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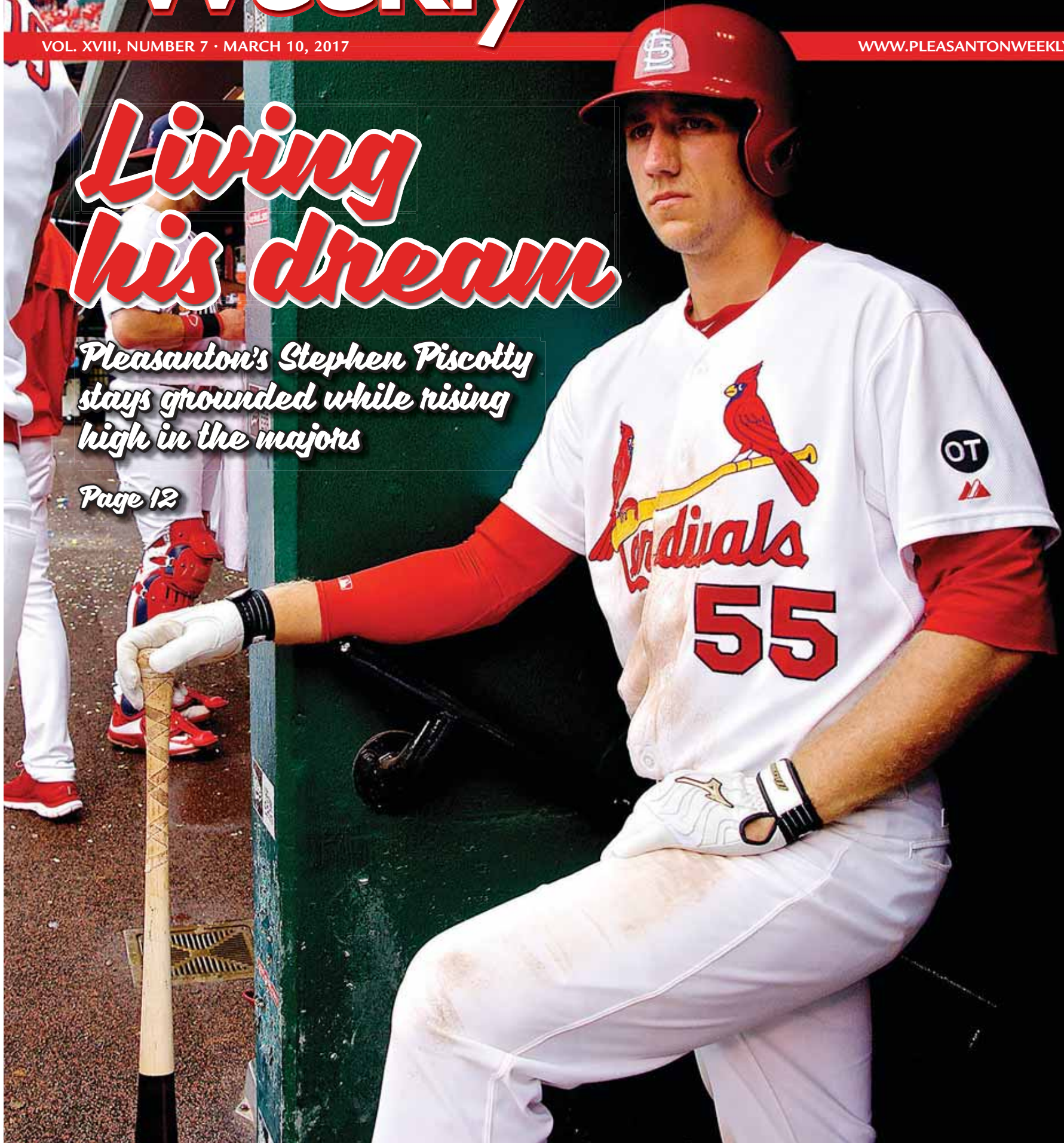
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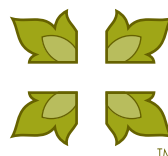
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

BART moving forward in 2017, but not yet to Livermore

Recently re-elected BART board member John McPartland, fresh off a year that saw the transit agency negotiate a new four-year contract with its unions and gain voter approval of a \$3.5 billion bond for capital improvements, told a real estate group last Friday that better days are coming for Tri-Valley commuters.



JEB BING

Local BART board member John McPartland speaks to the Valley Real Estate Network last week.

An additional 700 train cars will soon replace the aging existing fleet, with BART seeking funds for 300 more cars. With 10-car trains the norm and a new control system that will narrow the gap between trains to 11 minutes, that will increase commuter service by 40%. It could also help reduce traffic across the Bay Bridge by 8,500 fewer vehicles a day.

“Right now, we just can’t get any more vehicles on the bridge during peak commute hours, and we’re reaching the limit on some BART platforms of people being able to get on the trains,” McPartland told a Valley Real Estate Network (VREN) audience at a meeting at Inkling’s coffee house in downtown Pleasanton.

McPartland, who represents cities and BART stations in District 5, including Pleasanton, Castro Valley and Dublin, was re-elected to another four-year term on the BART Board of Directors last November. Retired from the Oakland Fire Department after 25 years as a chief officer, he recently was appointed to the State Seismic Safety Commission.

He also recently retired as a colonel after 36 years of military service, including seven on active duty as a colonel, where he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and a Bronze Star.

About his seismic duties, McPartland assured his audience that BART is safe in the event of an earthquake.

“In the event of a big one,” he said, “there are two places I’d like to be: in the Transbay Tube because it was designed to be super-safe, or riding on the Dublin grade because I could walk home.”

With the \$3.5 billion bond issue, BART will start replacing its 40-year-old tracks and upgrading its control system. The new cars that will soon be phased in will have fewer seats but more standing capacity. During peak commute times, the chance of getting a seat “will be slim to none,” he said. The new cars will have three doors instead of the current

two to make access faster.

Although BART to Livermore is a much talked about goal, it’s going to take another nine years — at least to 2026 — before construction will be completed to Isabel Road at I-580 in Livermore. BART hopes to eventually extend tracks to Greenville Road, “but we have no plans to take BART trains to downtown Livermore,” he said. Buses or a trolley-like system might link the Isabel station to downtown Livermore and to the ACE train station.

McPartland acknowledged that ridership is down, but mainly during off-peak travel. With 440,000 passengers per week, peak-hour commuters are still increasing. He attributes the dip in passengers between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to filled parking lots when drivers just continue onto the freeways in their cars. McPartland said he is working to convince other directors to expand parking here for another 500 vehicles.

On finances, McPartland said BART relies on passenger fares for 75% of its needs, far more than other U.S. transit systems. Because of subsidies, the MUNI system in San Francisco collects only 25% in fare box revenue to pay operating costs. Transit rail systems in New York City, Chicago and the District of Columbia operate with just 50% of needed revenue from passenger fares.

So, while BART appears set for now in financing needed upgrades and expansion, McPartland said the agency will likely be back again for funds to replace the improvements now being made in another 40 years. ■

About the Cover

Pleasanton native Stephen Piscotty, a 2009 Amador Valley High graduate, is set to begin his third season as a major-league outfielder with the St. Louis Cardinals. Photo by Taka Yanagimoto/St. Louis Cardinals. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn.

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What do you think the legal driving age should be?



Jeff Garrison *Retired*

I think 16 is a good age to start driving, but I also think it would be good to have a law in place that would limit young drivers to driving with an adult passenger (25 years or older) present until they are 18. There are just too many potential distractions for inexperienced drivers, especially here in the Bay Area where there is so much traffic.



Glen Jones *Financial adviser*

It should be dependent on the individual because high school kids are all different. The criteria should be based on the student's grades and judgment, so a student with good grades and who has never been in trouble should get the opportunity to drive earlier than a student with poor grades and a history of getting into trouble. Criteria like this would also motivate students to do better in school and make better life choices.



Barbara McKay

Beer garden/taphouse owner

It should be at least 18. I've read legitimate scientific research studies that show a growing child's brain is not fully developed until they are at least 21, and that even between 18 and 21, there is an enormous change. I don't think kids should be driving at 16.



Matt Higuera

Front desk attendant

The age should be 18 because it is not until then that teens are legally responsible for themselves. They are likely to act more conscientiously once they face real consequences for their actions.



Austin Hall

Insurance

I don't think teens should be legally able to drive until they are legally able to do other things, like vote and drink alcohol. It doesn't make any sense that a teen should be able to drive a potentially lethal weapon at a much younger age than they can drink, smoke or vote.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Vallecitos closure

Roadwork crews are closing westbound Vallecitos Road in Livermore to all vehicular traffic from Highway 84 while construction of retaining walls and drainage systems are installed, according to Caltrans.

The temporary closure, scheduled to start this Saturday, will be in place for two months, weather permitting, according to Caltrans.

Detours will be in place, but officials advise drivers to expect delays and consider taking alternate routes if necessary. Caltrans also reminded motorists that traffic fines are doubled in construction zones.

Mock trial

For the first time since 2012, Amador Valley High's mock trial team has advanced to the state competition after beating Moreau Catholic in the Alameda County contest last month.

Organized by the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the mock trial program each year is focused around a hypothetical criminal case. This year's case, *People v. Awbrey*, explores the issues of human trafficking and false imprisonment.

Mock trial students serve as attorneys and witnesses, and in doing so learn speaking, critical thinking and interpersonal skills while developing a better understanding of the Constitution and justice system.

As winner of the county mock trial competition, Amador will participate in the state contest in Riverside March 24-26. Students are accepting monetary donations to offset competition fees and travel costs. Residents can donate by check to Amador Valley Mock Trial, AVHS 1155 Santa Rita Road, Pleasanton.

Losing a loved one

Local nonprofit Hope Hospice is offering a class this weekend to local residents facing the loss of a loved one.

Set for 9:45 a.m. to noon Saturday, the session will offer information about what to expect in the final days, transitioning to palliative care, hospice services and making funeral arrangements. The complexities of grief and loss will also be examined, and participants will be provided with coping strategies for themselves and their families, organizers said.

The free class is intended for family caregivers or those expecting to soon become a caregiver. It will take place at the Hope Hospice offices at 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, in Dublin. ■

Owens Drive lane reduction stays in place, for now

Council majority supports studying for a year, as residents call for immediate change

BY JEREMY WALSH

A stretch of Owens Drive across from the BART station appears on track to stay at one lane, at least in the short-term, after the Pleasanton City Council declined to alter the new configuration Tuesday after hearing from residents lamenting the loss of the old three-lane layout.

Though they didn't formally vote on the matter, a majority of council members said they supported leaving the one-lane alignment on eastbound Owens Drive in place for a year and

monitoring the effectiveness of recent traffic-signal adjustments nearby aimed at alleviating driver delays through the area.

"I'm in favor of waiting a year, not do anything for the next year and see if these changes that we've made at the crossing pan out," Councilman Arne Olson said toward the end of the nearly two-hour meeting Tuesday night. "I would not be in favor of making any changes right now."

In dissent, Councilwoman Karla Brown recommended immediate

changes in support of residents demanding more than one lane in front of a new four-story apartment building with ground-floor retail soon to be opened at Owens and Willow Road.

"The citizens have made a great argument for restoring the lanes, and I support that," Brown said. "I don't think you should have to wait another year. When I drove through there, I couldn't believe the narrowing. It's like an hourglass."

Mayor Jerry Thorne also endorsed an accelerated timeline,

saying he would like to see an update report from city staff in six months with options for bringing back two lanes to the area.

Rebuilding Owens Drive to two or three eastbound lanes would cost an estimated \$1 million for construction, a change that might save drivers 10 to 15 seconds of delay, according to city staff.

The debate could return next week when the council meets to discuss its goals for the next two years, and all five members indicated support for considering Owens Drive for the priority list.

"If it's not something that's working, if it is as flawed as some of you feel, so be it. Then we have to backtrack and take a look at it," Vice

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COURTESY OF BAKER'S OFFICE

Pat Frizzell (center), chairwoman of Pleasanton Military Families, received the Woman of the Year award for State Assembly District 16 from local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (to Frizzell's right). Also joining in the recognition at the State Capitol (from left) were Assembly Minority Leader Chad Mayes, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia and Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon.

Woman of the Year

Pleasanton Military Families leader Pat Frizzell receives award in Sacramento

Pat Frizzell, chairwoman of the military support organization Pleasanton Military Families, was honored at the State Capitol on Monday as Assemblywoman Catharine Baker's Woman of the Year for the 16th Assembly District.

A registered nurse for 41 years and an active member of Pleasanton Military Families since her oldest son David deployed to Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps in 2003, Frizzell has served as the group's chair since 2009, a leader in the effort to provide support for local military families.

"I love the volunteer work I do with Pleasanton Military Families, our young veterans and our local veteran service organizations," Frizzell said Tuesday. "I've always felt I get more back from it than I give. To be honored like this is a bonus."

A longtime Pleasanton resident who now lives in Livermore, Frizzell said she was honored to

receive the recognition and take part in the ceremony on the Assembly floor in Sacramento.

"(Monday) was like Queen for a Day. With a corsage, gift bag, brunch, ceremony, lunch, a beautifully framed award, speakers and a great opportunity to meet many amazing women throughout this state, my day and my heart were full," she added.

Baker (R-San Ramon) said Frizzell embodies the values of the Assembly's annual Woman of the Year program, which aims to honor women across California who display outstanding community service.

"Pat is selfless and dedicated in her work to create a support network for military families in our community," Baker added. "This is well-deserved recognition for Pat, and I am honored to celebrate Pat as Assembly District 16's Woman of the Year."

Pleasanton Military Families provides an opportunity for residents with family members in the military to come together and meet with others experiencing a loved one's deployment. Frizzell, who said she found purpose in supporting people experiencing what she went through, has remained a leader in the organization even after her son completed his military service.

Founded by Vietnam veteran Chris Miller in 2003, the organization also focuses on honoring local military members when they return home from conflicts abroad.

"One of our goals was to provide loud and proud homecomings for our troops when they returned, including a motorcycle escort from the airport while we were decorating the yard and the house for their arrival," Frizzell said. "Great fun, hugs and tears."

Group members also send personal supplies and other gifts to military serving abroad, with its next care package pack-out event set for March 18. For more information, visit www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

Changing Amador's schedule

School board to take up proposal Tuesday

BY JULIA REIS

Following an initial discussion at its meeting last week, the Pleasanton school board is set for final consideration of a proposal Tuesday to implement a new bell schedule at Amador Valley High next school year.

If approved by the board, the school would pilot an "access" period for the 2017-18 school year, setting aside 40 minutes twice a week for an advisory time with an assigned teacher — a move designed to target student stress and meet other student needs, according to school staff.

Under the proposal, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays would remain traditional school days with students having all six regular periods, but the bell schedule on Wednesdays and Thursdays would shift to a modified block schedule in which students would have the access period and one half of their classes each day.

The pilot program would take place only at Amador Valley, with no changes proposed to the bell schedule for Foothill High School.

Amador Valley has been exploring the addition of an advisory period since 2012 in response to several identified student needs, in particular the need to reduce stress, staff told the school board during a presentation Feb. 28. They cited 2016 survey data showing 6% of freshmen and 22% of juniors reported missing school due to lack of sleep, and 20% of juniors felt they are behind in classes.

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Next steps in PUSD superintendent search

Recruitment set to begin;
goal is for new hire to start job July 1

By JULIA REIS

At a special meeting Tuesday evening, the Pleasanton school board and members of the recently hired executive search firm discussed how the district will proceed with finding its new superintendent.

The planned next steps are laid out in a calendar prepared by Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, the Palo-Alto based firm selected to run the search for the next superintendent.

The search calendar calls for the new superintendent to be appointed at the June 13 regular board meeting and start on the job July 1 — the first day of the 2017-18 school year.

The specific dates in the timeline are tentative, PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon said Wednesday. The board did not take any official action during Tuesday's meeting, merely reviewing the recommended timeline.

The formal recruitment process is set to begin later this month, with screening interviews slated for the end of April. At closed-session meetings in early May, the board will be presented with the top candidates and conduct first interviews.

The board will conduct second interviews in mid-May. A group of community members yet to be determined will also meet with top candidates.

On May 23, 24 or 25, the board will visit the final candidate's current place of employment.

The search firm will conduct an in-depth background check of the

finalist, which will include review of media coverage and social media presence over the last five years in addition to checking their criminal and credit history, credentials and references, Gannon said.

The previous search firm McPherson and Jacobson — whose recruitment led to the hiring last spring of since-ousted superintendent Rick Rubino — did not review media or social media presence as part of their work, according to their contract.

To get community input, the district is set to post a survey online that will be open to all residents from March 14-31.

The consultants also plan to meet with identified citizens and community groups to get feedback on what qualities they'd like to see in the next superintendent. That feedback, along with survey results, will be folded into a leadership profile report to be presented to the board April 18.

Tuesday's timeline update followed the board's decision last month to award a contract for \$26,000 plus expenses to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to run the search for PUSD's next leader.

The new recruitment comes in the wake of the board terminating Rubino as superintendent for undisclosed reasons in January after just over six months on the job. Micaela Ochoa, who had been deputy superintendent of business services, is serving as interim superintendent through June 30. ■



The St. Patrick's Brew Crawl brings dozens of people donning green to downtown Pleasanton.

PDA

Downtown ready for annual St. Patrick's Brew Crawl

30 businesses taking part in festivities March 18

By JEREMY WALSH

Look for green to fill downtown shops and streets next weekend as the annual St. Patrick's Brew Crawl returns March 18.

In its sixth year, the Brew Crawl will feature 30 downtown restaurants and shops offering a variety of craft beer and appetizers from 5-8 p.m. Green balloons will adorn Main Street and adjoining streets, and attendees are encouraged to join the holiday fun by wearing green, according to event organizers with the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

Participating breweries include Ale Industries, Altamont Beer Works, E.J. Phair Brewing Company, Eight Bridges Brewing, Epidemic Ales, High Water Brewing Company, Lagunitas Brewing Company, Mendocino Brewing Company, Main Street Brewery, Shadow Puppet Brewing Company and Working Man Brewing Company, organizers said.

Tickets cost \$45 and are available at www.PleasantonDowntown.net, Beer Baron (336 St. Mary St.) and Main Street Brewery (830 Main St.). Tickets can be redeemed from 4:30-7 p.m.

at the Brew Crawl starting point, the Museum on Main at 603 Main St.

The event is rain or shine, and no refunds will be offered. The PDA says it's not responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen tickets.

As part of its effort to encourage responsible participation, the PDA is selling a limited number of designated driver tickets for \$10 cash on the night of the Brew Crawl. The event is sponsored by Goodguys Rod & Custom Association, Red, White & Brew Fest at the Alameda County Fair and the Tri-Valley Beer Trail. ■

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Senior Center hosting transit fair

Irish lunch offered with event on St. Patrick's Day

Area transportation officials will be on hand at the Pleasanton Senior Center to provide information about programs and discounts specifically geared toward senior drivers next Friday as part of the city's annual transit fair.

The event, which turns the Senior Center into a transit center for a day, will feature staff from the Pleasanton Police Department, paratransit services, Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) Train,

Alameda County Transportation Commission, California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), California Highway Patrol, BART, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Agency, Community Resources for Independent Living and the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley.

The free information fair is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. next Friday (March 17) in the main lobby of the Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd. A keynote

presentation by the DMV on the Senior Driver Ombudsman Program is set for 11 a.m.

Since the transit fair is occurring on St. Patrick's Day, attendees can take part in a traditional Irish lunch, of corned beef and cabbage, in the center's Sage Cafe. The luncheon costs \$3 and reservations are required.

For more information, call 931-5365 or stop by the Senior Center. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

SCHEDULE

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"Clearly our students are making huge sacrifices in their personal well-being in order to make the grade," Amador Valley counselor Nicole West said.

In the fall, school administrators and teachers formed an advisory team that researched the access period concept by visiting Bay Area schools that adopted alternative bell schedules in response to student mental health concerns. All schools had a support period embedded within the school day where students could do things like review for a test or seek help for stress.

The school also surveyed students, parents and staff about the idea and found the majority of each group supported it.

"Overwhelmingly, this access period is an idea supported by the community and staff," said science teacher Amy Turner-Bull, adding many teachers are looking forward to having more time for things like labs and essay writing with longer class periods on block days.

The schedule would also reduce stress, staff said, because two nights a week students would only have to prepare for three classes the next day.

Under the proposed schedule, class periods on Wednesdays and Thursdays would last about 90 minutes, with the access period scheduled from

10:26 to 11:06 a.m. Students would have first, third and fifth periods on Wednesdays and second, fourth and sixth periods on Thursdays.

Like Wednesdays currently, both block days would have "late start" components in which most students would start class at 8:50 a.m. and end the day at 3:01 p.m.

First period on regular schedule days would start a minute earlier than now — at 8 a.m. — with the school day ending at 3:11 p.m., and most class periods lengthened from 57 to 59 minutes.

The early "A" period would run from 7-7:55 a.m. on regular days and on Thursdays from 7-8:45 a.m., with no session Wednesdays. Students would have brunch and lunch breaks all five days.

If approved by the board next Tuesday, Amador Valley students next year would be assigned to a specific teacher who would become their "adviser" for the period, receiving support based on their individual needs. The schedule change would be implemented on a pilot basis.

At last week's meeting, board vice president Mark Miller advocated that both Amador and Foothill pilot the access period next year, while in response president Joan Laursen said she supported Amador trying it first.

"To mandate it from the board or staff level would not be as successful as having staff observe and come to their conclusions," Laursen said. ■



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Local veteran receives inaugural \$10,000 scholarship

The Pleasanton-based Valley Veterans Foundation awarded its first Women in the Military STEM Scholarship to Livermore veteran Destiny Goddu last week during the "Honoring Women in the Military" event at Las Positas College. Goddu, who received \$10,000 to further her education, served as an aviation electrician in the U.S. Marine Corps and is currently enrolled in the engineering technology program at LPC. She also interns as an engineering technologist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and is involved with veterans groups at LPC and the lab.

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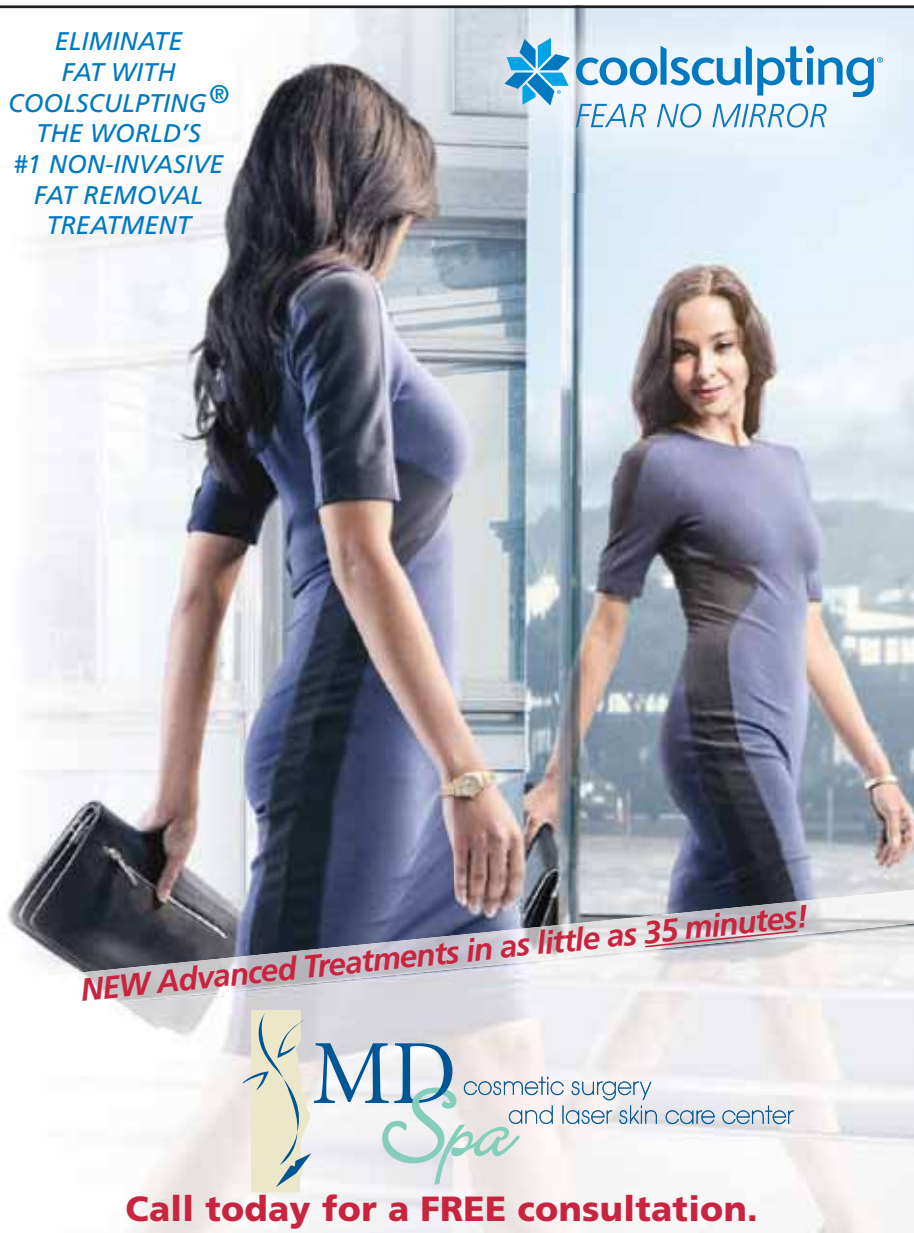


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OWENS DRIVE

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Mayor Jerry Pentin said, endorsing a review after one year.

The council placed the Owens Drive debate on its agenda for Tuesday after hearing from residents in December and January whose complaints ramped up once fencing came down around the apartment project and new curbing and lane closures showed the narrowing was permanent.

About a dozen citizens spoke Tuesday night in opposition of the one-lane configuration, which city staff says is aimed in part at enhancing safety and usability for pedestrians and bicyclists as part of a transit-oriented development.

"My point is very clear: Give us the road back," resident Chong Wang told the council.

Roughly 50 people attended the debate in the council chambers, a majority of whom were Owens-area residents or commuters who opposed the new setup. Brown also referenced an ongoing online petition, which had about 725 signatures in opposition to one lane, as of late Tuesday night.

The lane reduction wasn't a recent choice.

The decision to decrease the lanes was made by the council in 2012, and the debate actually dated back to 2010 and 2011 as part of the city's public consideration of the Hacienda Transit Oriented Development Standards and Design Guidelines, according to city staff.

Narrowing the eastbound side, and associated roadside changes, serve to help encourage pedestrian and bicyclist use in the area because wide roads with longer crosswalks and higher vehicles speeds are often deterrents, according to city traffic engineer Mike Tassano.

Jim Van Dyke, a 30-year Pleasanton resident, was one speaker in favor of the new Owens Drive configuration, citing "life-saving" additions to help cyclists such as bulb-outs and more pronounced bike lanes.

"While we don't want to see anyone slowed down, there's a difference between convenience and one losing life and limb," he added.

Pedestrian and cyclist use is a key component of transit-oriented development, as is a retail-supportive design, assistant city manager Brian Dolan said.

The new apartment complex on Owens Drive features diagonal on-street parking in front to serve the building's retail sites, and those parking spots were about half on developer property and half on city property, Dolan said — something that drew the ire of several speakers.

But most of the residents' concerns Tuesday night focused on traffic flow — or lack thereof — on Owens Drive eastbound through the segment.

Owens westbound, across the median, remains at three lanes. Long-range plans call for Owens to be a two-lane roadway, one lane in each direction, between Willow Road and

the Kaiser Permanente driveway, if development were to occur on the Dublin/Pleasanton BART parking lot.

City officials anticipated some eastbound traffic delays, on the range of 20 extra seconds, because of reducing the three lanes down to one, but an unexpected factor was the impact of the signalized Iron Horse Regional Trail crossing at Owens Drive near that area, Tassano said.

The pedestrian button at the trail would stop traffic for 30 seconds each time and cause traffic to back up to Willow Road, he said.

In response, city officials in January changed the 30-second crossing to a two-stage crossing of 10 seconds for the eastbound lane and 20 seconds for the westbound lanes, having trail-users wait at the median in between if they can't make it across.

Tassano said he thinks the Iron Horse Trail signal modification has already helped minimize long car lines and backups into the Owens-Willow intersection especially problematic during peak evening commute time.

In the end, the city staff presentation did little to quell the concerns of most citizen critics who spoke Tuesday night and argued the traffic backups continue to haunt the area.

"This whole area is a design failure because it's the worst intersection in town and most poorly placed," Tom Corbett said. "The whole area is a mess and to take three lanes down to one lane, that's stupidity."

"A well-vetted bad idea is still a bad idea. What concerns me is the lane reduction still seems to be seen as a good thing even though this was a bad idea. It's not working," resident Julie Testa said.

"I was shocked to hear the way that (city staff) spoke that our wide roads out in Hacienda were a wasted space," she added. "Those are our roads. I don't feel they're wasted when I can drive them comfortably without traffic."

Testa, and several other speakers, also shared a concern with Brown about whether the one-lane configuration could handle traffic increases from the new Owens Drive apartments and other potential residential developments in the area.

"I think it was good intentions at the time," Brown said of the lane reduction. "I will absolutely credit the people who worked on this with the idea of making it pedestrian-friendly. I think it just went too far and it's not a success."

The mayor said he was ready to support waiting for a report in one year — sentiment expressed by council members Olson, Pentin and Kathy Narum — but was swayed by citizen feedback Tuesday night, especially from those concerned about how the one-lane layout would impact emergency responders.

"We can't restore all three lanes, that's not possible because the land is gone ... but I would like to see some options to make that at least two lanes," Thorne added. "You folks have kind of convinced me that we made some mistakes." ■

TAKE US ALONG



Five Lands: AJ, Kimba and Joel Warford took along the Pleasanton Weekly when they toured Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera while traveling across Europe. 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.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 4

Alcohol violation

■ 5:42 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Vandalism

■ 11:34 a.m. on the 200 block of Tomas Way
 ■ 3:15 p.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

Theft

■ 12:59 p.m. on the 300 block of Lone Oak Court
 ■ 5:15 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Drug violation

■ 4:50 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

March 3

DUI

■ 11:31 p.m. on the 400 block of Vineyard Avenue

Thefts

■ 3 p.m., 4600 block of Sutter Gate Avenue; theft from auto
 ■ 5:33 p.m. on the 2500 block of Via Espada
 ■ 9:20 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
 ■ 10:27 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Pleasant Hill Road; theft from auto

Alcohol violation

■ 3:15 a.m. on the 500 block of Hamilton Way

March 2

Warrant arrest

■ 5:14 a.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard
 ■ 7:13 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Fraud

■ 7:02 p.m. on the 4000 block of Stanley Boulevard

March 1

Embezzlement

■ 10:01 p.m. on the 8000 block of Arroyo Drive

Thefts

■ 12:58 p.m., 1200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
 ■ 3:17 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Residential burglary

■ 4:58 p.m. on the 3900 block of Empire Court
 ■ 8:45 p.m. on the 4300 block of Denker Drive

Domestic battery

■ 5:02 p.m. on Koll Center Parkway

Warrant arrest

■ 11:07 a.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

DUI

■ 1:50 a.m. at Hearst Drive and Bernal Avenue

March 1

Warrant arrest

■ 4:39 p.m. on the 6000 block of Laurel Creek Drive
 ■ 6:06 p.m. on the 5500 block of Springdale Avenue

Sex offenses

■ 6:31 p.m. on Clubhouse Drive

Graffiti

■ 1:12 p.m. on the 900 block of Main Street

Theft from auto

■ 7:36 a.m. at Florian Court and Orsini Court

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By KATHLEEN RUEGSEGGER

School board rushes to join the crowd with safe haven resolution

Our school board recently passed a resolution declaring the Pleasanton Unified School District a safe haven district.

Insisting the resolution protects students, it necessitated inclusion of its limitations under federal and state laws



and required compliance with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy. PUSD suggests the solution to accessing records or students is "prior written approval from the Superintendent," excepting "exigent circumstances" permitting ICE access to campuses.

Although the resolution included political commentary about the presidential election causing "fear, hopelessness, sadness, and concerns for student safety," there was no direction to staff for policy change or for new curative actions.

The resolution then conflates the passage of November 2016 school-related propositions as support for declaring a safe-haven district. Remarkably, these statements were accompanied by a recital declaring the district is "nonpartisan on politics."

The document ostensibly speaks to our comm*unity*, but then lists

spoken languages and ethnicities in numbers — fine for state reporting, but in this context the numbers only draw lines between us.

After all, this isn't about groups of 4,952 or 8,263 or 1,044 or 1,466. We are talking about 14,703 children, and notably not mentioning any child who isn't part of the district attending preschools and private schools.

In justifying this action, staff named Palo Alto as one of many districts passing resolutions like Pleasanton's. However, Palo Alto's resolution was different; it spoke to all children in the U.S. being entitled to a public education, authorized current policies be amended to reflect the resolution, directed staff actions, and avoided creating additional fear and hopelessness.

To further justify adoption of the resolution, staff cited letters from the county superintendent — remarking 12 of 18 districts in Alameda County had passed similar resolutions — and read other correspondence from the state superintendent and a variety of organizations.

Absent setting policy, making recommendations for real action or possibly reviewing alternative statements, our board instead chose to bow to peer pressure.

PUSD has staff, board members, attorneys and parents capable of

writing something more original and reflective of our community values and could have provided genuine reassurances to students and their families, like crisis response teams. In a rush to join the crowd, however, this resolution managed to both fall short of and step beyond expected board governance. ■

Editor's note: Kathleen Ruegsegger has nearly 20 years experience in education as a Pleasanton school board member (1990-93) and as an employee in the Pleasanton and Palo Alto school districts. Ruegsegger also served on a variety of committees while her three children, and a current grandchild, attended Pleasanton schools.

LETTERS

Eastside planning should not be a priority

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton is facing more explosive housing growth. Developers of East Pleasanton are lobbying our City Council and aggressively gathering support for the largest housing development ever built in Pleasanton. At a workshop this Tuesday, City Council will consider prioritizing taxpayer resources for planning this massive development.

With 2,000 housing units being built in Pleasanton, now it is not the time to authorize taxpayer dollars to support building the largest housing development in Pleasanton's history. No additional development is required until beyond 2022.

Before considering 889 more housing units, we need to adjust to the impacts of our current housing boom on our community. Traffic congestion is increasing, 889 new homes could generate 8,890 car trips per day on our streets. Every Pleasanton school is overcrowded, exceeding Pleasanton planning guidelines for enrollment; there is no plan for relief at the middle and high school levels.

The developer is appealing to self-serving wants of special interest groups in exchange for support for this project. They are offering enticements so supporters will not consider negative impacts on the overall health of Pleasanton.

Do not be manipulated; think of the comprehensive best interests of our community, traffic, overcrowded schools, impact on water and air quality from this huge development.

Tell Pleasanton's City Council that you do not support using taxpayer dollars to prioritize a housing plan in East Pleasanton. Email your representatives, tell them to say "No" to putting East Pleasanton on the council priority list: citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

—Julie Testa

Thank you for your Holiday Fund support

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Axis Community Health's patients, board and staff,

I would like to thank you for the wonderful \$7,215 contribution we received from the 2016 Holiday Fund campaign. The Pleasanton Weekly's support truly makes a difference in our ability to provide care for Tri-Valley families.

This donation allows us to provide additional medical visits for the growing number of low-income and uninsured families who are coming to us for care. Thanks to your efforts that put the spotlight on this tremendous need for care, the community has responded generously.

We are truly grateful for your philanthropic work and deeply appreciate Axis's inclusion as a recipient for the Holiday Fund.

—Sue Compton, CEO

Honored to benefit from 2016 Holiday Fund

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for your generous grant of \$7,215 to ValleyCare Charitable Foundation through the Pleasanton Weekly 2016 Holiday Fund. Your gift will be used where the need is greatest within Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

The funds raised by the foundation support a wide variety of initiatives that enhance patient care and help meet the growing healthcare needs of the Tri-Valley communities.

Our focus is local, with monies supporting state-of-the-art healthcare technology, facilities, clinical programs and services at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare. By donating, community members show their support for the health and welfare of the Tri-Valley in a tangible way.

Thank you very much for all you have done and continue to do for our community and the nonprofits here. Your dedication is an inspiration to us all. We are honored to be one of the recipients this year. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your investment in the health of the Tri-Valley.

—Shaké Sulikyan
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WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council Workshop
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Review and discuss the 2017/18 City Council Work Plan

Economic Vitality Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:30 a.m.
Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

- Commercial Brokers Panel Discussion

Housing Commission
Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider Federal HOME Funds and City Lower Income Housing Funds related to the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHS) Program for Fiscal Year 2017/18

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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Remembering Amador grad Tom Northam

‘Tom was one of those guys who people gravitated toward’

It's been a tough last couple weeks for the longtime Pleasanton crowd as we lost one of our own when Tom Northam, a 1981 graduate of Amador Valley, died as result of injuries suffered in a traffic collision in Roseville.

Whenever something like this happens, it always puts my faith to a test. How is it that there are pieces of garbage who live long lives when some really good people are gone well before their time.

The crash happened on Feb. 18 when Tom was driving to Little League practice, and he passed away on March 1.

The accident has really impacted people who grew up in the 1970s and '80s in Pleasanton. Back in those days, everyone in the town was like family and those feelings have stayed with everyone.

The question now coming from everyone — why? If you can figure that out, please let me know because I have yet to completely process losing one of my best friends from high school back in 1980.

Eric Nostrand was one of Tom's oldest and closest friends. I have been lucky enough to have a friendship with Eric, and he was texting me regularly from the hospital with updates.

One of the early texts from Eric said, “This is the toughest thing I have ever had to confront.”

I know exactly what he was feeling, but have no answer, no sage advice, nothing. I think my answer was simply — “I know, it sucks.”

The outpouring of prayers and love for Tom and his family has been amazing and has continued. Eric organized a GoFundMe page to help Tom's wife Stephanie and his kids with expenses.

Eric set a goal of \$10,000, and that has been blown out the water, as more than 300 people have given more than \$42,000 so far.

But see, that's what made

Pleasanton a great town to grow up in — the sense of family everyone has for each other. That's why when a tragedy happens to one of our own, everyone comes together. In the days following the accident, there were numerous communication lines open and everyone was kept abreast of the situation.

It's a tribute to what people truly felt about Tom Northam.

An all-league basketball and baseball player at Amador, Tom was one of those guys who people gravitated toward. I graduated from high school two years before Tom, but I had the pleasure of playing on the same basketball team with him at the old Schoeber's Athletic Club after we both graduated from Chico State.

Tom had spent over 20 years in the air traffic control industry, ending up in the Sacramento area and settling in Granite Bay. He had four kids — two boys and two girls — with the oldest out of college and the youngest a sophomore in high school.

For those interested in contributing

to the GoFundMe page, go to www.gofundme.com/tomnortham.

Lacrosse

In local spring sports, the Amador Valley girls team opened the season with a 13-8 win over Acalanes, paced by the play of returning seniors Sadie Grozier, Emily Hickey and Bella Freschi. Freshman Bella Mayo also played well for the Dons.

In their second game last week, the Dons held on for a thrilling 6-5 win over Carondelet. The game came down to the final seconds. With Carondelet pressing, freshman goalie Claire Lemelin

deflected a shot off her shin with four seconds left to save the win.

Hickey, Freschi, Marley Diligent and Alexis Bayani turned in very strong defensive games for Amador.

Baseball

Foothill varsity has come out of the gate swinging, going 2-0-1 in its first three games, outscoring their opponents 24-8.

Seniors Griffin Chin, Logan Caton, Anthony Steller Harter and Adam Jue have set the pace thus far. Brett Hansen, Jake Simons and James Kroll have also had great starts for the Falcons. ■



Tom Northam

Pleasanton Middle cheer named grand champions at nationals

Team ‘gave it everything they had, and then some,’ coach says

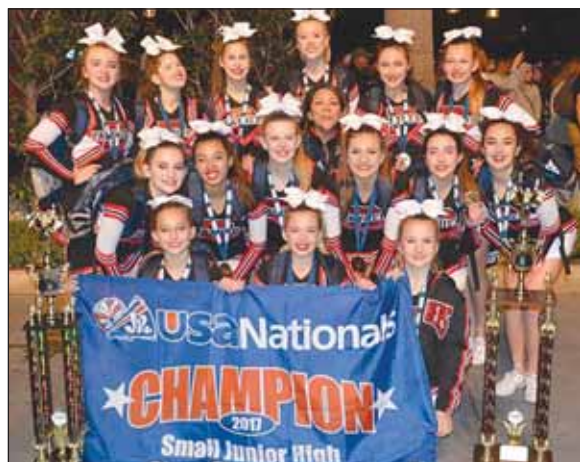
The Pleasanton Middle School cheer squad recently swept top honors at the United Spirit Association Jr. Nationals, not only winning its division but also being crowned grand champions as the tournament's best team.

The group of 16 seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders earned the highest score of all 30 teams from California and Nevada, including Hart and Harvest Park middle schools, across seven divisions competing in Anaheim two weekends ago.

Pleasanton Middle also took first place in its division: small junior high school show cheer novice.

“Eight months of practice and two successful regionals and a win at the California Open in Davis led up to this day,” coach Genevieve Charbonneau said.

“The girls headed into nationals with two of their teammates injured, but with a lot of determination and



practice, they never gave up and knew that they only had one shot and 2-1/2 minutes on the floor. They brought it and gave it everything they had, and then some,” Charbonneau added.

The grand champion team consisted of Jenna Benner, Lauren Brown, Isabella Bryan, Sarah

Cabral, Emily Cassetti, Madison Charbonneau, Mia De La Cruz, Emily Hanna, Alex Lovelock, Shay McIntyre, Caitlyn McNamara, Cecelia Pierce, Jaiden Reilly, Sam Richert, Grace Rondoni and Lauren Sowers. ■

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Pleasanton native Stephen Piscotty batted .273 with 22 home runs and 85 RBI last season with the St. Louis Cardinals, his first full year as the starting right-fielder. He is in spring training now preparing for the upcoming 2017 season.



COURTESY OF PISCOTTY FAMILY

Piscotty dreamed of playing professional baseball when he was a kid and used a strong youth career to propel him to success on the diamond at Amador Valley.

Living his dream

Pleasanton's Stephen Piscotty stays grounded while rising high in the majors

BY DENNIS MILLER

In so many ways, Stephen Piscotty is not your typical Major League Baseball player.

Piscotty, the right-fielder for the St. Louis Cardinals and a 2009 Amador Valley High graduate, is probably among the most down-to-earth, grounded professional athletes you'll find.

How grounded? This past offseason, Piscotty stayed at his parents' house in Pleasanton. The family has always been a tight-knit one, with parents Michael and Gretchen and older brother Nicholas and younger brother Austin, who plays baseball for St. Mary's College.

"I like being with and doing things with my family," Piscotty said during an interview ahead of spring training. "I was trying to find my own place. I really would like to stay in Pleasanton; I just want to find the right place."

Going from the day-to-day living of a professional baseball player back into your room at mom and dad's house certainly would keep one grounded.

"Yeah, especially when you are doing chores," the 26-year-old said with a laugh.

Lou Cesario, Piscotty's coach at Amador Valley, said they have kept in frequent touch since Piscotty left the Dons and he has seen up close how his former player has stayed the same type of person.

"He's just a tremendous person," Cesario said. "When he was home in the offseason, he would text me and ask what we're doing that day. If I told him we were in the weight room, he would come down and talk with kids. He has been great with my guys."

Piscotty's story started like so many others — dreaming about playing professional baseball as a youngster.

"It started early for me, playing whiffle ball with my dad and grandpa," Piscotty recalled. "Then I would go with my dad and brothers to A's games. I remember thinking it would be so cool to play out there."

After a strong youth career, Piscotty didn't take long to make an

impact at Amador. As a freshman, he started at third base and hit in the middle of the lineup.

"He was never over-matched," said Cesario, who orchestrated a ceremony last year to retire Piscotty's number at Amador.

It was also during those high school years that Cesario got to see up close the main thing that has gotten Piscotty to be an everyday MLB ballplayer.

"He had an incredible work ethic. He never stopped working," the Dons coach said. "All the way through high school, he hit every day at lunch. He would always ask different people to pitch to him, and if he didn't find someone, he would hit off the tee. I tell our players that now. You have to work."

He started at shortstop his sophomore year for the Dons, a spot he would man for the next three years. His junior and senior year, he also pitched. He was a first-team, East Bay Athletic League pick all three years and was the Most

Valuable Player in the EBAL his senior season.

It was the beginning of his junior year that Piscotty first started thinking about the legitimacy of playing beyond Pleasanton.

"In high school, the first indicator was when I started getting letters from colleges," he said. "But you never know. I mean there are good players all over the place."

It was clear Piscotty was a special player.

"His junior year was crazy," Cesario said. "There were scouts calling every day wanting me to take him out of class. I was getting calls at home the summer before from college coaches."

Piscotty let it be known that going to college was high on his priority list, and with that in mind, he and Cesario made a list of colleges.

"They were all high-end academic schools, and Stanford was at the top of his list," the coach remembered. "He is very intelligent and very level-headed."



Piscotty, shown here during his high school days, still remains close with Amador Valley's baseball program.



CASEY VALENTINE/STANFORD PHOTO.COM

Making strong, off-balance throws in the infield was commonplace for Piscotty in college while playing for the Stanford Cardinal (shown), but he switched to the outfield in the St. Louis Cardinals' minor-league system.

Thus, when Stanford University offered and Piscotty was accepted into the school, it was a done deal, something that is not always the case with high school seniors.

"I had always wanted to go to Stanford," Piscotty said. "The pro teams started offering me money to forgo Stanford, but the answer was always no."

The Los Angeles Dodgers still drafted him — in the 45th round of the MLB Draft — but the answer was still no, and off went Piscotty to Stanford, where he starred on the Cardinal baseball team and earned a degree in atmosphere and energy engineering. Even though

a chance to play in the pro ranks would be there when he was done with college, for Piscotty, it was about the education.

"To be able to get the degree was key for me," said Piscotty, who finished his degree after turning professional. "When I went to pro ball, I felt like I had a solid back-up plan. I felt like I could relax and just play ball."

The St. Louis Cardinals took Piscotty in the first round — 36th overall — in 2012, and he signed with the Redbirds. He spent three seasons in the minors, moving from infield to the outfield in the process.

There was certainly a period of adjustment when he first got to the minors.

"Adapting to the lifestyle off the field and having to play every day instead of just on the weekends took some time," he said. "It was a grind and was tough to adjust."

But Piscotty continued to improve and climb the ranks in the Cards' system. The call came July 15, 2015 — the Cardinals promoted him to the big leagues.

"That was pure joy and elation," Piscotty said. "I was thinking about how the dream had finally come true. Making that call to my parents was a special time."

Piscotty came out swinging and ended the regular season with a .305 batting average, finishing sixth in the Rookie of the Year balloting and being named the Cardinals' Franchise Player of the Year.

"The first thing that hit me was the size of the stadiums," Piscotty recalled. "I remember that vividly, but I just wanted to stay focused and help the team win games."

He did just that, as the Cardinals advanced to the playoffs, where they faced the Chicago Cubs in

the divisional round, losing in four games. In his first postseason game, Piscotty hit a home run and ripped a double. It is something he said he will always remember.

"When I watch a replay of the double and home run and see the curtain call," Piscotty said, pausing, "I'm getting the chills talking about it right now."

He earned the starting spot in right field during spring training last year and finished the 2016 season hitting .273 with 22 home runs and 85 RBI.

Now, with the 2017 regular season on the horizon, Piscotty said there are still times he finds it hard to believe he is playing professional baseball.

"I think it has sunk in a little bit, but sometimes I still go out before a game and just stare at the field, soaking it in," he said.

Piscotty still finds it a grind playing every day, but he's adjusting.

"In the majors, the travel is much nicer," Piscotty said. "But the intensity is much higher and we go into some pretty hostile environments. AT&T (the San Francisco Giants' home) is pretty rowdy. I have heard some stuff that is, well, pretty creative."

It's been a season and a half in the big leagues for Piscotty, and he said he remains razor-focused.

"I just try to have a short-term mindset," Piscotty added. "I think I have set myself up for a good career if I keep working hard."

For those who know him best, that is not an issue.

"He still hits in the Amador batting cage every night after everyone is done," Cesario said of Piscotty during the offseason. "He knows what he wants to do, and he knows what he needs to do to get there." ■



COURTESY OF PISCOTTY FAMILY

baseball coach Lou Cesario (right) and the

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Hope, faith and resilience



Memoir details journey from
Hungarian orphanage
to good life in the Tri-Valley

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

In the 1950s, young Ildiko would sit on a bench in the yard at her Budapest orphanage, staring at the sky and daydreaming about the world outside.

Where would she go in life? Would she find the love that her mother refused her?

She now says that in her greatest imaginings she did not foresee the destiny that would bring her to America; her lifelong love affair with the California man she would marry, Jud Scott; and her home in Blackhawk with regular vacations to Kauai, her “happy place.”

Ildiko Scott has chronicled her life in postwar Hungary in her book, “Love’s Orphan: My Journey of Hope and Faith,” which she talked about on TV30’s “Conversations” program in the fall.

“While I was writing, I realized that your faith, your God — just when you think you have nobody — something gets you through those hard times,” she said in a recent interview. “And I wonder: What would it be like if my mother had loved me?”

Ildiko was born in 1947 to a family decimated by the Holocaust. Her father, a nationally renowned cellist, lost his arm as he escaped from Auschwitz toward the end of the war. He briefly married a much younger woman, who was more interested in good times than in being a mother after Ildiko was born.

As her mother neglected her more and more, her father placed Ildiko in a Jewish orphanage. But in 1956, during the Hungarian Revolution, when she was 9, he attempted to flee the country with her — they were captured three miles from the Austrian border.

He later escaped on his own, and several years later, at age 16, Ildiko finally received permission to leave Hungary to join him in Carpinteria in Southern California where he taught high school music. She entered the local high school wearing her drab Hungarian school uniform and was stunned by what she saw.

“When I think back on it, I have to chuckle,” Scott said.



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Ildiko Scott signs copies of her book, “Love’s Orphan: My Journey of Hope and Faith,” at Nordstrom in Walnut Creek, where she worked in fashion for many years.

“It was 1963, the middle of Beatlemania, and I would go to school after two days living here. They all wore makeup and miniskirts — I didn’t even know what makeup was.”

The book details her first visit to a supermarket, where she stared in awe at the abundance and people helping themselves to whatever they wanted. And she liked having her own bedroom and bath.

But the adjustment was not easy, as she felt torn between her new life in the suburbs and the city she had left behind. Finally her English teacher, Harry McKown, advised her, “Ildiko, the day you start liking America, she will like you back.” He and his wife befriended her and for the next two years, she spent Monday evenings at their home, improving her English and learning about her new country.

She went on to study at UC Santa Barbara, where she became acquainted with Jud Scott. For many years she discouraged his attention — the attraction was there, but after her mother’s refusal to give her affection or attention, Ildiko was afraid to love.

“After having written this book, I almost feel like all the past pain is closed,” she said. “I hadn’t dealt with some things that were inside of me that hurt so deeply. That feeling of rejection stays with you when you grow up.”

She also has struggled to reconcile her Jewish and Catholic heritage, along with being taught in schools that there is no God and the Communist Party would provide. She has raised her children without the bigotries of the last generation, she noted.

“My dad was very bitter about the Holocaust and was not happy that my husband wasn’t Jewish,” she said. “But I said to my father, ‘Isn’t this wonderful the way God plans things? You married a Catholic woman, and my children have absolutely no prejudices.’ People are people — it’s our job to love them.”

She also laughs that she — the girl who showed up at high school hopelessly dowdy — ended up with a career in fashion for many decades as a personal shopper and stylist with Nordstrom.

“Love’s Orphan” was printed last year by Alive Publishing in Alamo, and Scott has begun making notes for a book she plans to write with her daughter, Erin, who lives in San Francisco with her husband Eric.

“It is the chronicle of a happy marriage, and right now the concept is going to be two points of view, mother and daughter,” Scott said.

Ildiko and Jud divide their time between Danville and Austin, Texas, where they have a second home so they can be close to their son Nathan, his wife Caitlin and their grandson Caden, 18 months. Nathan is a member of the Blue Angels, and they travel to his shows whenever possible.

Scott is an active member of the Blue Star Moms, wanting not only to support her son but also to say thank you for the gift of her life here and “the blessings this nation continues to be for millions of immigrants who come here in search of a better life.”

In the prologue to the book, she recalls traveling back to Budapest with her own family when her children were young.

“The first thing I wanted to do was return to the orphanage to have a picture taken at the back of the courtyard where I used to sit by the iron fence and dream of freedom,” she wrote.

“Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined the turns life would take, and that it would bring me so far from these humble, and often very sad, beginnings.” ■

Youth orchestra holding auditions

Ages 10-20, especially wind instrumentalists, encouraged to apply

A young musicians orchestra that made its Pleasanton debut at a fundraiser for arts in the schools is holding tryouts next weekend, March 18-19.

Orchestra Gradus ad Parnasum, which received a warm reception by the community at the

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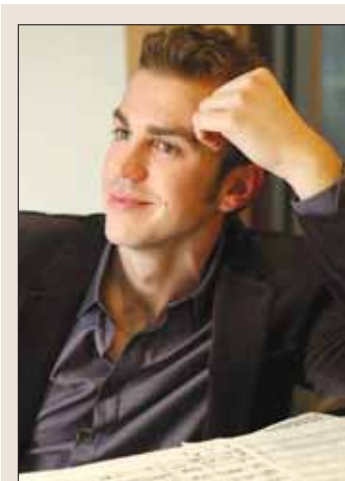
"The orchestra is known for its

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The youth orchestra, which is in its second season, is led by Yerzhanov and music director Imant Area and is fiscally sponsored by the nonprofit SocialGood Fund.

Auditions will take place at the San Ramon Music and Fine Art School, 12901 Alcosta Blvd., Suite 2C, in San Ramon. Visit www.gradusap.org. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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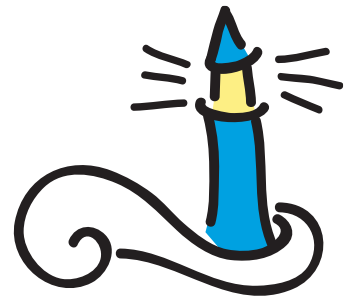


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PET OF THE WEEK



ALLIE'S PALS CAT RESCUE

Playful Albany

Albany is a glorious bundle of tuxedo fluffiness. She's an active and playful girl, and is always ready to be the recipient of loads of attention. Albany is spayed, microchipped, negative for FeLV and FIV, fully vaccinated (including rabies vaccine), treated to prevent fleas and litter box trained. She could adjust to a single- or multi-cat household. Albany is available for adoption through Allie's Pals Cat Rescue; contact Terri at terrilduncan@yahoo.com or 487-7279.

Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Pre-registration required, space limited. One-time \$15 donation is requested. Call Eleanor Flatley at 846-8708.

AMADOR VALLEY QUILTERS Sharon Malachowski will present "A Brief 3,000 Year History of Quilting," at the Amador Valley Quilters meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 11 at Pleasanton Middle School, 5001 Case Ave. Quilting has a long history evolving from Ancient Egypt through the Middle Ages to present times. Sharon will show slides of some historic "firsts" and rare examples of patchwork and quilting from Museum collections around the globe. New members are welcome to attend.

ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY LUNCHEON The local chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) will host a Leadership Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14. The next Leadership Luncheon is scheduled on Tuesday, March 14 at the Camp Parks Rally Point, 521 Mitchell Drive, Dublin. The featured speaker will be Dr. Larry Bienati, Ph.D., Vice President of Organizational Development at the Cooper Companies. Dr. Bienati will discuss the challenges and key aspects of career transitioning. Cost is \$8 for AUSA members, \$12 for non-members. Individuals without military identification can obtain a temporary pass at the Visitor's Center just inside the main gate. For more information or to RSVP, contact Doug Miller at 998-9905 or dougmiller94566@gmail.com.

Talks & Lectures

PUBLIC ART WALK

Come to a free public art walk led by art patrons and longtime Pleasanton residents Gary and Nancy Harrington at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 11 starting from the City Hall parking lot at 200 Old Bernal Ave. Walkers will receive a brochure with locations of the art, its name and the artist. In partnership with World Walk to Wellness. Call 846-9757.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Jackie Krebs Reimers, a staffer at both the Family History Center of the Santa Cruz Stake of the Church of Latter-day Saints and the GSSCC at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Learn about finding stories about your ancestors, pictorializing your pedigree charts and family pictures, scrapbooking historic events in your life, suggested software, and tips and tricks that will make it all easier. Contact Kay Speaks, Program Chair, at program@L-AGS.org.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES: 'BUILDING RESILIENCE FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS'

The City of Pleasanton will hold another part of the free Community Education Series from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15 at the Pleasanton Library. Parenting expert Rachel Sklar will present "Building Resilience for Lifelong Success," discussing the key ingredients to raising resilient children and preparing children for life. Free, registration recommended. Go to pleasantonfun.com and enter course code #64335.

Religion & Spirituality

THE BODY SPEAKS: CONNECTING HEALTH AND SPIRIT

Unity of Tri-Valley welcomes guest speaker and musician Charley Thweatt and his wife Heidi to its Sunday service at 10 a.m., as well as a workshop from noon-1:30 p.m., on Sunday, March 12 at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Charley is a talented

spiritual singer/songwriter, as well as speaker and workshop leader. Heidi has over 32 years experience in the field of health and the mind-body connection. Suggested love offering for workshop \$20. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org/.

Community Groups

STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY

The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Each person's grief journey has its own path and its own timeline. Explore the stepping stones on each grief journey with this eight-week series of workshops at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday, March 16-May 11, except April 13, at St. Elizabeth

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Brentwood

4 BEDROOMS

598 Toscana Court \$650,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Patti Smylie 487-2080

Castro Valley

4 BEDROOMS

20003 Jensen Ranch Road \$1,400,000
Sun 12-3 Kassandra Burnett (510) 499-2409

Dublin

2 BEDROOMS

4859 Perguia St. \$698,000
Sun 1-4 Colleen McKean 847-8880

3 BEDROOMS

3746 Aviano Way \$865,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS

3289 Cydonia Court \$1,085,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5 BEDROOMS

5713 Moorjani St. \$1,298,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Melissa Pederson 359-9609

Fremont

3 BEDROOMS

40871 Marty Terrace \$1,135,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Claire Meager (510) 715-7682

4 BEDROOMS

3758 Cardinal Terrace \$949,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Judy Cheng (408) 849-8464

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS

785 Berryessa St. \$699,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Diane Sass 699-9508

4 BEDROOMS

1566 Wetmore Drive \$2,495,000
Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

Pleasanton

3 BEDROOMS

6379 Dana Court Call for price
Fri 10-1/Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4 BEDROOMS

7759 Country Lane \$1,729,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Barbara Benotto 337-3770

615 Romeo Court \$2,000,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

8525 Lupine Court \$2,439,888
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

5 BEDROOMS

906 Gray Fox Circle Call for price
Fri 10-1/Sun 1-4 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

8335 Regency Drive \$1,949,000
Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

6 BEDROOMS

3186 Gulfstream St. \$1,225,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS

7416 Sedgefield Ave. \$998,950
Sat/Sun 1-4 Lisa Sterling-Sanchez & Ingrid Wetmore 980-9265/918-0986

5 BEDROOMS

1057 Hoskins Way \$1,189,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

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FUN STUFF FOR KIDS OVER THE SUMMER

Camp Connection

Summer 2017

Critter Camp at Valley Humane Society

3670 Nevada Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566
(925) 426-8656
www.valleyhumane.org

Whether you're curious about cats or dedicated to dogs, Valley Humane Society has the camp for you! Week-long day camps start June 5: Paw Partners (ages 7-9), Animal Allies (ages 10-12), Humane Heroes (ages 13-15), and Critter Camp Leadership (ages 15-17). Our fun, fur-filled humane education programs offer an exciting variety of animal activities, games, crafts, special guests, and hands-on learning opportunities.

East Bay SPCA Summer Animal Camp

4651 Gleason Drive, Dublin, CA 94568
(925) 230-1301
Register: www.eastbayspca.org/summercamp

East Bay SPCA Summer Animal Camp (for kids entering grades 1-8 and teenagers entering grades 9-12) is a fun-filled learning adventure complete with daily animal interactions! Kids learn about kindness and compassion, as well as basic animal care. Your child will be sure to make new friends, play with animals, and have a great time! We offer full day camps from June through August at our Dublin Adoption Center. Visit website for details.

enGAGE! Summer Enrichment Camp

at Harvest Park Middle School
(925) 577-6981
www.engagethegifted.org | info@engagethegifted.org

enGAGE! Summer Enrichment Camp inspires kids to stretch themselves beyond grade-level standards and use higher order thinking skills to become creative problem solvers. enGAGE! students will thrive with time and encouragement from our talented faculty, deeply investigate topics, learn to ask questions that will lead to a lifetime of discovery and have FUN with other students who share their interests! Two-week or four-week options for incoming 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th graders. Courses include Creative Reading & Writing, Argumentative Writing and Debate - Take a Stand!, Creative Problem Solving, Brain Fitness Through Art, LEGO Robotics, Music Production, American Sign Language (ASL) and Computer Animation & Coding classes. New courses for 2017 include Writing for Research & Presentation and Project Citizen/Model United Nations. Course content has been updated for all classes. Session 1 is June 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 & 22. Session 2 is June 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and July 5, 6 & 7. Tri-Valley Summer Music Camp is July 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28. To enroll online beginning March 1, 2017 visit www.engagethegifted.org. For further information, contact Lynn Gatehouse at info@engagethegifted.org

Fashion Design & Sewing Camp

@KIDZKRAFTZ!
7690 Quail Creek Cir., Dublin, CA 94568
(925) 271-0015
www.KidzKraftz.com

Focus on sewing stylish, wearable clothing, accessories, craft and jewelry projects, while introducing children to fashion design concepts, sewing techniques, basic pattern manipulation and fashion illustration. Sewing machines and notions provided. FREE fabric for first day of the camp. Pizza Party on last day of the camp. Early Bird Registration Special, as well as many Discount options available.

Roughing It

(925) 283-3795
www.roughingit.com/visit

Roughing It is a Traditional All Outdoors Summer Day Camp for children aged Pre-K - 16 at the Lafayette Reservoir. Since 1972, Roughing It Day Camp has been creating summer memories and we are celebrating our 45th year this summer. Campers at our 4 & 8- Week Day Camp are grouped by grade and gender in small groups with an experienced adult counselor leading the group. They enjoy outdoor activities including horseback riding, swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and other adventures! Our longer sessions allow campers to practice their skills, build lasting friendships and improve self confidence. We offer free transportation serving San Francisco, Lamorinda, Oakland, Berkeley, Walnut Creek, and the 680 corridor from Martinez to Pleasanton. Free extended care is available too!

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Hacienda: (925) 485-5750
www.headsup.org | writenow@headsup.org

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OPEN SATURDAY & SUNDAY 1-4pm



7759 COUNTRY LANE, PLEASANTON

\$1,729,000

Fabulous 4 Bed+Office, 3 bath 3,496 sq ft Pleasanton Single Story Home updated to today's tastes and sits on almost an acre. The home boasts custom cabinets and a slab granite counter top. Family room with floor to ceiling travertine fireplace and exposed wood beams. Renovated Master Suite and Bath. The backyard has an outdoor kitchen, deck, play structure, batting cage, and a chicken coop. Country charm, city convenience.



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Spectacular home in prestigious Kottinger Ranch



1326 BENEDICT CT., PLEASANTON

This gorgeous home is 3400+ sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms, 4-1/2 baths and a large bonus room. Light and bright kitchen is perfect for a chef of the family with cherry cabinets, slab granite counters and Sub-zero®, Miele® & Wolf® appliances. Wine bar and wine refig. are nearby. Outdoor pavilion is perfect for entertaining with chandeliers, granite counters bbq, refig. and large dining area. Premium/flat almost 1/2 acre park-like yard has large grass area, playground & adorable play house. Home backs to open space for peaceful relaxation. A short walk to Kottinger Ranch HOA site offering a swimming pool, picnic areas, walking trails, 4 tennis courts and large unbuildable open spaces. Walk to award-winning Vintage Hills Elem. school or school bus stop.

This home is not on MLS.

Call for questions or a private tour 925-200-1909.



4725 First Street #150, Pleasanton

Karla Brown
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PATTI SMYLIE
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BRENTWOOD • 598 TOSCANA COURT • \$650,000

Entertainer's Paradise. Private, single-story located in enchanting Campanello offering 2,748 sq. feet of living space on a 9,496 sq. foot lot. Four bedrooms, den/5th bedroom, three bathrooms and a three car garage offer the finest of materials and appointments. Upgraded throughout! Combined kitchen, dining and family room with formal living and dining. Ideally arranged wing for extended family/guests with two rooms and a bathroom. Gorgeous hardscaping and landscaping offer beauty and relaxation. Pristine condition in this Centex-built residence.

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COLLEEN MCKEAN
925.847-8880
colleen@colleenmckean.com
CAL BRE #00868205

DUBLIN • 4859 PERGUIA STREET • \$698,000

Living space all on one level, stairs lead to 2 car garage. Location, across from community club house, 2 master suites, 2.5 baths, large entry patio, Granite counters, stainless steel appliances. Coffered ceilings & crown molding both bedrooms, inside laundry, breakfast bar & formal dining, fireplace.

OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1:00 TO 4:00



DIANE SASS
925.699.9508
Homes@Diane.Sass.com
CAL BRE #01202058

LIVERMORE • 785 BERRYESSA STREET • \$699,000

Comfort and Charm! Newer single level, 3 bed/2 bath, gorgeous decorator glass front door, soaring ceilings, Great Room, large eat-in kitchen w/island, slab granite and SS appliances, cozy fireplace, oversized Master w/walk-in closet, huge covered porch w/no rear neighbors, 2 car garage. Close to parks and commuting!



KITTY CHAN
510.332.6080
kittychanteam@gmail.com
CAL BRE #01153089

PLEASANTON • 1322 MONTROSE PLACE • \$2,368,900

Wine Country Ambiance . A French architectural home at Bordeaux Estates. Set within rolling, oak studded hills & vineyards. Featuring 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 car detached garage and a fully loaded carriage house with a 1 bed/suite bath, kitchen and laundry.
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3186 GULFSTREAM STREET, PLEASANTON



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6 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, 2,678 +/- sq.ft.
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4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, 2,047 +/- sq.ft.
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4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2,167+/-sq.ft
on a 7,811+/-sq.ft lot
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7435 STONEDALE DRIVE, PLEASANTON



COMING SOON

2+ bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1,502+/-sq.ft
on a 1,460+/-sq.ft lot
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1797 MAGNOLIA CIRCLE, PLEASANTON



3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,433 +/- sq.ft.
on a 6,250 +/- sq.ft. lot
Offered at \$799,000

2694 COREY PLACE, SAN RAMON



SOLD FOR 74K OVER ASKING

3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,665+/-sq.ft
on a 14,025+/-sq.ft lot
Sold for \$923,000

“We were recently transferred out of state and needed to sell our home in Pleasanton and chose Tim McGuire and his team ahead of other agents in the Trivalley area. Tim together with Mark and Karen provided us with excellent service, they provided us with phenomenal marketing, speed and service without compromise. Working together with us we had 4 offers on the table within week of listing. We sold for above list price and managed to close within a month (Christmas and New Year were wedged into this time line as well). Tim is a true professional, he and his team were responsive and were always available to us no matter what time of the day or day of the week we called. His team facilitated a quick sale at the right price and made the whole process as stress free as possible. I would recommend Tim to anyone who is looking to list a property in Pleasanton. Thanks Tim.”

— Sean & Linda Clinning, 3480 Vine St, Pleasanton, CA 94566



AGENT OF THE WEEK



Tom Ivarson
925.200.3600
CalBRE #01242205

A native Californian, Tom has lived in the Bay Area for the past 36 years. Consistently ranking amongst the Top Producers at Coldwell Banker, Tom has a proven record of success as a real estate agent and has helped several clients navigate through the complex process of buying and or selling a home. Tom's high standards of providing his clients with the most professional, honest and unparalleled service for his clients, consistently ranks him among the Top Realtors. Coldwell Banker is proud to be affiliated with Tom.



DUBLIN \$1,378,000
Coming Soon! 11367 Village View Court
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Updated Kit/BA w/ 1 BD/BA on the 1st Floor.
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DUBLIN \$1,085,000
Sat/Sun 1 - 4 Inspiring Views!!
4 BD/2.5 BA Pristine E Dublin Home Offers Privacy,
Views of Open Space w/ Great Livability In & Out!
Kathleen Waelde, CalBRE #00885285 925.216.5108



DUBLIN \$865,000
Sat/Sun 1 - 4 All Living Space on One Floor!
3 BD/2 BA Upgraded Corner Unit Condo w/ Views of the Hills, 2 Car Garage & Full-Amenity Clubhouse!
Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.699.3884



LIVERMORE \$1,149,000
1843 Buena Vista Avenue
Ranchette~Heart of Livermore Winery
2 BD/1 BA Over an ACRE on End of Country Road.
Lovely House w/Lrg SHOP, Horse Set-Up, Arena +Stalls!
Kay Stromgren, CalBRE #00890095 925.580.9050



LIVERMORE \$665,000
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, CalBRE #01035881 925.200.4130



SAN RAMON \$1,189,000
Sat/Sun 1 - 4 Beautiful Windermere Home!
5 BD/4 BA Upgraded Kit/Baths w/Loft Upstairs & New backyard Landscaping. Near Parks & Schools!
Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.699.3884

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KOTTINGER RANCH



1234 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Expanded & Remodeled Kottinger Ranch Single Level, Plus. "Deer Grove" Model in Premium Location! Solar Powered Home with Five Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Remodeled Bathrooms and 3481 Square Feet. Master Suite, Three Secondary Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Bathrooms, and Expanded Remodeled Kitchen-Downstairs. Upstairs- Large Bonus Room (5th Bedroom), Full Bathroom, Exercise Room & Separate Workstation Area. New Paint (Interior & Exterior), New Carpeting, Panoramic Views, Private Rear Grounds with In-Ground Pool/Spa. Greenbelt Across the Street, and Very Near to Community Amenities Include Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Picnic/BBQ Area, Open Space and Walking Trails. A Very Short Walk to Award Winning Vintage Hills Elementary School. Good Access to Downtown and I-680 Commute! For a Private Showing Contact the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For More Information or Photos go to 1234hearst.com

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LAGUNA OAKS ESTATES



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Pleasanton Market Looks Strong

The low level of inventory continued to keep sales low during February but we are starting to see more homes coming on the market. The number of homes for sale increased 47% from January but that was from a very low level and there were still 17% fewer homes available than a year ago. Pending sales still managed to increase by four units from February but were lower than in February 2016. Inventory was pretty evenly spread across market segments while homes priced from \$1 million to \$2 million were the most in demand in February. Homes in that segment sold more quickly and at higher prices relative to the list price than in other price ranges.

Pleasanton Market At A Glance February 2017



44 homes were actively listed at the end of February, 14 more than at the end of January but nine less than a year ago. Pending sales increased from 34 in January to 38 in February. That compares to 49 pending sales in February 2016. The supply relative to sales increased from 0.9 months at the end of January to 1.2 months at the end of February.

Pricing has remained pretty steady so far this year. On average, homes sold for 99% of their list price in February, unchanged from January but down one percent from a year earlier. The price per square foot was also unchanged from January's \$492, which was a 5% increase from February 2016. February's median sales price was virtually unchanged ...

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PENDING



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COMING SOON



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16 OFFERS PENDING!



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JUST SOLD \$50,000 OVER ASKING!



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ANOTHER NEW LISTING!



Coming Soon in Pleasanton Valley

Downsizing isn't easy until you see this beautiful one level 3 bdrm, 2 bath home. Remodeled throughout with a lovely open kitchen. **Priced in mid 900,000's**

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