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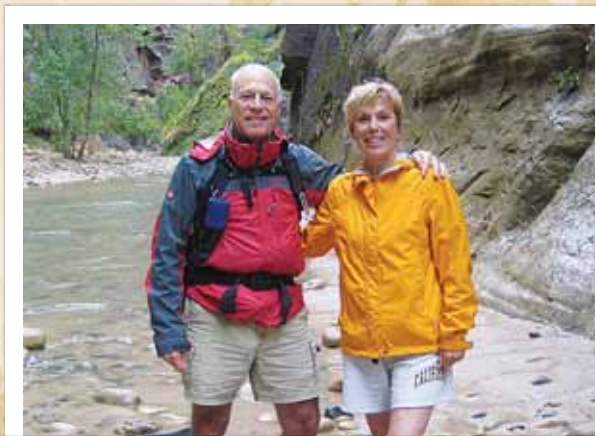
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By JEB BING



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Sandia National Laboratories researchers Glory and Isaac Aviña record data from two hikers who completed the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim trek in effort to determine which off-the-shelf devices work best in extreme environments.

## Hikers provide data for Livermore lab

Physicians Risa Garcia and Kristin Anchors just hiked from one rim of the Grand Canyon to the other in a single day to help scientists at Sandia National Laboratories.

Patti Koning and Michael Padilla of Sandia Livermore said the motivated, resilient athletes collected and studied biometric data to determine if declines in physical or cognitive functions can predict a medical emergency.

Glory Aviña, cognitive psychologist and Sandia principal investigator for the study, said the goal was to determine if markers can be identified that precede serious health events, such as a decrease of sodium levels in the blood. The research project was a partnership with the National Park Service. The hikers provided blood samples and detailed information about what they ate and drank on their journey.

The rim-to-rim hike was the equivalent of a marathon in distance, with a one-mile change in elevation and temperatures that ranged from minus-30 to more than 110 degrees. In addition, the Grand Canyon rim-to-rim hike was an inverse challenge; the first half was easier than the second.

"In most challenging hikes, like Mount Whitney, if you become exhausted, you can turn around and head downhill," said Cathy Branda, research geneticist and Sandia's project manager for the study. "In the Grand Canyon, it's very easy to underestimate just how difficult it is to hike out of the canyon."

The original study came about because the park service has experienced a series of challenges with rim-to-rim hikers, including an increase in requests for assistance, which

greatly taxed the rescue resources in the park. With a small staff, rangers were becoming dangerously fatigued with the number of rescues occurring on peak weekends.

During the peak spring and fall seasons, as many as 1,100 people per weekend set out on a rim-to-rim hike. About 350 people are rescued from the Grand Canyon each year, 150 to 180 by helicopter.

The prevalence of hyponatremia has increased, especially in rim-to-rim hikers who drink too much water. Acute hyponatremia can cause cerebral edema, or brain swelling, which in turn can lead to coma or death within hours if left untreated. Insights from the Sandia study will provide a deeper understanding of the illness to improve preventive education and treatment.

Two of the study's goals were to determine which commercial off-the-shelf devices work best in extreme environments and to identify the physiological and cognitive markers that provide the earliest, yet reliable, indication of health decline.

The findings, using Sandia's expertise in device development, will show which wearable devices are most useful in providing risk information, especially since network connectivity in the Grand Canyon is inconsistent and unreliable.

"This initial study of both physiological and cognitive markers was a great success," Branda said. "We collected wearable device data from 50 people, and over 100 people participated in the overall study in one weekend."

But this was just the beginning. Sandia expects to have more participants and to be more targeted in the data it collects in another study in May. ■

### About the Cover

Pleasanton resident John Deus, shown with wife Tish at Zion National Park, photographs unusual signs around the world, including in (clockwise from top right) South Island in New Zealand, Berkeley, Hawke's Bay in New Zealand, England and Pescadero. Photos courtesy of John Deus. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn

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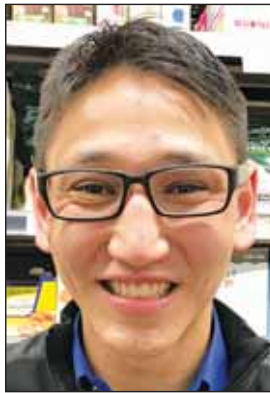
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## Are there things you can do in your dreams while asleep that you can't do in real life?



**Lauren DeStefano**  
*Finance*

Honestly, I'm not sure because I don't remember my dreams. Ever since I graduated from college and started working a lot, I just collapse at night because I'm so tired. I wake up the next morning and have no idea what I dreamed about or if I even dreamed at all.



**Jonathan Stewart**  
*Construction*

Absolutely. In my dreams I have the Force of the Jedi with me. It is an energy I don't have while I'm awake, and it gives me the telekinetic powers to move things with my mind to help people and to see into the future. It's so exciting that I often don't want to wake up.



**Aki Tesfa**  
*Engineer*

I don't really anymore, but when I was younger, I would be able to fly in my dreams. These days I have a lot more responsibility, so I keep my feet much closer to the ground, even in my dreams.



**Karen Rasputin**  
*Retired*

In my waking hours, I spend a great deal of time trying to rescue stray cats and dogs, socialize them and find homes for them. Unfortunately, because there are so many, my success rate is low, regardless of how hard I try. In my dreams though, I am able to save every single needy critter so that none are euthanized in shelters, or injured or starve to death on the streets.



**Charlie Gieseler**  
*Software engineer*

When I was younger, I would be able to run like a flash in my dreams — so fast that I was like a blurry streak. I'm not able to do that anymore. Not even in my dreams, although I wish I could.

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## DIGEST

### Mother's Day contest

Mother's Day is right around the corner on May 14, and the Pleasanton Weekly is once again holding its popular Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest, which is voted on by readers. First-place prize is four tickets to the Alameda County Fair and \$50 cash; second-place prize is two fair tickets and \$25 cash.

Send digital photos only to dciardelli@PleasantonWeekly.com by 6 a.m., Thursday, April 13. The photo must be attached to an email in JPG format, at least 300 dpi. Include the names of the mother and daughter(s) and the ages of the daughters if they are children. Photos entered in previous contests are not eligible.

Pleasanton Weekly staff members will choose the finalists, which will be posted at [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) on April 21 for readers to vote online for which mother and daughter look most alike. Photos of the winners will be published in the May 12 print edition.

### Civil grand jury

The application process to serve on the Alameda County Superior Court Civil Grand Jury for the 2017-18 term is now open.

The term begins July 1 and runs through June 30, 2018. Grand jurors work on a volunteer basis to investigate public agencies and ensure they are working in the public's best interest.

No prior background is necessary, but applicants must be 18 or older. They are required to have lived in Alameda County for a year, and possess a sufficient command of English.

An application can be obtained at [www.acgov.org](http://www.acgov.org). The deadline to apply is April 15.

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### Library book sale

The Friends of the Pleasanton Library is holding its spring book sale this weekend at the library on Old Bernal Avenue.

The sale, which benefits the library, will offer books across all genres — with most small paperbacks at 50 cents and most hardcovers and big paperbacks at \$1 — as well as DVDs, CDs, maps and other miscellaneous items, according to organizers.

The event begins tonight with a members-only sale from 6-9 p.m. All patrons can participate in the sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. On that final day, buyers can fill a library bag full of items for \$7.

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## Fired PUSD superintendent denies accusation of inappropriate conduct

'Never had someone of this stature be this disrespectful,' female district employee claims

By JULIA REIS

Speaking publicly for the first time since he was fired as Pleasanton Unified School District superintendent in January, Rick Rubino has denied an accusation of inappropriate behavior that came to light last Friday from documents the Pleasanton Weekly obtained from the district.

Emails released by PUSD after a public records request show that a female district employee reported feeling "uncomfortable and awkward" after interacting with Rubino

— a report made three days before Rubino was placed on administrative leave and nearly two months after the district contacted him in writing as part of an investigation into separate allegations of "inappropriate conduct."

The documents provided by PUSD last Friday do not specify the

nature of the October allegations or if Rubino was the subject of the inquiry. Nor do they specify why the school board chose to fire Rubino on Jan. 6, just over six months after he started as superintendent.

In an email responding to the Weekly's reporting, Rubino said Monday evening he "absolutely denied the allegations that were made against me" and contended a third-party investigation into sexual harassment charges found no merit to the claims.

"Additionally, the district obviously would never have paid me the full

amount under my contract for a termination without cause if there were any merit to the allegations," Rubino wrote.

"Nonetheless, I do understand and accept that the board legally, as set forth in my contract, had an absolute right to terminate my employment without cause," he added. "Nevertheless, I reiterate, if there had been cause for dismissal, the district would have released me with cause, and wouldn't have paid me anything."

The school board approved of

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## Officials praise express lanes

'Huge relief to the commuters ... a great game-changer'

By JEREMY WALSH

Interstate 580's toll express lanes through the Tri-Valley marked their one-year anniversary last month, and so far, the numbers show they're providing much-needed traffic congestion relief as planned, according to Alameda County officials.

The express lanes, which are free for carpoolers but charge fees to solo drivers, have been used approximately 30,000 times per day since opening mid-February 2016, resulting in quicker, more reliable trips for those users while also helping reduce congestion in the general purpose lanes, according to the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC).

"The express lanes have been a huge relief to the commuters and have been a great game-changer in relationship to quality of life," Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, whose district includes Livermore and Dublin, said during a mid-morning media event in a cul-de-sac parallel to the freeway last week.

"People are frustrated in this corridor, so I think they were excited to see some relief," Haggerty added. "I think that for a lot of reasons people use these lanes, and I've

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An s-turn that has developed in the Arroyo de la Laguna is directing water toward multiple Foothill Road homes and eroding their backyards. JULIA REIS

## Zone 7 board OKs support to address creek erosion threatening homes

With return of rain, work initiated to protect slope

By JULIA REIS

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors unanimously authorized spending \$1.7 million for emergency repairs to an eroding slope threatening Foothill Road houses after hearing from emotional residents at its meeting last week.

"We're going to take care of it," said board vice-president John Greci, calling the turnout "the most emotional response from the community" in his time on the board. "Every one of you spoke from your hearts, and I won't forget it."

The board approved resolutions

making Zone 7 a local sponsor for available federal funding for repairs and authorizing spending \$1.7 million for temporary emergency repairs to the slope fronting the Belshe and Raun properties in the 7800 block of Foothill Road in Pleasanton.

While impacted homeowners have expressed gratitude for the board's action, they remain wary as more rain has fallen this week — with more in the forecast.

The board took up the matter last week at the request of the Belshe and Raun families, next-door

neighbors who contacted Zone 7 last month about the erosion impacting their creekside backyards.

The families have lost much of their yards amid heavy rains over the last several weeks. A gradual change in the configuration of the Arroyo de la Laguna — which the homeowners contend is a result of development upstream — has created an s-turn that is propelling water toward their properties instead of going by them.

The creek's force against the

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# Council moves forward with Bernal community farm planning

Concept now crop-tending only, without livestock component

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council gave the green light Tuesday to continue planning efforts toward bringing a community farm to sections of the Bernal property on both sides of Interstate 680.

The council supported staff's recommendation to move forward with a crops-only farm concept — without a livestock component — and approved a \$69,762 contract with Walnut Creek-based MD Fotheringham Landscape Architects to complete the Bernal Property Community Farm Master Plan.

"I think this is a great idea," Councilwoman Kathy Narum said Tuesday night in the council chambers.

"I would hope that through this orchard, we can show our children

that food doesn't come from the local grocery store, and where it does come from. And more importantly, what all is involved to grow it and harvest it and transport it," Narum added.

A community farm at the Bernal property has been on city officials' radar for years.

The 2006 voter-approved Bernal Property Phase II Specific Plan included two sections of land set aside to be used in part for possible community farming and agriculture, according to assistant city manager Brian Dolan.

The parcels — at 13 acres and 16 acres, respectively — are slivers of land on the south end of the Bernal Phase II area, one on each side of I-680 and generally between Laguna Creek Lane and the rail line, with the Marilyn Murphy

Kane Trail passing through them.

The City Council made developing the community farm master plan a priority in its 2015-2016 work plan, though at that time the concept included a livestock-raising component.

Dolan recommended moving forward Tuesday without livestock in the plans since local 4-H Club members now have an agreement with the Alameda County Fairgrounds for access to a planned new barn there.

"I'm very glad to see the animals go, and I think that would have been a major issue for the neighbors," Mayor Jerry Thorne said.

The council agreed with city staff that the focus should shift to crop-tending uses only, such as orchards, vineyards and gardens. The site could also house a small

classroom building for lessons and other meetings, along with restrooms, according to Dolan.

During public comment Tuesday, the council heard from three master gardeners who urged the city to include a University of California Master Gardener Program of Alameda County demonstration garden in the community farm.

Two residents, whose homes back up to the parcel west of I-680, voiced opposition to a community farm there, citing concerns such as home security, parking, disrupting trail use and negative impact to property values.

Council members reiterated to the speakers that the city is still early in its community farm planning effort and encouraged them to remain active in the public planning process.

"We will definitely take sensitivity," Councilwoman Karla Brown said to the residents in attendance. "Please be involved, stay involved, give your feedback."

The council voted 4-0 to continue the planning process, with Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin absent.

City staff and the consultant firm expect to take about seven months to complete the draft master plan, Dolan said. Key aspects include creating a schematic plan and analyzing options for operation and maintenance, among other variables.

With council approval in hand, the first steps will be to reach out to potential nonprofits who might be interested in assuming an operational, maintenance and funding role in the project, according to Dolan. ■



TRI-VALLEY HAVEN

## Pace for Peace

Tri-Valley Haven is set to host its Pace for Peace fundraiser next weekend, a 5K/10K run/walk through Livermore wine country that offers courses for athletes and non-athletes alike, including teams, families, strollers and dogs. Proceeds benefit the domestic violence, sexual assault and homelessness support services of the local nonprofit, which is celebrating its 40th birthday this year. The Pace for Peace kicks off at 8 a.m. April 1 at 3663 Pacific Ave., near downtown Livermore. To register, visit [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org) or contact Christine at 667-2727.

## EROSION

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slope fronting the Belshe and Raun properties has caused ground to erode away, taking with it vegetation that was planted to protect the slope and turning it into a cliff.

Alarmed by how quickly their backyards were eroding, the homeowners contacted Zone 7 in late February to request assistance.

They were told that it has been the agency's practice, consistent with those of other flood protection agencies in California, to not do work on privately owned land. The creek within that area is owned by the residents themselves.

However, Zone 7 holds an easement along the arroyo and across nine Foothill Road parcels, including the Raun and Belshe properties, which gives them the right to "construct, maintain, operate, inspect, and repair flood control facilities and appurtenances." To date, the agency has never undertaken any projects in that area.

Recognizing a quick response was necessary, Zone 7 staff filed an emergency permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Feb. 28, doing so under the assumption that either its agency or the city of Pleasanton would step up as the homeowners' local sponsor for federal assistance. Zone 7 also brought in consultants to do surveying and design work needed to obtain the permit.

At its board meeting March 15, Zone 7 manager of integrated water resources Carol Mahoney said neighbors have done work over the years to reinforce their banks, but the arroyo downstream of Bernal Bridge has minimal protection. Regulatory agencies have already expressed that an additional larger solution could be required for the Verona Reach — defined as the area between the Castlewood Drive and Verona Road bridges — to try to straighten out the creek that would

likely cost well over \$10 million.

She added Zone 7 had previously applied for grants to take on flooding and erosion abatement projects in the Verona Reach, but regulatory agencies rejected those applications.

Staff presented the board with three options. The board could take no formal action, or another option was to establish a local emergency grant program for Verona Reach. The third option was to make the agency a local sponsor for federal funding for repairs available through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, which offers immediate financial assistance when life or private property could be threatened by flooding and erosion.

The program requires a local agency sponsor to request assistance on the landowner's behalf. It can provide up to 75% of construction costs, but the local sponsor or landowner must cover all other costs, including ongoing maintenance. Staff said some of these costs could be reimbursed, but there is no guarantee.

With Zone 7 and the city of Pleasanton viewed as the only options for local sponsorship, city engineer Steve Kirkpatrick went to the meeting and read aloud parts of a letter from city manager Nelson Fialho that urged the water agency to take it on.

"While I understand it may be Zone 7's position that the Arroyo de la Laguna flows across private property in this location, all storm water run-off that is collected and channelized by the 37 miles of Zone 7 flood control channels is directed toward and flows across this private property," Fialho wrote.

"Zone 7 staff has already initiated, and has spent considerable time and resources on, the steps necessary to be a local sponsor ... I urge Zone 7 to complete this process," he added.

The board heard from 17 more advocates of the local sponsor proposal during public comment.

Many of the speakers were owners of the nine properties that Zone 7 has easements for. Several expressed frustration about Zone 7's lack of maintenance in the arroyo and said they understood it to be the agency's responsibility, based on their easements and past communications.

"This should have been taken care of long ago," said Ted Smith, who lives on the other side of the Rauns. "We have an emergency we need to get rectified and taken care of."

Several homeowners were emotional as they told the board how they had purchased their dream home on Foothill Road years ago, never anticipating something like this would happen.

Ginger Belshe told the board she and her husband had put their home up for sale two days before their property experienced significant erosion. They had decided to downsize and put the money toward their children's college fund.

Now, she said, her family can't sleep and they keep emergency items at the front door in case they're told they have to leave.

"My biggest fear is it may be too late for us," she said. "I hope it's not, because that's all we have."

The board members heard their request.

"If I were in your spot, I'd be saying the same things you're saying," board president Dick Quigley said after public comment.

With the board's approval, Zone 7 staff will continue to work with its consultants and the Army Corps on getting an emergency permit for temporary repairs. The agency hopes to have the permit within two weeks, general manager Jill Duerig said.

In the meantime, Zone 7 brought in workers that built a dam out of trees, gravel, sandbags and tarps, and 20 friends of the Rauns spent Sunday placing sandbags against the base of the slope to protect it before the rain returned. ■

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In addition, two Pleasanton families were designated as Early Visionaries. Before the memorial design was complete and before the design was approved for construction, these two families pledged to contribute what turned out to be 43% of the funds raised.

The City of Pleasanton also deserves tremendous recognition for providing engineering support, construction management supervision and for implementing a rapid project plan. Exactly one year after the Pleasanton City Council approved a design concept in the form of a drawing, the memorial was dedicated.

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# School board appoints bond oversight committee

One seat still needs to be filled

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton school board has appointed nine community members to its Measure II citizens' bond oversight committee, with one seat still needing to be filled.

The committee's purpose is to ensure funds generated from the \$270 million school facilities bond are only spent on school projects listed in the approved bond project list. Money generated by the bond sales will go toward safety, energy and water improvements, and modernized and new school infrastructure.

The district received 33

applications for a maximum 10 spots. However, no one applied for the seat to be filled by a person active in a bona fide taxpayers' organization.

PUSD will leave that seat vacant until a qualified applicant comes forward.

The committee is comprised of the following members, who serve two-year terms:

- Jill Buck, representing the Pleasanton business community
- Patricia Kohnen, who is active in a senior citizens' organization
- Steve Zevanove, who has a child enrolled in PUSD
- Samantha Webb, who has

a child enrolled in PUSD and is active in a parent-teacher organization

- Yi Huang, representing the public at-large
- Keith Lam, representing the public at-large
- Rashmi Nijagal, representing the public at-large
- Nicholas Olsen, representing the public at-large
- Kathleen Ruegsegger, representing the public at-large.

Voters passed the \$270 million school facilities initiative in November with a 69.1% yes vote. The initiative needed a 55% majority yes vote to pass. ■

## RUBINO

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terminating Rubino without cause and paying him one year's salary — \$256,000 — in line with the terms of his original contract. He also received up to a year of health benefits at a maximum cost of \$8,388, an \$800 life insurance policy reimbursement and four vacation days that amounted to \$4,166.80.

School board members have not specified why they chose to terminate Rubino's employment, but the firing occurred almost three weeks after he was placed on leave pending an investigation into an undisclosed personnel matter.

In response to a request for comment Monday, school board president Joan Laursen declined to elaborate on Rubino's firing, saying board members "must follow employment and privacy laws, and therefore cannot discuss personnel matters."

"The board is committed to identifying and securing a leader who will continue the excellent work in our schools and embrace the strength and support our community offers the students in our district," Laursen added in her email response Tuesday morning.

The school board seemed to think Rubino could have been that type of leader when they selected him last spring as PUSD's permanent superintendent. Rubino, a Walnut Creek resident, was superintendent of Gridley Unified in Butte County at the time.

In his email to the Weekly on Monday, Rubino said he "worked diligently" for the district, built strong relationships with stakeholders and helped the district pass Measure II, the \$270 million school facilities bond approved by local voters in November.

"I'm deeply disappointed that I was not given the opportunity to complete the work I had started for the benefit of the staff, students and families of the Pleasanton Unified School District," he said.

Disappointment was also a theme in the documents the Weekly received from PUSD in response to a California Public Records Act request, including an email in which a female district employee described Rubino's demeanor as "disappointing" after meeting him at an event. The names of the sender and recipient of the Dec. 16 email were redacted by the district.

The unnamed employee wrote, "(Rubino) said he couldn't believe that I was that old" and "Mr. Rubino looked me up and down multiple times as we spoke and focused on my chest instead of having a conversation looking me in the face."

She added, "I was very disappointed by this. In (redacted by PUSD) years with the district and working with five superintendents, I have never had someone of this stature be this disrespectful."

Three days after that email was sent, the school board held a closed-session meeting and voted to place Rubino on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation into an unspecified personnel matter — an inquiry that ultimately was not completed.

In another document, Rubino was informed in October that PUSD officials needed to interview him as part of a confidential investigation into allegations of inappropriate conduct. The notice does not specify who made the allegations or who they were against.

Dated Oct. 26 and with the sender's name redacted, it informed Rubino "complaints have been received from district employees in which allegations of inappropriate conduct have been made, and that you will be interviewed in an investigation regarding these allegations."

Neither the email to Rubino nor any of the documents provided by PUSD specify the nature of the allegations that prompted the investigation.

PUSD retained independent investigators from the law firm Meyers

Nave Riback Silver and Wilson to conduct the inquiry, according to the email. Rubino was directed to participate in "a fact-finding investigatory interview" the following afternoon in his office. The outcome of that investigation is unknown.

About one month later, Rubino expressed concern when news of an unspecified investigation apparently leaked, according to an email exchange between Rubino and assistant superintendent of human resources Dianne Howell dated Nov. 20.

"I'm deeply disturbed by this email from (name redacted by PUSD)," Rubino said to Howell. "The fact that a disgruntled former employee of the district has information regarding a pending district personnel investigation, which should have been conducted under the strictest confidentiality, is profoundly concerning."

Howell replied via email almost two hours later, "I feel the same way you do. I have no idea how a former employee became aware of a confidential personnel investigation. I am also profoundly concerned."

In its response to the Weekly's public records request, the district acknowledged withholding some records and information it argues are exempt under the act, citing attorney work product and deliberative process privilege, among other provisions.

Since Rubino's firing, the board has appointed deputy superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa interim superintendent through June 30 and hired a new firm to lead the search for PUSD's next leader. That firm has just begun the process with a goal of finding a candidate for the board to consider appointing at its June 13 meeting.

As part of that process, community members are invited to take an online survey to provide input about the characteristics they would like to see in Pleasanton's next superintendent. The survey is up through March 31 at <https://ecrasurvey.com/pleasanton>. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Roman holiday:** Jim and Laura Harris brought the Pleasanton Weekly to the Colosseum in Rome while on a two-week tour of Italy for their 15th anniversary.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:srhodes@pleasantonweekly.com). Be sure to identify who is in the photo (names listed from left to right), the location, the date and any relevant details about where you took your Weekly.

## EXPRESS LANES

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heard that there's a lot of happy users in the corridor."

The express lanes consist of two lanes eastbound and one westbound through Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore on I-580.

Always free for carpoolers and other qualifying vehicles with a FasTrak Flex tag, the lanes charge a toll to solo drivers for access from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. With the dynamic pricing system, a motorist's toll rate is locked in as soon as they enter the lane, and the rate remains the same for the duration of their trip, regardless of any rate changes during that time.

Express lane drivers are experiencing more travel time reliability and higher speeds, averaging 10 mph faster than general purpose lanes and ranging between 5 mph to 25 mph depending on location and time of day, according to Liz Rutman, senior transportation engineer for Alameda CTC.

"The key takeaway is that they appear to be working in the way they were intended to work," Rutman said, reflecting on the first-year data.

The I-580 project, which began construction in June 2014 and cost an estimated \$55 million, converted the eastbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane and another lane into two express lanes from Hacienda Drive to Greenville Road in Livermore.

In the westbound direction, a single express lane stretches from Greenville to the San Ramon/Foothill roads overcrossing — there had been no carpool lane on that side of I-580.

Express lane access is nearly continuous, except for limitations eastbound between Hacienda and Fallon and El Charro roads and westbound between Hacienda and San Ramon Road marked by double white lines.

The I-580 express lanes followed the addition of new driving lanes in each direction as part of separate HOV and auxiliary lanes projects, which when coupled with express lane implementation brought the price-tag to \$345 million for those improvements to the Tri-Valley corridor.

The express lanes were used more than 7.6 million times between February 2016 and last month, increasing each month from opening through June after which it began to level off and average about 30,233 daily trips, according to Alameda CTC data.

Last month, 38% of vehicles in the express lanes were eligible toll-free users while the rest were single-occupant vehicles (52%) or violators without FasTrak (10%), officials said.

Compliance and safety associated with the express lanes have also improved throughout the first year, according to Capt. Christopher Sherry, commander of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Dublin Area Office.

"We're excited to see the popularity of the express lanes taking off," Sherry said. "More people are participating in the system, more voluntary compliance and less people ducking in and out causing crashes. We achieved what we hoped to achieve."

While the express lanes have appeared to provide relief on the freeway, there is still more work to be done to improve traffic conditions in that part of Tri-Valley, according to Haggerty.

"I don't think our job is done in this corridor. I think we need to continue to look at options," he said, pointing to efforts such as express buses, pushing BART to extend its line to the ACE train in Livermore, bracing for increased semi-truck traffic, work on the I-580/I-680 interchange and finishing Highway 84 enhancements. "We have a lot of work to do." ■

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Man accused in Livermore armed robbery linked by police to Pleasanton incident

One of the two men arrested last week on suspicion of robbing two pharmacies at gunpoint in Livermore has now been linked to a series of other robberies in Pleasanton, Fremont and Castro Valley, according to police.

Eric Vargas, 43, and Jesus Aguilar, 23, both of East Palo Alto, were arrested March 13 on suspicion of robbing a Rite Aid Pharmacy at 968 Murrieta Blvd. at about 10:45 a.m. that day and another Rite Aid Pharmacy at 1380 North Vasco Road at about 12:01 p.m., Livermore police said.

When officers arrived at the scene, they were advised that the suspects may have entered a silver sport utility vehicle and fled the area.

Officers later found and stopped the vehicle and arrested Vargas and Aguilar on suspicion of armed robbery, conspiracy, drugs, and weapons-related charges and enhancements, according to police.

Livermore police investigators allege that Aguilar likely committed armed robberies of other pharmacies in nearby cities and he's been linked so far to three robberies in Fremont which occurred on Feb. 27, March 1 and March 9.

Aguilar has also been linked to robberies in Castro Valley and Pleasanton that occurred March 13, just prior to the two Livermore robberies that day, according to police.

Just after 10 a.m. March 13, a man Pleasanton police suspect was Aguilar walked up to the counter at the CVS pharmacy in the Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center and showed the clerk a message on his cellphone that read, "Let's not make this difficult," according to Sgt. Larry Cox.

The man then demanded that the clerk give him some medications, including codeine. Cox said when the clerk responded that she didn't have the medication readily available, the man opened up his jacket and put his hand on an unknown object inside — possibly simulating a weapon.

He then told the clerk, "Don't make this difficult," according to the sergeant.

At one point, the robber gestured behind the clerk to a shelf that

had the medication he wanted and made her bring all the bottles to him. After grabbing three bottles of promethazine, he left without further incident, according to Cox.

The man in the Pleasanton incident never mentioned or displayed a weapon, Cox said.

While Pleasanton officers were investigating the robbery, they heard about the similar incidents that had just occurred in Livermore. They coordinated with Livermore police and ultimately found property from the Pleasanton robbery in the arrestees' car, according to Cox.

Livermore police said officers have also recovered the gun they believe was used in the other robberies along with other evidence from the vehicle.

No arrests were made in the Pleasanton incident. Cox said Pleasanton police were wrapping up their investigation and were set to forward their case on to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office this week.

Police are still investigating whether Vargas is also connected to the CVS robbery, though he was not inside the pharmacy when that incident took place, according to Cox. ■

—Julia Reis and Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### March 18

#### DUI

■ 2:16 a.m. at Bernal Avenue and Koll Center Drive

■ 10:46 p.m. at Bernal Avenue and Valley Avenue

#### Robbery

■ 6:59 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Burglary

■ 1:07 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

#### Theft from auto

■ 10:04 a.m. on the 5300 block of Brookside Court

■ 1:47 p.m. on the 1600 block of Lexington Lane

■ 5 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

#### Shoplifting

■ 3:04 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 4 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 4:57 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug violation

■ 8:57 p.m. on the 6400 block of Dublin Boulevard

#### Trespassing/prowling

■ 7:29 a.m. on the 6000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug violation

■ 6 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

### March 17

#### Domestic battery

■ 7:03 p.m. on Pleasanton Avenue

#### Warrant arrest

■ 6:57 p.m. on the 4900 block of Blackbird Way

#### Embezzlement

■ 3 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### DUI

■ 12:14 a.m. at Owens Drive and Hopyard Road

### March 16

#### Theft

■ 6:56 a.m., 600 block of Orofino Court; theft from auto

■ 7:31 a.m. on the 600 block of Palomino Drive

■ 8:15 a.m. on the 1000 block of Sycamore Creek Way

■ 10:57 a.m. on the 500 block of Burger Court

■ 3:29 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 7:43 p.m. on the 2500 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Robbery

■ 5:38 p.m. on the 00 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Fraud

■ 9:29 a.m. on the 5200 block of Riverdale Court

#### Graffiti

■ 3:58 p.m. at Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road

#### Warrant arrest

■ 7:38 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Sutter Gate Avenue

#### Domestic battery

■ 11:22 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

## Joshua Carlson Free

November 3, 1985 – February 3, 2017

Our hearts are saddened to announce the unexpected death of Joshua C. Free, who passed away February 3, due to complications from an infection.

Josh was a 6th generation Northern Californian, and a lifelong resident of Pleasanton. He graduated from Foothill High School in 2004.

Josh played soccer, baseball, football, and golf, and he coached soccer. He joined 4H and raised a champion pig, raced bikes, showed his custom truck, snowboarded, surfed, skateboarded, and fished. He was learning to fly drones and was planning on taking welding classes. He loved to try new things.

Josh earned various certifications for HVAC, and worked in the field for 7 years.

Josh had a huge heart, and he loved to help people. He was a loyal friend and brother to many. We will all miss his energy, his huge smile and his ability to make friends wherever he went.

He is survived by his father Bill Free of Pleasanton, his brother Mitch Free of Concord, his grandmother Ferne Freitas of Castro Valley, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Josh was preceded in death by his mother Cindy Free of Pleasanton in 2014.

A private celebration of life will be held in April, for close friends and family.



PAID OBITUARY

## Joyce Webb Adams

January 8, 1938 – March 6, 2017

Joyce Webb Adams, 79, passed away peacefully at her home in Pleasanton, California on March 6, 2017 after a long bout with cancer. She will be united with her husband Tom Adams who preceded her in death.

Joyce had a big heart, always desiring to help others. Over many years Joyce helped countless people deal with life's most difficult problems. She will be sorely missed.

Joyce was the eldest child of four children born to Harry and Lorraine Webb of San Pedro, California. She is survived by her brothers Walter Webb, Robert Webb, Larry Webb, three nieces, Mary Simoens, Kathleen Webb, Christine Ruloba, two nephews, Michael Webb, Patrick Webb, and many cousins including Margie Nilsson of San Pedro with whom she kept close contact.

Born in 1938 in Long Beach, California, Joyce was raised in San Pedro, California. She was in the second graduating class of Mary Star of the Sea High School in San Pedro. On leaving high school, Joyce became a novitiate of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She then became a teaching nun and taught in Catholic schools in Texas and California for ten years.

In 1967 she chartered a new life's course, and earned a Master's Degree in Social Work. She began work as a Social Worker in the San Francisco Bay Area. For 17 years she was a Clinical Social Worker for Santa Clara County Mental Health.

While working at Santa Clara County Mental Health Joyce met her life's love Tom Adams who became her husband in 1973. Tragically, Tom died shortly thereafter in 1974 after a sudden illness. Joyce desired to be buried next to Tom, and that wish will be fulfilled.

In 1989 Joyce relocated to the East Bay and made Pleasanton, California her home. She worked as a Psychotherapist for Family Service of the East Bay which later merged with the Valley Community Health Center. During this time she also established a private practice.

There will be a Memorial Service on March 25, 2017 at 11:00 am at American Martyrs Church in Manhattan Beach, California. Interment will take place March 29, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose, California.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations in Joyce's name to either St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or St. Margaret's Center, 1017 Inglewood Ave., Lennox, CA 90304, Tel: (310) 672-2208.



PAID OBITUARY

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### Shine a little light on reasons, start rebuilding trust

Transparency in government is celebrated across the country each March with “Sunshine Week,” which emphasizes the importance of open government and touts the laws and ordinances that give the public access.

Ironically, Sunshine Week 2017 ended in Pleasanton last Friday with the school district seemingly doing its utmost to keep the public in the dark about the sudden and unexplained Jan. 6 firing of Rick Rubino, its superintendent of just over six months.

The California Public Records Request Act (CPRA) is a tool to access information from government agencies, and the act includes exemptions to ensure the individual right to privacy. How much and what is exempt is subjective in some cases, as it depends upon whether an individual’s privacy outweighs the public’s right to know.

But then there’s use of the exemptions to withhold information, which we feel is the case with our January request for records in the Rubino termination.

We asked for correspondence related to the investigation and termination of Rubino, any complaints against Rubino or the district between Sept. 1, 2016, and Jan. 9, 2017, and an “exemption log,” which is a list of responsive documents that weren’t produced and the exemptions asserted.

Agencies are required by law to respond to a CPRA request in 10 business days; however, a response is not production of documents. In this case, the district’s first response was that they needed more time. This was expected because there is a legal responsibility to notify Rubino of the release of these documents, and time must be allowed for him to file a court action to prevent the release.

After almost three months, and at 5 p.m. on a Friday, we received 20 pages of records from the district: a copy of Rubino’s employment contract (which we already had on file), a copy of the notice of termination (of which we already had most details) and four partially redacted emails (which are so vague that it’s not clear if or how they are related).

None of the documents gave any indication of an act so egregious that it should lead to the termination of the district’s leader.

The government codes and case law cited as reasons for why the district did not release other documents to us looked impressive in the response letter, but they don’t hold water. For example, attorney-client privilege may be a reason to exempt documents that provide legal advice to the district, but that privilege does not cast a blanket over all documents in the possession of the district or its legal counsel.

We don’t know how many documents were withheld. The district denied our request for an exemption log, citing a 2001 Superior Court decision that concluded public agencies are not required to provide such lists because, “to require each public agency to catalog the responsive documents for each of the requests it

receives ... would be burdensome and of scant public benefit.”

Keeping this information from the public is not a matter of protecting Rubino’s privacy or out of fear of litigation. Rubino did not try to stop the production of documents and actually submitted a statement to us.

To add insult to injury (the injury being a near-three-month wait for very little in the way of an explanation), when we asked school board president Joan Laursen for a comment about the documents and Rubino’s firing, she gave us the standard response — it’s a personnel matter so we can’t discuss it.

About why the school board, as it stated in January, fired a new superintendent “without cause but not without concern”? We respectfully disagree.

Pleasanton’s school district is one of the best in the state in regard to student achievement, which means that there are quality teachers, administrators and staff, involved parents and engaged children. The taxpayers showed their support by approving a \$270 million facilities bond measure in November.

We are all stakeholders and everyone benefits from continuing to have an excellent school district. To do that we must trust that the board and district staff are doing what is best for all the stakeholders, and trust begins with transparency.

Our staff will continue to ask why Rubino was fired. However, the bigger question is why the district continues to keep everyone in the dark. ■



Visit Town Square at [PleasantonWeekly.com](http://PleasantonWeekly.com) to comment on the editorial.

## LETTERS

### ACE Train parking problem

Dear Editor,

I agree with Allen Aldrich’s letter in the Weekly last week. West Angela Street, Harrison Street, Augustine Street, and especially Pleasanton Avenue, are all being highly impacted with overflow ACE Train parking.

The parking on our streets is already impacted because of the overgrowth of our neighborhood with less-than-adequate parking spaces for these newly built units. Our streets are not meant to handle daily parking and traffic to this degree.

In the past, the ACE Train station

was planned for the property on Bernal Avenue where the city of Pleasanton is now progressing with future plans for our new police station and city buildings. The fairgrounds parking lot was intended to be a temporary solution at that time.

There are solutions to this ACE Train parking problem. There is plenty of property on the outskirts of Pleasanton for a new train station without over-exposing our small neighborhood. Having the train station on the outskirts would also be easier access for commuters. Another solution would be to build a parking garage on Bernal Avenue.

—Darlene Philippe

## TAKE US ALONG



**Roman Baths:** Deb Parziale and Nancy Wright took the Pleasanton Weekly on a visit to the Roman Baths in Bath, England.

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### WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

**Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee**  
Monday, March 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard

- Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds for the bicycle and/or pedestrian improvements on the West Las Positas Boulevard Corridor
- Quarterly Project Summary Table Review

**Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Foothill baseball earns blowout wins

#### Dons boys volleyball wins East County Invitational

The Foothill High boys baseball team kept the ball rolling through the early season, posting a pair of wins last week.

The Falcons put the hammer down on James Logan on March 15, walking away with a 17-2 win.

The Falcons had an early lead and then put the game out of reach with a 13-run, fourth inning. Foothill finished the game with 16 hits, including four doubles and two triples.

Posting multi-hit games were Sam Novitzke (3-for-6), Jeremy Lea (2-for-3), Brett Hansen (2-for-3), Colin Dixon (2-for-2), Sam Zevanove (2-for-2) and Brandon Kinsey (2-for-2).

There was also some standout pitching performances: Hansen (four innings, no runs, seven strikeouts), Dylan Pottgieser (two innings, no hits and no runs) and Logan Caton (two strikeouts in one inning).

In their second game of the week, the Falcons traveled to the Banner Island Ballpark, home of the Single-A Stockton Ports. The results were much the same as the Falcons dispatched Lodi 15-1.

Foothill pounded out 11 hits in the five-inning, shortened game. Novitzke went 3-for-4 with a double and drove in six runs. Adam Jue went 2-for-3, Carson King scored three runs and had two RBIs, and Hansen had a triple.

Starting pitcher Anthony Steller Harter threw a gem, only giving up four hits and striking out two. Caton closed the game striking out the side.

#### Girls lacrosse

The Amador Valley girls got great play all over the field on the way to a 19-2 win over St. Francis last week. Sadie Grozier and Bella Mayo led the way on offense, with Grozier racking up assists when she wasn't scoring and Mayo doing the dirty work, cutting down the lane.

Throw in a personal-high three goals for Mady Sweeney, and the game was in hand. Goal of the game went to Marley Diligent for her coast-to-coast run and swift-pivoting goal.

The defense ensured quick switches to prevent attempts against the Amador goalie. One exchange saw goalie Claire Lemelin shut down the attack with back-to-back saves.

#### Boys volleyball

The Amador varsity team posted a perfect 5-0 record in winning the East County Invitational last Saturday.

In pool play, the Dons beat Sanger (25-14, 25-18), Mission San Jose (25-16, 25-17), Placer (25-22, 25-18) and De La Salle (25-22, 27-29, 15-13). In the championship game, the Dons again faced Sanger, this time winning 25-19, 25-22.

#### Boys tennis

Foothill faced defending North Coast Section champion Dougherty Valley on March 14 and dropped a well-played matchup 6-3. Adam

Linette, Shreekar Eedara and Alex Yang won their singles matches for Foothill.

Foothill rebounded two days later with a 7-2 victory over San Ramon Valley. The Falcons took

five of six singles matches led by Akash Patel and Kyle Thompson at Nos. 1 and 2, and Linette and Arnav Patel at Nos. 3 and 4. Linette, a freshman, is undefeated in league play this year. ■

### PET OF THE WEEK



#### Chuck O'Malley

A 3-year-old Boxer/Hungarian Vizsla mix, Chuck O'Malley is a silly and smart boy who loves to play fetch, is great with adults and is looking for an experienced owner. His adoption fee is discounted to \$17 through Sunday for the St. Pittie's Day promotion at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center.

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Pleasanton resident John Deus was captivated by this sign and its dramatic graphics in Pescadero.



John and Tish Deus were driving through the English countryside when he spotted this sign, his favorite.



Deus stopped to shoot the Maori name of this hill in southern Hawke's Bay, New Zealand. It is called Taumata for short.

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Postings give warnings, instructions, information — and entertain

STORY BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI | PHOTOS BY JOHN DEUS

When John Deus, 74, takes to the road, he doesn't just keep an eye on the traffic and other hazards. He's also alert for interesting signage.

"I think I've photographed about 75 different signs during my travels," said Deus (pronounced the German way, "Doyce"). "I'm a very curious person in general, so when I started seeing these signs that I don't normally see, I took pictures."

The Pleasanton resident started to pull out his camera — now his phone — about 10 years ago.

"It sort of became a hobby — 'passion' is too intense," Deus said. "I began to pay attention to signs that I feel are unusual."

He recorded a sign on a tall bridge in New Zealand warning that jumping had caused death and permanent injury. He photographed a notice on a farm that read: "Farms have animals. Animals make funny sounds, smell bad and have sex outdoors. Unless you can tolerate noise, odors and outdoor sex, don't buy property next to a farm."

One chain-link fence had an ominous sign: "Is there life after death: Trespass here and find out."

Another musing, beautifully painted on a pub floor in Wellington, New Zealand, shared: "It is better to sit in the inn thinking about the church, than sit in the church thinking about the inn."

Deus said his favorite sign is one he spotted in the English countryside: "Tank crossing." The words were under a simple outline of a tank.

"My wife and I were driving along on the 'wrong' side of the road and it hit me — we'd passed a tank crossing," he said. "I backed the car up."

Many of Deus' travels have been

on his Harley-Davidson, some overseas. He saw a penguin crossing while on a three-week motorcycle tour in New Zealand. That is also where he photographed a sign noting the longest place name in the world, the Maori name for a hill: Taumatawhakatangianga koauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu.

Deus had a career with Hewlett Packard, and with Hexcel in Pleasanton, and has been living in the Birdland neighborhood for 19 years. His regular biking buddies are his brother Rick, and friends Gary, Tennis and Mike.

Most of his motorcycle trips were three weeks, Deus said.

"Sometimes it was just Gary and I, sometimes five of us, depending on who could go and where," he explained.

Another international trip began in Munich and included 47 Alpine passes and eight countries in three weeks.

"There are over 200 Alpine passes, but we couldn't get them all in," Deus said.

In Deus' photo collection, a road sign in Cave Creek, Ariz., urges motorists to "Look Twice for Motorcycles." The town also has a whimsical portrait of gamboling deer on the road, cactus and mountains in the distance, as it notes, "Deer crossing."

Motorists are alerted to horseback riders in Apache Junction, Ariz. A family of bears is portrayed crossing above a sign saying, "Slow down for wildlife," in Sequoia National Park.

Sometimes just plain street names catch Deus' fancy, such as Dead Broke Street in Nemo, S.D. He caught that one while en route

to the annual Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, S.D.

"I've been about five times," Deus said. "I started going in the late '90s. We saw the wild years and we saw the tame years — and we all had a great time all the way."

"And we managed to keep the rubber side down the whole way," he added.

It was in Sturgis in 2008 that he photographed a sign warning: "Watch out for drunken pedestrians," complete with an outline of a tipsy person, overflowing beer mug in hand.

Deus' last motorcycle trip with his buddies was to Milwaukee, a trip he laid out and navigated from his Ultra Classic Harley.

"The four of us toured the beautiful new Harley-Davidson Museum," he said. "The purpose of the trip was to retrace historic Route 66."

They found its origin at Michigan Avenue and Adams Street in Chicago.

"We followed Route 66 all the way back to the Santa Monica Pier," Deus said. "We had a wonderful time, the four of us. It took maybe 21-22 days. And there was only 20 minutes of rain."

He reported seeing old Burma Shave signs on Route 66, somewhere between Seligman and Kingman, Ariz.

Outside Oatman, Ariz., were "ass crossing" signs. Deus explained that silver miners had used donkeys and when the miners left, they let the pack animals loose.

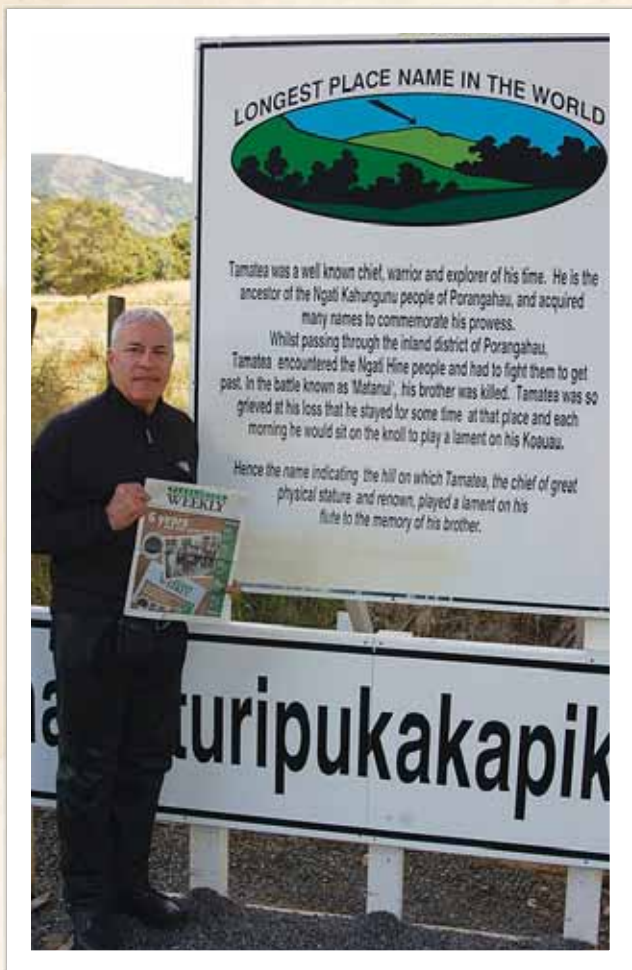
"They are walking the streets and are very tame," he said. "At nighttime they just go into the mountains."

That trip was the final one on his beloved Harley, since Deus was into his 70s. He said many of the older



Deus' latest photo of a sign that caught his eye, which he found recently in Berkeley. "I'd never seen that. I jumped out of the car," he said.

The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota has been tamed, Deus said, but one had to be on the alert for inebriated people in 2008.



Deus chose this loooooong name sign to pose with the Pleasanton Weekly for a "Take Us Along" submission from his 2006 New Zealand travels.



When motorcycling the South Island in New Zealand, Deus had to keep an eye out for penguins.



Motorists sometimes share the road with bear families in Sequoia National Park.

bikers now attend the Sturgis Rally on big motorized trikes but "none of us wanted to do that."

"We came back, and my brother Rick and I sold our motorcycles," he said.

Now Deus is driving the countryside with his wife Tish, often sharing with her the mountain roads that he discovered on his bike, including Zion and Bryce national parks and the Grand Canyon. They are also exploring Northern California on Highway 1.

California has retired signs reading "Watch for falling trees" in favor of the simpler "Falling trees," said Deus, so he photographed an old-fashioned "Watch for falling trees"

on Lakeville Road near Petaluma. He also shot a sign in Pescadero that sported a "Tsunami Evacuation Site" sign with an image of a family running from a huge wave.

"The last sign I took was one that said, 'Senior Crossing,' in Berkeley," Deus said. "I'd never seen that. I jumped out of the car."

Sometimes vehicles have catchy signs, too. A delivery truck for a winery had a notice on its rear: "In case of accident, bring cheese and crackers. Lots and lots of cheese and crackers."

The back of a bus in Queenstown, New Zealand, warned: "Brace yourself for impact. Hurricane Warning." Deus has also documented

license plates such as "Aruba. One happy island."

In a bar in Texas, he photographed a sign with a woman's outline in a circle and a line through it that read, "We do not serve women — you must bring your own."

A sign welcoming motorists to Wisconsin informs criminals and terrorists that its residents legally carry guns and are prepared to defend themselves, adding, "Illinois and Chicago, however, have been disarmed for your convenience."

From penguins crossing in New Zealand to tanks crossing in England to seniors crossing in Berkeley — Deus' collection continues to grow. ■



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Deus corners hard right on his Harley, which he sold after many thousands of miles on the road with his buddies.



Performance helps provide live theater at underserved schools

## 'Snow White' spoof headed for Pleasanton

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Each spring, a talented troupe visits underserved schools in the East Bay to acquaint students with the magic of musical theater.

To help fund the free shows, East Bay Children's Theatre gives paying performances in public venues, and this year Pleasanton has been added to the schedule. "That's Our Snow White!" a madcap musical spoof, will play at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. April 1 at the Firehouse Arts Center.

"There is huge community support here, particularly for the arts," said EBCT board of directors' president Eve Tieck, a Pleasanton resident. "And it is a very giving community — people are willing to think about those less fortunate."

The young audiences at the schools — in Oakland, Richmond and Berkeley — respond enthusiastically to the shows, Tieck said, and cast members talk to the students afterward.

"Lots of kids want to hang around and see the actors and touch them,"

Tieck said, and they are full of questions. "Did you really eat that apple?! Did you really fall asleep?!"

When two characters kiss, the students will scream, she said, and ask the actors about it after the show.

Last year the musical was "Aladdin and the Lamp," which was loaded with special effects.

"One kid walked up to the genie afterward and said, 'Could you really make my wishes come true?'" Tieck recalled.

The musicals are spoofs of traditional folk and fairy tales, written to be highly entertaining as well as to highlight positive values. The grammar schools are given guides ahead of time, with a story synopsis, vocabulary words from the play and lesson ideas such as critical-thinking activities.

"They haven't been exposed (to live theater) at all," explained writer/composer/director Ron Lytle, the group's resident playwright. "They don't even have the vocabulary to express it — they don't even know that what they've seen is a play. They'll say, 'Thank you for the movie.'"

The new theater-goers also learn audience etiquette, he said: "It's OK to laugh, it's not OK to talk. It's OK to applaud at the end."

Lytle became involved with the organization 12 years ago when he was commissioned to write a spoof of "Shoemaker and the Elves."

"It will change your life if you let it," Lytle said. "You see their little eyes changing. Maybe some will kind of be paying attention, then there will be a dance number and you will see one or two kind of perk up."

The troupe arrives ahead of time in its special van to set up the stage, test the sound equipment and warm up. The volunteers take down efficiently, but Lytle also noted that the job doesn't end when the curtain goes down.

"A few will go out and greet the kids, and it will tear your heart out," he said. "The kids will run up to them and hug them and hold on to these actors."

"You can feel this love radiating out of these kids."

The theatrical troupe was started in 1933 with the mission to

provide children an opportunity to experience musical theater and to expose them to new ideas that ignite their interests and imaginations. It is funded by grants, donations and paid performances in Berkeley, Orinda, Pittsburg — and now Pleasanton.

"If I hadn't been exposed to the arts as a child, I can't imagine what I would be today," said Lytle, who worked as an actor and singer for musical theater in Las Vegas, where he began improving scripts for family shows.

Tieck grew up with the theater because her mother was an actress. "I remember my first play," Tieck said. "It was magic."

Tieck said she has done theater for the past 35 years, and she became involved with EBCT when someone asked her to take a part in "There's No Business Like Shoe Business."

"They needed someone to play the little girl — and I was in my 40s at the time," she recalled with a laugh.

"Children's theater was a new thing for me," she said. "But I tell

EBCT

Left: Snow White (Krista Joy Serpa) wishes for a "splendid 'he' on bended knee" in "That's Our Snow White!" The musical spoof, presented by East Bay Children's Theatre, will be onstage in Pleasanton on April 1.

Right: Snow White's stepmother, the maniacal Queen (Karen Fox), plots an absurdist evil deed in the madcap musical "That's Our Snow White!"

you, it has been one of the most rewarding experiences I've had as an actor, especially for the kids seeing theater for the first time. They totally buy into it. There is a magical element to it — you see it in their faces."

The enthusiasm and talent of the volunteers is the secret to the success of EBCT productions and the troupe's longevity, Tieck said. Volunteers perform as well as help with costumes and handle the lighting and sound equipment and sets. Cast members come from as far as Modesto, San Francisco and Antioch, and range in age from 18 to 80.

"There is lots of different experience," Tieck said. "Some are trained opera singers, some are musical theater people, others want to make theater arts their career."

In the upcoming performance of "Snow White," the princess is high maintenance. She is loved by all the furry creatures of the land, especially Prince Ponderous and the Six Dwarfs. (Six?!). And the Evil Queen has a back-talking Magic Mirror. The satirical score includes the songs, "I'll Whistle, You Work!" and "How Do You Like Them Apples?"

"The cast is terrific, and the material is so fresh and funny," Tieck said. She and Lytle point out that the one-hour shows are for the entire family, delivering sophisticated humor alongside the obvious jokes that appeal to kids.

"A goal of mine is there are no bored adults," Lytle said.

Although the focus has always been on the school shows, Tieck noted, there is a definite need for entertaining children and families, which is why she is pleased to bring EBCT to Pleasanton.

Tickets are \$12-\$17. Purchase at [www.EBCTonline.org](http://www.EBCTonline.org). ■

## Museum announces more tickets for speaker series

'An Evening with ...' historical characters sold out in a week

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main has added tickets and performances for this year's speaker series, which is held once a month from May through October. The Ed Kinney Speaker Series — "An Evening with ..." — features actors portraying well-known people from history who talk about their lives.

"Tickets for these Chautauqua-style performances went on sale on Dec. 1, and we were sold out by Dec. 7," said Sarah Schaefer, Museum on

Main's director of education and the coordinator of the speaker series. "This year's sales were unprecedented, and since the series continues to grow in popularity, the museum staff knew we needed a strategy to accommodate the growing crowds."

This year the museum has added two matinees, at 2 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center. It also moved three of the performances to the Amador Theater, which has more seats.

"Although using the much larger

Amador Theater is not a permanent solution to the series' growing popularity, moving our evening performances in July, August and September has meant we can now sell additional tickets for three of our most popular performances," Schaefer said.

"With more tickets available, it is the perfect time for those who have never come to the series to experience a Chautauqua performance," she continued. "It is such a unique way for people, young and old

alike, to engage with history and historical personalities.

"Actors bring historical characters out of the pages of history books and on to the stage, providing the audience with a monolog as a historical character and then answering the audiences' questions as the character."

Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$10 students and seniors 65 and older; \$7 members. Purchase at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org); at Museum on Main, 603 Main St.,

### Speaker tickets available

- "An Afternoon with Louisa May Alcott" — 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, Firehouse Arts Center
- "An Evening with George Washington" — 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 11, Amador Theater
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## Theatre

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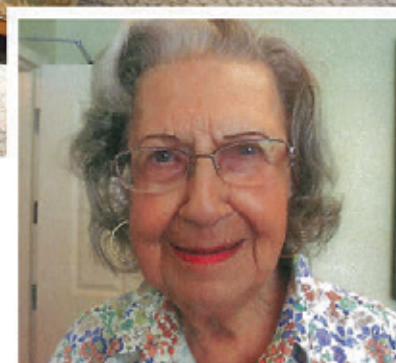
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## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**PREET BROWS** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 5276995  
The following person(s) doing business as: PREET BROWS, 4307 VALLEY AVENUE SUITE #D, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MPK Associates LLC, 4464 Mohr Avenue Apt. #40, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 09/01/2016. Signature of Registrant: Manpreet Kaur, Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/30/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 3, 10, 17, 24; 2017)

**DUBLIN CADILLAC** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527696  
The following person(s) doing business as: DUBLIN CADILLAC, 4200 JOHN MONEGO COURT, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): California Automotive Retailing Group, Inc., 4200 John Monego Court, Dublin, CA 94568. Registered in Delaware. 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: Jaspreet Dosaanj, General Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of

Alameda on 02/16/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 3, 10, 17, 24; 2017)

**THE CHOCOLATE CURTAIN** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527666  
The following person(s) doing business as: THE CHOCOLATE CURTAIN, 3393 LITTLE VALLEY ROAD, SUNOL, CA 94586, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Linda Lea Hurley, 3393 Little Valley Road, Sunol, CA 94586; Joseph R Hurley, 3393 Little Valley Road, Sunol, CA 94586. This business is conducted by a Married couple. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Linda Lea Hurley. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/16/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 3, 10, 17, 24; 2017)

**EBL SALES & MARKETING** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 528192  
The following person(s) doing business as: EBL SALES & MARKETING, 7310 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Bruce Hunt, 7310 Clubhouse Drive, 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: Bruce Hunt. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/01/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 10, 17, 24; 2017)

**TACTICAL GRANTS** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527734  
The following person(s) doing business as: TACTICAL GRANTS, 573 MALBEC COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Susan Alison Campbell, 573 Malbec Court, 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: Susan Alison Campbell. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/17/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 17, 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**BETA MEDICAL** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 528441  
The following person(s) doing business as: BETA MEDICAL, 1724 BEACHWOOD WAY, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Allen King, 1724 Beachwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/24/2012. Signature of Registrant: David A. King. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/07/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 17, 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**KING DESIGN ASSOCIATES** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 528435  
The following person(s) doing business as: KING DESIGN ASSOCIATES, 1724 BEACHWOOD WAY, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yvonne Marie King, 1724 Beachwood Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/24/2012. Signature of Registrant: Yvonne King. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/07/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 17, 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**COREY STEEL STRUCTURES** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 528872  
The following person(s) doing business as: COREY STEEL STRUCTURES, 6700 KOLL CENTER PARKWAY, SUITE 130, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Corey USA Inc., 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Registered in Delaware. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 03/15/2017. Signature of Registrant: David A. Ogiulivie, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/15/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**IOT FORUM** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527857  
The following person(s) doing business as: IOT FORUM, 910 E. MOCKINGBIRD LANE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): The Telecom Council, Inc., 910 E. Mockingbird Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: Liz Kerton, Director, The Telecom Council. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/22/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**PLEASANTON PAK MAIL** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 529044  
The following person(s) doing business as: PLEASANTON PAK MAIL, 5424 SUNOL BLVD, SUITE 10, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Fast Paik, 3509 Arbor Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. 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: Ahmad Reza Mohammady, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/20/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME** File No. 461257

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): AFFORDABLE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 33584 ALVARADO NILES ROAD, UNION CITY, CA 94587 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 02/07/2012 UNDER FILE NO. 461257 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): CLIFF WOOD, 5285 RIDGEMOUNT WAY, PLEASANTON, CA 94566; NANCY WOOD, 5285 RIDGEMOUNT WAY, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business was conducted by a Married couple. Signature of Registrant: Cliff Wood; Nancy Wood. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on March 16, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**JLH CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN** FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527961  
The following person(s) doing business as: JLH CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN, 5041 GOLDEN ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Justin M Harbinson, 5041 Golden Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 02/01/2017. Signature of Registrant: Justin M. Harbinson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/23/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

## 997 All Other Legals

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: IRENE OLIVE NOLAN aka IRENE O. NOLAN** Case No.: RP16824652 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IRENE OLIVE NOLAN, also known as IRENE O. NOLAN, also known as IRENE NOLAN. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARCENE MARTIN in the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA. The Petition for Probate requests that: MARCENE MARTIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on MAY 2, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept: 202 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, located at 2120 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Mathew Alden, 4695 Chabot Drive, Suite 200, Pleasanton, CA 94588 (925)323-6149 (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA** Case No.: RG17852926 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: SEAN VANG THAI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SEAN VANG THAI to SEAN VANG TYE; SYLVIE EMMA THAI to SYLVIE EMMA TYE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: MAY 19, 2017, 11:30 a.m., Dept: 24 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: MARCH 15, 2017 /s/ Morris Jacobson, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

Case No.: RG17853231 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: BHUPINDER SINGH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BHUPINDER SINGH to BHUPINDER SINGH SAWHNEY. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: MAY 19, 2017, 11:30 a.m., Dept: 24 of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: MARCH 13, 2017 /s/ JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)

**SUMMONS (Citacion Judicial) Case Number: HGI6806495 (Numero del Caso) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (Aviso al Demandado): XUE GONG, aka SALLY GONG, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive: YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): ZENGJIAN YAO, an individual. NOTICE: You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.**

**AVISO: Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información as continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esa corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protogen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar esos formularios de la corte y mas información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que lo queda mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presente su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte lo podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin mas advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable, que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conosco a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin tiene de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), an el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), o ponlndose en contacto con la corto o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperacion de \$10,000 o mas de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesion de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de las corte es) ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, HAYWARD HALL OF JUSTICE; 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado es) Zengjian Yao, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588 Date (Fecha): March 4, 2016 /s/ Clerk, by (Secretario) D Clemons, Deputy (Adjunto) (Pleasanton Weekly, March 24, 31, April 7; 2017)**

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Dublin

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**7545 Honey Court \$749,800**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**3092 Vittoria Loop \$965,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Mike Fracisco 998-8131

### Pleasanton

**2 BEDROOMS**  
**7435 Stonedale Drive \$709,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

**3 BEDROOMS**  
**1518 Ramblewood Way Call for price**  
 Fri 10-1/Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

**6887 Herrin Court Call for price**  
 Fri 10-1/Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

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

**4084 Graham St. \$899,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Judy Winter 699-7900

**1820 Cortez Court \$875,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Kris Moxley 519-9080

**4 BEDROOMS**  
**1683 Paseo Del Cajon \$1,280,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Cindy Gee 963-1984

**328 Mission Drive \$1,060,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

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

**7490 Aspen Court \$1,169,888**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

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

**2350 Sandpiper Way \$1,239,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

**5 BEDROOMS**  
**1234 Hearst Drive \$1,869,000**  
 Sat 2-5/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

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

**6 BEDROOMS**  
**3540 Mercato Court \$3,200,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

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

**San Ramon**  
**4 BEDROOMS**  
**3300 Roma Place \$849,000**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Kris Moxley 519-9080

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 23-28

### Pleasanton

**3945 Alma Court** Miller Trust to X. Wu for \$825,000  
**4645 Black Avenue** J. Witham to D. Seid for \$1,015,000  
**7635 Canyon Meadow Circle #B** J. Stokes to T. & C. Baldwin for \$535,000  
**1455 Groth Circle** P. Rutledge to W. Hu for \$815,000  
**1722 Laguna Hills Lane** Kahlon Trust to G. Braga for \$2,126,000  
**1151 Mataro Court** T. Fail to A. Murphy for \$1,300,000  
**4880 Merganser Court** Bain Trust to Y. Chen for \$1,300,000  
**8170 Mountain View Drive #C** S. Ouchi to L. McKenzie for \$405,000  
**8055 Mountain View Drive #D** M. Raboin to T. Jang for \$520,000  
**3034 Paseo Granada** Mensinger Trust to Kunde Trust for \$1,335,000  
**5889 San Juan Way** K. Baxter to L. Wang for \$1,100,000  
**6822 Siesta Court** Ling Trust to P. Kommana for \$880,000  
**3477 Torlano Place** Recupero Trust to A. & L. Abreu for \$2,609,500  
**3933 Vine Street** R. Prola to C. Wedge for \$521,000  
**1373 Whispering Oaks Way** Chang Trust to M. Sivanath for \$1,228,000

**7569 Brigadoon Way** K. Robinson to D. & H. Martynov for \$675,000  
**4073 Chalk Hill Way** TH WR-8 Venture to A. De for \$980,500  
**4077 Chalk Hill Way** TH WR-8 Venture to S. Huang for \$1,229,000  
**7923 Diana Lane** Valenziano Trust to M. Cao for \$716,000  
**10734 Dulsie Lane #98** J. & S. Lee to V. & S. Sinha for \$85,000  
**3185 Madden Way** H. Walia to C. Wang for \$1,375,000  
**3240 Maguire Way #411** H. & J. Mutti to Desale Trust for \$515,000  
**11849 Newbridge Way** Q. Nguyen to J. & S. Mann for \$530,000  
**4502 Sandford Court** V. Singal to J. Kim for \$615,000  
**11698 Serra Court** Salazar Trust to J. & A. Unruh for \$917,000  
**8508 Valencia Street** M. Gardiner to C. & C. Knight for \$688,000  
**3950 Windsor Way** KB Home to S. Phung for \$866,500  
**3952 Windsor Way** KB Home to Shah Trust for \$804,000

### Livermore

**6438 Almaden Way** B. Rodenkirk to P. & S. Shepler for \$664,500  
**1876 Altamont Circle** R. & E. Wilson to D. Roberts for \$850,000  
**1796 Dawn Street** L. Stewart to J. & A. Bosel for \$755,000  
**4307 Drake Court** H. White to E. Oerter for \$680,000  
**160 Elvira Street** D. Fisher to S. Khan for \$625,000  
**335 Estates Street** J. Garza to J. Spriggs for \$680,000  
**649 Hemlock Court** H. & M. Zielke to R. & H. Guzman for \$755,000

Source: California REsource

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## Q & A: Can a Buyer Cancel a Contract For Any Reason?

**Q:** We recently accepted an offer on our home in Pleasanton. The buyer appeared to be very strong, and wrote an offer with a short inspection contingency. When the buyer's inspection contingency removal was due, they cancelled the agreement, and did not give an explanation. Can they do that? Can we keep their deposit? We are quite upset about this.



—Bill in Pleasanton

**A:** Bill, that is a great question. The contract (CAR purchase agreement) provides that during the inspection contingency the buyer may investigate the property, order inspections, review all associated documents, and due their due diligence. The contract stipulates that at the end of the inspection contingency period, the buyer may either remove their inspection contingency, or cancel the agreement. In the event the buyer elects to cancel the contract, there is no contractual requirement that the buyer give the seller an explanation, nor is there any requirement that the seller gets to approve their reason for cancelling in order to release the deposit. It is black and white. Unless and until the buyer removes their inspection contingency, their deposit is theoretically not at risk, as the contract allows the buyer to cancel the agreement. The only realistic argument a seller has would be if the buyer acted in bad faith, either by never intending to complete the purchase, or entering into contract on another property simultaneously, or somehow demonstrating bad faith in another fashion. However, keep in mind the old saying in legal circles; "It's not what you know, but what you ...

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DUBLIN \$749,800  
Open Sat/Sun 1 - 4 7545 Honey Court

Great Single Family Value in Dublin  
3 BD/2 BA Approx. 1920 SF, Court location, 1-story,  
needs some cosmetic updating. Spacious backyard.  
Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940 925.847.2294



PLEASANTON \$1,378,000  
5353 Old School Road

Beautiful Tassajara Ranchette  
4 BD/3 BA Sharp Cstm Hm w/ Full In-law Ste, Sprkly Pl, 3  
Stall Horse Barn, Rdg arena all on 3 acres.  
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4487 Fairlands Drive

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**KOTTINGER RANCH**



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#### 1234 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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#### 8335 REGENCY DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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**PENDING**

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**PENDING**

**2019 EILENE DRIVE, PLEASANTON**

Highly Upgraded Single Family 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Home in Desirable Mohr Park Area! Remodeled Kitchen-Newer Cabinets, Granite & Appliances. Remodeled Bathrooms, 40-Year Roof, Milgard Dual Pane Windows, Wood Burning Fireplace, Custom Window Treatments, Newer Fencing, Refinished 7-year New Deck, Newer Interior & Exterior Paint, Private Backyard! Great Location with Nearby Park, Great Schools, Conveniently Near BART Station, Shopping and Downtown Pleasanton! For More Information Go To: [2019eilene.com](http://2019eilene.com). For a private showing, contact The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.



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on a 7,811+/-sq.ft lot  
Offered at \$1,239,000

7435 STONEDALE DRIVE, PLEASANTON

**OPEN SAT/SUN 1-4**



2+ bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, 1,502+/-sq.ft.  
on a 1,460+/-sq.ft lot  
Offered at \$709,000

3186 GULFSTREAM STREET, PLEASANTON

**OPEN SUN 1-4PM**



6 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, 2,678 +/- sq.ft.  
on a 6,441 +/- sq.ft. lot  
Offered at \$1,225,000

1797 MAGNOLIA CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

**ACTIVE**



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

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— Song & Yali Zhang, Gatetree Circle, Pleasanton



900 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566



**1820 CORTEZ CT.  
PLEASANTON**

**Jensen/Amador Estates**

Located in the heart of Pleasanton this 3 bedroom 2 bath home offers 1,501 sqft of living space. Overlooking the family room and opening to the living room through arched doorways is the updated kitchen offering granite counters and an eat-in area. The homes addition of a family room with a brick fireplace opens the rear yard. The original wood floors are throughout along with dual pane windows. Both bathrooms have been updated as well. The master bedroom offers a sliding glass door to the back yard and pool. A covered patio, side yard access and a pool welcomes you to the back yard for year round entertaining. Close to schools, shopping and parks.

*Your Jensen/Amador Estates expert*

**Listed at \$875,000**



**3300 ROMA PL.  
SAN RAMON**

A Landscaped beauty, this 4 bedroom 2 bath home was built in 1975 and offers 1,601 sqft of living space. The entry welcomes you into the living room with vaulted ceilings, a wood burning fireplace and generous windows overlooking the side and front yards. The kitchen has been freshly paint with its white cabinetry, a pantry, breakfast bar and opens the kitchen/family room combo. Open and bright is this area with its surrounding windows looking out to the back yards, covered patio and pool. A corner lot and court location enhance this home.

**Offered at \$849,000**



**4092 GRAHAM ST.  
PLEASANTON**

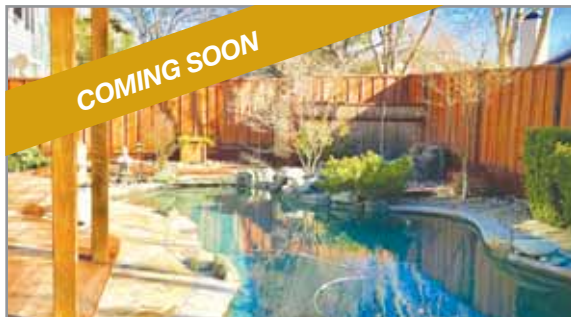
**Jensen/Amador Estates**

With 2,010 sqft of living space, this property has 2 master bedrooms with 2 addition bedrooms and 3 full bathrooms. One master suite is upstairs the other on the main level. Located in the heart of Pleasanton and close to downtown area for dining and activities and all levels of award winning schools. A tile entry leads you into the living room with a brick surrounded fireplace, opening to the kitchen and living room. An expanded family room, original hardwood floors and new carpet are additional features. The rear yard has a brick patio area with a lawn and mature trees and side access.

*Your Jensen/Amador Estates expert*

**Offered at \$980,000**

**PENDING**



**LIVERMORE**

This 5 bedroom/3 bath home was built in 1998 and offers 2,140 sqft. The two story home is located on a court and close to a park. This home has been updated from inside to outside with designer touches. The master bath offers new dual sink vanity, a soaking tub and separate shower with a spacious walk in closet. One bedroom suite is on the main level with a full bath. The custom designed salt water pool offers a waterfall and nestled in just the right location.

**Priced in the high \$800,000 range**



**3635 BINGHAM CT.  
PLEASANTON**

The Village at Ironwood for the 55 year and older resident. This single story home offers a court location and one of the largest lots in the development at 7,500 sq ft. The driveway could accommodate 6 cars for off-street parking. A guest bedroom and full bath. A very spacious master suite with walk in closet & a rear yard access. The kitchen has generous cabinet space, step in pantry, breakfast bar/seating, spacious dining area, and views of the spacious patio/pergola & rear yard. An office (or 3rd bedroom) with custom built in white cabinetry. 2 BR (optional 3rd BR or media/den) 2.5 BA with 1,910 sq ft.

**Offered at \$1,280,000**

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**3750 SMALLWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON**



**GORGEOUS CUSTOM HOME WITH PANORAMIC VALLEY VIEWS!**

Premium lot. Updated throughout with dramatic architectural details and luxurious amenities. Entertainer's backyard with pool/spa and BBQ.

5 Bedrooms, 4.5 Bathrooms, 4947 +/- Sq. Ft. Offered at \$2,199,000

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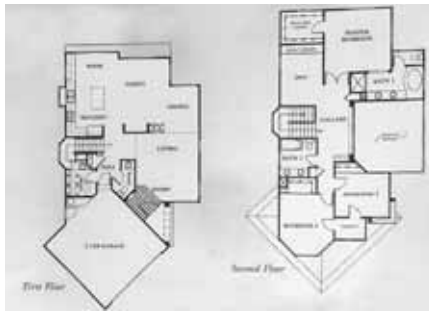
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**8167 MOLLER RANCH DRIVE, PLEASANTON**

Backs to open space with views! Amazing 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath home, approx. 2131 sqft. Gourmet kitchen with granite slab on counters and island, Dacor 6 burner gas range and convection microwave, shutters, hardwood floors, new exterior paint, walk to community park. **Call Delores for more details**



## 7 STEPS TO SELLING A HOME

1. Reason for Selling
2. The Cost of Selling
3. Price
4. Location
5. Condition of Your Property
6. Staging
7. Assembly

Thinking of Selling your home in 2017? Then it's time to start planning with a call to Dave & Sue!

**JUST LISTED - OPEN FRI 10-1 & SAT 1-3**



**1518 Ramblewood Way, Pleasanton**

Downsizing isn't easy until you see this remodeled one level home! Gourmet kitchen. Gorgeous bathrooms! Beautiful yard, covered cabana. **Mid \$900,000's**

**JUST LISTED - OPEN FRI 10-1 & SAT 1-3**



**6887 Herrin Court, Pleasanton**

Stunning one level home w/ granite slab kitchen, s.s. appliances and hardwood floors. New carpet, dual pane windows, remodeled baths. **High \$800,000's**

**REVIEWING OFFERS**



**2824 Gray Fox Court, Pleasanton**

Country estate on 1 acre w/ 5 bdms, 3.5 ba, one bdrm casita and detached in law unit. Pool, outdoor kitchen, bocce ball and sport court. **\$2,250,000**

**SALE PENDING - 3 OFFERS**



**906 Gray Fox Circle, Pleasanton**

Premiere Showing! Stunning Foxbrough Estates Custom home, 5 bdms, 4.5 baths, 4259 sq ft on a 37000 sq ft parcel with beautiful views and pool!



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**6379 Dana Court, Pleasanton**

Cute as a button! 3 bdms, 2 baths and almost 1400 sq ft. Beautifully remodeled kitchen and bathrooms! **Priced in the mid \$800,000's**

**SALE PENDING - MULTIPLE OFFERS**



**6168 Inglewood Drive, Pleasanton**

Wonderful one level home, beautifully remodeled throughout. 3 bdms & 2 baths. Gourmet kitchen with beautiful hardwood floors. **Low \$800,000's**

**16 OFFERS PENDING!**



**217 Wild Flower Court, Pleasanton**

Beautiful 4 bdms, 3 ba! New carpet, paint and flooring! Wonderful court location! Walk to school, parks and Main Street! **\$825,000**

**ANOTHER NEW LISTING!**

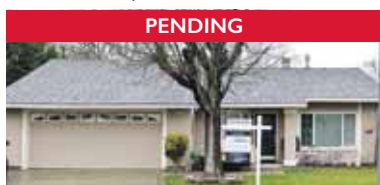


**Coming Soon in Val Vista**

Wonderful one level home with 4 bdms, 2 baths and over 1800 sq ft. Sunny kitchen with shaker cabinets and beautiful counters! **Mid 900,000's**

**4287 WAYCROSS COURT, PLEASANTON**

Expanded Heritage Valley single story home with side yard access and pool on wonderful court location. Features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, nice open floor plan. Close to downtown and shopping.



**PENDING**

**3388 GIOVANNI WAY, DUBLIN**

Lovely upscale living at Sorrento community in Dublin Ranch. 2,833 sqft home with 5 beds, 4 baths, 4 car garage, with huge bonus room.



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**COMING SOON**



**7932 COUNTESS COURT, DUBLIN**

Open floor plan, 3 BR, 2 BA. Remodeled Kitchen & bathrooms. Dual-pane windows, court location, RV access, close to award winning schools.

**NEW ON THE MARKET**



**178 CAMPO COURT, SOUTH LIVERMORE**

Beautiful 2-story home in Prima development! Perfect court location! 6BR/5BA, 3,800 sf., 15,890 sf. lot. Gourmet kitchen, office, downstairs BR suite w/ full bath, backyard w/ waterfall Jacuzzi! **\$1,400,000**



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**PENDING**



**639 AVINGTON CT., BRENTWOOD**

Beautiful remodeled 2530 sq ft. home. 2 story, 4/3- one bed/full bath downstairs. Large lot with pool! **Offered at \$598,000**

**PENDING**



**1451 HAMPEL ST., OAKLAND**

Charming remodeled bungalow in one of Oakland's hottest neighborhoods - Glenview! Walk to shops, easy commute with BART and buses nearby. 3 bed/2 bath, hardwood floors! Full basement partially finished, perfect for in-law or extra income and convert to a rental! **Offered at \$889,000**



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