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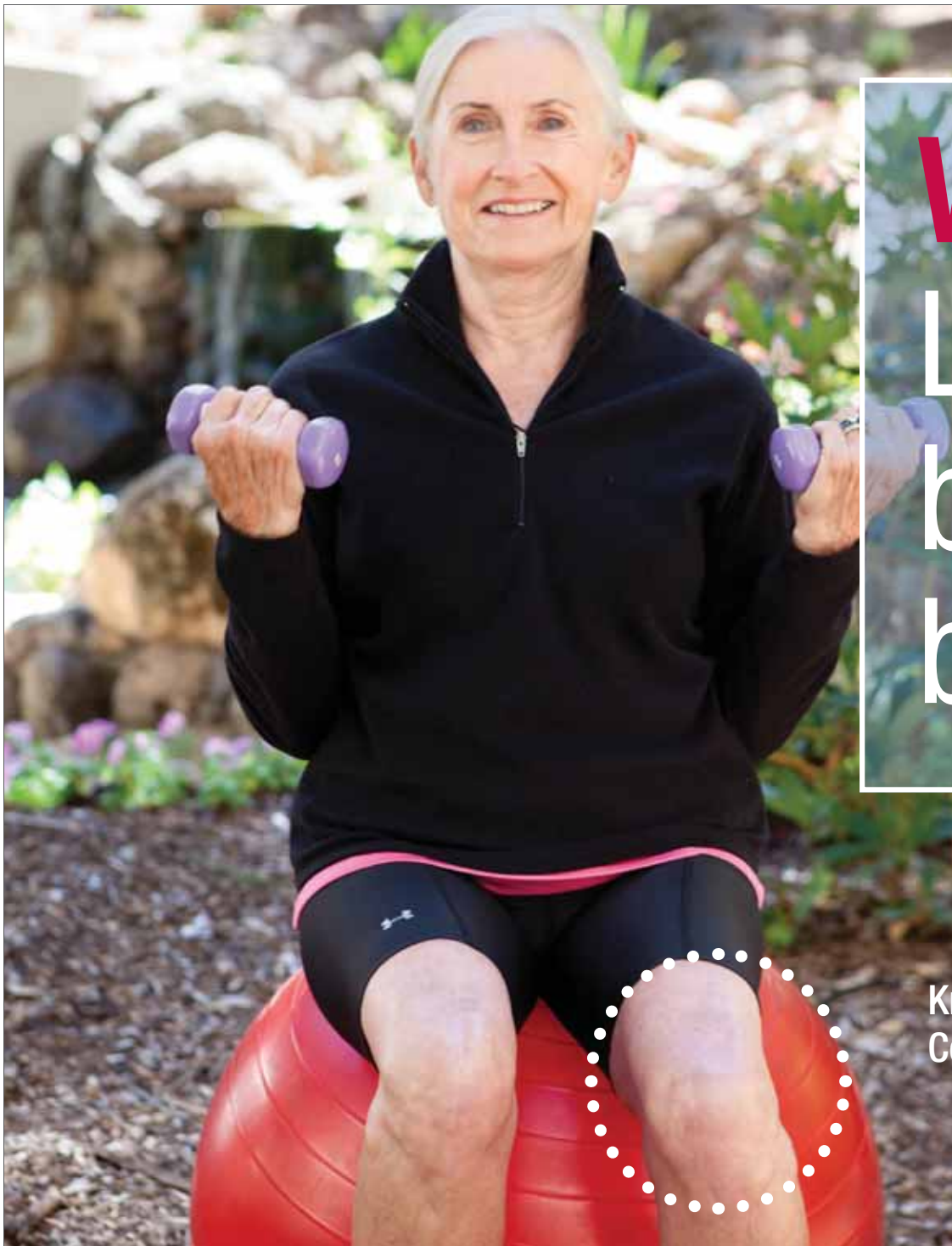
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By JEB BING

LPC professor helps veterans rejoin civilian lives

May is a special month for both those in and out of the military. For service members and veterans, it's a chance to pay tribute to supportive families and spouses today, which is Military Spouse Appreciation Day, and later to honor the memory of those who have sacrificed for this nation on Memorial Day.



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Las Positas College professor Jim Ott.

For Las Positas College professor Jim Ott, it's also a time to wrap up his third annual class on expressive writing designed specifically for veterans to help them transition to civilian life. College president Barry Russell is very supportive of this program, which this year has enrolled 28 veterans. It's helped distinguish Las Positas as an innovative institution of higher learning.

After all, these conflicts happen "over there."

Ott, a banker for 30 years until 2010 and a Pleasanton school board member from 2005-10, was hired full time at the college in 2013. He conceived the veterans' course curriculum during research for his doctoral degree at Saint Mary's College.

But that shouldn't be surprising, Ott adds, because the gap between veterans and civilians is wider now than it's ever been. Less than one-half of one percent of the American population serves in the military—compared with 12% in World War II.

In the three years it's been available, the course has been especially helpful to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD.

So, while we honor veterans, few of us know how to connect with these men and women who chose to serve our country, who made sacrifices, deferred their higher education and careers, and in many cases experienced a warrior life so different from our own.

In fact, it's post-traumatic stress that gives Ott and these veterans their biggest challenge in the course. Veterans often don't want to write or talk about PTSD for fear that dredging up those war-time memories will make the condition worse. One freshman veteran, who had been in the Army and was now working toward a college degree, was reluctant to take on a class assignment to write about life experiences.

So how can we begin to bridge that gap? Ott asked that question in his classroom. Here's what they said: Despite their transition difficulties when leaving the military, they don't want us to feel sorry for them. They appreciate being thanked, but sometimes the phrase "Thank you for your service" doesn't feel genuine. They also said it's never appropriate to ask a veteran if they killed anyone. This is a deeply personal question. They also don't want to be put on a pedestal, and they don't want to be stereotyped as wounded warriors.

Clearly suffering from PTSD, he'd never shared with anyone — not with his family, not even with his wife — his brutal wartime images. But a few days later, with Ott's encouragement, the freshman veteran reconsidered. It might be good for him, he told Ott, to write about his service, to get it onto paper and out in the open.

So how can a civilian have a conversation with veterans? Try this, they said:

And so he did. It wasn't easy, but after he did, he felt relief because he'd put the details of those traumatic experiences into a story that he could step back and observe.

"What branch of the military did you serve in? Where did you serve? What was your job in the military?" That should get the conversation going.

Ott has also found in his research and now in his classroom work that many veterans, like some of his students, believe that most Americans aren't interested in what takes place in Afghanistan and the Middle East.

For more Las Positas College veterans' stories, sign on to www.LPCvetstories.com. To contact Jim Ott for more information about the Las Positas veterans' programs, email jott@laspositacollege.edu. ■

Editor's note: Jeb Bing is editor emeritus for the Pleasanton Weekly. His "Around Pleasanton" columns run on the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

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Shannon Locatelli and her daughter Ashlee Kardos are the winners of this year's Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest, held in honor of Mother's Day. Photo courtesy of Locatelli. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

What was your first minimum wage job where you had to clock in and clock out?

Kelly Clemmensen

Information technology

When I was 16, I got a job as a furniture mover. I did it for several years and it really taught me how to make a hard-earned buck. It also taught me that I didn't want to have to make a living moving furniture for the rest of my life. It was a very valuable experience.



Jill Albers *Retired*

When I was in high school I worked at our local McDonald's, as counter help. With a smile, of course. I worked Sundays through Thursdays during the evenings, for a whopping \$1.65 an hour. It is because of that experience that I insisted my own kids get jobs while they were in high school. It helped develop a really good work ethic in each of them.



Roland Albers

Retired

At a book and record store. It might sound crazy, but loved it. It gave me the opportunity to read all of the newest best sellers without having to actually buy them, and also to learn the names of the authors and titles of so many of the great "classic" books.



Sarah Ellis

Nurse practitioner

I worked at a gardening center, watering and caring for plants and small trees. I got pricked by a lot of thorns, but it really taught me the value of hard work and to appreciate the hard work of others, regardless of how menial the task might seem.



Wayne Ellis

Retired

I worked at Woolworth's, stocking shelves, mopping floors and eventually manning the cash register. To this day I can still hear the "ding" it made when the drawer would open.



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City survey

Starting earlier this week, Pleasanton residents began being contacted by telephone to participate in the city's residential commute survey, which is aimed at assessing current commute patterns and commuter preferences.

City officials said they conduct the survey of employers and residents every three to four years to monitor the effectiveness of Pleasanton's transportation systems management program and to help shape new strategies to encourage alternative commute habits, which could result in improved traffic flow and air quality.

Pleasanton-based companies will also be surveyed, starting later in the month. The final report will be available during the summer.

'Unbreakable' author

Former Navy SEAL Senior Chief Thom Shea (Ret.), author of "Unbreakable: A Navy Seal's Way of Life," will speak about thriving in any and every kind of chaos you or your company may encounter during a luncheon June 13 at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard, 1184 Vineyard Ave.

Shea served 23 years as a Navy SEAL. In 2009, he led a Navy SEAL Team into Afghanistan, earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star with Valor, Army Commendation with Valor, a second Combat Action Medal.

Today, Shea is CEO of Adamantine Alliance, a leadership and human performance organization that helps companies, CEOs and individuals achieve new heights of performance.

Sponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, the event will start at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon price of \$35 includes a hardcover copy of Shea's book. Registration must be received by May 17 to guarantee a copy of the book. Visit Pleasanton.org/Events.

TV30 camp

Tri-Valley Community Television is recruiting middle and high school students for a pair of week-long summer camps available this summer.

Now in its ninth year, Tri-Valley TV Camp includes an introduction to studio production, field production, writing, producing and digital video editing. Participants will work within a group to produce a TV program that will air on TV30.

The first camp will take place June 12-16; the second camp will be offered from July 10-14. The camp fee is \$545 and registration is limited. For more information, visit www.tv30.org or call 462-3030. ■

School board poised to consider first round of Measure I1 bond sales

Lydiksen rebuild, debt payoff, new laptops among projects on initial list

By JULIA REIS

Pleasanton school district administration will ask the school board to weigh authorizing the issuance and sale of Measure I1 bonds next month after trustees discussed an update on the new bond program Tuesday night.

Interim superintendent Micaela Ochoa said financing documents for the first bond series — which would amount to an estimated \$69 million — would be brought back to the board on June 13. The

money would then go toward what were referred to as a few immediate projects, including the Lydiksen Elementary School renovations.

The district's next steps with the bond program were detailed as part of a Measure I1 update during the school board's regular meeting Tuesday. The board did not take any action on the item.

Since the passage of the \$270 million school facilities initiative in November, the district has formed a citizens' oversight committee and

begun developing educational and building standards for bond projects, Ochoa said Tuesday.

Now, PUSD is in the process of requesting pricing estimates from its bench of architects for prospective work to develop the district's Measure I1 and facility master plan. That plan will be developed with input from a committee that the district has begun recruiting for.

Fourteen people will be invited to join the committee, including district representatives, a high

school student and a PTA member, among others. They will work with the selected architects to develop the facility master plan with timelines, budgets and project details by school, using the bond project list as their foundation.

But because the process for developing a facilities master plan can take several months, district administration wants to proceed with issuing \$69 million in bonds to get a few projects started.

They would include the Lydiksen Elementary rebuild at a rough cost

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Calling it a career

Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department battalion chief Michael Miller retired Wednesday after more than 31 years in the profession. He started with the then-Pleasanton Fire Department in September 1988, later becoming its first firefighter-paramedic when the paramedic program started in 1996. He has also served as a firefighter, fire captain, academy coordinator and training chief. In retirement, Miller said he plans to spend more time with his wife Lucia and their adult children in addition to pursuing hobbies like travel, fly fishing and volunteering.

Fair announces concert lineup

Clint Black, Sheila E., Night Ranger among acts coming to fairgrounds

By JEREMY WALSH

Country musician Clint Black, percussionist and singer Sheila E., rocker Ann Wilson from the band Heart, '90s group Sugar Ray and classic rock bands Asia, America and Night Ranger are among the stars coming to the Alameda County Fair starting next month as part of Big O Tires Concert Series.

This summer's concert slate also includes tribute bands for popular acts Neil Diamond, Queen, Journey and Michael Jackson, as well as the Red, White and Blues Festival returning on Independence Day.

Fair-goers can try for open seating for the shows for free with their regular fair admission, or they can opt for Standard Reserved seating

(\$22.99 each) or new this year, Premium Floor seats available in advance through the fair's website for \$42.99 apiece. Season pass and full-price (\$15) admission ticket holders will be able to reserve premium seats for all tribute shows for free.

The 2017 Alameda County Fair is open at the Pleasanton fairgrounds from June 16 to July 9, except for closed days on June 19, 20, 26, 27.

Sugar Ray kicks off the concert series on opening night, followed by Con Funk Shun and Plain White T's that Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

The next week sees Jana Kramer (June 21), Tower of Power (June 22), John Michael Montgomery (June 23), Asia featuring John Payne (June

24) and Rose Royce (June 25).

Onstage during the third week will be Clint Black (June 28), Ann Wilson of Heart (June 29), tribute band Super Diamond (June 30), Sheila E. (July 1) and America (July 2).

Closing week will feature Queen Nation (July 3), Red, White and Blues Festival (July 4), Wynonna & the Big Noise (July 5), Journey Revisited (July 6) and Foreverland (July 7), before Jody Watley featuring Shalamar Reloaded (July 8) and Night Ranger (July 9) round out the final weekend.

Each concert begins at 8 p.m. and runs until 9:15 p.m., immediately followed by fireworks on the concert lawn. For more information, visit the fair website at www.alamedacountyfair.com. ■

Honeywell assumes control of Sandia

Ellis takes over as associate director at Livermore site

By JEB BING

Dori Ellis, a 40-year veteran in the energy sector, began work last week as associate director for Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, succeeding Marianne Walck, who has retired.

Ellis is part of Honeywell International Inc.'s new National Technology & Engineering Solutions (NTESS) team selected to manage and operate Sandia.

Her appointment coincided with the start of Honeywell's management contract, which was awarded last December by the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Honeywell succeeds Lockheed Martin Corp., which had operated Sandia since 1993. Honeywell is now the third manager since the laboratories' founding in 1949 in Albuquerque, N.M., where it is headquartered.

Sandia National Laboratories is a multi-mission laboratory now operated by NTESS for the U.S. Department of Energy's NNSA. Sandia has major research and development responsibilities in nuclear deterrence, global security, defense, energy technologies and economic competitiveness at both its Albuquerque and Livermore sites.

Along with naming Ellis to manage

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Pre-applications now available for Kottinger Gardens affordable senior apartments

Due to leasing office between May 22 and June 5

By JEREMY WALSH

Pre-applications are now being distributed for local seniors hoping to qualify for one of the first apartments built as part of the first phase of the Kottlinger Gardens affordable senior housing development.

Located just outside downtown Pleasanton, the Kottlinger Gardens Phase 1 features 130 low-income apartments for seniors being constructed at 240 to 258 Kottlinger Drive.

MidPen Housing Corp., the nonprofit affordable housing developer overseeing the project, will accept pre-applications from candidates between May 22 and June 5 with a lottery to follow for

available apartments in July.

"The new Kottlinger Gardens project will not only increase the amount of housing for very-low-income seniors in Pleasanton, but also provide our community with a state-of-the-art senior housing development," Brian Dolan, Pleasanton assistant city manager, said in a statement.

The Kottlinger Gardens project aims to replace and redevelop the city's Kottlinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens senior housing complexes across the street from each other on Kottlinger Drive, off First Street just outside downtown.

Phase 1 is taking place on the old Kottlinger Place site, which

previously contained 50 units.

MidPen is replacing those with 51 single-story cottage apartments — finished in March — and 80 more units in a two- and three-story building still under construction and expected to be completed in October. One of those units is a resident manager's apartment.

The development also includes a community room and kitchen, computer lounge, fitness room, laundry and outdoor amenities such as community garden plots for residents, a bocce ball court, seating areas and outdoor patio.

Once completed, work will begin on the second phase, rebuilding the old Pleasanton Gardens site

to provide an additional 54 affordable apartment homes, where today there are 40.

Priority for the new Phase 1 apartments was given to returning households from the former Kottlinger Place and Pleasanton Gardens, as well as those on the Kottlinger Place waitlist, according to city officials.

For the other available Phase 1 apartments, seniors can seek a position by completing the pre-application, which was made available starting Monday.

The apartments are reserved for households with incomes between 30% and 60% of the area median income (AMI) for Alameda County

who have at least one member of the household 62 years of age or older. The AMI is between \$21,930 and \$43,860 for a single-person household.

Pre-applications can be picked up at the Kottlinger Gardens leasing office (251 Kottlinger Drive), the city offices (200 Old Bernal Ave.), the Pleasanton Public Library (400 Old Bernal Ave.) and the Pleasanton Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd.

The pre-applications are due to the Kottlinger Gardens leasing office by mail or in person between May 22 and 5 p.m. June 5. They cannot be returned to the city or Senior Center, officials said.

A public lottery will follow on July 19, with MidPen and city officials present. No lottery priority is given based on when seniors submit the pre-application within the prescribed time-frame.

For more information, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

MEASURE 11

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of \$30 million; certificates of participation payoff at \$14.3 million; \$11.5 million for infrastructure, safety and security projects; \$10 million for modernizations qualifying for state funding; and \$3.3 million for staff and student laptops.

"What we wanted to present was a concept where we proceed with specific projects in parallel as we develop the facilities master plan," Ochoa said. "That way we can actually start working on some projects."

If the district were to issue the first series of Measure 11 bonds this summer, it would not need to continue using developer fees to pay off certificates of participation, freeing that money up for capital projects, Ochoa said. PUSD would also be able to go after some matching funds made available from Proposition 51, the \$9 billion school bond California voters passed in November.

PUSD's financial adviser said Tuesday the district could issue the full \$270 million in bonds by 2027. The facility master plan would dictate the issuance amounts and the timing of them.

"It might be an issuance every two years, every three years, but the facility master plan would help dictate," Ochoa said.

Ultimately, the board will have to sign off on bond project designs and contracts.

The board's discussion Tuesday centered around questions of how projects will be prioritized and when the planned new elementary school could factor into the equation.

Ochoa emphasized the facility master plan committee will address the priority of projects, including the new school. The group's final recommendation will be brought to the board.

Regarding the new school, trustee Valerie Arkin raised concerns about waiting too long to issue another bond series.

'I don't want it to get pushed off and pushed off until we're not building a new school.'

Valerie Arkin,
School board trustee

"If we do it again in 2019, I think they say it's about three years to build a school," Arkin said. "So we're talking quite a ways away for getting a school built ... Because it was such a big discussion, I don't want it to get pushed off and pushed off until we're not building a new school."

In response trustees suggested issuing more bonds in August and dedicating funding in the first issuance to studying the new school as possible options.

Much of the sentiment from five speakers during public comment was for spending on existing needs as soon as possible, particularly at

Lydiksen Elementary.

"We have existing needs that need to be met," said Jill Buck, a PUSD parent and co-chair of the Measure 11 committee. "We don't need a facilities master plan to see what's going on."

Former Pleasanton school board member Kathleen Rueggegger, however called the district's plans "the cart before the horse."

"We're rushing to recommendations and selling bonds and we don't even know what we're doing — that I think is wrong," she said.

In other business

• The board unanimously approved a donation of up to \$1 million from the Amador Valley High School athletic booster club to fund the purchase, installation and warranty for a new synthetic turf field, as well as track resurfacing at Amador. The club will cover 30% of the cost, while an unnamed donor has committed to paying for the rest.

The board also awarded a

contract to FieldTurf USA for the work. The project will start in June. The district plans to have it completed in August in time for the first football game of the season.

• The board announced two vice principal appointments approved in closed session.

Leslie Navarette was selected vice principal of Vintage Hills Elementary, and Heidi Burton vice principal at Mohr and Fairlands elementary schools.

Burton had been working as an instructional coach for PUSD, while Navarette was serving as a substitute Vintage Hills vice principal and inclusion specialist in the district's special education department. She will split her time between the two roles next school year.

Trustees also accepted the resignations of Village High School/Horizon Early Education vice principal Julie Calderon and Tri-Valley SELPA senior director Sara Woolverton as part of the consent agenda in open session. The resignations will take effect June 30. ■

SANDIA

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Sandia's laboratories in Livermore, Honeywell also appointed Steve Younger as director of the Albuquerque headquarters. He becomes Sandia's 15th director.

"We are in what I call a strategic time, a rapidly changing time," Younger told Sandia employees. "Sandia will maintain its flexibility in responding to that somewhat uncertain future. It is going to be an exciting future for the lab as we respond to upcoming national needs."

Deputy director Dave Douglass, who also spoke, said Sandia will maintain its strong support for technology transfer to the private sector and its relationships with businesses and the community.

Sandia spends roughly \$1 billion on goods and services nationwide

each year, with about half of that going to small businesses.

"Sandia is an extremely important member of the community, both through the dollars we contribute and the time our employees contribute," Douglass said. "It is our intent to continue that."

The new Honeywell-appointed Sandia management team said it expects stable employment numbers and that the challenge will be to do the work the nation has asked Sandia to do with the people it has. That includes work in microelectronics fabrication, high-energy-density physics, high-performance computing and cybersecurity.

Younger called Sandia "the greatest engineering lab in the world," and said that while many companies and laboratories work in technology, "Sandia defends the planet."

As the engineering lab for the

nation's nuclear weapons complex, Sandia is responsible for more than 95% of non-nuclear components and for maintaining, modernizing and assessing the nuclear weapons stockpile.

It also engineers systems and technologies for global security, defense systems and energy, and does fundamental science and engineering research in bioscience, computing, engineering, geoscience, materials, nanosystems and high-energy density science.

In her new role at Sandia's Livermore lab, Ellis will provide leadership and management direction for the site with primary responsibility for energy technologies, biosciences, the Department of Homeland Security and support to weapon systems engineering.

Ellis has nearly 40 years of experience with federal, state and foreign



Dori Ellis, new associate director for Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore.

governments, industry and academic customers, including 33 years at Sandia in New Mexico with programmatic responsibility across four mission areas.

During her tenure at Sandia, Ellis served as principal staff director, chief operations officer for Defense

Systems & Assessments, director of the Global Security Line of Business/International Security Center, director of the Transportation Surety, Nuclear Waste Management and Nuclear Reactor Technology Centers and in a variety of manager and senior manager positions.

Most recently Ellis served as executive director of national laboratories operations for the University of California and was director of the strategic development office for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

"It is exciting as I take up the mantle of responsibility as the new associate labs director for the Sandia site in California," Ellis said. "Knowing the commitment and talent that each member of the workforce brings, I look forward to engaging Sandia's unique abilities to tackle the problems that only a national laboratory of this caliber can hope to solve." ■

Assemblywoman hires new chief of staff

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) recently announced that she has appointed Erin Donnette as her new chief of staff.

Donnette had served as capitol director for Assemblyman Brian Maienschein, a Republican representing northeast San Diego County. As Baker's chief of staff, Donnette replaces Nanette Farag, who accepted a position as director of member services for the Assembly Republican Caucus.

"I'm very excited to be working for a NorCal member," Donnette said in an email. "Asm. Baker is dynamic, well respected and we share



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Erin Donnette, new chief of staff for Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

a lot of the same views. I consider myself very fortunate to have this opportunity."

Of her new chief of staff, Baker

said, "Ms. Donnette is widely respected for her legislative and policy expertise and her solutions-oriented approach. She is a great addition to the team in service of Assembly District 16."

A Northern California native who grew up primarily in the Coloma Valley, Donnette earned a bachelor's degree from Sacramento State University.

Her other Assembly experience included working out of the Sacramento offices of members Martin Garrick and Shannon Grove. She also previously worked for Western Pacific Research, The Apex Group and The Department of Boating & Waterways. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Angkor Wat: Graeme Wheeler brought the Pleasanton Weekly on a trip to Cambodia, where he went on a 30-kilometer mountain bike tour through the Angkor temple complex, visiting Angkor Wat, The Bayon Temple and Ta Prohm. Here, Graeme is in front of the gateway to Angkor Wat, built in the 12th century and one of the largest temples ever made.

UNCLE Credit Union celebrates 60 years

By JEREMY WALSH

More than 200 local officials, company representatives and their supporters joined together in Bella Rose at Garre Vineyard & Winery to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Livermore-based UNCLE Credit Union.

Founded in 1957 by four employees from the then-University of California Radiation Laboratory at Livermore to serve the lab community, the locally headquartered not-for-profit financial cooperative now boasts more than 22,000 members

and more than \$363 million in assets.

"This was a special event held in appreciation of our members and the community in which we have thrived over the past six decades," board chair Chung Bothwell said of the 60th anniversary event held at the Livermore winery April 26.

"As an organization that exists to serve our members, we were pleased to have so many of our members join us in marking this major milestone. We would also like to thank the dignitaries and community leaders

that took part in the celebration," added president and CEO Harold Roundtree, who lives in Pleasanton.

Attendees included local elected officials such as Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, Councilwoman Karla Brown and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty as well as some from Livermore and Tracy, UNCLE officials said.

Also in attendance were the president of the California Credit Union League, the director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and representatives of Congressman

Eric Swalwell and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker.

UNCLE Credit Union serves residents, employees and students in Alameda, Contra Costa, Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties, including at its location on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton. Its headquarters is at 2100 Las Positas Court in Livermore.

In addition to five financial centers and online and mobile banking services, the credit union provides members with access to more than 5,000 shared branches and nearly 30,000 ATMs via the CO-OP Shared Branching Network.

The company also focuses on

fostering a positive and motivating workplace and contributing to the communities it serves, including efforts such as American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, Children's Miracle Network Hospital, Tri-Valley Haven and The Arts at Bankhead Theater, officials said.

"As we approach our diamond anniversary, we find plenty of reasons to celebrate in the confidence our members have placed in us over the past 60 years and our history of success made possible through a shared purpose of promoting our mutual financial health," Roundtree added. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Man charged in Castro Valley woman's December death

A Stockton man has been charged with special circumstances murder for allegedly fatally stabbing a 59-year-old woman at her home in Castro Valley in unincorporated Alameda County in December and then setting the home on fire to try to destroy evidence, prosecutors said.

Luckie Dacany, 36, is charged in connection with the death of Andrea St. John, who was found dead on Dec. 13 after a suspicious fire at her home in the 1800 block of Grove Way in Castro Valley. St. John, identified by authorities as a widow, mother and grandmother, worked at Foothill Optometric Group in Pleasanton as an optometric technician for over 11 years.

Alameda County sheriff's deputies said they believe St. John, whom they described as a well-respected community member who lived alone, was killed sometime between the night of Dec. 12 and the morning of Dec. 13.

The fire at her one-story home was reported at about 2:45 a.m. on Dec. 13 and deputies arrived at the scene at 4:30 a.m. that day to investigate her death, sheriff's Deputy Rosario Robson wrote in a probable cause statement.

An autopsy determined that St. John's death was a homicide, Robson wrote.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office received information from the

San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office last week that Dacany "had provided information acknowledging responsibility for the homicide and provided details only the suspect and law enforcement would know," Robson wrote.

Alameda County sheriff's deputies conducted a follow-up interview with Dacany in which "additional corroborating evidence was obtained verifying his account of the homicide," Robson wrote.

In addition, Dacany fits the physical characteristics of the suspect as depicted in video surveillance that was recovered during the investigation, Robson said.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has charged Dacany with murder, arson and three special circumstances: committing a murder during the course of a robbery, committing a murder during the course of a burglary and inflicting torture during a murder.

Authorities haven't disclosed a motive for the killing.

Dacany is still in custody in San Joaquin County and hasn't yet been transferred to Alameda County.

In other news

- Firefighters extinguished a blaze that broke out at a home in Pleasanton on Saturday afternoon.

According to fire officials, the lone occupant of the house at 3604 Portsmouth Court — near West Las Positas Boulevard and Pimlico Drive — was in a front room when she heard the smoke alarm go off. She went to investigate and found a fire in her bedroom in the back of the house.

The woman tried to extinguish the fire, but was unsuccessful and left the house. At 1:55 p.m., firefighters responded to the scene and saw smoke coming from the side and back of the house.

Crews took a hose line and battled flames and high heat down a hallway and into the bedroom where the fire was involved, fire officials said.

Fire crews also went to the roof to create ventilation for possible victims and firefighters inside.

Crews extinguished the fire quickly, officials said.

Fire damage was limited to the bedroom, and high heat damage to the master bedroom and hallway. The rest of the house sustained smoke damage, but was structurally sound, fire officials said.

The lone occupant of the home was taken to Stanford-ValleyCare Medical Center to be checked for smoke inhalation. There were no injuries to firefighters, fire officials said.

• A person crawled from their overturned vehicle after crashing into a creek last Friday night in unincorporated Livermore, according to Alameda County Fire officials.

Fire officials said firefighters along with the California Highway Patrol responded to a solo-vehicle collision on Mines Road in Livermore just before 9 p.m.

Upon arrival, firefighters found the vehicle on its roof and partially submerged in a creek.

According to fire officials, an occupant crawled from the vehicle and was taken to a hospital with moderate injuries. The CHP is investigating the incident. ■

—Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

May 6

Alcohol violation

■ 3:41 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Santa Rita Road

Commercial burglary

■ 9:39 a.m. on the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

May 5

Assault/battery

■ 11:04 a.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Residential burglary

■ 10:51 a.m. on the 200 block of Trenton Circle

Theft

■ 1:07 p.m. on the 1500 block of Santa Rita Road

■ 4:08 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

■ 4:15 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

■ 8:16 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

■ 3:01 p.m. on the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

May 4

Domestic battery

■ 10:06 a.m. on Clovewood Lane

■ 11:56 p.m. on Santa Rita Road

Residential burglary

■ 10:15 a.m. on the 3900 block of Vineyard Avenue

Theft

■ 12:17 p.m. on the 3300 block of Medallion Court

■ 1:45 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

■ 5:25 p.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive

■ 7:33 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 11:18 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Fraud

■ 2:20 p.m. on the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road

Graffiti

■ 2:34 p.m. at Owens Drive and West Las Positas Boulevard

Assault/battery

■ 10:56 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Vandalism

■ 10:54 a.m. on the 5600 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

May 3

Theft

■ 7:35 a.m., 4400 block of Black Avenue; theft from auto

■ 8:57 a.m., 6000 block of Inglewood Drive; bicycle theft

■ 9:13 a.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

■ 11:08 a.m., 5700 block of Owens Drive; auto theft

■ 2:44 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 3:26 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from structure

■ 7:30 p.m. on the 3700 block of Mohr Avenue

■ 8:52 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:26 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

Vandalism

■ 4:30 p.m. at Dublin Canyon and Foothill roads

Child abuse

■ 2:47 p.m. on Huff Court

Fraud

■ 11:39 a.m. on the 3100 block of Busch Road

Weapons violation

■ 9:39 a.m. at Foothill Road and Bernal Avenue

May 2

Fraud

■ 5:08 p.m. on the 4000 block of Fernwood Court

Theft

■ 8:04 a.m. on the 3900 block of Stoneridge Drive

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By CHLOE WOHLBERG, KATELYN ANTILLA AND EMILIA JANDA

10 ways to be a more politically active citizen

"Politics ought to be the part-time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free men."

—President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Whether you're young or old, the choices of our government will affect us all. As an American citizen, your actions can play a role in influencing your government. While it may feel hopeless trying to reach the national government, you can still play a role at the local scale.

Here are 10 ways to become a more politically active citizen:

1. Subscribe to a newspaper or publication. The first step to becoming a politically active citizen is becoming a politically aware citizen. Educate yourself on current politics or even brush up on old U.S. history.

2. Meet a bipartisan group of friends for lunch. As simple as it may be, talking with others of varying opinions can create healthy discussion. It's important to listen to dissenting opinions and respectfully discuss these differences. Keeping an open mind allows the opportunity to explore new opinions and ultimately become a more educated citizen.

3. Volunteer in places that can help your community. By taking time out of your day to do good for the community, you can make a difference. Try volunteering at places in Pleasanton such as the Alviso Adobe, Firehouse Arts Center, Senior Center or any animal rescue centers.

4. Contact your representative. Have complaints about the functioning of your government? Call or schedule a meeting with

your district representative to discuss your thoughts and concerns.

5. Join a march. Many movements host marches to promote their organization or the rights of a group. Peacefully share your political views by actively participating in these fun marches. As a bonus, you can make fun signs too.

6. Write. Express your political views in writing. Create a blog where you can write about a topic or problem you see today.

7. Join an organization or group. Whether it be creating a new school club or becoming a member of the Parent-Teacher Association, opportunities like these allow people of all ages to participate in the community.

8. Help with a campaign. When election season comes around, assisting candidates with their election process provides

great political experience and a look into what it takes to be a politician.

9. Vote. While it may seem obvious to mention, many citizens may forget to vote in their local-level elections. Choose a candidate who will represent your beliefs and make the change you hope for at your city level.

10. Educate the youth. Since children are the future of America, it's important that they learn about their country from a young age. If you have kids, try taking them to history museums and teaching what it means to be an active citizen. ■

Editor's note: Chloe Wohlenberg, Katelyn Antilla and Emilia Janda are seniors at Foothill High School. They wrote this article as part of a senior project about the importance of residents being civically active.

LETTERS

Support Pleasanton

Dear Editor,

Two things came together recently to prompt me to write this letter.

First, a shout-out to the Tri-Valley YMCA for all the work they do in our community. They are raising \$100,000 to work right here in our backyard — check out the great things they are doing.

Secondly, I was putting together a Pleasanton-themed auction basket — chose my items, paid and came back to pick up a beautiful basket at Clover Creek. I did not even notice until the evening that the owner added additional wonderful items to the basket. What an amazing community we live in.

Here is an idea ... Consider

purchasing a Downtown Pleasanton Gift Card. It can be used for most downtown merchants and restaurants. We all talk "local business," but let's really support them like they support us.

—Janel Sloan

Thank you, Drs. Mertes

Dear Editor,

I was extremely pleased to learn that the late Dr. Barbara Mertes and her late husband, Dr. David Mertes, had generously donated \$6.85 million to the Las Positas College Foundation to fund student scholarships and other activities ("Tim Talk: Mertes' legacy will live on at Las Positas," May 5).

What a wonderful gift to the community from two people who dedicated their lives to community

service and excellence in teaching.

In 1968, I took a speech class from Dr. Barbara Mertes at Chabot College in Hayward. She thoroughly understood her subject, she communicated clearly and honestly and she treated students with kindness and respect. She was a terrific role model for a future teacher like me — engaging, enthusiastic, encouraging.

Over the years, I shared with many students a basic maxim from her class: "Tell 'em what you're gonna' tell 'em. Tell 'em. Tell 'em that you told 'em."

Thank you, Dr. Mertes — and Dr. Mertes.

—Denis Telgemeier

An open letter Congressman Swalwell

Dear Eric,

I admit I was fooled. I thought the anti-Russia hysteria of the Democratic Party was intended to undermine Donald Trump and lead to impeachment. But lo and behold, as soon as Trump was slapped into line by

the "Military-Industrial-Intelligence Complex" and he launched cruise missiles on Syria and threatened war with North Korea, the Democratic Neocons appear to be just happy to leave Trump on the job. What happened to the Trump-Russian hearings in the House and Senate?

Democrats in Congress are playing a very dangerous game. The one redeeming feature of Trump was that he wanted better relations with Russia. No doubt his motivations were self-serving, but Democrats have forced him to prove he is not "Putin's Puppet," and the result is escalating tensions even further.

Do the Neocons who run foreign policy think it's a good idea to go to war with Russia? Tulsi Gabbard was the only member of Congress who had the guts to confront this issue, and the Democrats and pundit class crucified her for speaking out. Who else in Congress will have the courage to speak up before we end up in World War III?

—Matt Sullivan

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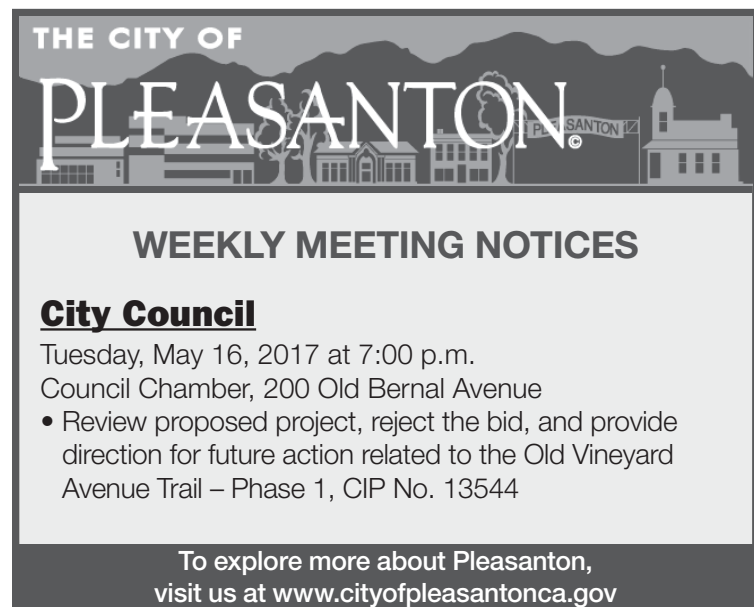
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PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

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Foothill baseball back to winning ways

Dons hockey team headed to championship game against Cal High

A week after dropping its first two losses on the season, the Foothill varsity baseball team got back to its winning ways with a pair of victories last week.

The Falcons started their week with Cal High and came away with a 5-1 win. Brett Hansen struck out six Grizzlies over four innings and the bats stayed hot as the Falcons took home the win.

Foothill relievers James Kroll and Dylan Pottgeiser finished the game with three scoreless innings.

The Foothill offense struck early, scoring three runs in the second inning, with big contributions from Owen Camp (2-for-4, two runs), Corey Steinhauer (2-for-4, run, RBI) and Colin Dixon (2-for-3). Adam Jue and Dixon both had doubles. Freshman Max Masajlo, a recent call-up to the varsity, got his first varsity base hit and RBI.

The week ended with the Falcons playing host to Livermore last Friday.

Foothill came out swinging and scored six runs in the first inning. The Falcons put the game out of reach with seven more runs in the fourth on the way to a 15-0 win.

The defense was just as good with no errors, and four Foothill pitchers combined to strike out 10 Livermore batters. Foothill starter Anthony Steller Harter continued his outstanding year, striking out seven over four innings.

Pitchers Seungmin Shim, Logan Caton and Brandon Kinsey gave up only one hit over three innings in relief. Foothill got strong offensive performances from Camp (3-for-4, two runs, two RBIs), Adam Jue, (2-for-3, RBI) and Justin Lavell (2-for-4, two runs, two RBIs). Sam Novitske had a double.

Dons baseball

The Amador Valley baseball team continued its great season with a pair of wins last week, beating Granada and De La Salle.

The week started with the win over Granada.

It was a tale of two stories as the Dons scored early with five runs in the first two innings. Brad

Norton, Jared Wilson and Nick Proctor continued hot hitting at the plate.

However, once the Matadors made a third-inning pitching change, Amador's run production ceased. Strong relief pitching by Nick Proctor and Max Moore coupled with a steady and reliable Amador defense, secured the 5-4 win for the Dons.

Friday brought De La Salle to Amador Valley for their only league meeting of the year.

Once again, the Dons were prepared, sending eight hitters to the plate — four of them had hits — and scoring three runs in the first inning. Norton, Justin Clark and Chris Murphy started the attack, and George Briggs, two-out single plated Murphy for the third run (which proved to be the game-winner).

Mitch Benson threw a 105-pitch complete game to earn the win, and Briggs made four spectacular plays at first base to seal the 3-2 victory — the Dons' ninth straight.

Foothill tennis

The Falcons completed the 2017 East Bay Athletic League tennis season with a tough match-up against Dougherty Valley in the EBAL championship.

Dougherty Valley was the 2016 North Coast Section champion, and showed their talent level in

this year's EBAL championship match, beating the Falcons 6-3.

Foothill finished 13-2 in the EBAL and 18-6 overall during the regular season.

The Falcons received significant contributions from freshmen Adam Linette and Andrew Kwon; sophomores Akash Patel, Dylan Weiglein, Shreekar Eedara, Alex Wang, Matt Haskell and Brendan Hwang; juniors Kyle Thompson and Jared Tay; and seniors Arnab Patel and Cliff Moran.

Amador hockey

Amador Valley advanced to the championship game with a thrilling, 3-2 win over Dublin last weekend.

Peyton Wisch gave the Dons a 1-0 lead in the first period, but the Gaels scored two straight to take the lead, setting up the exciting finish. With the minutes dwindling, Sam Chase scored to tie it for the Dons, and Jeremy Goldhawk scored the game-winner with time winding down.

The championship is set for May 18 at 8 p.m. against Cal High. Admission is free at the Dublin Iceland rink. ■

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

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Readers choose winners in annual Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest



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Above: Shannon Locatelli and daughter Ashlee Kardos are the winners of this year's Pleasanton Weekly Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest. **Below:** Finishing in second place were Jasmin Castagnola and her 2-year-old daughter Cecilia.



BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The third time was the charm for mother Shannon Locatelli and daughter Ashlee Kardos, 23, entering the Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest.

The duo garnered the most online votes from our readers this year after the Pleasanton Weekly staff narrowed the dozens of entries to eight finalists and posted them on the website.

"I see the contest every year and I've followed it. It's fun," Locatelli said.

They were both gung ho to enter the first year, said Kardos, who graduated from Foothill High in 2011 and works at Vintage Apartments in the leasing department. She noted that she might have dropped the endeavor after one try — but her mother insisted they try, try again.

"She was like, 'We are going to do it!'" Kardos recalled with a laugh.

But they agree that they look alike and cannot go anywhere without someone mentioning it.

"She always kind of looked like me, then as she got older, everywhere we go it's like, 'Are you guys sisters?'" Locatelli said. "Or they say, 'I guess I can tell who the mother and daughter are' when we are in a group at a restaurant."

'I always say I know what I'll look like when I'm older — that's great.'

**Ashlee Kardos,
Contest Winner**

Kardos said she's been hearing they look alike all her life.

"Then when I started wearing makeup and all that, it was crazy," she said. "It's getting scarier and scarier as we get older."

"I always say I know what I'll look like when I'm older — that's great," she added.

Locatelli, who works in human resources for Pleasanton Unified School District, said they also have the same mannerisms.

"We kind of finish each other's sentences," she said. "And we have the same taste in clothes and in everything."

Ashlee is the oldest of four children, and Locatelli said the older boy also resembles her.

"But the other two look more like my husband," Locatelli added.

Coming in second place were Jasmin Castagnola and her 2-year-old daughter, Cecilia.

Castagnola owns Hair Diva Salon, where she specializes in coloring, cuts and styling.

"One of my clients was talking about kids looking like their parents ... and she said, 'She really does look like you. You guys should definitely enter your picture,'" Castagnola remembered. "It seemed like a fun thing, so we ran outside and my husband snapped a few photos."

She said she noticed the dimples first after Cecilia was born.

"It was fun that first day we had her — she crinkled her face up and we said, 'Oh, look, the dimples,'" Castagnola said. "My husband says he has a second Jasmin now at home to admire."

Besides being featured in this week's Mother's Day story, the top finishers receive tickets to the Alameda County Fair and cash prizes. ■



The other finalists



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Clockwise from the top: Claire and Karla Larsen, Theresa and Mackenzie Shields, Karen and Patti Brohard, Sheri Petersen and Kacey Petersen McElroy, Kiera and Amy Begley, and Sage and Dayna Titus.

Honorable mention

Christi Drake Vierra and her mother Louise Drake, 78, have been chosen for a special mention after Vierra wrote a touching tribute with their entry into the lookalike contest.

“My Mother has been battling metastatic bone cancer, spread from breast cancer, and it is a miracle I still get to be with her,” Vierra shared. “My Mother is a quintessential example of the most loving, hard-working, unselfish, brave-hearted Mother in the world.”

Happy Mother’s Day to Louise Drake and all the other much-loved and inspirational women out there.





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Top left: The morning of the Pleasanton Rose Show, growers cut blooms from their gardens and deliver them to the Senior Center to be categorized and placed in vases for judging. **Top right:** Special awards are given to entries by children. **Bottom:** Afternoon visitors to the Rose Show can see which ones were chosen as winners in their categories.



Neighbors share roses in bloom

77th annual Pleasanton show tomorrow at Senior Center

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The most fragrant show in town is tomorrow as hundreds of Pleasanton residents bring their homegrown roses to the Senior Center to be shared and judged.

"Have you seen the blooms around town?" exclaimed Terry Snyder, office manager for Pleasanton Community Services, who will be working all day at the show. "I want to knock on people's doors to tell them to enter."

The 77th annual Pleasanton Rose Show had its origins in the 1930s when banker Harry Harding gave rose bushes to his customers to show his appreciation for their patronage. When they in turn shared their blooms with him, Harding was inspired to start the Pleasanton Rose Show.

In 2015, the show had 331 entries, which are lovingly delivered, freshly cut, by the growers on the morning of the show.

"People who are entering will cut their roses 12 to 18 inches long and bring a bunch of different roses in buckets, or whatever they have, to the Senior Center," explained Leslie Faught, one of the organizers from Alain Pinel Realtors, which co-sponsors the event with the city. "Volunteers will help them categorize their roses, and they have vases there."

Instructions for exhibitors include two pages of categories

— including hybrid teas, sprays, floribundas with and without side buds, climbers, miniatures and more.

The vases are neutral so no entry has an advantage. Names of the growers are folded over so the judges cannot see them.

Exhibitors arrive from 8-10 a.m., and judging is 10 a.m.-noon. The show opens to the public from 2-5 p.m., with winners announced at 2:30 p.m. Judges will include Mark Mintz and other volunteers from the Mount Diablo Rose Society.

"We also have four children's categories," Faught said. "We are embracing seeing so many generations come together."

The show is noted to "bring generations together one rose at a time."

"The roses are broken out by categories on the tables," Snyder said. "There are very pretty, exquisite roses out there. And it's fun to see the different names and the different colors.

"Most of them are fragrant," she added. "That's fun — they are really fragrant. The Rose Show really is a wonderful way to spend an hour or two."

She advised everyone to keep an eye out for the Mustard and Ketchup Rose with its bright red and dark yellow flowers.

In the interest of the pairing of wine and roses, there will be wine tasting for a \$5 donation. Also, music students from local studios perform each year, including on the piano, flute and violin.

"It's really quite nice," Snyder said. "Some of the kids are 8 years old, and sometimes they play with their teacher."

The event is dubbed the People's Show because anyone can enter, and registration and entrance are free.

The show was not held for a few years, noted Faught, but Alain Pinel resurrected it in the early 2000s. It also has been held at the Century House and at the library.

"When we outgrew the library, that's where the city of Pleasanton came in and embraced us and we went to the Senior Center," Faught recalled.

She noted that any remaining proceeds will go to Feed Tri-Valley, a fairly new nonprofit group that will have an informational booth at the event.

For more information, visit thepleasantonroseshow.com. ■

Pleasanton teen wins Swalwell's Congressional Art Competition

Amador Valley senior among other top finishers

By JEREMY WALSH

A high school freshman from Pleasanton is set to have her drawing displayed in the nation's capital after winning U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell's annual Congressional Art Competition.

"Chinatown," a pencil drawing by Zhiyi Tang, a Pleasanton resident who attends The Quarry Lane School in Dublin, was chosen by a panel of local art judges as the winner among 50-plus artworks submitted by high-schoolers from across Swalwell's 15th Congressional District.

Tang's artwork will be hung in the U.S. Capitol for one year, and she will receive round-trip airfare to Washington, D.C. to attend the unveiling ceremony for winning the local contest.

She and other top finishers were honored by Swalwell at a reception last weekend at the Hayward Area Historical Society.

"Our 15th District is blessed with many gifted young artists, but even among the almost five-dozen excellent entries we received this year, these four works of art demonstrated exceptional talent, thoughtfulness and vision," Swalwell said in



"Chinatown," a pencil drawing by Pleasanton teen Zhiyi Tang, won this year's Congressional Art Competition hosted by U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell.

a statement. "I'm so glad to be able to share these amazing works at the Capitol and in my office."

Another Pleasanton teen earned a high finish in the competition. Amador Valley High senior Sophie Fu tied for second place with her pastel painting, "The Self Contained."

Two juniors from Dougherty Valley High in San Ramon rounded

out the top three.

Alison Fang tied with Fu for second with her oil-on-canvas painting, "Quiescence in Pink." Third place went to Tiffany Deng for her oil painting, "Palace of Fine Arts."

The paintings by Fu, Fang and Deng will hang in Swalwell's district office in Castro Valley.

The panel of local judges — artists and business owners in Swalwell's district who exhibit art through or collaborate with the Hayward Arts Council — reviewed the dozens of paintings, drawings, collages, photographs and other artworks before awarding first-through third-place distinctions, according to Swalwell's office.

The art competition is held annually by members of Congress across the country to spotlight high school artists in their district, with winners' works being displayed at the U.S. Capitol.

In addition to Pleasanton and San Ramon, the 15th Congressional District, includes Dublin, Livermore, Union City, parts of Fremont, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Sunol, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview. ■



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Percussion — and a cappella

Women of the World — "Believe in the Power of Music!" — will perform original and traditional folk music from around the world with a contemporary twist at 2 p.m. May 21 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Their concerts include chants, storytelling, dance, mouth percussion and improvisation. Tickets are \$25-\$35. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

Sounds of chorale to fill 'great acoustic spaces'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Valley Concert Chorale, celebrating its 54th season, will host a choral festival this month featuring Artist in Residence Eriks Ešēnvalds.

The festival includes two performances in which the chorale will collaborate with the highly regarded choruses from San Jose State University, Cal State East Bay and Mt. Eden High School.

The first performance is at 7:30 p.m. next Friday (May 19) at All Saints Catholic Church, 22824 Second St., Hayward. The second performance is at 7 p.m., Sunday, May

21, at Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th St., San Francisco.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the world of Eriks' incredible and beautiful music, in great acoustic spaces, and with the composer present to introduce the selections to the audience," said the chorale's artistic director John Emory Bush. "His music benefits greatly from combining choirs as more singers amplify the rich texture he intends to create."

The participation of the high school and university choirs also enriches those singers, Bush noted.

"High school and university choirs around the world are performing his music frequently, and this festival allows our participating choirs to sing his compositions and have a personal connection with the composer," Bush said. "It is a thrilling opportunity for the singers and audience alike."

Many of Ešēnvalds' compositions feature music about clouds, stars, nature and the ocean, filled with rich, lush and thick textures that create an extraordinary atmosphere of choral sound. Selections will include Ešēnvalds' setting of "Amazing Grace," described as "unique, ingenious and harmoniously impressive"; and his "Trinity Te Deum," described as a grand and glorious piece.

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HOPE HOSPICE 'EXPLORING LEGAL AND FINANCIAL ISSUES' Hope Hospice will present "Necessary Evils: Exploring Legal and Financial Issues" from 9:45 a.m.-noon on Saturday, May 20 at Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Ave., Suite 100, Dublin. Caregivers will learn about establishing powers of attorney, trusts and wills, managing finances, government assistance programs and more. Speaker will be Julie Fielder, RN, Certified Elder Law Attorney, Horizon Elder Law, San Ramon.

Light refreshments will be served. Register at HopeHospice.com or contact Hope Hospice Community Education Volunteer Debbie Emerson at debbiee@hopehospice.com.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Authors Judy Melinek, M.D., and T.J. Mitchell will present "Working Stiff: The Real CSI" at the next Tri-Valley Writers meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Cost is \$12 for members, \$17 for non-members. Go to www.trivalleywriters.org.

Fundraisers

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON ANNUAL GARAGE SALE Rotary Club of Pleasanton will hold its Annual Garage Sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at the Amador Valley High School parking lot, 1155 Santa Rita Road. They will be raising money for wheel chairs, and are planning a distribution this year to Peru. For information and to donate, contact Nancy Pennell at nlpennell@aol.com.

Community Groups

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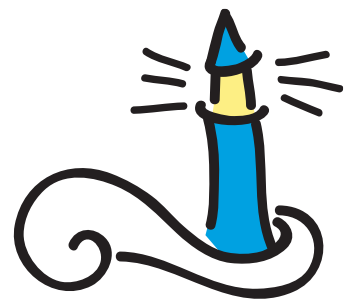
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CKL COMMUNICATIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 529832

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)

DOMA LA VIE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 530574

The following person(s) doing business as: DOMA LA VIE, 4225 STANLEY BLVD., PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Window-ology 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)

IRWIN & ASSOCIATES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 530549

The following person(s) doing business as: IRWIN & ASSOCIATES, 6754 BERNAL AVE. SUITE 740, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Forge Consulting, Inc., 6754 Bernal Ave. Suite 740, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 04/13/2017. Signature of Registrant: Barbara Allen, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 05/01/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 12, 19, 26, June 2; 2017)

INSPIRED BY LOVE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 530152

The following person(s) doing business as: INSPIRED BY LOVE, 645 MAIN ST., PLEASANTON, CA 94566; 725 Avalon Way, Livermore, CA 94550, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elizabeth Rosa Ponce, 725 Avalon Way, Livermore, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 04/21/2017. Signature of Registrant: Elizabeth Rosa Ponce, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 04/21/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, May 12, 19, 26, June 2; 2017)

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Playful Cadbury

Cadbury's medium-length tortoiseshell coat may be diluted, but her torti-tude is full-strength. The 3-month-old kitten is rarin' for action, ready for a home that will satisfy her need for play and show her the benefits of quiet snuggling. Visit Cadbury at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. in Pleasanton. For more info, visit valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656.

Report: Bay Area home sales strong in March

Alameda County sees heavy sales, with 10.6% increase year-over-year

The number of Bay Area homes sold in March hit a five-year high, with the region's media sales price creeping up towards last summer's all-time high, according to data recently released by real estate research firm CoreLogic.

The number of new and existing homes and condominiums sold in the nine-county region was 7,287 in March, up 51.5% from February and 4.4% over March 2016, according to CoreLogic.

The median price for all homes sold in the Bay Area in March was \$709,000, up 9.1% from last March and just 0.1% below the all-time high of \$710,000.

Although, adjusting for inflation, the March median was about 11% below the June 2006 peak.

"A February-to-March spike in home sales is a seasonal norm, but this year's nearly 52% jump was among the highest on record," CoreLogic research analyst Andrew LePage said in a recent statement. "Job growth and the stock market run-up this year are among the factors that have stoked sales."

"It's unclear whether heavy rains might have delayed some winter activity, resulting

in more deals that closed in March," LePage said.

It's also possible that more people jumped into the housing market in expectation of mortgage rates continuing to rise, according to LePage.

Alameda County saw heavy sales activity in March, with a 10.6% increase over the same month last year. Santa Clara County saw a year-over-year increase of nearly 10%.

The median home price in Santa Clara County was \$988,500, up 8.4% from last March. In Alameda County, the price hit a median of \$730,000, up 13.7% from March 2016, according to CoreLogic.

San Francisco saw decreased sales, with March numbers dropping 5.3% from last year and the median price hitting \$1.1 million, a 4.3% drop.

"Looking ahead, affordability will be a major factor for (Bay Area) home shoppers," LePage said. "If current trends hold, the region's media sale price could easily surpass the current record ... during this spring or summer." ■

—Kiley Russell, Bay City News

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Brentwood

4 BEDROOMS
610 Rutherford Circle \$829,999
 Sat 1-4 Jennifer Hosterman 567-6868

Castro Valley

3 BEDROOMS
19038 Vannoy Court \$799,000
 Sat/Sun 12-3 Maribeth Delucchi (510) 209-5837

Danville

2 BEDROOMS
433 Sycamore Circle \$515,000
 Sat/Sun 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4 BEDROOMS
1204 Dutch Mill Drive \$1,329,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Lily McClanahan 209-9328

Dublin

6 BEDROOMS
2797 East Sugar Hill Terrace \$1,698,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4:30 Lily McClanahan 209-9328

Fremont

3 BEDROOMS
38478 Berkeley Common \$654,888
 Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Robin Young (510) 757-5901

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS
1832 Railroad Ave. #112 \$609,999
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS
7750 Canyon Meadow Circle B \$525,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

1689 Calle Santiago \$645,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

3 BEDROOMS
3834 Pimlico Drive \$460,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Margene Rivara 200-6916

11658 Rolling Hills Place \$695,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

5549 Baldwin Way \$759,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

4 BEDROOMS
3155 East Ruby Hill Drive \$2,800,000
 Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

2350 Gloria Court \$2,200,000
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Janna Chestnut 876-6105

4471 Sutter Gate Ave. \$1,065,000
 Sat 2-5/Sun 1-4 Katie Moe 216-9083

4553 Las Lomas Drive \$1,675,000
 Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

6055 Ashley Court Call for price
 Fri 10-1/Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4628 Jefferson Court Call for price
 Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4058 Suffolk Way \$1,125,000
 Fri 10-1/Sat 1-3 Dave & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

5 BEDROOMS
1234 Hearst Drive \$1,849,000
 Sat 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

Find more open home listings at pleasantonweekly.com/real_estate

Gorgeous Custom Home!



664 Rowell Lane, Pleasanton

Views of rolling hills & a premium court location near downtown Pleasanton. 4 spacious bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. Expansive updated kitchen with granite & recessed lighting. Vaulted ceilings in family & living room. Main-floor master suite with bay window, stunning views & updated master bath. Over-sized laundry room with granite counters. 3 spacious downstairs bedrooms & additional family room with fireplace. New backyard deck, patio & sod, as well as drought resistant front yard landscaping.

Visit 664RowellLane.com for more photos and information.

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4471 Sutter Gate Avenue, Pleasanton



JUST LISTED!
 Fantastic single story with 1815 sq ft of living space and a spacious lot with side yard access. There is a bonus detached home office in the back yard not included in sq ft of property too! Open floor plan, custom master bedroom and a recently installed covered patio in the back yard!
Open Saturday 2-5pm and Sunday 1-4pm.

Asking price: \$1,065,000

Off Market Opportunity!

Reflections in San Ramon

Lovely ground floor unit with 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms and laundry in the unit! Perfect for a first time buyer or investor.

Asking price: \$495,000

Contact Katie for additional details!

Newly Listed



3378 Loreto Dr, San Ramon

4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in fantastic San Ramon location!
Open Saturday and Sunday 1-4pm.

Asking price: \$1,075,000

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1234 HEARST DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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OFFERED AT \$1,849,000

GOLDEN EAGLE

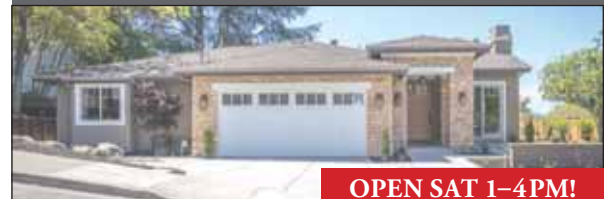


8525 LUPINE COURT, PLEASANTON

Rare Opportunity for Serenity! All the Conveniences of City Living while Immersed in Nature! Beautiful Custom Home in Golden Eagle with Stunning Panoramic Views of the Valley, Surrounding Hills and Ridgelines from Every Window! Enjoy an Approximate 1 Acre Wooded Lot with Exceptional Privacy! Convenient Access to Downtown and to Silicon Valley via I-680 from this Exclusive Gated Community with Pool, Tennis Courts, Generous Open Space and Direct Access to East Bay Regional Parkland. This 4 Bedroom, 4 1/2 Bathroom Home is in Excellent Condition and Has Many Upgrades Including a Completely Remodeled Large Gourmet Kitchen. Included is a 4 Car Plus Garage, Expanded Driveway for Guest Parking and Proximity to Award Winning Schools. For a Private Showing Contact the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For More Information or Photos go to 8525lupine.com.

OFFERED AT \$2,395,000

DOWNTOWN



OPEN SAT 1-4PM!

4553 LAS LOMITAS DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Rare Opportunity to Purchase a New Single Level Custom Home in Downtown Pleasanton! This is What Everyone Has Been Asking for! Farmhouse Craftsman Designer Finishes Throughout Make This House a Wow! The Private Lot Offers Views of the Ridge & Mount Diablo. Just a Five-Minute Walk to Main Street for Dinner & Drinks or Going Out to Breakfast This 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom home with approximately 2400 Square Feet is Beautiful! Large Great Room Has a Stacked Stone Fireplace and Opens to Gourmet Kitchen with Spacious Island, Granite Countertops, and Stainless Steel Appliances. Large Master Suite with Large Soaking Tub, Separate Walk-In Shower and Walk-In Closet. Private Guest Wing with Adjacent Bathroom. Two Secondary Bedrooms are in Separate Area with Jack-In-Jill Bathroom. Private Rear Grounds with Patio and Lawn Area! For more information go to 4553Laslomas.com and for a Private Showing call the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

OFFERED AT: \$1,675,000

VINEYARD ESTATE



SALE PENDING

1566 WETMORE ROAD, LIVERMORE

Don't Miss This Very Private Vineyard Estate on Approximately One Acre in the Heart of the Historic Livermore Valley's Wine Country. This 6-year Old Quality Built and Exceptional Universal Designed Custom Home Has Won an AIA Architectural Award (Architect, Erick Mikiten), is Sustainable, Solar Powered and Surrounded by Acres of Protected Open Space and Vineyards with Views of the Surrounding Hillside! Indoor Living (Great Room) Meets Outdoor Living (Expansive Deck) by Way of Large Multi-Slider Window Wall. Four Bedrooms, Large Multi-Purpose Room (Possible 5th), Four Bathrooms and approximately 5007 Total Square Feet, Includes Pool House and Private Separate Attached Guest Quarters. Beautiful Grounds Includes Fitness Pool. As an Added Bonus this Property is Handicap Friendly. For a Private Showing Contact the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For more photos and information, please visit 1566Wetmore.com.

OFFERED AT \$2,495,000

LAGUNA OAKS ESTATES



8335 REGENCY DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Rare Opportunity to Purchase a Fixer Upper in Laguna Oaks Estates on one of Laguna Oaks Estates Premium +/- One Half Acre Lots. Needs TLC, but Tremendous Opportunity & Potential. Purchase Under market (Keeping Property Taxes Lower) Improved value est. at \$2,150 Mil, Private Grounds, Swimming Pool, Views of Pleasanton Ridge. Great Location! Upgrade it to Your Specific Taste! Five Bedrooms, Three & One Half Bathrooms, Office/Den, Bonus/Game Room, Approximately 4106 Square Feet. 3- Car Garage (4th Car Option). For more information go to: 8335regency.com. For a private showing, contact The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

OFFERED AT \$1,899,950

THE COTTAGES AT DUBLIN RANCH VILLAGES



3705 WHITWORTH DRIVE, DUBLIN

Highly Upgraded Condominium in "The Cottages" at Dublin Ranch Villages! 4 Bedroom, 2 & 1/2 Bathroom, Bonus/Media Room(4th) Great End Unit Location! Extensive Wood Flooring, Granite Countertops, Travertine Back Splash, Fireplace, Lots of Windows for Natural Light, Indoor Laundry with 1 1/2 Year Washer/Dryer, 2-Car Attached Garage (Not Tandem), Community Clubhouse & Pool. Low Homeowners Dues Of \$210 Go To www.3705whitworth.com For More Information Or a Private Showing Contact: The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

OFFERED AT \$829,000

BONDE RANCH



SALE PENDING

4871 ARLENE PLACE, PLEASANTON

Custom Home in Private Secluded Setting Adjacent to Designated Open Space! Located on a Quiet Private Court, this Upgraded Home is in excellent Condition and Has 5 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms (Downstairs Bed/Bath) with 3177 Square Feet. Fourth and 5th Bedroom (Possible Bonus Room) Have Shared Balcony and Views of Oak Studded Bonde Ridge. Spacious Gourmet Kitchen, Generous Master Suite with Retreat & Remodeled Bathroom, Upgraded Secondary & Guest Bathrooms. Three Fireplaces, Private Rear Yard with Mature Landscaping & Trees, Direct Access to Bonde Ridge, Hiking Trails and Mission Park. Country setting within Walking distance to Downtown's Main Street! Commute Friendly Location. Go to www.4871arlene.com for more details or For a Private Showing Contact: The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

OFFERED AT \$1,549,000

BELVEDERE



SOLD

2925 MORENO AVENUE, PLEASANTON

Contemporary Single Family Home in Desirable Belvedere Community. This Three Bedroom, Two and One Half Bathroom Home Has Stucco Exterior, Tile Roof and Soaring Ceilings. This Home is Well Maintained and Comes with Central Air Conditioning, Gas Fireplace, Wood Flooring and Upgraded Master Bathroom. Granite Kitchen Countertops. Washer/Dryer/Frig.-Included. Private Rear Yard with Flagstone Patio. Just a Quick Ride or Walk to Downtown Pleasanton. Attendance Area for Great Schools! Just Minutes to Bart Station. For a Private Showing Contact: The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For More Information or Photos go to 2925moreno.com

SOLD FOR \$945,000

OAKHILLS




























SOLD

7490 ASPEN COURT, PLEASANTON

Come Check Out This Spacious 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bathroom Home With 2462 Square Feet. Located at the End of Aspen Court which Backs to Open Space. Just a Few Steps to the "Oakhill" Community Center Clubhouse with Pool and Playground. Enjoy this Premium 8254 Square Foot Lot with Parklike Backyard including Generous Lawn Area, Mature Trees, Deck and Pleasanton Ridge Views. Walking distance to Award Winning Lydiksen Elementary and Foothill High School. Remodeled Kitchen, New Interior Paint & Carpeting. It's Only Five Minutes to BART Station and Stoneridge Mall. Also, Just minutes to 40-Plus Livermore Valley Wineries and Less than 1-Hour to Three International Airports. For a Private Showing Contact the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group. For More Information or Photos go to www.7490aspen.com.

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AGENT OF THE WEEK



Azita Mowlavi
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Proud to call the Bay Area her home, Azita's personal motto is "to Begin and End each day serving my clients." With a background in interior design, Azita has more than 27 years of experience in negotiating the best value for her clients. As a full time real estate professional Azita uses her childhood experience in a military family, to assist families of armed forces with their real estate needs. Awarded the "Five Star Agent" award for 2014, 2015 & 2016, Coldwell Banker is proud to be associated with Azita Mowlavi.



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COMING SOON!
 5 BD/3 BA Updated Kitchen w/Eat-In Dining, Updated Baths,Hardwood Floors, Spacious Backyard w/Deck.
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PLEASANTON Call for Pricing
 284 Sullivan Court
Beautiful Castlewood HTS Home!
 5 BD/4.5 BA One bd&full ba dwnstrs.Loc in a Cul-de sac.Close to dwntwn,I-680, Award winning sch.
 Azita Mowlavi, CalBRE #01074630
 925.847.2200



PLEASANTON \$699,000
 4109 Stanley Blvd.
Premium Del Valle Manor Lot
 3 BD/2.5 BA Freshly Painted,Newer Crpts, Newer Corian Cntr in Ktchn,New Sod Sd Yrd & Comm Pool.
 Nancy Sutorius, CalBRE #00628232
 925.847.2314



PLEASANTON \$695,000
 Open Sat/Sun 1 - 4 11658 Rolling Hills Pl
Gorgeous West Dublin Townhome!
 3 BD/2.5 BA w/Loft,~1598 SQ FT,2-Cr Atch Grg,Rmld KIT,Mstr/Hall BA,Grdn in Back, Views from Upstrs
 Suzanne Bieser, CalBRE #01355940
 925.847.2294



PLEASANTON \$525,000
 Open Sat/Sun 1 - 4 7750 Canyon Meadow Circle B
Amazing Canyon Meadows Condo!
 2 BD/2 BA Upgraded Hm w/Lmnt Flrs,Grnt Cntr,SS Blk Appl,Cherry Cbnts,2 Blny,Vw of Hills, 1 Det Grg.
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TRACY \$479,000
 86 S C St.
Custom Single-Story Tracy Home
 4 BD/3 BA Approx 2,524 SF,Huge Prvt Lot w/ Patio,Trees/Grass,3 Car Grg,Lrg Islid in Grmt KIT,Appl Stay
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Happy Mother's Day!

*As a mother of 4 and a grandmother of almost 10,
I hope you too enjoy your Mother's Day.*



This 5 bedroom/3 bath home was built in 1998 and offers 2,140 sqft. The two story 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.

Listed at \$900,000



This 4 bedroom home offers 2.5 baths, refinished wood floors on the main level, with new carpet throughout. Granite counters in the update kitchen that opens to the family room. The large bonus room with French doors opens to a balcony overlooking the homes pool. Located on an interior street and in the heart of Pleasanton, offering ease for parks, shopping and commute.

Listed at \$1,150,000



- Residence #3
- 2,372 sqft of living space
- Offering a 3 Bedrooms
- Den or 4th bedroom option
- 2.5 Baths

• Highly upgraded throughout with designer touches

It is my pleasure to represent the seller for this highly sought after home. The buyers are thrilled to be able to purchase the home they desired in Pleasanton's gated community for those residence 55 years of age and over.

Sold for \$1,450,000



- Residence #1
- 1,910 sqft of living space
- Offering 2 Bedrooms
- Den or 3rd Bedroom option
- 7,498 lot size – One of the largest lots in the community
- Highly upgraded throughout with added builder options

The buyers are looking forward to enjoying their new home purchase with the homes court location, generous off-street parking and the homes spacious and beautifully landscaped rear yard.

Sold for \$1,300,000

Representing the Sellers and the Buyers to be able to accomplish the desires of both has been a pleasure.

Client Testimony:

"Kris is amazing. She worked with us over an extensive period of time to find a wonderful house in a location that we love. She worked hard to negotiate a great deal for us in our home purchase and followed through long after the close of escrow to make sure all of the details of the sale happened as they should. Kris also managed the sale of our home. We got offers after our first open house and sold the house for a great price. The sale went so smoothly. I can't recommend Kris enough – she is by far the most professional and dedicated person to work with for the purchase or sale of a home." -- Steve and Cindy

"Worked with Kris to list my home in Pleasanton. Wasn't sure what to expect for price or process, Kris just took over and suggested improvements, dialed in the house and we ended up getting 5 offers, 4 well above asking price - closing on one 40k above asking. Compared to other homes listed around the same time, I felt my home was presented the best with Kris staging, adding fresh flowers and all the little things that make an impact to potential buyers" -- Out of area seller, Chris



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AVAILABLE



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Entertainer's dream with outdoor pavilion on park-like yard. \$1,975,000
KARLA BROWN 925-200-1909

OPEN SAT 1-4PM



610 RUTHERFORD CIRCLE, BRENTWOOD
4BD/3.5BA, 3225 Sq. Ft. Apple Hill Estates
JO GIBBONS 925-216-6496 \$829,999
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