaven Road \$1,495,000

Sat/Sun 2-4 Stacy Gilbert 487-4883

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS

560 Dovecote Lane #2 \$675,000

Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS

1784 Creek Road \$1,139,000

Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

815 Dana Circle \$810,000

Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

4119 Stanley Blvd. \$711,000

Sat 6-8 Robert Jones (510) 357-0120

622 Saint John St. \$998,000

Sat 1-4 Crystal Jackson 413-3676

4 BEDROOMS

7844 Olive Court \$1,049,000

Sat/Sun 12-5 Heidi McLaughlin 334-0066

504 Malbec Court \$900,000

Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

5 BEDROOMS

1817 Spumante Place \$2,625,000

Sat/Sun 1-4 Tracey Buescher 352-7307

San Ramon

2 BEDROOMS

9085 Alcosta Blvd. #341 \$379,000

Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS

912 Regalo Way \$1,450,000

Sat/Sun 1-4 Kent Hu 222-5368

Sunol

2 BEDROOMS

12010 Ruth Glen \$670,000

Sat 1-4/Sun 12-2 FabulousProperties 980-0273/519-8226

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THE SPRING HOME SELLING SEASON STARTS NOW

INVITING FRENCH COUNTRY MANOR



3477 Torlano Place, Ruby Hill
5 BD, 4.5 BA, 5,677 SF
Offered at \$2,650,000

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12010 Ruth Gln, Sunol
2 BD, 1.5 BA, 998 SF
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3630 Pontina Court, Ruby Hill
5 BD, 6.5 BA, 7,868 SF on .48 Acre
Offered at \$3,395,000

COMING SOON IN DANVILLE

GOT CARS? 3 car attached + 4 car detached garages, amazing resort styled yard with pool & outdoor kitchen. Also included is a fabulous 4 BD/3 BA home. Offered in the mid \$1.2's

COMING SOON IN RUBY HILL

ELEGANT MEDITERRANEAN VILLA
3206 Novara Way, Ruby Hill
4 BD, 3.5 BA, 4,339SF
Offered at \$2,350,000
Call for preview showing

BUYER WANTS & NEEDS

Wanted in Amador boundary up to \$1M, with main level bedroom.
Wanted 3 BD/2 BA Up to \$825K Townhouse OK
Wanted single story in Ruby Hill.



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COMING SOON



NORTH PLEASANTON

Lovely Home built in 1993, 4 bedrooms and large loft area, 2.5 Baths, just under 1900 sqft with a nice backyard. Enjoy built in BBQ, Fire pit and large spa. This home is located in North Pleasanton. Call Julia for more information.

COMING SOON



Beautiful home located near Tennis Park and Sports Park, with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths, just under 1900 sqft. Upgraded with style, this home has a great floor plan, and a large backyard, with built in BBQ for summer entertaining. Call Julia for more information.

JUST SOLD



**DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON
269 Kottinger Drive, Pleasanton**

Charming Cape Cod bungalow on a quiet lane near shops, restaurants, and farmers market. This 4 bedroom, 2 bath home was built in 1954 and rebuilt by the current owner with permitted add on. 1,703 sq. ft. home on just under a 6,000 sq. ft. lot. **SOLD FOR \$882,500**

JUST SOLD



CAMERON PLACE

2157 Cameron Circle, Pleasanton
Stunning, sophisticated Green Point rated single story home with upgrades. This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3231 sq. ft. home sits on a 16,904 sq. ft. lot. Enjoy a large built-in outdoor gas fireplace, beautiful patio and bocce ball court. **SOLD FOR \$1,935,000**

JUST SOLD



SOUTH PLEASANTON

424 Matthew Court, Pleasanton
Beautiful custom home in Carriage Hills, located in a court in South Pleasanton. Enjoy 4 bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, 3220 sq. ft. on an 1/2 acre lot, built in 2000. **SOLD FOR \$1,890,000**
REPRESENTED BUYERS

BUYERS NEEDS

- ✓ Family in search of a 4 BR home on a nice size lot, pool would be a bonus. Preferred neighborhoods: **Kottinger Ranch, Bridle Creek, Foothill Knolls and Laguna Oaks**, up to 1.8 million. Approved with a Local Lender & ready to move in!
- ✓ Pleasanton Couple ready to downsize needs a single story home, with 3 bedrooms if possible, walking distance to **downtown Pleasanton**.
- ✓ Buyer looking for larger home and Lot with Pool on **West Side of Pleasanton, Castlewood, Happy Valley, or Carriage Estates** area up to 2.5 million. Pool preferred if possible

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OFFERED AT \$829,000

DOWNTOWN

PENDING



4455 ENTRADA DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Single Level on Premium .28-Acre Lot with Pool in Excellent Downtown Location. Original Condition Inside-Needs Your Self-directed Upgrades. Don't Miss this Great Opportunity to Do It Your Way and Get in at a Great Price Point with Low Interest Rates & Property Taxes. Three Bedrooms, Two Bathrooms and 2,000 Square Feet (plus patio room) on One Level. Large Family Room and Formal Dining Room. Spacious Private Rear Yard with In-Ground Pool. Call The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group for a Private Showing.

OFFERED AT \$949,000

ARROYO CROSSINGS

SOLD



2479 RIVERS BEND CIRCLE, LIVERMORE

Just a Short Walk to Beautiful Downtown Livermore from this Newer Highly Upgraded 3,020 Square Foot Arroyo Crossings Built by O'Brien Homes in 2010. Five Bedroom, Three Bathroom Home. This Impeccably Maintained Home is Adjacent to Robertson Park and Backs to Open Space with Views of the Surrounding Hillside & Trees. Beautiful & Professionally Landscaped Grounds Includes Water Feature and Privacy! Hardwood Floors, Crown Molding, Plantation Shutters and Many More Upgrades! Gourmet Kitchen/Great Room with Granite Counters & Stainless Steel Appliances. Quick In & Out Commute to 580 Via Isabel Avenue. Conveniently Located Near Livermore Valley Wineries, The New Outlet Mall, Ruby Hill Country Club, Area Golf Courses and Less Than One Mile to Downtown Livermore! To Schedule a Private Showing, Call the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group!

SOLD AT \$1,058,000

DOWNTOWN PLEASANTON

SOLD



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!

SOLD AT \$1,082,000

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FREMONT \$828,888
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LIVERMORE \$1,139,000
Open Sat 1 - 4
1784 Creek Road
Fabulous Remodel in Livermore!
4 BD/2.5 BA 2,670 sq.ft. Remodel, All High End Amenities, Private Sunset Magazine Yards, Mstr Dwnstrs.
Mary Anne Rozsa
CalBRE #00783003 925.963.0887



LIVERMORE \$810,000
Open Sat 1 - 4
815 Dana Circle
Windmill Springs Beauty!
4 BD/2.5 BA Charming Home, Brazilian Cherry Flooring, Upgraded kit., Sunset Magazine Backyard + More!
Mary Anne Rozsa
CalBRE #00783003 925.963.0887



LIVERMORE \$675,000
Open Sat/Sun 1 - 4
560 Dovecote Ln. #2
Desirable Location in Montage!
2 BD/2 BA Upgraded Cabinets, Granite in Kit, SS Appl, Travertine in Kit/Baths +2 Car Grg
Cathy Dean
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PLEASANTON \$1,149,999
3269 Monmouth Court
Remodel In Pleasanton Meadows!
4 BD/3 BA All New! Lg Mstr Retreat/BA /Clst, Quiet Crt Loc Near Grt Schools! Fairlands Elem. 10+++!
Joseph Gomez
CalBRE #01469069 510.714.6370



SAN RAMON \$379,000
Open Sat/Sun 1 - 4
9085 Alcosta Blvd 341
Upgraded end unit in the Gardens!
2 BD/1 BA Upper unit in quiet loc, Updtd Kit w/Pntry, Tiled Kit/DR, Crwn Mlding, Lighting, Pnt, New Wndws!
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Fabulous custom home with 5 BD/4.5 BA and over 4200 sq ft on an expansive parcel with beautiful views and a sparkling pool. 3 car garage.

JUST SOLD!



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COMING SOON IN DUBLIN!



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1513 ARIA CT., LIVERMORE

Desirable Prima Neighborhood, South Livermore! 3837 sq. ft., 5 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 15k sq. ft. lot in great court location!
OFFERED AT \$1,175,000



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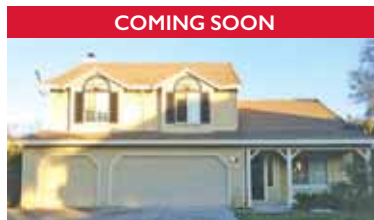
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