

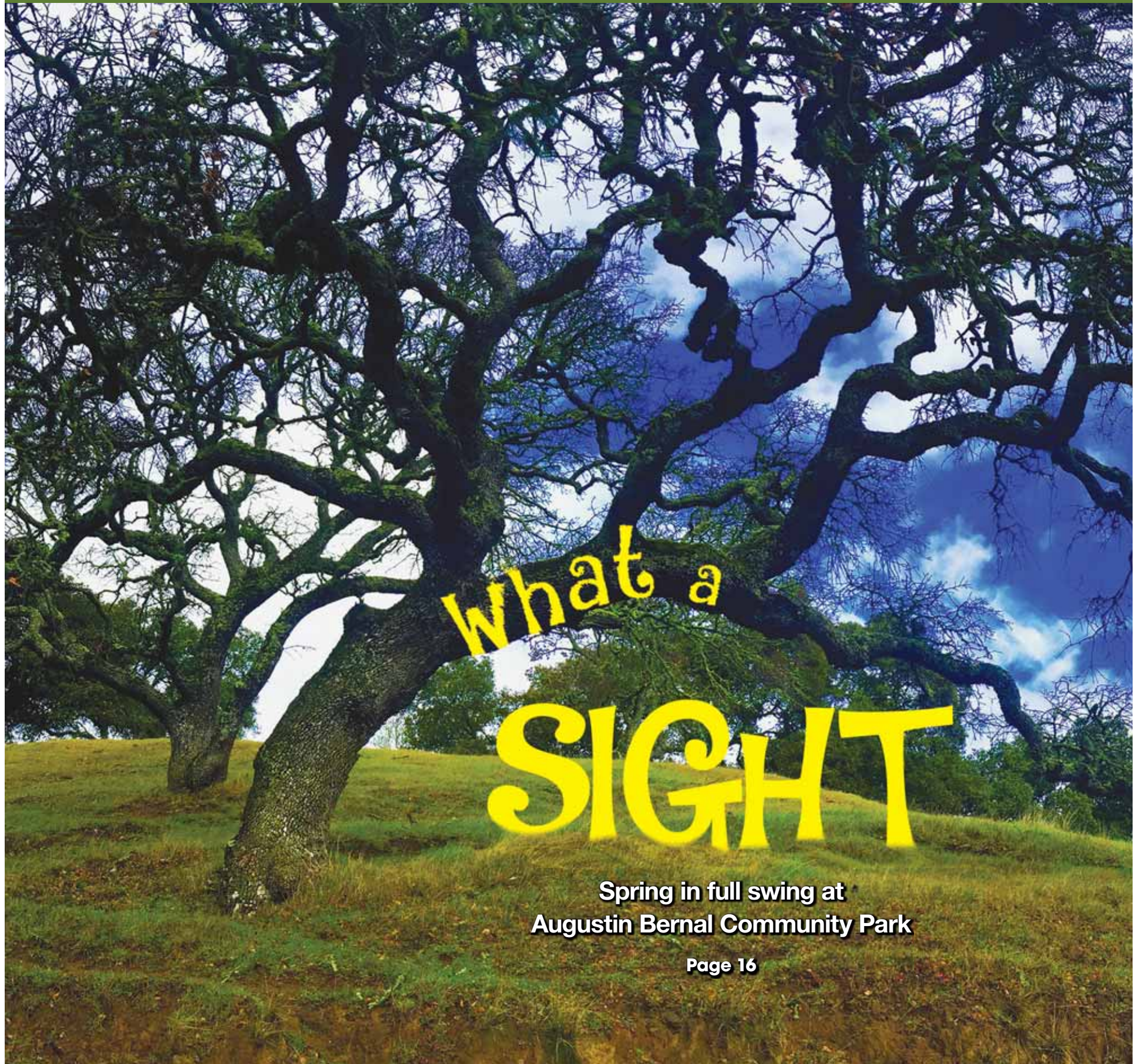
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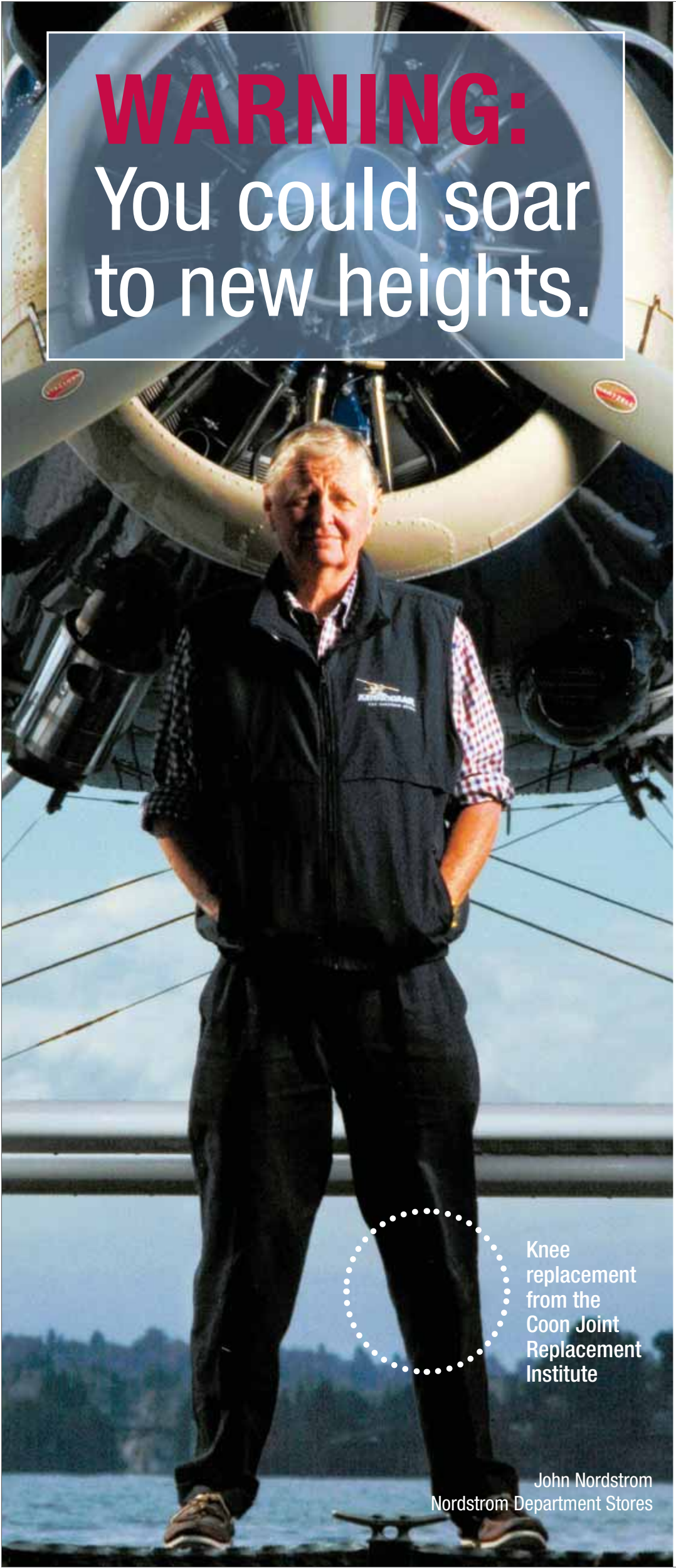
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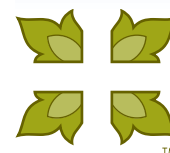
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BY TIM HUNT

Mertes' legacy will live on at Las Positas

There's something right about putting your money where your heart is.

The late David and Barbara Mertes did just that in their will, leaving \$6.85 million to the Las Positas College Foundation in Livermore. Barbara served as the founding dean of what was then the Livermore campus for Chabot College in Hayward. She spent most of her career at Las Positas and the college district office. Both she and David held doctorates.

David had an equally distinguished career, serving as state chancellor of the community colleges, as well as chancellor of a district and president/superintendent of two other colleges.

Throughout their marriage, Barbara lived in her native Livermore, while David came home on weekends when he was working out-of-town. After Barbara retired, she served on the community college board for 14 years.

After he retired from the state chancellorship, David was a founding member of the Las Positas foundation and served on the board for 11 years.

They were deeply invested in the college and in the valley. David had a particular interest in health care and engineered several medical projects in foreign countries in partnership with the Livermore Rotary and ValleyCare Health System.

The carefully thought-out gift to the foundation is an endowment to support scholarships tailored to areas that David and Barbara were passionate about. The investment earnings from the gift will go to:

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Barbara and David Mertes left \$6.85 million to the Las Positas College Foundation.

one female basketball player in memory of Charles and Margaret Fracisco (Barbara's parents), who both played high school basketball.

• A scholarship that will support Chabot or Las Positas students working on an associate's degree in a health care field. Both David and Barbara served on the ValleyCare Hospital board.

It is fitting that the performing arts center at the college bears Barbara's name and she was celebrated for that while she could enjoy it. The memorial service celebrating her life took place there.

They have gone home to their eternal reward, and their legacy will live on through the students their gift will support. ■

Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. He grew up in the valley and lives in Pleasanton. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.

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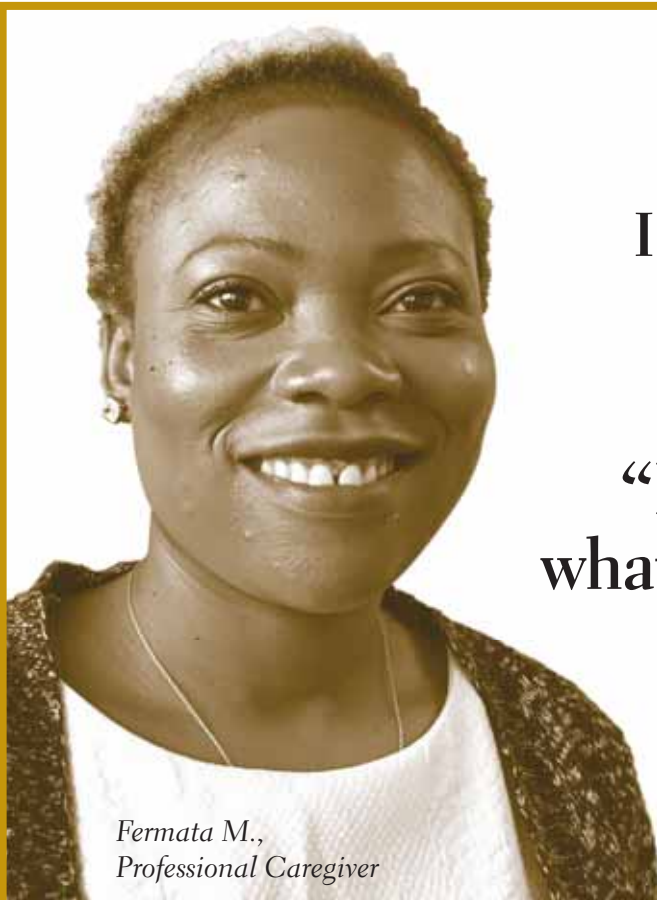
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John Neckar

Mortgage banker/manager

I would buy a great house in Truckee, in the golf course community of Lahontan or Martis Camp. It's just so beautiful up there. I'd have friends come to hang out, and we'd ski, hike and go mountain-biking. I could even work from there.



Sharon Beckett

Engineer

I have my pilot's license, so I think I would buy a small plane and spend time flying family and friends up and down our beautiful California coast, staying a few days here and there in some of the quaint seaside towns along the coast, like Carmel and Newport Beach. I'd use the rest to house and maintain the plane, as that is quite expensive.



Sean Cerruti

College student/bartender

Well, the first thing I'd do is pay off all of my student loans and get myself entirely out of debt. Then I would go on a few vacations to exotic locations. As for the rest, I would invest it wisely.



Maria Litella

Stay-at-home mom

I would save for my children's college tuition, room and board, so that they could go wherever they want, as opposed to whatever we can afford. I would also hire really good, in-home, around-the-clock care for my mom, whose health is declining. I would donate a bunch to the American Cancer Society, and I think I'd use the rest on family trips to Disneyland.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Next Thursday is Bike to Work Day, when commuters around the Bay Area are encouraged to get out of their cars and instead bicycle to work to promote a healthier lifestyle with more exercise and less vehicle emissions — it will also be Bike to School Day for local students.

Pleasanton is recognizing the day with energizer stations throughout the city in the morning to provide cyclists with refreshments, goodie bags and a T-shirt, at locations including transit stations, Foothill High School, bike stores and more.

For more info on Bike to Work Day in Pleasanton, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Ramadan reading

The Museum on Main will host its monthly Reading Time event for preschoolers ages 2-5 next Wednesday from 10-11 a.m., with this month's focus on educating the children about Ramadan through stories, songs and crafts.

Joined by members of the Muslim Community Center East Bay, museum officials will bring the celebrations and meanings behind the month of Ramadan to life for Pleasanton's littlest residents.

Admission is free. No reservations required. To learn more, call 462-2766.

More Than Pink

The Stoneridge Shopping Center has launched its Spring 2017 More Than Pink movement in support of nonprofit Susan G. Komen and the fight against breast cancer.

The mall is decorated with a pink theme and staff are donning pink neckties and scarves. Shoppers can donate \$10 for a discount card at Guest Services, with all of those contributions going to Susan G. Komen.

Next Saturday (May 13), Stoneridge is hosting a More Than Pink special event, including yoga classes in the morning and a fashion show in the afternoon, again with proceeds benefiting the nonprofit.

Grantmakers panel

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance is hosting the organization's third annual grant-makers panel, "Meet the Grantmakers: Building Strategic Funding Partnerships," next Thursday in Livermore featuring local corporate and foundation representatives to discuss their grant requirements and charitable giving programs.

To register, visit www.tvnpa.org. ■

Unanimous City Council endorses 36 new houses for Valley Trails

Neighborhood turns out to support plans to replace church site with housing development

By JEREMY WALSH

New houses appear on their way to the Valley Trails neighborhood after the Pleasanton City Council on Tuesday signed off on a developer's proposal to add three-dozen homes to the Evangelical Free Church of Pleasanton site.

Receiving strong support from Valley Trails residents Tuesday night, the plans by developer Ponderosa Homes call for 36 single-family houses on the 9-acre, church-owned parcel at 6900 Valley Trails Drive, along with a private clubhouse, new public streets

and sidewalks and enhancements at the neighborhood park, including a public restroom.

In offering their unanimous endorsement, council members praised the developer, church officials and neighbors for working together to create a development plan that could be supported by the Valley Trails community and ultimately city officials.

Councilwoman Karla Brown called the housing development "a good fit for Pleasanton."

"I definitely hear (the residents) and understand your concerns, your

goals for the neighborhood," she said. "You want a residential housing development that fits in your community. And I believe it will also raise the value of all of your homes and improve the appearance, the reputation of Valley Trails."

"I think what we have here ... is an opportunity to serve the city the best we can," Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin said in support of the project, toward the end of the hour-plus public hearing at the Civic Center.

The property, located just southwest of the intersection of West Las Positas Boulevard and Hopyard Road

and within the existing neighborhood, includes the church, parking lot, field and other landscaping that would be torn down to make room for the 36 new homes.

The plans call for five house models consisting of two one-story styles and three two-story styles, between 2,451 square feet and 3,385 square feet.

The developer would also build a private clubhouse for its new development, as well as a public restroom for the adjacent 6.1-acre neighborhood park, which Ponderosa would construct free-of-charge along with paying money to the city to help with

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Judge denies petition

Ex-Walnut Grove principal challenged ruling upholding his dismissal

By JULIA REIS

An Alameda County judge last week denied a legal petition from former Walnut Grove Elementary School principal Jon Vranesh challenging an administrative hearing panel's decision that found PUSD had valid reasons to fire him nearly three years ago.

In an 11-page decision issued April 25 following a court hearing four days earlier, Alameda County Superior Court Judge Wynne Carvill upheld most of the Commission on Professional Competence's findings, including on inappropriate conduct and destruction of data by Vranesh.

"The court finds that Vranesh received training on sexual harassment ... was in a position of authority as the principal, and despite such training had engaged in a concerted pattern of harassment of a repeated, routine and generalized nature," Carvill wrote. "Vranesh's knowledge, authority, and initiation of repeated acts of sexual harassment support a finding of 'immoral conduct.'"



Jon Vranesh

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LPFD

This house at 7869 Marigold Court in Pleasanton sustained significant damage in a fire that ignited in the garage Friday morning. No one was injured, but the home is no longer habitable for the family renting it.

Fire causes extensive damage to Marigold Court house

No injuries reported, family displaced after blaze

By JULIA REIS AND JEREMY WALSH

A house fire in Pleasanton last Friday morning caused extensive damage and displaced a family who was renting out the property near Foothill High School, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

No one was inside the home when the fire started, and no one was injured during the incident or firefighting response, LPFD battalion chief Mike Miller said.

At around 10:45 a.m. Friday, firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire in the 7800 block of Marigold Court, southeast of the intersection of Foothill Road and West Las Positas Boulevard, Miller said.

One of the residents came home that morning to find a small fire in

the garage, Miller said. The man went to a neighbor's house to call 9-1-1, but within three to four minutes the flames spread to the inside of the house.

Firefighters found heavy smoke and flames coming from the garage when they arrived. The fire was completely extinguished within 30 minutes, according to Miller.

The fire extended into the attic and caused extensive damage, making the home uninhabitable, Miller said. Fire crews' response was complicated a bit by the flames damaging the house's gas meter causing natural gas to ignite and burn around the meter, but firefighters were soon able to control the flames with a hose line and turn the gas off at the meter.

A family with children was

renting out the house and worked with their church to find a place to stay, Miller said. Two guinea pigs inside the home were rescued from the house, returned to the family and appeared unharmed, he added.

A GoFundMe page has been launched to help support the family, raising nearly \$15,000 toward its \$20,000 goal as of Wednesday afternoon.

An electrical short in the garage ignited the flames, which caused an estimated \$200,000 in damage and \$50,000 in property loss according to initial estimates, Miller said.

In all, 22 firefighters responded to the blaze. The LPFD received assistance from the Alameda County Fire Department, Pleasanton Police Department, Paramedics Plus Ambulance and PG&E. ■

Commission calls for fewer homes in proposed development

Majority say they might consider eliminating bypass road as developer requests

By JEREMY WALSH

It appears the current developer of the Spotorno Ranch property in the Happy Valley could be headed back to the drawing board.

That after the Pleasanton Planning Commission last week indicated it was inclined to oppose Tim Lewis Communities' bid to bring 39 houses to an undeveloped flat area on the 154-acre Spotorno property on Minnie Street — 17 homes more than would be allowed under city planning standards for the site.

"I think 22 feels right," commissioner Nancy Allen said. "To go any further is completely inconsistent with zoning ... and I think it's out of character, independent of what zoning says, with the neighborhood as well to have a density that is (39 homes)."

Commissioners also criticized early house designs and urged more public trails associated with the project, but a majority said they might be willing to support the developer's desire not to construct the long-planned bypass road, which would connect Sycamore Creek Way to Callippe Preserve Golf Course.

Those topics, and others, dominated a nearly three-hour Planning Commission work session April 26 on the proposal from Tim Lewis Communities to build 39 single-family detached homes and associated improvements on the property's 31-acre flatland.

The workshop was designed for the commission to review and hear comments about applications submitted by the developer for various entitlements, including a rezoning plan, General Plan amendment, Happy Valley Specific Plan amendment and a development plan.

Commissioner David Nagler opened the discussion by reminding the 60-plus people sitting in the council chamber that the meeting was a workshop early on the public review process, with no final decisions to be made that night.

The proposal

"We're thrilled to be here tonight. We're excited about this project. We're excited to be here in Pleasanton, and we are just really looking forward to hearing your feedback and comments as well as the public," Michael O'Hara, of Tim Lewis Communities, said to the commission in his opening remarks.

The Roseville-based firm is the latest company trying to develop the Happy Valley property owned by the Spotorno family for 150 years and used primarily for agricultural such as raising livestock and grazing.

The project site, located about 1.5 miles east of the Interstate 680 ramps at Sunol Boulevard and north of the city-owned golf course, consists of

a mix of planned unit development zoning districts: semi-rural density residential, medium density residential and agriculture/open space.

Previous development concepts since 1999 looked at either 75 or 79 homes between the 154-acre property, which includes the lower flatland and hilly acreage, O'Hara said. The Happy Valley Specific Plan contemplated 97 houses on the property.

The current proposal calls for 39 one- and two-story houses clustered into a neighborhood at Westbridge Lane and Alisal Street, with a mix of public and private streets as well as public trails. The remaining 123 acres would be designated as permanent open space with a conservation easement.

Tim Lewis Communities proposes four house design styles with sizes between 3,354 and 4,072 square feet. The lots would have varying size at an average of just under 0.6 acres.

City planning rules allow for up to 22 houses in the Spotorno flat land, as currently zoned, with a major dedication of open space. The developer seeks a general plan amendment and a rezoning plan to allow for an increase to 39 houses.

O'Hara pointed out that unlike past development proposals for the site, all houses would sit in the lower flatland with no homes on higher-elevation land. He also said the overall site could have 75 homes as currently zoned.

The 75 houses would be an unlikely scenario given hillside development restrictions approved by voters under Measure PP, according to city staff, who said the upper parcel could see about 10 units under PP provisions.

Bypass road

The long-proposed bypass road to serve the Happy Valley and Callippe Preserve is recommended to run through the Spotorno Ranch.

The bypass road would likely need to go through areas that include steep slopes, triggering a familiar Measure PP debate about whether a road — and associated retaining walls and bridge — qualify as a "structure" under the 2008 voter-approved ballot measure that prohibits development on slopes at 25% or greater.

The commission didn't engage in a full Measure PP debate last week, rather city staff was looking for initial thoughts on the developer's request to eliminate the bypass road entirely, keeping Westbridge Lane as permanent access road to Alisal Street.

Community development director Gerry Beaudin noted that the bypass road was conceived as a mitigation for traffic impacts of a larger-scale development of the Spotorno site, plus the golf course and associated housing project.

In addition to Measure PP conflicts, O'Hara argued the bypass road is no longer needed for the development because no houses are proposed for the upper lot. Plus, with an estimated cost of over \$12 million, the current housing proposal couldn't support the bypass road financially, if paid for fully by the developer, he said.

Commentary

In all, the commission heard from 13 residents who live near the project site and who all opposed the project, and only landowner John Spotorno spoke in favor. Critics raised concerns about aspects such as eliminating the long-planned bypass road, traffic impacts, bike and pedestrian safety, the number of homes and proposed house design style.

"I love where we live. It's different than the rest of Pleasanton and it's supposed to be different from the rest of Pleasanton," Westbridge Lane resident Ben Maughan said. "I'm not anti-development. I think people should be able to develop their property, but I think they should develop it within the planning restraints."

"Safety is paramount to me," resident Sang Lee said raising concerns about traffic conditions. "It's an ingredient for tragedy to happen in the area as it stands now. Add on more homes? Come on, do the math. We need safety, and we need protection from you guys."

Each of the four commissioners indicated they didn't like the 39-house proposal introduced by Tim Lewis Communities, deeming it too many homes in too small an area in the semi-rural site.

"In general, I have concerns of rezoning to go beyond the 22 (homes) that are defined," Commissioner Justin Brown said. "I do have concerns that a higher density is not necessarily in keeping with the rest of the neighborhood and rural feel there."

A majority of the commissioners also indicated they might be leaning toward supporting the elimination of the bypass road given the smaller scale of the proposed project, if that conclusion is supported by upcoming traffic analysis and other alternative mitigation strategies.

"Things do change over time, and the whole development that was envisioned on Spotorno Ranch has changed," Nagler said. "And in the context of making the streets safe, I don't know that that requires building a bypass road through an environmentally sensitive area."

The impact of removing the bypass road would be analyzed in the project's forthcoming environmental analysis.

The commission also agreed with city staff that the house sizes and footprints should be reduced to maintain the semi-rural character of the area ■



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Board set to interview superintendent candidates this weekend

Trustees get first glimpse of applicants in closed-session meeting Tuesday

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton school board is set to conduct first interviews for PUSD's superintendent vacancy this weekend after reviewing top candidates during closed session of a special meeting Tuesday.

The interviews will take place in two-hour intervals during special closed-session meetings Saturday and Sunday. It's not known how many candidates the board will interview or how many applicants there have been for the position.

Representatives of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates — the consultant

firm running the search — were on hand for the 5 p.m. meeting Tuesday to present trustees with the top candidates in closed session. As part of open session, which lasted about a half-hour, they gave trustees tips and reminders for this weekend's interviews.

"These will be very formal and very structured interviews," HYA associate Barbara Young said. "You're interviewing them to lead this district, and they're interviewing you saying, 'Do I want to work with this board to lead this district?'"

"This is a significant step in the process," HYA associate Jim Negri said.

"Maintain eye contact with the candidates, don't be checking your email, have a sense of humor, show that you're interested."

Negri and Young also urged trustees not to discuss the candidates with each other until the associates joined the board for a debriefing session at the conclusion of interviews Sunday.

The district brought in HYA after the board fired Rick Rubino in January, just over six months into his tenure.

Since then, the firm has started the recruitment process with the goal of having a new Pleasanton superintendent appointed June 13 and on the

job July 1, the start of the 2017-18 school year.

Besides the superintendent search update, the board in open session unanimously authorized more classified employee layoffs.

District administration had recommended that two part-time positions — an infant toddler assistant and an instructional classroom assistant — be reduced or eliminated at the end of the school year.

The proposed layoffs are due to changes in district enrollment, program needs and funding, according to district officials. Since February, the board has authorized layoffs to several special needs assistants, behavior technicians, and district coordinators among others.

The board will reconvene for its next regular meeting Tuesday night. ■



SANDIA

Sandia supports Open Heart Kitchen

Sandia National Laboratories donated \$5,000 last month to Open Heart Kitchen to help the local nonprofit continue recovering after a recent serious fire at its second-largest meal service site, Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Livermore. Open Heart Kitchen serves more than 350,000 hot meals per year across the Tri-Valley. Shown during the check presentation at OHK's central kitchen in Pleasanton were (from left) Sandia's Madeline Burchard, OHK executive director Heather Greaux, OHK operations director Clare Gomes and OHK head chef Lisa Gragg. The donation was made possible by Lockheed Martin's Gifts and Grants program

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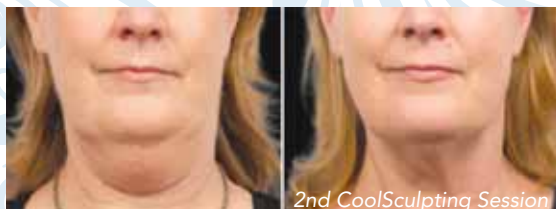
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Swalwell nominates four local teens to U.S. service academies

Among nine high-schoolers recognized from congressman's district

By JULIA REIS

Nine students from U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's 15th Congressional District were recognized at a reception in Pleasanton last week as his nominees to the United States service academies.

"These young people, among our communities' very finest, now are making a solemn commitment to serve and protect our nation," Swalwell stated after the reception, held April 24 at the Veterans Memorial

Building. "America's military service academies are among the world's top educational institutions, but also have earned their reputations for developing character and encouraging physical achievement."

Four Pleasanton high school students are among the nominees.

Jonah Ong, 18, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. after graduating from Foothill High School next month.

Ong is an academic letter holder

and has an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction award. As a member of Foothill's varsity swim team, he won the state championship in 2016 and North Coast Section championships in 2015 and 2016.

Ong counts studying Japanese, visiting Japan, eating sushi and playing with his dog Kona among his hobbies.

Fabio Salvioni, 18, is also graduating from Foothill and will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, Colo. Salvioni was a North Coast Section Scholar

Athlete from 2013-15, an academic letter holder in 2015 and an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction in 2016. He also plays saxophone, flute and clarinet in Foothill's wind ensemble.

Salvioni was first in his family to be born in the United States, as both his parents are from Italy. His hobbies include camping, scuba diving and working on his car.

"I am very excited for my opportunity at the Air Force Academy and hope to pursue a career as an Air Force pilot after graduation," he said.

Jonathan R. Liu, 18, is graduating from Amador Valley High and will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He is a varsity wrestler for Amador with a second-degree black belt in taekwondo. He also plays the electric guitar for his church and is involved in its youth group.

Liu attended the Naval Academy Summer Seminar before his senior year at Amador and has also attended the Boys State leadership program.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to attend the United States

Military Academy and will forever be grateful," Liu stated.

Classmate Joshua D. Ott, 18, will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Ott is a student school board representative, Science for Youth leader, founder and president of Amador's

space and astronomy club, and an umpire for Pleasanton Foothill Little League. His accomplishments also include placing second in mechanical engineering at the Alameda County Science and Engineering Fair

and completing a summer internship at the Stanford Institutes of Medicine.

The five additional nominees are:

- Jae Y. Kim, 18, of San Ramon, who will attend the U.S. Naval Academy.
- Michael E. Leonard, 18, of San Ramon, will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.
- Samuel R. Lee, 18, of Union City, will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.
- Andre Lusan, 18, of Hayward, will attend the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School in West Point.
- Ryan M. Warren, 17, of Hayward, will attend the U.S. Naval Academy. ■

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restroom upkeep for five years.

Jeff Schroeder, Ponderosa's senior vice president, spoke highly of his company's proposal, saying the 36 homes would be "completing the neighborhood" — sentiment shared by some neighbors who spoke Tuesday.

"I believe that this would help the neighborhood get what it's long desired, as last piece of that puzzle is filled in with less traffic and more amenities than any possible alternative," Bob Slack, the church's pastor, told the council.

"It would help the church achieve

its goals with the property ... and it proves that all of us in the city can work together in a mutually beneficial resolution," he added.

The church plans to use funds from its deal with Ponderosa to relocate within Pleasanton by buying and renovating a vacant building at 5959 West Las Positas Blvd., according to Slack and Schroeder.

To gain approval for its Valley Trails project, the developer sought a General Plan amendment to change the site's land-use designation from public and institutional to medium-density residential, among other applications.

Roughly 100 people filled the council chamber Tuesday night,

most of whom were Valley Trails residents who, when asked, raised their hand in support of the development package.

A majority of the nine citizen speakers also lauded the Ponderosa proposal.

"It's the right project, the right size and honestly, the right time," resident Ed Broome said.

"The greater community appreciates the amenities that Ponderosa is willing to put forth," he added. "The tot lot is a huge amenity and a well-needed amenity, ... and (the public restroom) is definitely a need."

The city typically does not have public restrooms in neighborhood parks, but the council endorsed the

Valley Trails proposal with the developer building the facility and partially financing maintenance.

Neighborhood resident Lin McNamée said she was happy to finally see the property's future resolved.

"I've been there for over 30 years, and for 30 years this lot has been an issue in my life," she told the council. "We finally got a plan that feels like Valley Trails. It feels like it belongs there. It looks like it belongs there. It will become part of the community."

Three people spoke in opposition to the development, urging the council to wait and give the school district more time to vet the church site for a possible new elementary campus.

The Valley Trails Drive school site

debate resurfaced last month during a joint city council-school board meeting when school trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke asked whether the district still had time to consider the church property for a potential new elementary school.

School district staff returned to the board a week later, letting them know PUSD was precluded from pursuing the property based on a mitigation agreement the board approved between the district and Ponderosa Homes in October.

In exchange for \$775,400 in school impact fee revenue from Ponderosa, the district agreed to cooperate with the developer in processing

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Online campaign to help Senior Support continue SOAR program

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

An online fundraising campaign has been launched to continue a program to help seniors from being isolated, after its funding was cut.

"Stepping Out And Reconnecting" — SOAR — is run by the Pleasanton-based Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley and helps more than 40 seniors living alone whose health and independence is deteriorating due to social withdrawal and isolation. This can happen after friends and family die or move, or when health conditions make it difficult to attend social activities.

The SOAR program reaches out to such seniors, providing a lifeline to new friendships, stimulating educational experiences and social engagement.

"Participants love the difference SOAR has made in their lives," said

Becky Dennis, president of the Senior Support board. "Providing seniors with the guidance and resources to restore an optimal social life prevents many health problems associated with living in isolation."

SOAR launched in 2012 with the help of a \$200,000 Alameda County behavioral health grant, but the program lost county funding at the end of 2014, Senior Support officials said.

"We have continued the SOAR program over the last two years without funding to cover the expenses, however, we can't continue this much-needed program without funding," executive director Robert Taylor said.

In response, Senior Support has started the online YouCaring Campaign, with the goal of raising \$15,500 by the end of May to help the nonprofit continue the SOAR

program at its current level through December. The program costs about \$50,000 annually to operate at full capacity, Taylor said.

The fundraising web page has links to more details about SOAR activities and other Senior Support programs.

"We think it's wonderful that SOAR participants found both the process and results so enjoyable," Dennis said. "Given the results and great client reviews, we're doing everything we can to continue offering SOAR services in the future."

Currently, the SOAR program offers gatherings to participating seniors at the nonprofit's office at the Pleasanton Senior Center, with some participants receiving transportation and others using Paratransit, Taylor said. If they receive enough funding, organizers plan to schedule social gatherings at museums, gardens and other locations.

To donate toward funding for SOAR, go to <http://bit.ly/2oVpfsv>. For more information on the nonprofit, visit www.ssptv.org. ■

Editor Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.



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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Reagan Brunner, a Livermore native, took this selfie after opening the six care packages he received around Easter while serving abroad. Courtesy of Pleasanton Military Families and its supporters, the boxes contained Easter treats, games, books, magazines, socks, hygiene items, non-perishable foods, personalized notes and more. In all, 225 boxes were sent to military members around the world after PMF's March 18 pack-out at the Veterans Memorial Building — each one packed with love, chairwoman Pat Frizzell said.

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land-use entitlement applications for the project.

Resident Julie Testa said she didn't want to see the city lose one of the few public/institutional-designated properties that could be developed for a school site, in favor of new housing with no plan for a new school in town. She also contended the school board members signed an "unfavorable" mitigation agreement with the developer that went farther than they intended.

"PUSD board did not intend to agree to support this project," Testa argued. "The contract was intended

to be simply a mitigation agreement, not selling their souls or agreeing to support a project."

Schroeder strongly disagreed with that assertion, saying later in the council meeting, "It's their agreement, not mine ... I think they knew what they were signing."

He said Ponderosa is paying PUSD double the school impact fee required under state law, adding, "That's the reason they agreed to support the project in the agreement."

PUSD officials also sent a letter to the council reaffirming their support of their mitigation agreement with Ponderosa.

Several council members said they thought the church land would be

a bad site for a school, given traffic circulation concerns based on where it's located within the neighborhood.

Brown urged the council and city officials to work with PUSD and the greater community to find options for a new school site.

"We all need to step up," she said. "Let's help them find another site."

In the end, the council voted 5-0 on resolutions to give final approval to all of Ponderosa's applications, except for the rezoning bid and associated development plan and the development agreement. Those must be approved by ordinance, which were introduced Tuesday night and are set to be brought back for final adoption at the next council meeting. ■

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In an emailed statement after the ruling, PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon said, "The district is pleased with the court's decision, and as directed, is taking the necessary steps to finalize the decision."

Vranesh's attorney Paul Kondrick said via email, "Judge Carvill's order is the very first review of the Commission on Professional Competence's decision to support the district's request to terminate Jon Vranesh in August 2015."

Kondrick continued, "It is noteworthy that the Alameda Superior Court ruling now finds that commission abused its discretion, by repeatedly preventing Mr. Vranesh from presenting significant evidence at the hearing. It also set aside major findings by the commission to justify terminating Mr. Vranesh. Judge Carvill concluded that the evidence did not demonstrate that Jon Vranesh had any character traits 'inconsistent with employment at a school district as a special education teacher or in any other capacity.'"

Vranesh filed the petition for writ of mandate in September 2015, nearly two years after he was removed as Walnut Grove's principal and placed on administrative leave amid accusations of improper conduct.

Vranesh, who was promoted to principal in August 2011, was placed on leave in November 2013 and

removed as Walnut Grove principal the following month, finishing out the school year as an itinerant principal doing data entry for the district. His administrator's contract was not renewed for the 2014-15 school year.

He was accused of creating a hostile work environment based on reports from a number of teachers who claimed he used inappropriate and sexually derogatory language regarding female PUSD employees.

'The evidence demonstrates that the district had a legitimate business reason to terminate Vranesh.'

Judge Wynne Carvill,
Alameda County Superior Court

Vranesh denied using any inappropriate language, alleging at the time that he had been placed on leave for filing a complaint with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing alleging safety and harassment issues.

PUSD conducted an investigation into the teachers' and Vranesh's allegations and ultimately dismissed him from the district in June 2014 after receiving reports on the investigations. The district alleged charges of dishonesty, immoral conduct, evident unfitness for service, and

persistent violation of school laws against Vranesh.

Shortly before his dismissal Vranesh filed a claim against the district, seeking monetary damages and other relief for allegations of defamation, making or publishing false statements and violating his right to privacy. That civil suit remains unresolved, with a case management conference currently scheduled for Aug. 8 in Superior Court.

The dispute over Vranesh's termination went before the state Commission on Professional Competence, which in August 2015 concluded he was properly dismissed. The commission's findings included allegations of inappropriate and threatening language, as well as knowing destruction of district emails.

Vranesh filed a separate suit to challenge the administrative hearing panel's decision a month later, arguing the charges against him were vague and presented with insufficient evidence and that some testimony had been omitted from the hearing.

Vranesh, district officials including interim superintendent Micaela Ochoa, and their attorneys appeared before Carvill on April 21 to argue the case, according to court records.

The judge largely affirmed the panel's findings in his decision April 25, calling Vranesh's conduct "egregious" and rejecting his claim that he had been unfairly singled out.

The court also found that the



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Abstract views

Works by Northern California artist Glenn Carter are featured in an exhibit entitled "View Beyond the Gate," through June 10 at Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Carter, whose abstract works are done in mixed media on canvas and panels, and oil and thread on paper, stated, "This work is rooted in the intuitive response to materials and mark-making. The evocation of space, time, matter and being." The works are displayed in the triple-story atrium lobby, the hallway and mezzanine exhibition spaces.

district had already been looking into allegations against Vranesh before he filed the complaint alleging workplace safety and harassment.

"Even if Vranesh's complaints preceded this proceeding, the evidence

demonstrates that the district had a legitimate business reason to terminate Vranesh based on its charge of sexual harassment and destruction of data," Carvill wrote.

The court also upheld the CPC's findings on the dishonesty charge based on the destruction of data for removing files from his district laptop.

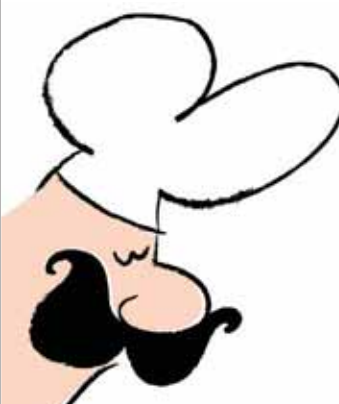
However, Carvill did not support the CPC's conclusion that Vranesh was unfit for service.

"The record shows behavior over a three year period of a concerted pattern of harassment and a purposeful and one-time thoughtful plan to hide information from the district," an excerpt from the decision reads. "The record also shows no similar incidents prior to this time period and that even during the time period there were persons who thought Vranesh was 'good principal' who appeared 'passionate about education' and an honorable man."

The judge also found the CPC abused its discretion in excluding evidence from Vranesh's treating psychologist on whether his actions were due to a fixed character trait. The district's attorneys objected to that testimony on the basis that the doctor was an undisclosed expert and not qualified to testify on fitness to teach, according to the court's ruling.

Carvill concluded that Vranesh did not persistently violate school laws in printing out and keeping emails and was not dishonest in doing so since he turned over roughly 8,000 emails before the hearing.

In its decision, the court directed PUSD to "prepare and submit a proposed judgment." A time frame is not specified, however and it's unknown whether another court date has been set. ■



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Amador students place fifth in national ‘We the People’ competition

By JULIA REIS

Amador Valley High School officials and students are celebrating the competitive civics team's fifth-place finish in last month's "We the People" competition.

Held in Washington D.C. from April 21-24, We the People is a national educational program that promotes civic responsibility. Competitions involve mock congressional hearings in which students have to prepare informational speeches and answer follow-up questions

from a panel of judges.

Amador represented California in the national contest after placing first in the state's competition in February.

"We had a terrific team this year," Amador competitive civics coach Stacey Sklar stated. "I am proud of their efforts."

Added Amador principal Mike Williams, "Our students and staff dedicated countless hours to prepare for nationals and this impressive finish."

Amador's civics team has a notable

history of success at nationals. Of the 15 times they have advanced to the competition, they've finished among the top 10 teams 13 times, taking home the title of national champions in 1995.

Led by Sklar, the team included students Bryan Tor, Steven Wu, Max VerKuilen, Meg Shriber, Peter Oh, Manan Khattar, Timothy Huang, Cindy Wang, Nitish Padavala, Anshul Shah, Japjot Singh, Kaytki Joshi, Sahil Kapoor, Ian Castro, Gowri Nayar, Madhu Krishnan, Rohan



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Amador Valley's competitive civics team earned fifth place in last month's national 'We the People' competition.

Tyagi, Brittney Kim and Arie Chen.

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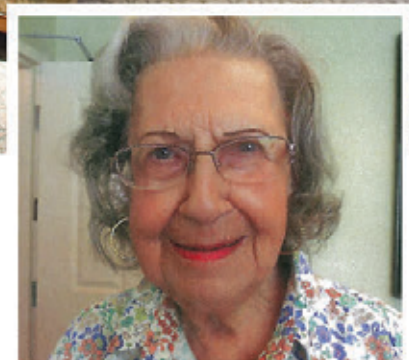
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POLICE BULLETIN

Pleasanton Police Department swears in three new officers

Three new officers have joined the ranks of the Pleasanton Police Department.

Officers Mario Guillermo, Brandon Soto and Jason Swick were sworn in last week and will begin patrolling Pleasanton as solo officers once they complete a 16-week field training.

Guillermo was born and raised in San Ramon and graduated from California High School, earning an associate's degree in criminal justice from Diablo Valley College.

He attended the Contra Costa County Law Enforcement Training Center before joining the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office, where he worked as a deputy sheriff for the last two years. He was also a member of their special emergency response team.

Soto was born and raised in Merced. He graduated from Merced High and obtained an associate's degree in criminal justice from Merced College, along with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from Union Institute & University.

Soto spent the last 10 years working as a deputy sheriff for the Merced County Sheriff's Office. During his time there, Soto worked as a defensive tactics instructor, field training officer, patrol deputy and SWAT team member. In addition, he is a defensive tactics instructor for the Merced College Police Academy.

Swick grew up in Antioch and graduated from Deer Valley High.

He then earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from San Francisco State University.

Swick spent the last 9-1/2 years as a patrol officer with the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety. His assignments included working as a burglary and gang detective, and most recently as a vice and human trafficking detective.

In other police news

- A man who died in a crash on Interstate 580 in Livermore on Saturday has been identified as Daniel Denz, 22, of Manteca, according to the Alameda County coroner's bureau.

The California Highway Patrol got a call at 3:26 p.m. Saturday from a passerby who saw a silver SUV traveling on eastbound Highway 580 spin out and go down an embankment near Greenville Road, California Highway Patrol Officer James Evans said.

Only the SUV was involved in the crash.

The coroner has not determined the cause of Denz's death yet.

- A Pleasanton man has been charged with insurance fraud in connection with a medical clinic he allegedly owned illegally, San Mateo County prosecutors said Tuesday.

Matthew Skinner, 47, is accused of owning Pacific Occupational Health Clinic at 3 S. Linden Ave. in South San Francisco, which is now closed.

Prosecutors said he was not allowed to own the clinic because he is not a doctor and doctors are required to own at least 51% of a medical practice.

Prosecutors said the law exists so laypersons are not supervising and influencing the care of doctors.



Brandon Soto



Jason Swick



Mario Guillermo

"Mr. Skinner asserts his innocence to the charges and looks forward to answering the allegations in court," Skinner's attorney Ted Cassman said. "He took great pride in the excellent service that his clinics provided over the years, and he was always committed to patients' health."

Skinner allegedly holds no medical license and his mother Paula Skinner allegedly holds only a physical therapist's license.

People who have a medical license considered lower than a doctor's can own only up to 49% of a medical practice, according to prosecutors.

Prosecutors allege Pacific Occupational Health Clinic, which handled worker's compensation claims, illegally employed doctors.

Also, Skinner allegedly took X-rays of patients occasionally, which he was not licensed to do, and allegedly gave instructions to doctors to maximize profits, prosecutors said.

Five insurance companies were alleged victims in the scheme. Those companies were billed a total of over \$15.2 million between 2010 and 2016 and Pacific Occupational Health Clinic received just under \$4.6 million from the companies.

Skinner had been in jail on nearly \$12 million bail, but on Monday his bail was reduced to \$3 million. He was expected to enter a plea to the charges during a court appearance Wednesday. ■

—Julia Reis and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

April 27

Theft

- 9:31 a.m. on the 600 block of Romeo Court
- 9:50 a.m., 3700 block of Thistle Way; auto theft

Shoplifting

- 2:21 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 8:16 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Drug violation

- 1:40 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

DUI

- 12:25 a.m. on the 4900 block of Pleasanton Avenue

Warrant arrest

- 9:44 a.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Graffiti

- 12:05 p.m. on the 4400 block of First Street
- 12:49 p.m. on the 500 block of Main Street

April 26

Theft

- 10:32 a.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 1:38 p.m., 5000 block of Hopyard Road; auto theft
- 7:57 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

Shoplifting

- 6:13 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 9:23 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Graffiti

- 11:24 a.m. on the 4000 block of Vineyard Avenue

Vandalism

- 2:49 a.m. on the 00 block of Peters Avenue

April 25

Residential burglary

- 12:42 p.m. on the 5700 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Drug violation

- 5:20 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

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GUEST OPINION

BY GLENALYN HUNT

In defense of (excellent) public education: An open letter to my teachers

I grew up here, the daughter of parents who watched Pleasanton grow from a “cow-town” (their words) to a population of 65,000.

I am a product of public education and involved parenting. I moved to Memphis, Tenn., a few years ago and have been struck at the difference an excellent public school system makes in fostering the development of individuals, communities and cities.

I realize now how fortunate I was to attend the public schools I did, and how early lessons created future opportunities. The ability to read critically and with confidence impacted my life significantly, and the little nuggets of wisdom gleaned throughout my 13 years in the Pleasanton Unified School District continue to inform my success.

As I study for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) 11 years after graduating from Amador Valley

High, five essential life lessons I learned from my teachers come to mind.

1. Read the directions

In fifth grade, I failed a spelling test (one of two tests I have ever failed. The other was my driving test at the Pleasanton DMV. Thanks, Scary Larry.) I didn't read the directions pointing me to a second activity, which I then skipped and scored a 50%. It was a hard lesson but one that served me well, as I attentively read the directions on all future tests.

2. Nail the prompt

In 11th grade, Mrs. Smith, my AP English teacher, taught us this essential lesson. In life, we are asked many questions. Answer the question that is actually being asked and be sure to understand the question, because nailing the prompt only happens when the question is understood.

3. Use your voice

In 12th grade, Mr. Ladd threatened to cut me from the Competition Civics team. Not because I wasn't capable but because I had ideas and wouldn't speak up. This is

feedback I continue to receive — no one sees the world exactly as you do, nor can they read your mind, so we need your insight and your voice.

4. Try something new

In fourth grade, Mrs. Gatehouse valued creativity and art, so we produced a class play. While I loved acting, Mrs. Gatehouse challenged me to be the director. I would not have picked this for myself, but it gave me new insight and prepared me for future creative endeavors.

5. Embrace the challenge

In 10th grade, I began Mr. Murphy's AP world history class. The first day of class, he wrote 05/05/04. No, not Cinco de Mayo — it was our test date. He then wrote, “Embrace the Challenge.”

AP world history was one of the most challenging courses I have taken, and this refrain, “Embrace the Challenge,” carried me through that course as well as many other adventures.

Our microwavable culture wants to make success look easy, but the fact is, we will fail. Let us then

embrace the challenges before us, and, to paraphrase the words of Teddy Roosevelt, if we do fail, at least we shall fail while daring greatly.

While I may not have learned everything I needed to know in kindergarten, as Robert Fulghum once wrote, I did learn the vast majority of life's lessons in my 13 years of Pleasanton public schooling, and continue to grow into them today.

Thank you to all my teachers throughout my education — you encouraged me, challenged me and showed me what was possible if I would simply read the directions, nail the prompt, use my voice, try something new and always embrace the challenge. ■

Editor's note: After growing up in Pleasanton and graduating from Amador Valley (second generation) and the University of Southern California, Glenalyn Hunt traveled extensively, volunteering around the world before settling in Memphis. She works in communications and enjoys serving in the community. Her Guest Opinion comes with Teacher Appreciation Week and the Day of the Teacher both taking place next week.



LETTERS

PPIE Run for Education

Dear Editor,

On April 23, I had the privilege to be a course marshal for the 2017 Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Run, and it was such a great experience. There were thousands of people of all colors and backgrounds, from different walks of life and of various fitness levels coming together for one purpose: walking and/or running for better education, better community and a better future.

Seeing so many people with such diversity running together, like a beautiful color scroll painting passing through Main Street, I suddenly felt such belonging and gratitude.

As a first-generation immigrant from China, occasionally I have felt rootless and insecure, especially with so much polarization in the news. Now I have seen this united community and felt the spirit of a pioneer era when people all worked together to build their communities, like Laura Ingalls Wilder depicted vividly in her book series of “Little House on the Prairie.” Now I know this is my community and my home.

Everybody desires to make a dent in the universe for immortality. I

used to think only a very small percentage of people, those extraordinary people with unmeasurable talents and/or grits, can do that, but now I know everyone can do it by doing small good deeds like being part of this educational run.

Adding up all the small good deeds, together with other people, we are making a difference, and making the world a better place.

—Shirley Yuan

On Patelco Park

Patelco Park on Bernal Avenue is a disgrace to the town and an unsightly future fire hazard. No wonder it is seldom used as a recreational walkway; it is a breeding ground for allergies. The weeds are so high and the grounds are unkept.

It is ironic that the dog park a quarter mile away is maintained better; just think of this ... Pleasanton officials value a place for dogs to poop and pee, more than a public park for our citizens and children.

The city leaders, newspaper journalists and parks commissioners should pay a visit and ask themselves: Does this represent Pleasanton in a positive manner?

People visiting us, whether it be

in town or the fairgrounds, must look in awe at this poor representation of our city. The money spent on developing this project

was huge; it is a shame none of our leaders included a maintenance budget. A true disgrace.

—Ron Imperiale



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Planning Commission

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

• P17-0051, Jing Cui, Spring Music Studio

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a music school at 1024

Serpentine Lane, Suite 112

• P17-0154, Bruce Smith, Dusty Cars

Application for a Conditional Use Permit to operate an internet-based automobile sales business without servicing of vehicles and with interior vehicle storage

located at

3440 Stanley Boulevard, Suites J and K

• Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update

Review and comment on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update

Library Commission

Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Library Conference Room, 400 Old Bernal Avenue

• Downtown Specific Plan update

• Library Strategic Plan launch update

• Laptop Lending Video – Commission Presentation

• Software for the Lending Laptops

Youth Commission

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road

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What a SIGHT

Spring in full swing at
Augustin Bernal Community Park

STORY BY JEREMY WALSH. PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

The sun has been shining. The skies clearer. Flowers in bloom and natural grasses lush green. And more hikers, bikers and pooches — not to mention, resident critters — are turning out on trails that are starting to dry out after winter rains.

That's the scene you'll find these days at Augustin Bernal Community Park, the city's 237-acre public tract on the Pleasanton Ridge complete with miles of trails, a wealth of open space and some of the best views Pleasanton has to offer.

The city park, and its main staging area at 8200 Golden Eagle Way, are traditionally accessed through the main gate to the Golden Eagle Farm gated neighborhood, with all Pleasanton residents able to get into the park with valid proof of residency and non-residents able to get in with a city-issued pass.

Augustin Bernal trails also connect to the 5,271-acre Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park, managed by the East Bay Regional Park District.

To spotlight the spring scene there, I recently joined local photographer and frequent Pleasanton Ridge hiker Chuck Deckert for a tour of the parkland the city refers to as its "natural jewel."

Check out our favorite photos from that tour, along with a few others Deckert has taken at the city park so far this spring. To learn more about Augustin Bernal Community Park, visit www.ptownlife.org/parks. ■

Editor's note: Longtime Pleasanton resident Chuck Deckert has been hiking on the Ridge for more than 30 years. He was also sworn in this week as the newest alternate on the city's Parks and Recreation Commission.





Clockwise from top left: Pleasanton city naturalist Ashley Zubrik leads a field trip of Augustin Bernal Community Park with third-graders from Marguerite Ware's class at Dublin's Dougherty Elementary School. The sun peeks through trees toward the southern end of the park. California poppies in bloom at the Pleasanton Ridge. Chuck Deckert's 1-year-old Labrador retriever Zoey stops for a photo at the southern part of Augustin Bernal. Hikers can catch a glimpse of the orange-bellied newt, sometimes affectionately referred to as the "Ridge newt." This rock monument near the entrance of the park commemorates Walter S. Johnson, who granted the future park land to the city in 1971. The Ridge has some of the best views of Pleasanton. "Frog Pond" alongside the Valley View Trail.

Art as medicine

FOR LOCAL SENIOR, BEING CREATIVE ELIMINATES NEED FOR DEPRESSION MEDICATION

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Steve Ting, 88, is known as the “copycat” due to his love of replicating art works of the masters at classes at Stoneridge Creek. But his artistic endeavors have resulted in more than his paintings — they have lifted the depression he suffered after losing his beloved wife of 52 years.

“I played bridge here two or three times a week when my partners told me about the classes,” Ting said. “They said we should all go to support it.”

Ting, who was born in Malaysia and grew up mostly in Taiwan, came to the United States when he was about 15 years old.

“I didn’t speak English well so it was very tough for me in the beginning,” he recalled.

He settled on the peninsula, entered the banking profession and married his wife, Liai, who died three years ago in Palo Alto. His daughter became concerned about him living alone after a friend fell in her yard, where she lay for two hours before help came.

“My son is a dentist in Pleasanton,” Ting said, so they began to explore this area and found Stoneridge Creek retirement community.

“They keep me busy,” Ting said. “I go to the pool, do tai chi. It’s very good.”

He noted that his children also like the community.

“They come to see me all the time,” he said.

But he still struggled to be happy as he adjusted to life without his spouse.

“After my wife died, I just became so sad,” he remembered. “The doctor gave me medicine, three or four different kinds, but it didn’t help me too much.

‘I started painting — and now I don’t feel any bad feelings.’

Steve Ting, Pleasanton resident

But I started painting — and now I don’t feel any bad feelings.”

He said the class changed his life as he enjoys the camaraderie of his classmates and is able to put his feelings and anxieties on paper.

Ting’s art hangs on the walls of local businesses as well as in his own home.

He has two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren — and they all enjoy his artwork.

“I am very happy because my children like my paintings, too,” Ting said. “My granddaughter moved to Mississippi

and bought a house with five or six bedrooms but had nothing to hang on the walls.”

He was pleased to provide his artwork.

Another daughter took some of his paintings to be sold at a silent auction fundraiser.

Ting does some original paintings, he said, but mostly enjoys copying the masters.

“Someone told me, ‘You are not creative’ — but I don’t have that much time,” he said with a laugh. “Copycat is good enough for me. I don’t care if it is original or my painting, I am feeling very happy.”

He uses various media, including charcoal, ink, acrylic and three kinds of pastels.

“I go to two classes a week, six hours,” he said.

And he continues his art at home.

“I take a piece of paper and feel so happy,” he said. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Steve Ting enjoys art classes at Stoneridge Creek and credits them for lifting him out of the depression he suffered after his wife died.

‘Photos from Patagonia’

Landscape photographer holding workshop at library

The Pleasanton Public Library is presenting a free workshop, “Hiking in Dark, Waiting for Light: Photos from Patagonia,” with landscape photographer Dianne Mao from 2-3 p.m. Sunday in the large meeting room.

An avid traveler, Mao, who is based in the Bay Area, was searching for her next adventure when a photography team invited her to join its month-long backpacking expedition to Patagonia. Famous for its rugged mountain peaks, dramatic skies and stunning glacial formations,

Patagonia offers an unearthly atmosphere that attracts adventure-seekers and photographers.

Mao and her team traveled by foot through the South American region, braving high winds, snow, heavy rain and crossing through rivers, mountains and valleys to capture the beauty of the majestic landscape.

At the workshop, Mao will recount her epic adventures as a vagabond photographer, and she will give tips on taking effective travel photos.

For more information, call the



DIANNE MAO

Photos from Patagonia

reference desk at 931-3400, ext. 4. Bernal Ave. ■
The library is located at 400 Old

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



Fresh Works VII opens tomorrow

Exhibit judge to speak at artists reception

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Harrington Gallery is opening Fresh Works VII, its annual open juried fine arts exhibition, with an artists' reception from 1-3 p.m. tomorrow.

The yearly exhibit has become a draw for established artists in the Bay Area as well as for new talent. It includes an eclectic variety of artwork, including paintings in oil, water and acrylic, drawings in pencil and other media, sculpture, collage and photography.

This year, 66 artists were accepted from throughout the greater Bay Area and Northern California; last year there were 48. All 72 works are original, completed within the last two years, and not previously exhibited in Pleasanton.

Among the artists whose works were chosen for this year's exhibit are new local participants Sherri Kelcourse, Dave Peterson and Linda Ryan; notable Bay Area artists Michael Manente, Thomas Cory, David Casterson and Jeff Ishikawa; and returning local artists Ron and Lisa Rigge, Robert Huberman, Denise Oyama Miller and Carolyn Lord.

The reception will include an awards ceremony at 1:45 p.m. with an informal talk by Ryan Reynolds, a San Jose artist and arts professor at Santa Clara University, who adjudicated this year's Fresh Works.

Light refreshments will be served at the reception, and a donation of \$5 is suggested. Early arrival is advised for parking because there is a



Above: "Lake Atitlan Guatemala Thought" was done in oil by Dave Peterson, a local painter who is new to Fresh Works. **Left:** Watercolor "Bedlam San Jose" is by Jeff Ishikawa, who specializes in "realism." **Below:** "Robin," an acrylic by Thomas Cory, shows his "passion for painting nature's treasures."



matinee in the Firehouse Arts Center theater tomorrow afternoon.

Fresh Works VII runs through June 3. The Harrington Gallery is located inside the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Hours are 12-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; and one hour before most performances and during intermissions. Admission for this exhibit is free, and donations are gratefully accepted.

'Fresh Paint' for kids

In conjunction with Fresh Works

VII, children ages 5-11 are invited to attend the Young@Art session called "Fresh Paint," being held from 4:30-5:45 p.m. May 18. Students will visit the exhibit and discuss techniques used in the works, then go upstairs to the art studio to create their own projects.

Cost is \$15 for Pleasanton residents, \$20 for non-residents. Visit www.pleasantonfun.com and enter code 64240 or call 931-5340. ■

Tri-Valley Rep presenting 'Forever Plaid'

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre, headquartered in Pleasanton, performs its three big musicals each season at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. But tomorrow, it begins a special presentation of a three-week run of "Forever Plaid" at the Douglas Morrisson Theatre in Hayward, a show it also performed at the small Village Theatre in Danville a few years ago.

"Forever Plaid," described as a "deliciously goofy revue," centers on four young male singers (Sparky, Smudge, Jinx and Frankie) in the 1950s who get together to become their idols — The Four Freshman, The Hi-Lo's and The Crew Cuts. They practice in the basement of Smudge's family's plumbing supply company and become "Forever Plaid."

The singing foursome lands a gig but on the way they are broadsided by a school bus and killed instantly — but they are miraculously revived for a posthumous chance to perform the show that never was.



Jordan Smith (Sparky), Matthew Kelly (Smudge), Ron Houk (Frankie) and Jesse Garcia (Jinx) star in "Forever Plaid."

The guys squabble over the smallest intonations in their singing and execute outlandish choreography with precision. They perform great nostalgic hits — including "Three Coins in the Fountain," "No, Not Much," "Sixteen Tons," "Chain Gang" and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing" — and keep up an entertaining patter.

Producer of the show is Kathleen Breedveld; director/choreographer,

Todd Aragon; and musical director, Cary Litchford.

The cast features Jordan Smith as Sparky; Matthew Kelly as Smudge; Jesse Garcia and Glen Riggs (May 13-14) as Jinx; and Ron Houk as Frankie.

Tickets are \$25-\$29. Visit www.tri-valleyrep.org, or call (510) 881-6777. Douglas Morrisson Theatre is located at 22311 N. Third St., Hayward. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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Dons dominate San Luis Obispo Tournament

Foothill baseball suffers first losses of season; Falcons tennis keeps rolling

The Amador Valley Dons won the 42nd annual San Luis Obispo Tournament with a 4-0 record two weeks ago. Pitching, defense and timely run production helped the Dons outscore their opponents 23-3 in the four games.

In the opener, Amador blanked local opponent Templeton 5-0. Carson Quintana (five innings) and Josh Ott (second innings) combined for the one-hit shutout. Offensively, the Dons shared equally in the contribution, collecting 10 hits and scoring runs in five different innings.

In the second game, Amador edged Fountain Valley 3-2 in extra innings. Trevor Wallace pitched six strong innings, then gave way to Max Moore in the seventh, who recorded the final six outs to earn the win. Mark Molz earned player of the game status with brilliant defense, making 11-of-24 outs, including three double plays, and two hits that drove in two runs.

On the final day of the tournament, the Dons played a pair of games to take home the title.

The first game was a 7-1 victory over St. Bonaventure. The battery of Braxton Henley and Ben Spears both made their first start of the season and proved to be a winning combination. Henley threw only 60



TODD NORTON

The Amador Valley Dons celebrate after winning the San Luis Obispo Tournament last month, sweeping all four games while outscoring opponents 23-3.

pitches in six strong innings, while Spears drove in the Dons' final run of the game with a sacrifice fly.

Justin Clark got the Amador offense going with a bases-clearing double in the second inning. The Dons were also helped by Max Heverly's amazing horizontal catch in centerfield that resulted in a double play that killed a St. Bony mid-game threat.

In the finale, the Dons beat Marine of Huntington Beach 8-0 to win the title. Amador quickly showed their motivation by scoring four runs in the first inning.

The early runs proved enough as Mitch Benson, Nick Proctor and Moore combined for a six-hit

shutout. Jared Wilson, Brad Norton, Chris Murphy and Heverly made significant offensive contributions in the final victory.

Foothill baseball

It was a tough week for the Foothill Falcons last week as they dropped a pair of tight games for their first losses of the season.

Foothill fell 3-1 to De La Salle on April 26 despite a great pitching effort from Brett Hansen, who allowed only two hits and one earned run. Hansen also provided the offense, launching a home run in the second.

The week ended with the Falcons traveling to Dublin to take on the Gaels.

While the De La Salle game was a pitchers' duel, the game with Dublin was an offensive explosion, with the Gaels taking a 7-6 win in extra innings.

The game was 5-5 heading into the eighth inning when Foothill got one in the top half of the inning. Dublin rallied back and scored twice in the bottom half to take the game.

Leading the way at the plate for Foothill was Adam Jue (3-for-4, double, three runs, stolen base), Jeremy Lea (2-for-3, four RBIs), Hansen (2 doubles), Owen Camp (2-for-3), Corey Steinhauer (2-for-4, double) and Colin Dixon (1-for-2, double, RBI).

Falcons tennis

Foothill rolled into the East Bay Athletic League playoffs by winning its final three regular-season matches.

The Falcons beat Livermore (7-2), Granada (5-2) and Amador Valley (6-3).

Foothill then faced Monte Vista in the playoffs and came away with the 6-3 win.

Four of the matches went to three sets, and in the final match, Akash Patel playing No. 1 singles outlasted Josh Hertz, Monte Vista's No. 1, 7-6, 4-6 and 6-3 to clinch the victory. ■

Sports shorts

By JEREMY WALSH

The Amador Valley hockey team is set to begin its playoff run on Saturday when the second-seeded Dons face off against the Dublin Gaels at the Dublin Iceland rink at 8 p.m.

The Dons finished off the regular season last week with three wins, beating San Ramon Valley 5-4, De La Salle 8-4 and Dublin 6-1.

Amador celebrated Senior Night against De La Salle, honoring outgoing seniors Hallie Bigman (heading to Adrian College in Michigan in the fall), Jeremy Goldhawk (University of Michigan), Devin Cox (UC Berkeley), Kevin Tieck (Long Beach State) and Mark Gaynor (University of Oregon).

• In another Pleasanton-Oregon Ducks connection, Amador Valley High senior Maci Manos recently earned a spot on the University of Oregon's Division I stunt cheer team.

Manos was the only new member chosen for the Ducks' girls stunt team for the 2017-18 season, and the incoming freshman was among just a handful of newcomers — out of 130-plus candidates — to qualify for Oregon's cheer team.

Manos will have some hometown company on the Oregon cheer squad; Amador Valley graduate Stacia Hickey was selected for the dance team for the third year.

• More than a dozen Pleasanton cheerleaders are set to participate in The D2 Summit, produced by Varsity All Star, at the Walt Disney World Resort outside Orlando next weekend.

The cheerleaders are among three teams from California Spirit Elite in Dublin who were selected to be among the nearly 700 teams nationwide competing in the event.

• Three Pleasanton RADD athletes competed in the 17th Annual East Bay Buffaloes Invitational Track and Field Meet at Contra Costa College in San Pablo last month, with each placing first or second in multiple events.

Pleasanton resident Adam Pinney won in three events: 50-meter walk, 100M walk and softball toss. Livermore's Ryan Butterly was first in the 400M and 1,500M runs and second in the 800M run, and in his division, Dublin's Greg Neves placed first in the 200M and 400M runs and second in the 100M run.

• This weekend, Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton is hosting the ninth-annual Run to Remember, a 10K run and 5K run/walk event organized by the California Peace Officers Association to raise funds in honor of law enforcement officials who have died in the line of duty.

Check-in and race-day registration will open at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, with the 10K starting at 8:20 a.m. and the 5K following at 9 a.m.

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Festivals & Fairs

LIVERMORE DUCK RACES The 25th annual Livermore Duck Races will be held from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 at Robertson Park in Livermore. Proceeds benefit local schools and non-profit groups. Tickets available at the event. Presented by the Livermore Lioness Club and the Livermore Y's Men Club. For more information call 449-1315 or 321-1123.

Talks & Lectures

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LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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Fundraisers

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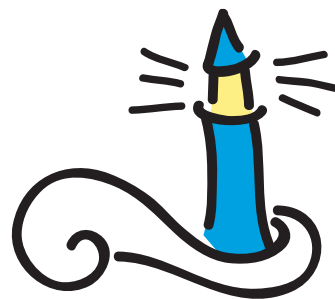
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The following person(s) doing business as: MEP'S CREATIONS, 4061 ALDERWOOD COURT, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mary Ellen Peal, 4061 Alderwood Court, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Mary Ellen Peal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 04/11/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2017)

SNACK RUS DISTRIBUTIONS CALIFORNIA TOBACCO FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 529271

The following person(s) doing business as: SNACK RUS DISTRIBUTIONS CALIFORNIA TOBACCO, 1650 W. WINTON AVE. #51, HAYWARD, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): David Jordan Haddad, 7668 Arbor Creek Circle, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 2010. Signature of Registrant: David Haddad, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 03/27/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2017)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 530202

The following person(s) doing business as: GENIUS KIDS HAYWARD, 2500 HANSEN ROAD #41, HAYWARD, CA 94546, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): ZENKAY LLC, 3002 BADGER DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 08/01/2016. Signature of Registrant: Jignesh Koovejee, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 04/21/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2017)

CKL COMMUNICATIONS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 529832

The following person(s) doing business as: CKL COMMUNICATIONS, 960 RAMONA WAY, SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Cynthia Kay Lopez, 960 Ramona Way, San Leandro, CA 94577. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 03/23/2012. Signature of Registrant: Cynthia Kay Lopez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 04/12/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017)

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The following person(s) doing business as: DOMA LA VIE, 4225 STANLEY BLVD., PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Windowology Tri-Valley Corp, 4225 Stanley Blvd., 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: James Alan Robinette, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/01/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017)

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4 BEDROOMS

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4112 Moller Drive \$895,000
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Sun 1-4 Eva Deagen 699-2133

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

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Sun 1-4 Tyler Moxley 518-1083

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Janice Habluetzel 699-3122

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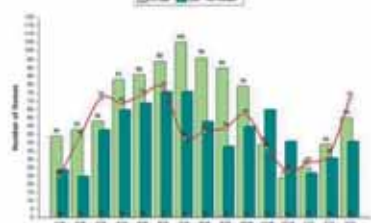
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72 sales went to contract during March, an 89% increase from February's 38 and equal to the number of a year ago. Inventory rose 36%, from 44 at the end of February to 60 at the end of March, which was two more than at the end of March 2016. Less than a month's supply (.08 months) was on the market at the end of March, compared to 1.2 months at the end of February and 0.8 months a year earlier. There was not much change in time on the market, with March's sales closing in an average of 23 days, compared to February's 22.

Home values have stayed fairly steady the past several months but increased somewhat in March. The median sales price of \$1,088,000 was a 6% increase over February and was the highest since May of last year. The price per square foot also increased, from \$492 in February to \$503 in March. The average sale in March was for 101% of the list price, up from...

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- Theatre Room, with Huge Walnut Barn Door
- Paver walkway and driveway, Pinot Vineyard, Large deck and Many Fruit Trees in backyard
- Huge Custom Garage fully insulated with Truss Design. 50 Amp circuit for electric Vehicle on inside and RV on the Outside

JUST LISTED FOR \$1,249,000

PENDING — MULTIPLE OFFERS



LAGUNA OAKS

2556 Arlotta Place, Pleasanton

.37 flat acres with a beautiful view of the Pleasanton Ridge, situated on the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. 3853 sq.ft. of living space with four bedrooms, a bonus room, 3 1/2 baths and an extra large master suite with valuted ceilings.

LISTED FOR \$1,869,000

SALE PENDING



DUBLIN HILLS

3508 Cydonia Court

Great opportunity in North Dublin Hills. This "Bella Monte" home was built in 2011. This upgraded 4 bedroom 2.5 bathroom home, has 2353 sq.ft of living space, with beautiful views and no rear neighbors. Enjoy a professionally landscaped back yard with redwood deck for summer time entertaining.

LISTED FOR \$1,099,000

SALE PENDING



4424 Newman Place, Pleasanton

Gorgeous townhouse located 1 mile to downtown, across the way from Stanford Hospital and quick access to the Freeway. This stunning 2 story home was built in 1998 by Braddock & Logan. Enjoy beautiful upgrades in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1640 sq.ft. Home. By Appointment Only~ Call Julia for more information.

LISTED FOR \$819,000

JUST SOLD



THE GATES

4674 Ross Gate Way

Beautiful home with a gorgeous backyard and pool. 2125 sq.ft. of living space with 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. Upgraded and a great floor plan.

LISTED FOR \$1,098,000

SOLD FOR \$1,138,000

40K OVER ASKING PRICE

REPRESENTED BUYERS

JUST SOLD — 6 OFFERS



VALLEY TRAILS

3514 Kings Canyon Court, Pleasanton

Beautiful home with 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths just under 1,900 sq. ft. This home has a great floor plan, with a large renovated private backyard including covered living area and kitchen for summer entertaining. Quiet neighborhood with court location, convenient access to trails, parks and schools.

LISTED FOR \$929,000

SOLD FOR \$1,000,000

71K OVER ASKING PRICE

COMING SOON



VINTAGE HILLS

Vintage Hills home with great views located on a court. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms very close to Vintage Hills School.

Call Julia for more information.

3986 Rockingham Drive, Pleasanton Meadows

PENDING WITH 9 OFFERS



This single story four bedroom, two bathroom is move in ready from top to bottom. Featuring an open floor plan with 1918 sq ft of living space and upgrades throughout. Newer carpeting, bamboo flooring, roof, HVAC unit, custom cabinetry and granite in the kitchen and master bathroom. Located in the community focused Pleasanton Meadows neighborhood walking distance to the Cabana Club pool, park, tennis courts and top-rated Fairlands Elementary School.

contact Katie for additional details!

4471 Sutter Gate Ave.

COMING SOON!



This is a fantastic single story offering 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms 1815 sq ft plus a bonus detached office in the backyard! Open floor plan, updates and a gorgeous back yard with recently installed covered patio. Coming to the market in May.

contact Katie for additional details!

Contact Katie Moe today to learn more!



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Conveniently located in Pleasanton Meadows, this delightfully contemporary 1987 built, single story 4 bdrm, 2 bth home offers great curb appeal and charm. Inviting floor plan of spacious & functional 2023 sqft. Featuring Anderson windows, plantation shutters, remodeled gourmet kitchen, close proximity to Fairlands Elementary school, parks and shopping.



PLEASANTON • 3622 KIRKCALDY COURT • \$955,000

SOLD IN 5 DAYS WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS

Absolutely stunning! Conveniently located in highly desirable Pleasanton Meadows neighborhood. This home will sure to impress the fussiest buyer. Built in 1985, 4 beds, 2 bath home offers great curb appeal and charm. The inviting floor plan of spacious & functional 1,802 sq ft featuring new dual pane windows and door, new exterior paint, close proximity to award winning Fairland Elementary School, neighborhood park and shopping.



PLEASANTON • 3197 WEST LAS POSITAS BLVD.

COMING SOON!

Welcome to this beautiful updated Pleasanton Meadows home. Built in 1993, this wonderful 4 bedroom 3 bathroom home has 2,301 sq. ft. of functional living space. There is a spacious upgraded kitchen including a large island and dining area. Bedroom and bath on main floor, close proximity to award winning Fairland Elementary School, neighborhood Park and shopping. Must See! Call for pricing



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PLEASANTON • 1461 CALLE ENRIQUE
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This inviting 1-story unit in the Park Villa development features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths & 2-car garage. Light & bright, open & airy with vaulted ceiling, updated kitchen & private patio. HOA has clubhouse, pool & add'l storage. Scenic creekside walking trail nearby; walking distance to downtown & ACE train. Contact Bob Cilk @ 925.487.8734 or Bob.Cilk@remax.net for details!



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Just Listed! Beautifully updated throughout. Premium lot backs to open space. Main level BR & full Bath.

4BR, 3BA, 2689+/- Sq. Ft.

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7198 EMERALD AVE., DUBLIN



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4BR, 2.5BA, 1830+/- Sq. Ft.

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1809 Spumante Place, Pleasanton
Stunning Ruby Hill Estate! 7 BR 9.5 BA, Home Theatre, Pool and Guest House/Cabana
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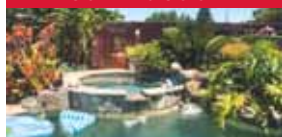


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4628 Jefferson Court, Pleasanton
Beautiful 4 bdrm, 2 bath one level home. With over 1800 sq ft and a beautifully remodeled kitchen! Great court location! **Priced in the mid \$900,000's**

SALE PENDING 4 OFFERS!



4163 Dorman Road, Pleasanton
Beautifully remodeled 4 bdrm, 2 bath home with granite slab kitchen, large center island & hardwood floors. Beautiful backyard! **\$850,000**

ANOTHER NEW LISTING!



3934 Kern Court, Pleasanton
Coming Soon. Beautiful one level home with over 1800 sq ft. Granite kitchen w/ white cabinetry and stainless steel appliances. **Mid \$900,000's**

COMING SOON



Vintage Heights
Beautiful custom home on a 1.6,000 sq ft parcel with a sparkling pool! Gourmet granite kitchen and open family room! 4 bdrms, 3 baths and over 3700 sq ft.

RECORD HIGH SALE! \$56K OVER ASKING



2824 Gray Fox Court, Pleasanton
Country estate on 1 acre w/ 5 bdrms, 3.5 ba, one bdrm casita and detached in law unit. Pool, outdoor kitchen, bocce ball and sport court. **\$2,306,250**

ANOTHER NEW LISTING



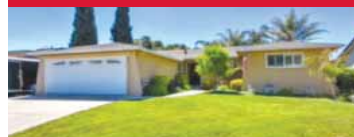
6055 Ashley Court, Pleasanton
Coming Soon. Beautiful one story home with 4 bedrooms, 2 remodeled baths and a sunny granite kitchen. **Priced in the high \$800,000's**

RECORD HIGH SALE \$62K OVER ASKING!



1518 Ramblewood Way, Pleasanton
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