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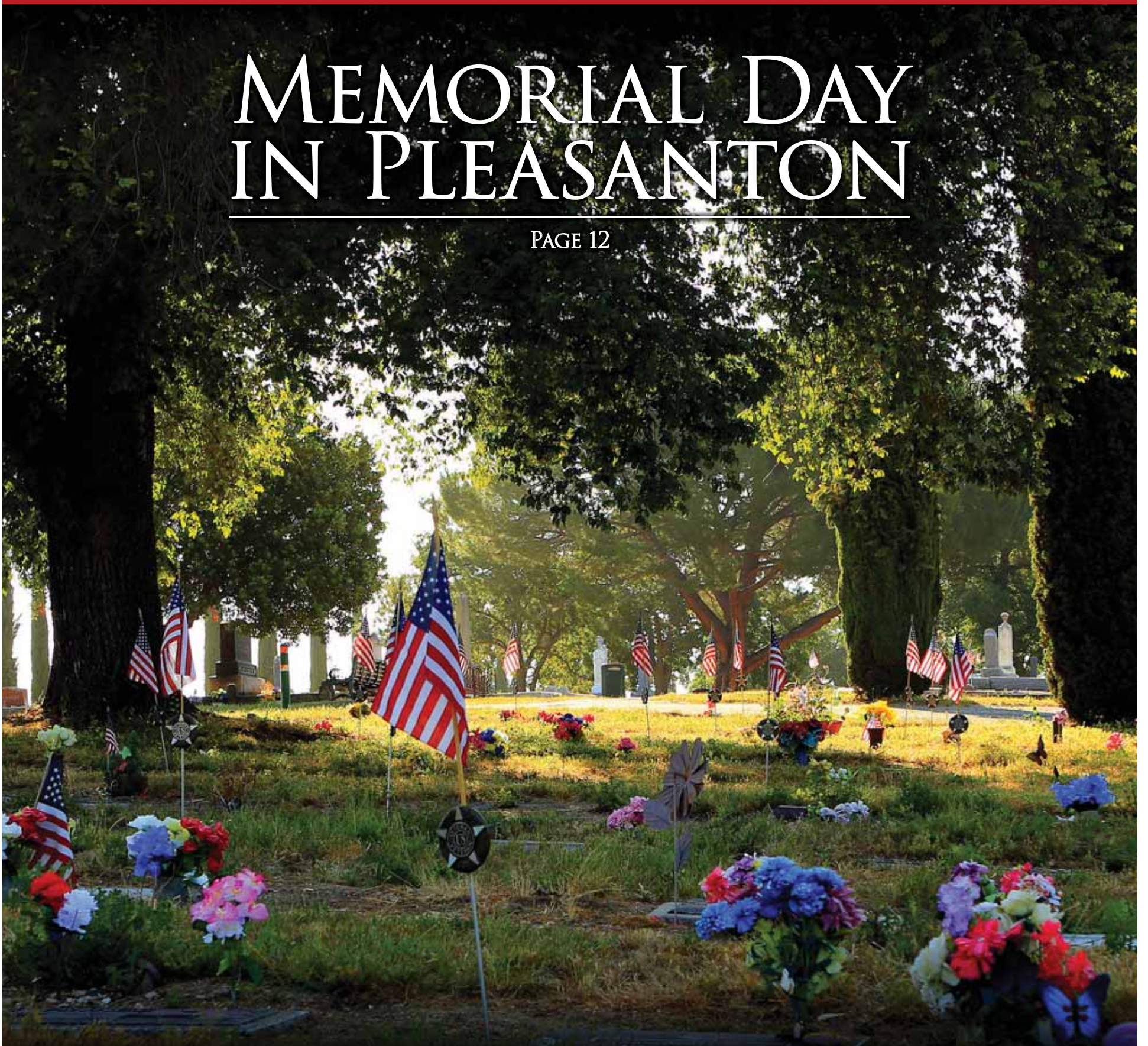
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Sandia recognizes high school girls in math, science



DINO VOURNAS

Foothill junior Peggi Li receives her science award at recent Sandia National Laboratories ceremony.

Top female scholars from the junior classes in Bay Area high schools, including four from Pleasanton, have received merit awards in math and science from Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore.

Among those honored by Sandia for high achievement in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs were April Chen, a junior at Amador Valley High School, and Foothill High junior Elena Zhang for their accomplishments in math.

Earning science awards were juniors Makenzie Melby of Amador Valley and Peggi Li of Foothill.

The award winners recently gathered at Sandia's Livermore campus for the 26th annual Sandia Math and Science Awards presentations.

In her remarks to the students, Heidi Ammerlahn, director of Homeland Security and Defense Systems, touched upon her academic and professional journey and the role Sandia plays in ensuring a peaceful world.

"At the beginning of my career, I knew I wanted to do something with math and computer science," Ammerlahn said. "But I also wanted to be involved in public service and serving my country. Sandia has allowed me to do both."

Ammerlahn also discussed a major theme that emerged in this year's nominations: mentorship.

"You all aren't just incredibly hard-working," she said. "You also went out of your way to motivate your peers and help others. It says so much about you as human beings and future leaders."

The Sandia Math and Science

Awards program recognizes high-achieving young women for their accomplishments in STEM subjects and encourages their future studies by pairing them with Sandia National Laboratories mentors. Teachers from 19 Northern California high schools in Pleasanton, Livermore, Dublin, Tracy, Lathrop, Manteca and Oakland nominated students they deemed outstanding in math and science.

Kelsey Tresemer, an engineer with Sandia's Advanced and Exploratory Systems group, shared her journey from a freshman theater major to nuclear engineer. She impressed upon the awardees not to be afraid to explore and change their minds.

Sandia business development manager Annie Garcia, who led the Math and Science Awards planning committee for the first time, said she was proud to be part of the program.

"I was drawn to the Math and Science Awards because of its impact on young women during a pivotal time of their lives," Garcia said. "We all need a little encouragement from time to time, so it is a pleasure to be a part of something that recognizes the achievements of the next generation of STEM leaders."

In addition to the four girls from Amador Valley and Foothill, 30 teen girls from a variety of Northern California high schools received awards for outstanding achievement in mathematics or science. ■

*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.*

## About the Cover

Pleasanton is set to host its traditional Memorial Day observance on Monday with a ceremony outside the Senior Center and flags placed on military members' grave-sites at the cemeteries on Sunol Boulevard. Photo by FJK Imaging. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XVIII, Number 18

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## Do you want or expect a gift from your children on Father's Day?



**Mike Friar**  
*Business broker*

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**Jeff Lind**  
*Medical device manufacturing*

Oh yes. Absolutely. I would love to see clean bedrooms and to walk across a backyard that is not full of dog poop. These are not gifts that money can buy, but they certainly would be wonderful gifts to receive on Father's Day — and they would be very much appreciated. I promise.



**Sherman White**  
*Retired*

I don't want or expect any gifts. I already have everything I want and need. A courtesy call from my kids though, would be nice on Father's Day, just to confirm for me that they appreciate all I've done for them as their father over the years.



**Thien Nguyen**  
*Pharmacist*

No. In fact I always tell my children not to get gifts for me. All I want is to see my entire family happy and healthy. That is the greatest gift of all. There is no gift anyone could buy for me that is more valuable than that.



**Len Sanches**  
*Retired*

No. Gifts really are not my style. All I want for Father's Day is for my kids to come spend time with me. The time they choose to spend with me shows me that they appreciate all of the time and effort I've invested in them throughout the course of their lives.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

**Have a Streetwise question?** Email [editor@PleasantonWeekly.com](mailto:editor@PleasantonWeekly.com)

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## DIGEST

### Wings of Freedom

The Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour is returning to the Livermore Municipal Airport this Memorial Day weekend, giving people the chance to visit and explore American military aviation history — on the ground and from the air.

The event, set for Sunday through Tuesday, will feature aircraft such as the B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine," Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft," B-25 Mitchell "Tondelayo" bombers and P-51 Mustang "Betty Jane" fighter.

Visitors can check out the aircraft at the airport for \$15 for adults and teenagers and \$5 for children 12 and under. Attendees can also fly in a B-17 or B-24 for \$450 per person, fly in the B-25 for \$400 per or experience flight training in the P-51 for \$2,200 for a half-hour or \$3,200 for an hour.

For reservations or more information, visit [www.collingsfoundation.org](http://www.collingsfoundation.org) or call 800-568-8924.

### Celebration of Life

Cancer survivors and their caregivers are set to take part in the 25th annual Tri-Valley Celebration of Life program on June 6 at the Dublin Holiday Inn.

With a theme of "Let's Laugh and Celebrate," the event will include motivational and educational speakers, demonstrations, information on community resources and refreshments.

Scheduled speakers are Kaiser Permanente Dr. Darcy Baird sharing her and patients' experiences on "the journey to wellness" and Liz Nichols and Nancy denBroeder from Laughter Yoga demonstrating how laughter can provide relaxation and stress relief.

The free event begins with registration and reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by the formal program at 7 p.m. RSVPs are due by this afternoon to 357-6498 or [juliane.lee@cancer.org](mailto:juliane.lee@cancer.org).

### Library concert

The Pleasanton Public Library is set to host Bay Area vocal teacher and soprano opera singer Revital Shmerling for a concert June 4 from 2-3 p.m.

A noted performer internationally, Shmerling has taught singing throughout her career to individuals and groups of various ages and is developing her voice studio in Pleasanton.

Joining Shmerling next weekend will be mezzo soprano Celeste Camarena, tenor David Chavez and pianist Frank Johnson.

Call the library at 931-3400, ext. 4. ■

# PPD: Officer shoots, kills man who pointed replica gun at police

## Burgundy Drive incident marks city's second fatal officer-involved shooting since 2015

By JULIA REIS

A local man was shot and killed by a Pleasanton police officer after allegedly pointing a replica handgun at police during a family disturbance on Burgundy Drive on Saturday morning.

Law enforcement officials identified the man killed as Shannon Edward Estill, 58.

Keith Batt, a 17-year veteran with the Pleasanton Police Department, is the officer who shot Estill, according to Lt. Maria Munayer. The officers involved in the shooting are no longer

on paid administrative leave and were expected to return to work this week.

"I extend my sympathy to the Estill family as any loss of life is tragic," Pleasanton police chief Dave Spiller said in a statement Monday. "I would also like to extend my support to our involved officers, their families and the members of the Pleasanton Police Department."

The incident began at 11:36 a.m. Saturday when police received a 9-1-1 call from Estill's wife reporting that he was acting erratically, according to Munayer.

Fearing for their safety, Estill's wife and daughter locked themselves in an upstairs bedroom and the wife told police that Estill was in the garage where he had access to firearms, Munayer said.

When officers arrived, they approached the side yard where they could hear a person who they believed to be Estill, the lieutenant said. Police opened the side yard gate and directed him to come out to no avail.

While approaching the open side door to the garage, officers heard what sounded like a round being

chambered into a shotgun, and one officer reported seeing the barrel of a shotgun pointed in his direction, Munayer said.

Officers immediately moved to the front of the residence in response. Estill then opened the garage door and advanced down the driveway while pointing at police with what was later identified as a replica handgun, according to Munayer.

The lieutenant alleged Estill ignored police commands to drop the apparent firearm, leading Batt to fire his weapon. Police declined to confirm the number of shots fired or how many times Estill was hit.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF PDA

High-energy rock band Public Eye, shown here at Concerts in the Park last year, will perform at this summer's series on Aug. 25. The band lets kids onstage for the final songs of their set. Concerts in the Park kicks off its 2017 season next Friday with the band Retroactive.

## Concerts in the Park

### Friday night series returns next week with Retroactive

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's popular weekly summertime Concert in the Park series will be back at Lions Wayside and Delucchi parks starting next Friday with Retroactive taking the stage and playing a range of pop songs from the 1960s through today.

Organized by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the Concert in the Park series will run each Friday night through Aug. 25 and feature a little something for many music tastes, including rock, blues folk, soul, Latin rock, and '50s and '60s oldies.

The free concerts go from 7-8:30 p.m. each Friday, with bands performing onstage at Lions Wayside Park at the corner of First and Neal streets.

Crowds fill Lions Wayside and adjacent Delucchi parks for the shows, with residents often eating picnic dinners or meals picked up from downtown restaurants. Adults can bring their own beer and wine, too.

Concert-goers often put blankets and chairs out for the shows in advance, but PDA officials reminded residents that they must wait until the morning of the concert to do so. People cannot use rocks to hold down blankets because rocks can damage lawn-mowing equipment, and the use of plastic tarps, which can burn the grass, is also prohibited.

For the first part of the series, Beer Baron will serve food options in the park during the concerts through

July 7. Then, Handles Gastropub will take over and offer food there from July 14 through the end of the series. Menus will be posted beforehand on the PDA's Facebook page.

Attendees can also visit the PDA information table near the stage to enter free raffles for gift cards and prize baskets from local businesses.

This year's Concert in the Park series presenting sponsors are Beer Baron, Handles Gastropub and Pleasanton Garbage Service. The individual concerts are also each sponsored by a different local business.

#### Concert line-up

June 2: Retroactive, 1960s pop to today  
June 9: West Grand Boulevard, classic soul/Motown  
June 16: LunaFish, late-1960s/early-1970s  
June 23: Finding Stella, modern/alternative rock  
June 30: The Apes, contemporary rock  
July 7: Johnny Mahalo & The Wild Coconuts, classic/rockabilly/island music  
July 14: Ruckatan Latin Tribe, Latin/reggae  
July 21: Audio Illusion, '50s to today  
July 28: Crawdad Republic, folk/bluegrass  
Aug. 4: Tommy & the 4 Speeds, '60s  
Aug. 11: Max Cruise, rock, pop and R&B  
Aug. 18: Magic Moments, 1950s-80s  
Aug. 25: Public Eye, high-energy rock.

## Weekly earns 7 CNPA awards

### CEO installed as statewide trade organization's 2017 president

By PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

The Pleasanton Weekly took home seven first- or second-place awards among all California weekly newspapers in its circulation category Saturday in the annual California News Publishers Association's (CNPA) 2016 Better Newspaper Contest.

The awards were presented at a luncheon during the annual CNPA conference, which was held this year in Santa Monica.

In its competition, the CNPA separates out daily and weekly newspapers. It also pits dailies and weeklies against each other in several circulation categories ranging from those with circulation from 4,300 and under to 200,000 and above. The Pleasanton Weekly competed in the 11,001 to 25,000 circulation category.

The Pleasanton Weekly received first-place awards for Lifestyle Coverage and Breaking News. Second-place awards were earned in the categories of Editorial Comment, Arts & Entertainment Coverage, Online General Excellence, Inside Page Layout & Design—Tabloid and Profile Feature Story. The news staff received

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## Hook and Ladder Run set for next weekend

Annual event benefits Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation

By JULIA REIS

The Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation is gearing up to host its ninth annual Hook and Ladder Run next weekend at Wente Vineyards in Livermore, with proceeds benefiting the Tri-Valley nonprofit.

Registration for the June 4 event, which will include a 5K run/walk, 10K run and kids' one-mile fun run, closes Tuesday or when sold out. Fees for adults are \$45 for the 5K and \$50 for the 10K. The cost for

youth 17 and under is \$35 for the 5K and \$40 for the 10K. The kids' fun run — for children 12 and under — costs \$20 per participant.

The 5K and 10K will get underway at 8 a.m., with the kids' run following at 9:30 a.m.

The 5K is a stroller-friendly run/walk that is on a 50/50 paved, dirt road course, organizers say. The 10K is 90/10 dirt and paved road, and strollers aren't allowed on the course.

Both courses travel through Sycamore Grove Park, while the fun run

will take place at Wente Vineyards, located at 5050 Arroyo Road. No dogs are allowed on either of the courses or the fun run.

Awards will be given three deep in each age group, with special prizes for overall top three male and female race winners in the 5K and 10K. Top 20 male and female racers in the 5K and 10K will receive a T-shirt emblazoned with "Top Twenty." There will also be special top three firefighter awards.

Water and refreshments will be provided at the end of the race, with additional food and wine tasting available for purchase through Wente Vineyards. All participants will receive a T-shirt and gift bag, and there will be raffle prizes as well.

Additional fundraising and donations are encouraged. Event proceeds will benefit the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Foundation, which supports injured and fallen firefighters, the Burn Foundation and other local charities.

For more information, visit <http://onyourmarkevents.com> or register online at <http://bit.ly/2oRkdc0>. ■



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## Congressman Swalwell, wife celebrate birth of first child

Son Nelson born May 18 in San Ramon

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) and wife Brittany welcomed their first child last week with the birth of their son, Nelson.

"Brittany & I welcome Nelson, born last night in CA. Mom & baby are healthy. We just adore him & he's already seeking constituent services," the congressman said Friday in a tweet announcing the birth.



Nelson Swalwell

The baby boy — whose formal name is Eric Nelson Swalwell, but he'll go by Nelson — was born around 9 p.m. May 18 in San Ramon, weighing in at seven pounds and 15 ounces, according to Swalwell's office. Though he shares a first name with his father, young Nelson has a different middle name.

A 36-year-old Dublin native, Congressman Swalwell is in his third term representing the 15th District, which includes Pleasanton, San Ramon, Dublin, Livermore, Union City, parts of Fremont, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Sunol, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview. ■

# Board appoints next principals for Foothill, Valley View

Donlon's Sebastian Bull: 'Foothill is going to be an awesome opportunity'

By JULIA REIS

The Pleasanton school board announced two principal appointments at the start of their meeting Tuesday night.

Trustees selected Donlon Elementary School principal Sebastian Bull as the next principal of Foothill High, and to lead Valley View Elementary they hired Soraya Villaseñor, currently vice principal at Junction Ave K-8 School in Livermore.

Bull has been with PUSD since 1999, serving the last two years as Donlon principal. Before that he worked at Amador Valley High for

16 years, spending his last five years there as a vice principal.

He will replace Jason Krolkowski, who announced last month that he would be leaving at the end of June after four years leading the Falcons to become principal of San Ramon Valley High in Danville.

"Everybody who knows Mr. Bull loves Mr. Bull, and I know that Foothill High School will be fortunate to have him," said Dianne Howell, assistant superintendent of human resources.

Speaking briefly at Tuesday night's meeting, Bull joked that he "will be working on getting rid of my purple."

"I love Pleasanton so it's very exciting to still be here," Bull said. "It's going to be hard to leave Donlon — I do love that place — but I think Foothill is going to be an awesome opportunity."

Bull received his bachelor's degree

in geography from UC Santa Barbara, his master's degree in education and teaching credential from Mills College, and his administrative credential from Cal State East Bay.

**'Super excited of what's to come and enthusiastic of making positive changes in our students.'**

**Soraya Villaseñor,**  
New Valley View principal

Howell said the district would start recruiting for the Donlon principal position this week, with the goal of appointing a replacement for Bull at the June 13 or June 27 board meeting. The next principal will be Donlon's seventh since 2009.

Villaseñor, meanwhile will replace

Valley View principal Rafael Cruz, who is retiring at the end of June.

She has been in education for 15 years, serving the last year as a vice principal in Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. She previously worked at schools in Fremont and Inglewood.

"I am super excited of what's to come and enthusiastic of making positive changes in our students," Villaseñor said Tuesday.

Villaseñor earned a bachelor's degree in history and political science from UCLA, a master's degree in education and teaching credential from UC Berkeley, and her administrative credential from Cal State East Bay.

## In other business

• Interim superintendent Micaela Ochoa gave a brief overview of Gov. Jerry Brown's May revision, which is the updated projected 2017-18 state budget, and its anticipated

financial impact on the district.

The May revision projects increased funding for education over what was initially proposed in January. As a result, PUSD is anticipating roughly \$150,000 more in revenue from the state next fiscal year, according to Ochoa.

A hearing on the budget is planned for the next board meeting June 13, with adoption anticipated June 27.

• Pleasanton's 2017 valedictorians and salutatorians were recognized at the start of Tuesday's meeting.

The valedictorians are Amador Valley High student Charles Hong and Foothill High student Arnav Patel. Salutatorians are Amador student Manan Khattar and Foothill's Ryan Panwar.

Hong, Khattar and Panwar will attend UC Berkeley in the fall, while Patel will head to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Graduation day for Foothill and Amador is June 2. ■

## CNPA

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honorable mentions in Non-Profile Feature Story, Sports Feature Story and Breaking News.

"Our staff works hard to provide local news coverage for our readers," said Gina Channell, publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly and president of Embarcadero Media Group's East Bay division. "It's gratifying to have our efforts recognized on a statewide scale by other professional, experienced journalists."

Other Embarcadero Media newspapers also won CNPA awards.

The Palo Alto Weekly won first-place awards in Environmental Reporting, Editorial Comment and Coverage of Education. The newspaper, which competes with other weekly newspapers in the 25,000 and above circulation category, also received second-place awards in the categories of Investigative Reporting, Online General Excellence, Enterprise News Story or Series and for its coverage of local government.

Two other Embarcadero Media newspapers on the Peninsula, the Almanac in south San Mateo County and the Mountain View Voice, which competed in the 11,001 to 25,000 circulation category, also won top awards.

The Almanac received first-place awards in Coverage of Local Government, Coverage of Education, Online Photo Story / Essay and Inside Page Layout & Design—Tabloid, and second-place awards in News Photo and Feature Photo.

The Mountain View Voice earned first place in General Online Excellence and second place in Investigative Reporting, Breaking News, Photo Story/Essay and for its coverage of business news and education.

Bill Johnson, the president and CEO of the Pleasanton Weekly's parent company Embarcadero Media Group and founder and publisher of the Palo Alto Weekly, was installed as 2017 president of CNPA last week.

CNPA is a 700-member nonprofit trade association. Founded in 1888, it represents daily, weekly, monthly and campus newspapers and news websites throughout California. ■



## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Zone 7 will conduct a public hearing on the DRAFT Sustainable Groundwater Management Ordinance

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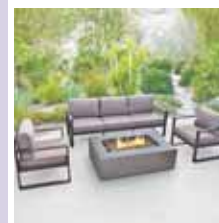
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# Governor appoints new local judges

San Ramon man among attorneys moving up to bench

Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday announced the appointment of three new superior court judges in Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

Benjamin Reyes and Wade Rhyne were appointed to Contra Costa County Superior Court and Somnath Raj Chatterjee was appointed to Alameda County Superior Court.

Reyes, 51, is an Alameda resident who has been city attorney for Union City since 2010 and for

Pinole since 2004, and has been a principal at the law firm Meyers, Nave, Riback, Silver & Wilson PLC since 2005. He will replace retired Judge Thomas Maddock.

Rhyne, 41, of San Ramon has served as a trial attorney at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission since last year and previously worked as an assistant U.S. attorney starting in 2007. He will replace retired Judge Trevor White.

In Alameda County, Chatterjee, 47, of Oakland, will replace retired Judge Steven Brick.

Chatterjee has been a partner at Antolin Agarwal and Chatterjee LLP since earlier this year, was a partner at Morrison and Foerster LLP starting in 2006, and previously served as a Contra Costa County deputy public defender from 1999 to 2000. ■

—Dan McMenamin, Bay City News

## TAKE US ALONG



**Won't you be my neighbor:** More than 20 Pleasanton families, including nine original owners, celebrated 50 years as neighbors. They gathered with the Pleasanton Weekly on Greenfield Way and Fairfield Road to celebrate half a century of community, which began in September 1966.

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



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## Leaving a legacy

San Francisco Giants shortstop and Pleasanton native Brandon Crawford, pictured here with his wife Jalynne and son Braxton, is among those who have bought and personalized bricks for the Vintage Hills Elementary legacy patio project over the last two years. The patio, along with new front landscaping, was recently installed at the school and a ribbon-cutting event is set for next Thursday. More bricks are available for engraving, with future proceeds benefiting the school's playground and fields. Order a brick online at [vintagehillspata.org](http://vintagehillspata.org) or by visiting the front office at 1125 Concord St.

## SHOOTING

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Estill died at the scene. His wife and daughter, who remained in the upstairs bedroom during the incident, were uninjured. No officers or witnesses were hurt during the situation, Munayer said.

Estill did not fire any weapons at officers. Multiple firearms, including pistols, rifles and a shotgun, were recovered from the home, according to Munayer.

Pleasanton police are working with the Alameda County Crime Lab on the investigation, and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office is conducting a separate investigation of the fatal officer-involved shooting, as is protocol, Munayer said.

All of the officers involved were wearing their body-worn cameras and had the devices activated, which are being reviewed as part of the investigation, according to Munayer. Footage from the cameras, as well as audio of the 9-1-1 call, will not be released at this time.

"It's considered evidence that

still needs to be examined," Munayer said.

Munayer declined to comment on whether police had had prior interactions with Estill "to respect the privacy of the family."

Saturday's incident marks Pleasanton's second fatal officer-involved shooting in less than two years.

San Jose resident John Deming Jr. was shot and killed by Officer Daniel Kunkel in the early-morning hours of July 5, 2015 during an altercation after the 19-year-old man reportedly tried to flee from police who were responding to a burglar alarm and found him acting erratically inside the Specialty Sales Classics car dealership on First Street.

The DA's Office cleared Kunkel of criminal charges, deeming the officer acted in lawful self-defense. Deming's family has sued the city and police department for wrongful death. The civil case is still pending.

Prior to that, Pleasanton police hadn't had an officer-involved shooting of any kind since 2005 — the department's last fatal officer-involved shooting was 2000. ■

Editor Jeremy Walsh contributed to this story.



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Pleasanton police say Shannon Edward Estill pointed this replica gun at police before he was shot and killed by Officer Keith Batt last Saturday.

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# Stanford-ValleyCare hires new medical director

Chan to lead occupational health services clinic

By ERIKA ALVERO

Bay Area native Dr. Wesley P. Chan has been hired as the new medical director of occupational health services for Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

Originally from Alamo and Walnut Creek and the son of an orthopedic surgeon who worked in Livermore, Chan was brought on to expand Stanford-ValleyCare's occupational health medical clinic, according to hospital officials.

In a hospital statement announcing his hiring, Chan expressed excitement for his new role's impact in a rapidly changing landscape.

"In occupational medicine, our goal is to promote the health and safety of workers through prevention and/or effective treatment of injuries in all industries," he said. "With more companies making the Tri-Valley home for their corporate or manufacturing sites, I believe we have an opportunity to make a big impact here on the health and well-being of workers."

Chan, who has held leadership positions in both clinical and administrative arenas, has more than 20 years of experience in occupational medicine and workers' compensation injury care, disability



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Dr. Wesley P. Chan, a new medical director at Stanford-ValleyCare.

management, medical case management, and employee health and wellness. He studied medicine at the University of Southern California and received a master's degree in public health from UCLA.

Stanford-ValleyCare president Scott Gregerson praised Chan's appointment, saying, "With the fast growth taking place in the Tri-Valley, he will be a valuable asset in helping us build out a full-service occupational health medical clinic." ■



RUGGED MANIAC

The Rugged Maniac obstacle course is coming to the Pleasanton fairgrounds this weekend.

## Rugged Maniac course back at fairgrounds

50-foot water slide, warped walls, fire jumps among 25 obstacles

The Alameda County Fairgrounds is set to again play host to an intense, athletically demanding obstacle course, along with thousands of revelers in a day-long festival, as the Rugged Maniac tour stops in town this Saturday.

The Rugged Maniac challenge consists of 25 obstacles in a three-mile off-road course, including fire jumps, underground tunnels, trampolines, warped walls, balance beams and a 50-foot-tall water slide.

The event also features a day-long festival for racers and spectators that includes live music, mechanical bulls, pie-eating contests, food, drinks and more.

"We've got a lot of great things in store for 2017," Rugged Races chief operating officer Rob Dickens said.

"For starters, our engineers have designed some big, exciting obstacles that will make things even crazier out on the course," he added. "We've partnered with Anytime

Fitness to produce an amazing obstacle course training program for all of our Maniacs, and we've added new varieties of beer to our festival."

The Rugged Maniac event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the fairgrounds on Pleasanton Avenue. The obstacle course costs \$100 to participate in, while the festival is free to attend for spectators. For ticket information, visit [www.ruggedmaniac.com](http://www.ruggedmaniac.com). ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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## BART lays out plans for spending \$3.5B in Measure RR funding

McPartland: 'We've got an awful lot of money here and an enormous amount of data to process'

BART staff laid out plans for spending more than \$3 billion for Measure RR funding on repairing and replacing critical safety infrastructure with a focus on "urgent fix-it-first needs" during a special board of directors meeting in Oakland earlier this month.

Projects that will be funded by the \$3.5 billion bond measure approved by voters in November include \$625 million for track renewal efforts, \$1.225 billion to renew the power system, \$570 million for repairing tunnels and other structures, and \$400 million to replace the train control system and increase BART's peak capacity.

Other projects include \$135 million to replace mechanical infrastructure like stormwater treatment and fire suppression systems, as well as \$210 million for station renewal programs.

The agency also plans on spending \$335 million to make BART stations easier to access for bicyclists, seniors

and people with disabilities as well as to design projects that will relieve crowding and reduce traffic congestion in the future.

Board president Rebecca Saltzman and director John McPartland both commented on the complexity of the plans and the need for a shorter summary of spending priorities. McPartland asked district staff about a "cheat sheet" with condensed information to share with the general public.

"We've got an awful lot of money here and an enormous amount of data to process," McPartland said.

One of the most urgent priorities identified by Tamar Allen, BART's chief maintenance and engineering officer, at the request of director Debora Allen was to rebuild the interlockings on the track.

Interlockings are X-shaped structures that allow trains to cross over a segment of trackway, offering train operators some flexibility in maneuvering around obstructions like

a stalled train, according to BART spokesman Taylor Huckaby.

The district is planning to replace 90 miles of track and implement a new wheel design as part of the planned infrastructure upgrades.

Based on modeling, the new design is expected to limit wear and tear on segments of tracks where acceleration and deceleration occurs. The new design also reduces the surface area that makes contact with the track, reducing noise by roughly 50%, Huckaby said.

There was also some discussion of "hardening" station entrances to reduce fare evasion. District staff said that while that effort is progressing, it isn't currently funded through Measure RR.

"This is really exciting," director Nick Josefowitz said of the various planned upgrades to the system. "This is where the district needs to be going." ■

—Dave Brooksher, Bay City News

## Local legislators urge state to look at selling recreation area expansion site

Baker, Glazer argue Livermore-area project has grown too expensive

The Tri-Valley's state legislators have joined together in a bipartisan effort to urge state officials to work with local stakeholders to consider selling land set aside for the Tesla property expansion of the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area outside Livermore.

State Sen. Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) and Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) wrote a letter last week to the director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation contending that the sale of the property could recover some of the increasing costs of what they argue has become an overly expensive process to expand the recreation

area for off-highway vehicles.

"This would be an opportunity to get money back at the earliest possible date and enable the Off-Highway Commission to find more suitable and affordable land for these recreational pursuits," Glazer said in a statement.

"Costs associated with the Tesla expansion will continue to grow as we wait for projects to come together and as legal expenses and delays mount," Baker said. "We encourage the department to work with all interested parties, including off-road enthusiasts and environmental groups, to see if a consensus can be reached."

"Selling the property is one option that should be carefully considered," she added.

The 3,000-acre Tesla property, purchased in 1998 for \$9 million, is facing four lawsuits challenging the property's final environmental impact report, according to Glazer's office.

The legislators said it is unclear who might be interested in buying the property but one group that might have money available to buy and preserve east Alameda County lands such as Tesla is the Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement Open Space Fund. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pleasanton woman charged, pleads not guilty in fatal crash

A Pleasanton woman is now in custody after being charged last week in connection with a crash that killed a toddler on Interstate 680 in San Ramon last September.

Yarenit Liliana Malihan pleaded not guilty to gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and felony driving under the influence during her arraignment Tuesday morning. She remains in custody with bail set at \$3 million.

Malihan, 40, surrendered to authorities at the Martinez Detention Facility on Monday morning after officials obtained a warrant for her arrest late last week following more than eight months of investigation into the crash that killed 3-year-old Elijah Dunn, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Tyler Hahn.

Both charges carry a multiple victim enhancement, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office said. If convicted of all charges and enhancements, Malihan would face a maximum of 11 years in state prison.

Malihan was identified as the

wife of an unnamed Alameda County Sheriff's deputy at the time, though their current marital status is not known.

"The California Highway Patrol is committed to ensuring that drunk and drug impaired drivers are removed from our highways. We are dedicated to preventing DUI related tragedies. We will continue to support the Dunn family as this case proceeds through the judicial system," said Capt. Christopher Sherry, commander of the Dublin-area CHP.

According to the initial crash report from the CHP, Malihan's Toyota Sequoia slammed into the back of a black Toyota Camry parked on the shoulder of northbound I-680 near Bollinger Canyon Road, killing Dunn and injuring his mother, brother and sister around 6:20 p.m. on Sept. 9.

Malihan was arrested several days after the crash but had remained out of custody with the investigation ongoing.

CHP officials completed their investigation in January and forwarded the case to the DA's Office for review. The DA's Office then announced the filing of charges Friday.

In the months since the fatal crash, Malihan has been sentenced in one unrelated DUI case and

arrested earlier this month on suspicion of public intoxication in Pleasanton in another incident.

Malihan was arrested on May 12 after Pleasanton police allege she was seen severely intoxicated near Bernal Avenue and Sunol Boulevard early that afternoon.

She was also sentenced in December after pleading no contest to misdemeanor DUI and child cruelty charges for reportedly driving while intoxicated with her daughter in the car last June.

### In other police news

- Danville police are investigating a robbery with shots fired at Costco last Friday afternoon, with three unknown culprits still at-large.

No one was hit by the two bullets discharged by robbers, but police said one bystander was treated medically for shock after the incident — the second smash-and-grab theft at the Danville Costco in as many weeks.

Danville police chief Steve Simpkins said there were "obviously similarities" between the two robberies, but there was no conclusive evidence linking the crimes thus far.

"Danville is a really safe place, even with these two violent crimes. But one is too many. Unacceptable," Simpkins added.

Friday's robbery took place around 12:15 p.m. at the Costco on Fostoria Way, when two men wearing masks and hoodies entered the warehouse store while an associate waited outside in a getaway car, according to Simpkins.

One robber went to a glass jewelry case, smashed it with a hammer and stole some items, Simpkins said.

When a Costco employee tried to intervene, the second robber fired a single shot from a handgun into the air, forcing the employee to retreat, according to the police chief.

The two robbers ran out of the store to a newer-model silver Toyota Camry with paper license plates driven another male, Simpkins said. While the car was driving away, they fired a second shot into the air.

A bystander fell while trying to avoid the robbers during the incident and was later treated for shock, according to Simpkins.

Costco was closed for nearly 2-1/2 hours Friday afternoon while officers investigated the robbery, reopening around 2:45 p.m., according to police.

Simpkins said investigators are working leads to track down

the car and robbers as quickly as possible.

The latest robbery follows another smash-and-grab at Costco on May 8, a late-evening incident that saw three people walk into the store, break a display case and steal items, according to Simpkins. No gun was seen during that incident.

The trio tried to run out of the store, but one was caught, one got into a getaway car and the other ran away in another direction, according to Simpkins, who said police now think there was another suspect inside that car.

In the May 8 incident, Kesian Edwards, a 21-year-old resident of Oakland, was tackled by store employees and pinned to the ground, according to police. He was booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on suspicion of robbery, conspiracy and burglary.

Simpkins said he was unsure if Edwards was still in jail custody. Police are still looking for the three other suspects in the earlier robbery, according to the chief.

The police chief said there were some similarities between the two incidents, but noted there were different vehicles, different outfits and different weapons involved. ■

—Julia Reis and Jeremy Walsh

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### May 20

#### Domestic battery

- 2:07 a.m. on Burgundy Drive
- 5:06 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

#### Theft

- 9:16 a.m., 4300 block of Fairlands Drive; theft from auto
- 10:23 a.m. in the 5100 block of Hopyard Road
- 7:07 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 9:01 p.m., 4200 block of Sheldon Circle; auto theft
- 9:26 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

### May 19

#### Alcohol violation

- 1:46 a.m. in the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

- 9:46 a.m. in the 400 block of Tawny Drive

#### Drug violation

- 12:52 p.m. in the 7200 block of Johnson Drive

#### Theft

- 12:49 p.m., 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 1:26 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 4:29 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 5:20 p.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 6:27 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 6:32 p.m. at Oak Creek Drive and Foothill Road

### May 18

#### Burglary

- 8:13 a.m. in the 1400 block of Freeman Lane
- 4:28 p.m. in the 3600 block of Old Santa Rita Road

#### Theft from auto

- 2:14 p.m. in the 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:55 p.m. in the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 8:57 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Robbery

- 5:18 p.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Main Street

### May 17

#### Theft

- 8:54 a.m., 7000 block of Commerce Circle; theft from auto
- 5:36 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from structure
- 9:56 p.m., 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 10:25 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

#### Vandalism

- 10:17 a.m. in the 2300 block of Sandpiper Way

#### Robbery

- 5:43 p.m. at Bernal and Valley avenues

#### Drug violation

- 11:06 p.m. in the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

### May 16

#### Theft

- 7:10 a.m., 4800 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

- 1:06 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; auto theft

- 4:42 p.m. in the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

- 5:13 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Battery

- 9:45 a.m. in the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Vandalism

- 1:11 p.m. in the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue
- 6:36 p.m. in the 4400 block of Del Valle Parkway

### May 15

#### Missing person report

- 1:19 a.m. on Locke Court

#### DUI

- 1:36 a.m. in the 4200 block of Hacienda Drive

#### Auto theft

- 6:57 a.m. in the 400 block of St. Mary Street

### May 14

#### Domestic battery

- 12:39 a.m. on Pleasanton Avenue

#### Theft

- 12:18 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 1:03 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from structure
- 6:54 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Drug violation

- 9:05 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hopyard Road

#### Animal service

- 9:28 p.m. in the 7400 block of Alder Court

## Doris Gail George

September 24, 1925 – May 11, 2017

Doris Gail George passed away on Thursday, May 11, 2017. She touched many lives with her gentle spirit and positive outlook on life.

Doris was born in Driftwood, Oklahoma, graduated from Kress High School and then earned an Associate Degree in Business/Secretarial School. Doris enjoyed a 25+ year working for the City of Pleasanton, as secretary to the City Manager of Pleasanton.

After her retirement she enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling the world.

She has played the piano at her church in Pleasanton for the last 50 years.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Debra George Davis, of Pleasanton, CA. Her grandchildren Kai Walters, Dayna Willis and Clayton Davis of Livermore, CA. Grandchildren Michelle George Vanderburg, Paula George Lesley and Matthew Scott George of Alabama. Her great grandchildren, Claire and Ethan Walters of Livermore, CA. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Effie Hoefler and her brothers, Charles, Stanley, Bob and Jack. Also preceded in death by her son, William Jackson George. She enjoyed spending special time during and towards the end of her life with her cousin, Brenda Patton of Lathrop, CA.

Friends and family are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at The Rock Bible Church, 4100 First St. Pleasanton, CA

Donations can be made in Doris' honor to The Rock Bible Church, 4100 First St. Pleasanton, CA 94566



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# MEMORIAL DAY IN PLEASANTON

## ANNUAL CEREMONY SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AT SENIOR CENTER

BY JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton will continue America's decades-old tradition of honoring men and women who died while serving in the nation's armed forces when it hosts the city's annual Memorial Day ceremony this Monday morning outside the Pleasanton Senior Center.

As in years past, the observance will be organized and hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298, American Legion Post 237 and the William F. Dean Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

"Memorial Day is the one day out of each year that we stop and honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms," said Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne, an Army veteran and a primary speaker for Monday's event.

"It is also a day for healing — healing the wounds that were opened when our men and women who served in uniform during the Vietnam era returned home to the unwarranted and misdirected anger of their fellow citizens," Thorne added. "May we all join together and honor all of those who serve, those who have served and especially those who gave it all that we might remain free."

Joining the mayor as keynote speaker will be U.S. Army Col. Shane Buzza, chief of staff for the Pacific Division, 75th Training Command at Camp Parks.

The ceremony will be emceed by VFW Post 6298 commander Anthony Serio, and the Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, will perform

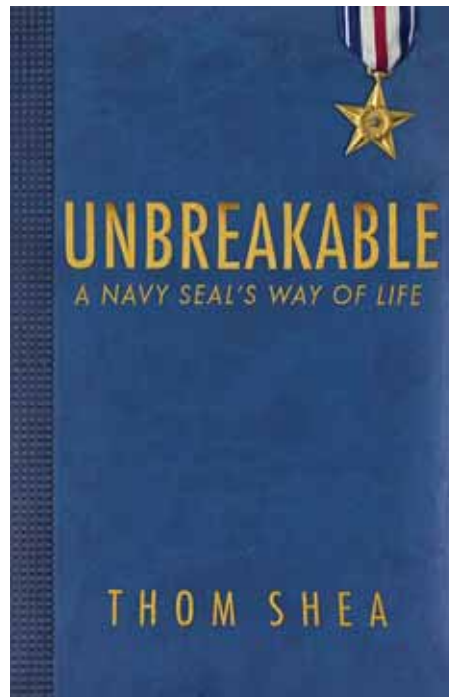
patriotic music for the occasion.

Pleasanton Scouts and other volunteers this weekend will also place American flags at the gravesites of military veterans buried at Pioneer Cemetery and the adjoining Catholic cemetery just up the road from the Senior Center.

Memorial Day's roots date back to the post-Civil War era when families of Union and Confederate troops would decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. Originally dubbed Decoration Day, the observance turned into Memorial Day in the early 1900s as an occasion to honor all military members who died while serving the United States.

Pleasanton's Memorial Day ceremony is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Monday outside the Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd. ■





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“Unbreakable: A Navy SEAL’s Way of Life” is inspired by letters Senior Chief Thom Shea wrote for his wife Stacy and family while he served abroad.

## MILITARY HERO LIVES AN ‘UNBREAKABLE’ LIFE

PLEASANTON CHAMBER HOSTING RETIRED NAVY SEAL, AUTHOR AT EVENT NEXT MONTH

BY KATHLEEN ANTRIM

**R**etired Senior Chief Thom Shea, a 23-year Navy SEAL, is unbreakable.

During a distinguished military career, Shea served in three wars, ultimately leading a team of Navy SEALs into Afghanistan in 2009 where he earned a Silver Star, Bronze Star with Valor, Army Commendation with Valor and his second Combat Action Medal.

In his 23 years of service, he saw more than 2,700 hours of combat, was a SEAL instructor and was appointed the officer in charge of the famed SEAL Sniper Course, where his two-year leadership resulted in greater graduation rates and overall score improvement.

Shea and his wife Stacy live in Greenville, S.C. On a recent cold, wet day — the opposite of the dry, hot fighting season in Afghanistan, which Thom refers to as “hell” — they recalled the night before his deployment to Afghanistan when Stacy told Thom, “I need you to come back to us. Do not fear dying. Fear makes you weak.”

Although SEALs regularly go into harm’s way, Thom’s final deployment was particularly dangerous. Their mission was to take the fight to the Taliban, flush them out and destroy them.

Stacy’s belief about fear making a person weak, she said, is a reflection of her own feelings. She knew she had to be strong for their kids and their extended family, and when she felt fear, she was weakened.

Stacy said she had complete confidence in Thom as a tactical master and operator, but war is chaos.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Shea is speaking at a Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce event next month.

Knowing the very real possibility that Thom might not return from Afghanistan, Stacy asked him to write down everything he’d want their children to know about his life as a SEAL, and all the lessons he would want to teach them.

Fortunately, Thom and all his men returned home safely, and these writings became his book, “Unbreakable: A Navy SEAL’s Way of Life.”

However, the book is more than memoirs about life as a SEAL; it is a guide to personal transformation and living a life of accomplishment.

Through 13 lessons exploring the “Five Pyramids of Human Performance,” the book outlines the traits and habits necessary to increase performance in all aspects of life.

Now retired from the military, Thom has developed a unique curriculum taken from his years of

leading soldiers in the chaos of war and training SEALs. As CEO of Adamantine Alliance, he now uses these principles to coach business people in increasing performance.

“What would your life be like if you never quit?” Thom asked when questioned about the content of the training. “And what could you achieve if you learned to thrive in any form of chaos that you or your business encountered?”

In the three years since his retirement, Thom has given more than 200 keynote addresses and worked with more than 50 CEOs and business owners.

Adamantine Alliance continues to thrive because, according to Thom, the training produces measurable results. Every one of his clients has increased their business by 2.5% or more as a direct result of his training, he said.

Thom is scheduled to share his story in Pleasanton next month, speaking on the topic of “thriving in any and every kind of chaos you or your company may encounter” at a luncheon hosted by Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 13 at Palm Event Center. ■

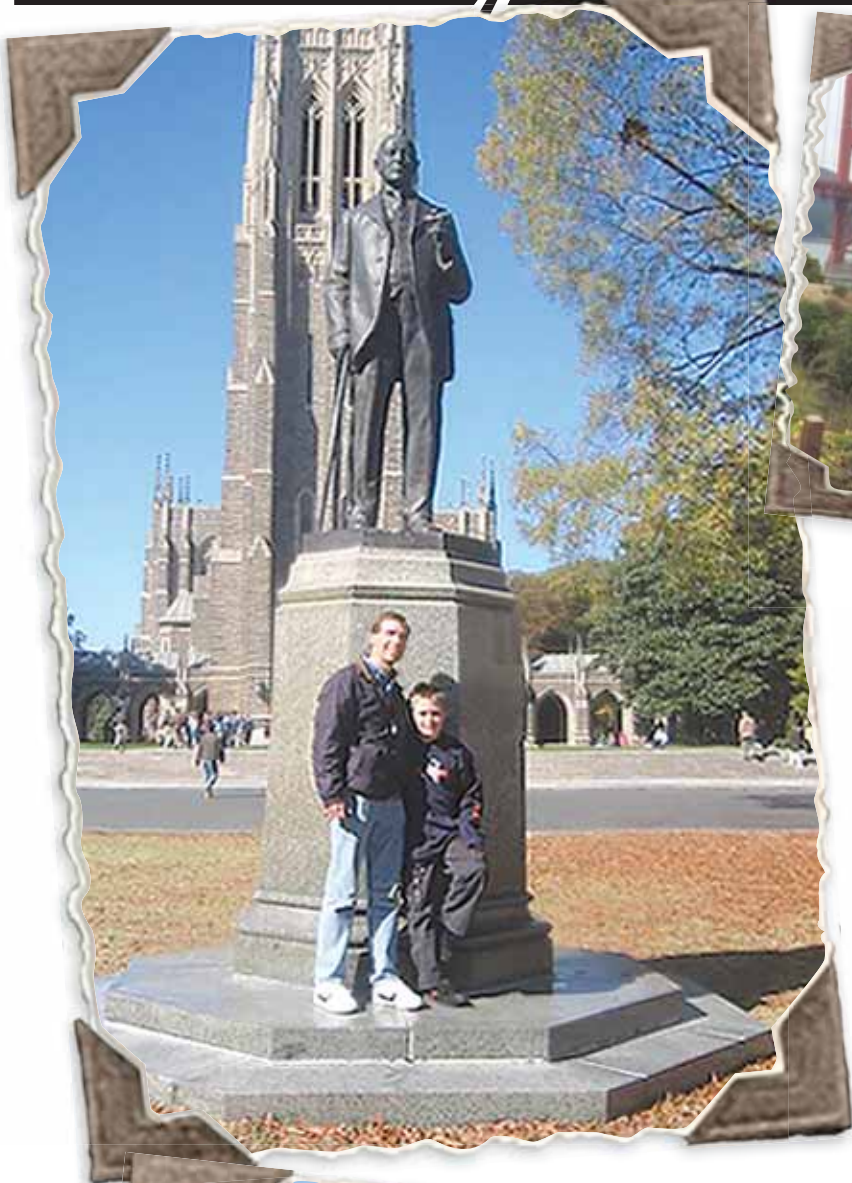
### ‘Unbreakable: A Navy SEAL’s Way of Life’

**Who:** Thom Shea, author and retired Navy SEAL  
**When:** Tuesday, June 13.  
 Networking at 11:30 a.m.; lunch and program at noon  
**Where:** Palm Event Center in the Vineyard, 1184 Vineyard Ave.  
**Cost:** \$35 per person  
 Registration: [Pleasanton.org](http://Pleasanton.org).



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Pleasanton is set to honor Memorial Day on Monday with its traditional observance featuring flags and remembrances at gravesites of military members and a ceremony outside the Senior Center, including current and retired military officials, remarks by Mayor Jerry Thorne (above right) and the Pleasanton Community Concert Band.



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Far Left: Father and son Steve and Matthias McCoy-Thompson visit Duke University when Matthias is 12.  
Left: Steve McCoy-Thompson prepares to bike across the Golden Gate Bridge with his nephews Jamison Evans and Mitchell McCoy on their two-day trip to San Francisco.  
Below: Steve McCoy-Thompson and his daughter Marie enjoy the sights and sounds of New Orleans, the destination she chose for her 12-Year-Old Trip.

## The 12-Year-Old Trip

**W**hen Steve McCoy-Thompson was growing up in Pasadena, his father decided that he would take a trip alone with each of his three children in turn, the year they turned 12.

"My dad was a doctor and he worked quite a bit," recalled McCoy-Thompson. "It was his way of spending time with us and building a special relationship."

McCoy-Thompson, now executive director of the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE) Foundation, was the oldest child in his family so he got to go on a trip with his father first. He also decided where they would go.

"I chose to go see where he grew up in the south," McCoy-Thompson recalled. "I was always really into the Civil War."

His father had always shared stories of growing up in a small town, using an out-house and enduring other hardships.

"We flew out to Atlanta, rented a car, and drove around to Civil War sites and to where my dad grew up in a little tiny town in Georgia — Eton, Georgia," McCoy-Thompson said. "We also went to Duke, where he went to medical school."

His sister and brother followed along a few years later, and the family dubbed each adventure the 12-Year-Old Trip.

"My sister went to New York, and my brother basically went to the Washington, D.C., area," McCoy-Thompson said. "It was a chance for father-child relationship building. It had a big impact — it gave us lifelong memories."

Duke also impressed him enough that he chose to go there for his college education.

McCoy-Thompson, who moved to Pleasanton more than 20 years ago, decided to continue the 12-Year-Old Trips tradition with his own family.

"My son, Matthias, did a similar trip that I did with my dad, that was his choice," McCoy-Thompson said. "We flew to Duke, into Durham, and met some professors of mine that meant a lot to me, that was very cool."

They also visited the D-Day museum in Bedford, Va. McCoy-Thompson has written historical fiction for young readers, including "Weather Boy," a book about a youngster who became involved with the planning of D-Day. While they were in Bedford, he did a book-signing. "Then we drove up to Washington, D.C.," McCoy-Thompson said.

Two years later, his daughter Marie chose a trip to

Family tradition leaves lasting impression on all

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

New Orleans since she was interested in everything French.

"We stayed in the French Quarter, toured around Bourbon Street," McCoy-Thompson remembered. "She loved eating beignets."

She found parts of the New Orleans scene a little seedy, he said, but a tour to the plantations had a big impact on her, the discrepancy between the mansions and the slave quarters.

"That age, 12, maybe 13, is an important age," McCoy-Thompson noted. "They are old enough to be conscious of the world yet they are not teenagers."

"They are still happy to be seen with you," he added with a laugh.

He is continuing the tradition with his nephews, who also live in the Bay Area.

"For my nephews we are taking overnights, which is also nice," McCoy-Thompson said.

He went to San Francisco with his older two nephews when they were 12 and 13, where they rented bikes, rode across the Golden Gate Bridge, and returned to the city on the ferry. They also visited the California Academy of Sciences and stayed in a hotel downtown.

Now his younger set of nephews is excited about making the same trip with their Uncle Steve.

"They want to do what their older brothers did," McCoy-Thompson said. "It's nice to be a 'great' uncle."

"The whole thing is, it allows me as the male figure to have talks with these younger people about things I think are important — my hopes for them, mistakes I made in life," he mused.

"Also, it is the idea of having a child whose parent wants to shine the spotlight just on them, for a week or a few days. That makes them feel really special," he said. "Plus those trips have fostered a love of travel."

"I have told friends about this idea over the years and they've said it's a great idea," he added. "Some of them have done it."

Matthias and Marie McCoy-Thompson graduated from Amador Valley High School in 2010 and 2012, respectively. When they were in the eighth and the sixth grades, the family moved for a year to India, where McCoy-Thompson ran a multi-country USAID program. This also fostered a love of travel, McCoy-Thompson said, and Marie is now a Fulbright Scholar in Thailand.

The 12-Year-Old Trips in his family are a wonderful chance for the youngsters to spend quality time with a father figure, McCoy-Thompson observed.

"It has left a lasting impression on everyone involved," he said. ■



# Chorus celebrates 25 years with world premiere

Concerts to feature training choirs, competition level

Cantabella Children's Chorus is celebrating 25 seasons with its upcoming silver anniversary jubilee concerts, "Shall We Gather by the River," at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. this Saturday at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive.

The first performance will feature the young training choirs while the later show will present the older youth choirs that travel and take part in competitions. The first show will also have some performers from the older choruses so that families can see where the younger singers are headed.

Among Cantabella's choral favorites programmed for this concert is the world premiere of its newly commissioned work by Latvian-Canadian composer Imant Raminsh titled "Sun Make Sweet My Song."

Raminsh, who studied at the



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Interim artistic director Eileen Chang

Royal Conservatory of Toronto, University of Toronto, and Akademie Mozarteum in Salzburg, wrote this piece especially for Cantabella's 25th anniversary.

"The newly commissioned work

is set to the text of a Nancy Wood poem from her collection, 'Hollering Sun,'" Cantabella president Pushpa Krishnan said. "It is a prayer of healing and renewal that signifies the arrival of spring as we bid farewell to the cold and dark of the winter."

Cantabella alumni, board members and staff have been invited to sing at the 4 p.m. performance, and about 40 adults have been practicing the piece, "Storm is Passing Over." It was written by Charles Albert Tindley, often credited as the "Father of Gospel Music," who wrote this soulful hymnal in 1905.

The jubilee celebration continues after the 4 p.m. concert with an hors d'oeuvre reception and choral display of the past 25 years.

Cantabella Children's Chorus is a nonprofit organization, founded in



TOM CAYTON

Cantabella Children's Chorus is celebrating 25 years of training young singers and performing.

1992 by Livermore resident Bee Chow. She built the choir from 10 young singers to today's three training centers — in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin — with more than 200 chorists.

Eileen Chang recently was named interim artistic director of Cantabella after seven years with the chorus, working closely with Chow. Chang, who has a degree in voice performance from Cal State

Long Beach and a master's degree in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College, directs Cantabella's Honors Choir, Chamber Choir and Junior Honors Choir.

Tickets for each of Saturday's concerts are \$22 and can be purchased at the door. Children under 18 are free. For more information, visit [www.cantabella.org/tickets](http://www.cantabella.org/tickets).

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

# Museum starting new lectures

'Discussion with Artist Tom Killion' kicks off series

Museum on Main is launching a new lecture series in June entitled "A Discussion with ..."

Throughout the year, the museum will invite artists, local historians and community members to share their stories and experiences about a broad range of topics. These "discussions" will be held at the museum and will offer attendees an intimate space to share with speakers.

The dates, times, registration requirements and ticket prices will vary based on the speaker.

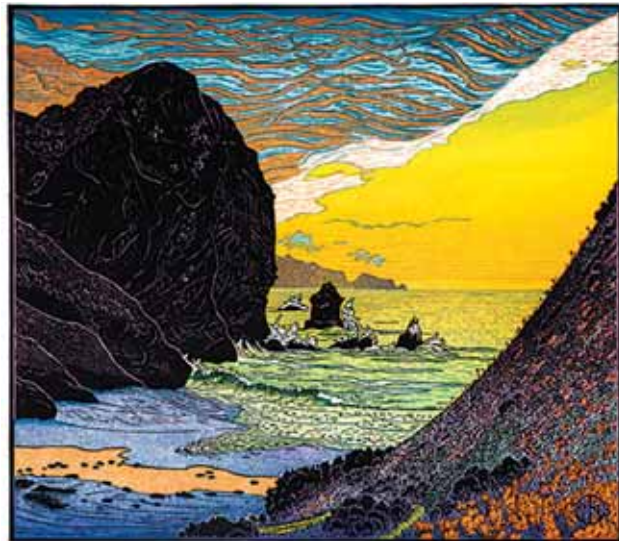
Leading off the series in June are the following:

• "A Discussion with Artist Tom Killion"

4-6 p.m., Saturday, June 3

\$10 for members; \$15 for non-members

World-renowned artist Killion will discuss his inspiration, work and his creative process, surrounded by his colorful wood block prints depicting California's beautiful and wild coast line. At 5 p.m., after the presentation, there will be a reception open to the public.



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Tom Killion print of Tennessee Cove

Killion's book, "California's Wild Edge," will be available for purchase and signing.

• "A Discussion with Film Historian David Kiehn"

6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 6

Free

Author and film historian Kiehn of the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum will give a presentation on

the silent movie era in Pleasanton and nearby Niles Canyon, on this 100-year anniversary of the filming of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" in Pleasanton.

Pre-registration is required for both of the June discussions; call 462-2766 or visit online at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org).

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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## USO Revue for Memorial Day

The Firehouse Arts Center Theater welcomes back the Swingin' Blue Stars of the USS Hornet for their seventh annual Memorial Day Weekend USO Variety Show Revue at 2 p.m. this Sunday. Special guest stars include musical theater's Tielle Baker, award-winning a cappella quartet HouseBlend, swing dancers Chris & Gwen and the Big Band Sound of the Fabulous Fazio Five for this celebration of songs and music from the '40s and '50s. Tickets are \$17-\$27. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848 or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

## McFadden earns Eagle Scout rank

Dublin High School senior McKay McFadden was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout during a court of honor ceremony hosted by Boy Scouts Troop 947, sponsored by the Pleasanton Third Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A fan of sports and the outdoors, McFadden refurbished one of the older "Welcome to Dublin" signs and the organization names on it for his Eagle service project. The son of Jeremy and Rebecca McFadden, he is set to leave next month to serve his two-year church mission in Taiwan.



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## PLEASE COME LEARN ALL ABOUT YOUR SENIOR CENTER

The Friends of Pleasanton Senior Center is sponsoring a twice-monthly "Newcomer's Welcome"

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

### Stop the insanity: Release the finalist's name

The school board was expected to select its top choice for the new superintendent this week — PUSD's fifth leader since June 2015 — after private interviews last week and closed-session discussions Monday and Tuesday. A visit to the candidate's current district and successful contract negotiations were still to come.

Pleasanton stakeholders, though, won't know who it is until the board's vote on the final appointment June 13.

In other words, the families who rely on PUSD to educate their children, the people who are footing the bill for this recruiting process and the payout for the "not-a-good-fit" superintendent of six months, Rick Rubino, and everyone enduring the financial and emotional consequences of a revolving door in the superintendent office will not know who the candidate is until the ink is mostly dry on the employment contract.

Been there. Done that. This is the process the board used when Rubino was hired last spring. It didn't work.

Still, the board insists on continuing the failed process.

When we asked board president Joan Laursen to explain the rationale, the district's public information officer, Patrick Gannon, emailed a statement to us for her that read:

"The Board determined from the start that our process would be a confidential one, based upon the recommendations from the various search firms we, and the search firm panel, interviewed. It is widely believed that confidential searches result in a better pool of candidates. Until all the steps have been successfully completed in securing a finalist who is the best fit for Pleasanton Unified, the process will remain confidential."

We agree that keeping names of candidates confidential at the outset is vital to finding the best pool of candidates, so qualified applicants aren't hesitant to apply out of concern their current district might find out, among other personal and professional considerations. This is true even when the pool is narrowed to top finalists.

However, when the board narrows the list down to one preferred candidate, Pleasanton residents should know who that person is before the appointment is made so proper public vetting can occur before the contract is signed. In addition, if that person is not willing to openly go on record with interest in the position, perhaps he or she is "not a good fit" for our district.

A highly regarded school district to our north — the San Ramon Valley Unified School District — was looking for a new superintendent at the same time Pleasanton was recruiting last year.

District officials there released the name of their top candidate for the job publicly to their residents as soon as he was identified, before the contract was signed. Rick Schmitt was formally hired weeks later and has been the superintendent since July 2016.

We think the Pleasanton school board should follow the San Ramon Valley's lead.

The next PUSD superintendent needs to embrace transparency and work with the trustees to rebuild the trust with the community in the wake of the board firing Rubino — for undisclosed reasons and without cause — after only six months as superintendent.

The public needs to know the trustees embrace the idea that, as elected officials, their job is to facilitate transparency and accountability, not obstruct it. If as much time was spent on involving and engaging all stakeholders as is spent citing case law in response to requests for records and preventing the release of pertinent information to the stakeholders, perhaps there wouldn't be a pervasive lack of trust.

The definition of insanity is to do the same thing repeatedly expecting different results. Let's stop the insanity by doing something different and begin public vetting of the top superintendent candidate now, because PUSD can't afford to be in this same leaderless position again next year.

The children and families of Pleasanton, PUSD employees and the district as a whole need stability at the top. They are counting on the school board to hire the "right" superintendent this time. Let them help. ■

## LETTERS

### Transport our kids safely

Dear Editor,

I am concerned about the safety of PUSD students while being transported for school trips. Our kids are being put on tour buses and driven in parent cars at high speeds for long distances. Parents assume the district is doing all it can to ensure the safety of our kids. They are not.

I initially raised my concerns with the PUSD in December of 2016, specifically related to the use of charter/tour buses. These concerns were never addressed. In fact, my comfort level decreased as my interaction with the PUSD on this issue increased.

PUSD should have someone in the transportation function that knows: 1. The laws regarding transporting students; 2. The best practices regarding transporting students; and 3. How the PUSD policies align with law and best practice. There should be procedures to ensure that our policies are followed.

As an adult, I can decide if a bus is safe and whether seat belts are important to me. Our kids rely on us to make these decisions for them and to act in their best interest. I am disappointed that something as critical as student safety has not been fully and completely addressed — particularly as I raised the issue five months ago.

I encourage members of the community to let the school board know that this is an important issue — that PUSD needs to do better. This is an issue we should be proactive about, not reactive.

—Christina Nystrom Mantha,  
PUSD alum and mother to two elementary students

### Pleasanton Costco

Dear Editor,

With all the troubles coming out of Washington D.C. these days, it may seem trivial to be concerned about a Costco coming to Pleasanton. But they are connected in that government at both levels have abandoned the public in favor of corporate and other special interests.

When Costco was initially proposed in 2015, the city indicated that "incentives" would be provided to the developer, but wouldn't say how much and insisted that "no deal had been made."

However, a Public Records Act request late last year revealed there was an agreement to provide millions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies to Costco. The city did its best to hide this, presumably because if it was widely known the results of

Measure MM could have been very different.

Now finally, the city will be releasing the details of the proposed subsidies just prior to a June City Council workshop. A last-minute release won't give the public time to analyze what will certainly be a complex subject, nor allow the local papers that publish once a week time to inform the larger community about the plans.

This is just more obfuscation, withholding of information and sleight of hand by the city that has plagued this project from the beginning.

As a former two-term council member, I'm very disheartened that a city that once stood for transparency now seems to stand for just the opposite. If you too are concerned about this, please contact the City Council at [citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:citycouncil@cityofpleasantonca.gov) and let them know.

—Matt Sullivan

### California leading the way

Dear Editor,

In the May 12 edition, three seniors from Foothill high school wrote, "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."

It's wonderful to see an article about political activism being written by young people. It is their generation and the next that will bear the burden of today's policies that address issues like climate change.

The last few months have been particularly difficult for anyone who truly cares about the environment. With China and India predicted to surpass their 2030 climate goals and the new administration essentially dismantling the EPA, the shift in environmental leadership is a tough pill to swallow.

Despite the ever-changing landscape, California has always been an environmental pioneer for the rest of the country, and with the introduction of SB 775 we continue to do so.

SB 775 would modify the current cap and trade system to include a steadily rising price on carbon, an elimination of offsets and a dividend to citizens — in other words a predictable carbon market for emitters, cleaner air for citizens that live near an emitter and checks in the mail for Californians.

It is in the spirit of the high school senior's article that I'm contacting our State Senator Steve Glazer in support of SB 775, and I encourage my community members to do the same.

—Olivia Angus

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## PLEASANTON PREPS

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## Falcons set for NCS softball playoffs after beating Dons for league title

Amador Valley boys volleyball wins NCS championship

To Foothill softball coach Matt Sweeney, his team's matchup with Amador Valley for the East Bay Athletic League playoff championship was simple.

The Falcons had met the Dons twice before, falling 6-0 in the first meeting and 2-0 in the rematch at the end of the regular season. In Sweeney's mind, the four-run improvement between the first and second game should carry over to the third meeting, meaning Foothill should turn it around and win 2-0.

Well, Sweeney's crystal ball was right on as the Falcons got some big plays from their youngest players to get the 2-0 win over the Dons last week.

"I had told the girls during the week we were in a great place," Sweeney said. "They said, 'What do you mean?' And I told them, 'We would win 2-0.'"

The teams — which have earned the top two seeds in the North Coast Section playoffs — battled in a scoreless duel until the Falcons broke through in the bottom of the fourth inning. Freshman catcher Courtney Beaudin laced a shot down the right field line that got by a diving Amador outfielder.

Beaudin kept going all the way, scoring to give the Falcons the 1-0 lead.

The Falcons made Sweeney's prediction come true with another

in the bottom of the sixth, with the youth again being served. Sophomore Hope Alley singled to get the surge going and moved to second when freshman Hailey Hayes bunted her over. Nicole May, yet another freshman, came through with a single that scored Alley for the final margin.

### Volleyball

The Amador Valley boys claimed the NCS title with a four-set win over De La Salle last Saturday.

The Dons jumped out 2-0 in the match, taking the first set 25-23 and the second 25-12. De La Salle got back into it with a 25-21 win in the third set, but the Dons closed out the title with a 25-20 win.

In the semifinals earlier in the week, Amador beat San Ramon Valley in four sets (25-16, 25-23, 21-25, 25-16) to advance to the finals.

In the other semifinals Foothill battled with De La Salle but lost 25-15, 25-23, 25-23.

### Tennis

Foothill boys tennis wrapped up its season May 13 by losing a tight NCS semifinals match 4-3 to undefeated James Logan (25-0).

Arnav Patel won No. 4 singles and the doubles teams of Adam Linette and Dylan Weiglein, and Jared Tay and Alex Yang prevailed in their matches.

The Falcons finished the year with a 20-7 record overall and went 13-2 in the EBAL, good for second place. Along the way, Foothill defeated three conference champions, Redwood of Marin, Maria Carrillo of Santa Rosa and Miramonte of Orinda.

Seniors Patel, Cliff Moran, Saehej Kang, Pranav Narasimmaraj and Sri Vikas Cherukuri all finished out their high school career after spending four years in the Foothill program.

Earning year-end awards, Weiglein and Yang were selected to the EBAL All-League Team. Matt Haskell was named the Most Improved and Patel received the Falcon Spirit award. Finally, Kyle Thompson and Akash Patel were the co-MVPs.

### Hockey

In a rematch of last year's final, California High repeated as hockey champions by defeating Amador Valley 3-2. The game was close, with the Dons leading or staying tied for most of the game until the Grizzlies took the lead for good with about four minutes left. ■

*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.*

## Pleasanton man throws out first pitch at A's game

'I thought about all of the pitchers who have pitched off that mound'

BY JEREMY WALSH

Longtime Pleasanton resident Norman Pacheco experienced a thrill earlier this month that only a few baseball fans have the chance to enjoy.

A lifelong Oakland Athletics fan, Pacheco threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the A's matchup against the rival Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim on May 8.

"When I walked out to the mound, I thought of all of the pitchers who have pitched off that mound like Blue Moon Odom, Catfish Hunter and Vida Blue," the 76-year-old said looking back on his experience at the Oakland Coliseum.

Pacheco, who has lived in Pleasanton with his wife Joyce since 1971, got the opportunity after his daughter Sheryl tweeted A's president Dave Kaval and asked if her father could throw a first pitch. She said she told Kaval about her father's love of the green-and-gold and his deep connection to Oakland.

Pacheco grew up there, pitched for Fremont High School in Oakland as a teenager and worked for the city's recreation department. When he was 11 and 12, he won back-to-back Abe Rose Sporting Goods Store City of Oakland pitching contests at the Oakland Oaks Stadium against thousands of other kids — his prizes included getting photographed with Hall of Famer Mel Ott, who



OAKLAND ATHLETICS  
Pleasanton's Norman Pacheco (left) and A's bench coach Mark Kotsay.

managed the Oaks at the time.

The A's president soon tweeted back to Sheryl and got the ball rolling on Pacheco's first pitch.

Pacheco said the whole experience was exciting and something he'd never forget.

He threw to former A's player and current team bench coach Mark Kotsay, got to speak with A's legend Rickey Henderson as he walked off the field and exchanged high-fives with team members and fans.

He may have even brought the A's some luck, as they beat the Angels that night 3-2 on a walkoff home run in the 11th inning. ■

## PFLL Phillies crowned regular season champs

Pleasanton Foothill Little League's AAA Phillies enter the playoffs this holiday weekend as the division's regular season champions after posting a 13-3 record. Pictured from left: Reese Fulton, Ryan Bull, Ryan Herberger, Roman Bischer, Eli McDuffie, Mika McDuffie, Sam Masek, Aiden Herberger, Justin Yu, Nic Kullman and Andrew Chao, along with coaches (back row, from left) Carmen Bischer, Sean Kullman and Chris Fulton.



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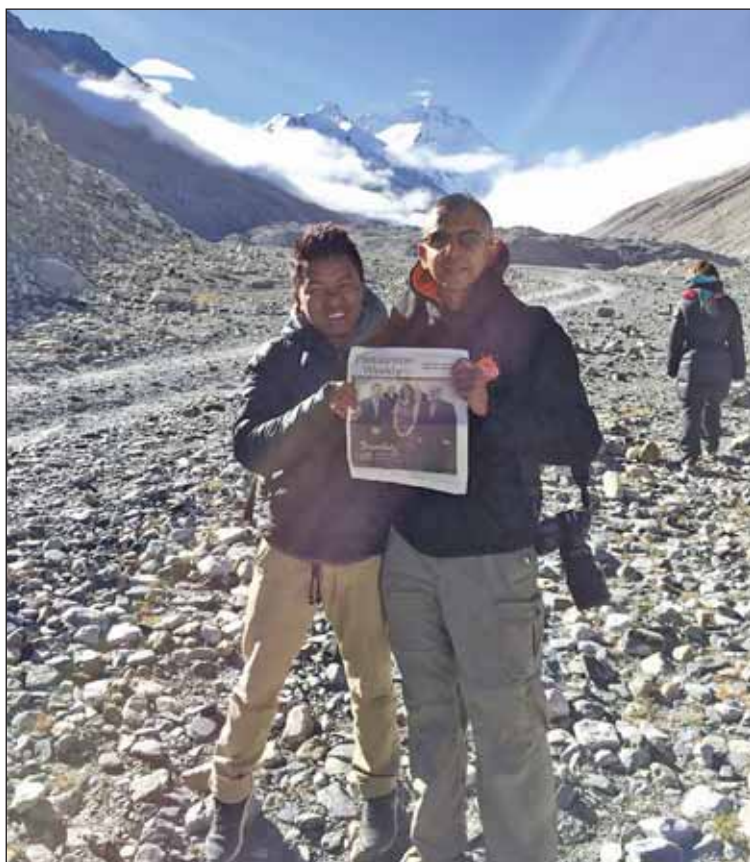
## Music

**SHAMANIC DRUM CIRCLE** Drumming will help you to gain access to your inner guidance and learn to work with your helping spirits. Presented by Ashleigh Pevey, a Shamanic healer, sessions are usually 3-4:15 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Bring a drum or rattle; a few will be available. Call 829-2733 or go to [www.unityoftrivalley.org](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org).

## Talks & Lectures

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## TAKE US ALONG



**What a climb:** Praveen Sampat (on right) took the Pleasanton Weekly to Everest Base Camp in Tibet, shown here with guide Nyma Wooser. This Weekly edition also visited Lhasa and Shigatse during the trip.

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

Plus for a complimentary overview of effective behavior management skills for those working with K-12 youth at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30 at Inklings, 530 Main St. Help your staff and the kids have their best summer ever! RSVP via text to (510) 305-5111 or at [www.careertrackplus.com](http://www.careertrackplus.com).

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**POLENTA AND CHICKEN CACCIATORE DINNER** Join Italian Catholic Federation Branch 285 for their Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore dinner on Saturday, June 3 at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. With delicious food and fabulous prizes. Proceeds benefit Tri-Valley Scholarship program and other ICF charities. Reservations required. Tickets are \$25. RSVP by May 30 to Judy at 462-2487 or Carolyn at 846-0440.

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**TUESDAY WITH THE TRAINER** Fitness and Nutrition Q&A with Dan Taylor, ACE, NASM-CPT, Owner of Tri Valley Trainer fitness studio. Dan will be available each lunch hour, Tuesdays through May, to answer all your questions about making living a healthy lifestyle a reality. Inklings Coffee and Tea, 530 Main Street, Pleasanton.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND** Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, which is right across the street from Trader Joe's. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

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**THE ALAMEDA COUNTY TRI-VALLEY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN (ACTNOW)** will meet from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, June 3 at the Livermore Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore. They will discuss political actions, town hall updates, and other feminist topics. All are welcome. Contact Kathy Woofter, Program Chair, at (510) 388-5665.

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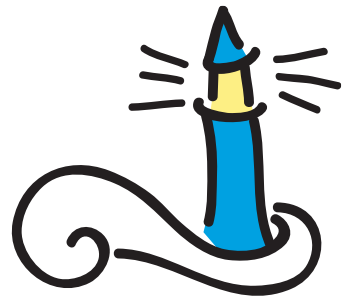
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## Report: Amazing economic growth in East Bay may not benefit everyone

Housing shortfall is biggest impediment, economist says

Economic growth in the East Bay is amazing but not everyone may benefit because of the housing shortage, an economist said following the release of a new report written by his firm.

Chris Thornberg, Ph.D., cautioned though that unless more housing is built in the Bay Area the benefits of the economic growth will not reach everyone.

The report released earlier this month was written for the East Bay Economic Development Alliance by the staff Beacon Economics where Thornberg is a founding partner.

“Things are going great guys,” Thornberg said. “The question we need to answer is, is it going to be for everyone. That’s a question of housing.”

Median homes prices in Alameda and Contra Costa counties jumped about 70% between 2010 and 2015 because people are willing to pay those prices, Thornberg said.

Unfortunately, some East Bay residents are moving elsewhere because they cannot afford to buy a home here.

Thornberg cited several reasons for the housing shortage such as the

challenges developers face in getting new housing permitted, the high cost of permits and the opposition to new housing by existing residents.

Also, Proposition 13 provides only a limited incentive for the construction of new housing because it limits the amount of property taxes local governments can collect, Thornberg said.

Add to that the large amount of public services such as police and fire protection demanded by residents, and it doesn’t make financial sense for local governments to encourage housing construction, he said.

Still, Thornberg, who’s been

studying the East Bay economy since 2003, said it’s as strong as he’s ever seen it.

Between February 2016 and February of this year, non-farm jobs grew by 21,200 or 1.9%, which is higher than the nation’s 1.6%.

Also, the labor market in the East Bay is stronger than in many other urban areas such as Denver, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York City and Boston, according to the report.

That suggests that this year unemployment in the East Bay will drop below 4%. The region’s economic growth this year should continue. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

## Realtor associations announce new virtual tour agreement

EZ-AutoTour offers videos, digital tours, panoramas and more

Real estate virtual tours have evolved and grown more common over the years. With videos and aerial drones, as well as virtual tours showing every nook and cranny of the house, technology has become more and more prevalent in the world of real estate.

“Our members want modern, professional and easy to use tools to market their properties,” said Tricia Thomas, CEO of Bay East Association of Realtors, based in Pleasanton.

In cooperation with Bay East and the Contra Costa Association of Realtors, VirtualTourCafe recently announced the new EZ-AutoTour, an automated, hands-free marketing suite for real estate agents and brokers.

Under the agreement, members of both associations can subscribe to VirtualTourCafe with a substantial discount. The EZ-AutoTour has tools like virtual tours, print fliers, videos, panoramas and

customization of its features.

“Real estate agents should be focused on the core of their business, lead-generation, sales presentations and negotiations,” said Tim Denbo, CEO/president of VirtualTourCafe. “Technology is a tool that when used properly should support the agent and not burden them with repetitive tasks that can be automated to help them be more successful.” ■

—Sierra Rhodes

## Flipping houses — it’s not like TV

Strategy can be profitable, but don’t expect it to be easy money

BY NATHANIEL SILLIN

Flipping a house can seem like a walk in the park when it’s wrapped into a few montages during a half-hour TV segment.

Find a run-down property. Buy it. Take out a few walls, paint, replace carpets, upgrade the kitchen and voila — you could make tens of thousands of dollars in just a short time. Reality is seldom so straightforward. Flipping a home can be risky, and there’s no guarantee you’ll profit.

**Finding and buying the right house at the right price point can be difficult.**

The shows often start with the submission of a winning offer on a home. You may not realize that it takes a lot of work to determine what a potentially good flip looks like and find a property to match.

Experienced flippers have learned how to estimate costs and work backward. A rule of thumb in the industry is to take 70% of the potential selling price (what’s known as the after-repair value, or ARV), subtract the renovation costs and use that as the maximum buying price.

You’ll need a lot of background information, including comparable

selling prices of similar homes, to figure out the right numbers. The ability to be honest with yourself while estimating the cost of parts and labor is also important.

For example, if you estimate that you could sell your renovated home for \$200,000, you’d start at \$140,000 (70% of a \$200,000). If you calculate that the renovation costs will be \$40,000, you’ll arrive at the maximum buying price of \$100,000. The 30% margin that remains if everything goes according to plan isn’t entirely profit; you may still have expenses like closing costs or reimbursing your investors.

**You need a lot of working capital.**

While paying cash for a home can expedite the sale and increase profits, it might not be an option for beginner flippers. However, traditional lenders don’t necessarily offer financing for flips, especially if you’re trying to fix up a dilapidated home. Even when they do, you might not be able to borrow enough to cover all your expenses.

Instead, some flippers turn to hard-money lenders, private individuals or companies that issue short-term loans backed by real

assets (such as the home you’re buying). With either traditional or hard-money lenders, expect the financing costs to be higher than what you’d pay for a mortgage if you’re buying a home to live in.

Keeping an eye on your total budget is essential. If you borrow enough money to make the purchase but don’t have cash on hand to pay for the renovations and unexpected contingencies, you’ll be stuck before you even start.

In addition to the purchase price, you’ll need money for renovations, upgrades, inspections and permits. Also, consider the cost of ownership between the purchase and sale. Carrying costs, including utilities, financing, insurance and property maintenance, can add up each month.

**Bottom line:** Flipping homes can be profitable, particularly for those who have professional real estate experience, but don’t expect it to be easy money. Months of hard work can go into a flip without any guarantee of success. ■

*Editor’s note: Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa’s financial education programs. Follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter, @PracticalMoney.*

## HOME SALES

This week’s data represents homes sold during March 28-April 19

### Pleasanton

- 4664 3rd Street** Gleie Trust to C. Vespi for \$766,000
- 4372 Clovewood Lane** C. & E. Pinto to T. Thankappari for \$960,000
- 3101 Delicado Court** S. Venkata to Y. Zhang for \$620,000
- 320 East Angela Street** Arden Trust to D. Wu for \$1,400,000
- 7328 Jaybrook Court** T. & T. Johnston to H. Du for \$900,000
- 2334 Meadowlark Drive** Jenrick Trust to Y. Zhang for \$1,170,000
- 3273 Monmouth Court** B. & R. Keaveney to T. & M. Morley for \$1,160,000
- 817 Montevino Drive** Olsen Trust to Y. Liu for \$1,310,000
- 3630 Pontina Court** R. & H. King to D. Kim for \$3,150,000
- 5647 San Carlos Way** D. & S. Farmer to M. Turco for \$615,000
- 3516 Serra Circle** Summerhill Las Positas to R. Kamath for \$730,000
- 377 St. Mary Street** Fireside Investors to P. Mendoza for \$838,000
- 3193 Tonopah Court** Guo-Yang Trust to G. & K. Nazareno for \$580,000
- 3620 Vineyard Avenue** Killywool 1031 to M. Samiullah for \$1,036,000
- 5816 West Las Positas Boulevard** Summerhill Las Positas to Ling Trust for \$880,000
- 5834 West Las Positas Boulevard** Summerhill Las Positas to S. Arulanandam for \$780,000
- 5838 West Las Positas Boulevard** Summerhill Las Positas to L. Tam for \$780,000
- 480 Amaral Circle** Eyley Trust to A. & G. Vennarucci for \$1,029,500
- 4423 Bacon Court** J. & D. Cabral to C. George for \$442,000
- 5581 Baldwin Way** Perry-Lavoy Trust to C. & K. Dhuvur for \$740,000
- 3565 Ballantyne Drive** S. & A. Brown to T. Xin for \$1,170,000
- 3571 Ballantyne Drive** A. Elliott to M. Aye for \$1,100,000
- 5039 Blackbird Way** Nichols Trust to Captial Equity Management Group for \$992,000
- 2121 Cascara Court** Leon Trust to Anand Trust for \$2,685,000
- 2019 Eilene Drive** Mason Trust to Y. Lu for \$859,000
- 4336 Fairlands Drive** S. & S. Dasanagadde to P. Janovsky for \$760,000
- 4084 Graham Street** Berchem Trust to C. Ying for \$945,000
- 906 Gray Fox Circle** C & N California Trust to J. Hou for \$2,010,000
- 5411 Greenfield Way** S. & K. Rasmussen to L. Chen for \$1,060,000
- 1144 Harvest Road** K. & D. Klinko to L. Kawashima for \$1,260,000
- 1258 Hearst Drive** Schwarzenberger Trust to M. Lee for \$1,903,000

- 5974 Laurel Creek Drive** Lee Trust to Su Trust for \$1,900,000
- 2952 Lethbridge Court** Hanks Trust to D. & T. Borys for \$970,000
- 3206 Novara Way** R. & D. Mills to K. & P. Fjeldheim for \$2,460,000
- 924 Riesling Drive** Wortham Trust to S. Valiyaveetil for \$1,200,000
- 4157 School Street** Mickleburgh Trust to J. Treadway for \$925,000
- 622 St. John Street** D. Thompson to J. & L. Flores for \$1,000,000
- 7434 Stonedale Drive** Lukens Trust to R. & L. Lachance for \$725,000
- 5832 West Las Positas Boulevard** Summerhill Las Positas to C. Gopalan for \$780,000
- 2314 Willet Way** Thompson Trust to Y. Ahn for \$1,150,000
- 3859 Appian Street** Spyrow Trust to Extended Day Child Care for \$810,000
- 1579 Calle Enrique** R. Dunham to Attapilly Trust for \$602,000
- 682 Concord Place** Wong Trust to G. & P. Shenoy for \$530,000
- 4575 El Dorado Court** P. Archer to V. Saboo for \$970,000
- 6168 Inglewood Drive** R. & C. Odell to A. Kurulkar for \$839,000
- 4674 Ross Gate Way** Aguirre Trust to O. Idrees for \$1,138,000
- 1783 Spumante Place** K. Gundal to Dadgar Trust for \$2,399,000
- 3763 Vineyard Avenue** D. & M. Highbarger to R. Leung for \$850,000
- 477 Vineyard Place #A** George Trust to C. Cho for \$475,000
- 4484 2nd Street** D. Verdeck to D. Armario for \$1,900,000
- 4151 Amberwood Circle** Harding Trust to A. Dizon for \$545,000
- 3130 Ascot Court** Peterson Trust to M. & R. McPhie for \$1,010,000
- 427 Cabonia Court** K. & N. Hasegawa to D. & P. Junnarkar for \$1,360,000
- 8116 Canyon Creek Circle** S. Su to R. Tuladhar for \$970,000
- 1820 Cortez Court** Mcdonald Trust to Y. Lei for \$908,000
- 7759 Country Lane** Davis Trust to J. Pacheco for \$1,775,000
- 788 Crystal Lane** Wells Trust to S. Kim for \$1,450,000
- 8104 Ensenada Drive #2** J. Smith to A. & H. Koning for \$427,000
- 1909 Fiorio Circle** N. McDonald to V. & N. Mahajan for \$815,500
- 3186 Gulfstream Street** Franklin Trust to X. Tong for \$1,256,000
- 1183 Harvest Road** Young Trust to M. Munayer for \$875,000
- 3135 Lansdown Court** Totah Trust to C. Dong for \$960,000
- 1797 Magnolia Circle** Surano Trust to T. Sharma for \$805,000
- 3324 Newport Street** C. & N. Cooper to Hillman Trust for \$1,450,000

Source: California REsource

**OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND**

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**4 BEDROOMS**

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Cindy Gee 963-1984

**Livermore**

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**1039 Bannock St. Call for price**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**4 BEDROOMS**

**2216 Pyramid St. \$1,415,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Linda Traurig 382-9746

**Pleasanton**

**4 BEDROOMS**

**767 Avio Court \$2,399,500**  
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**4058 Suffolk Way \$1,100,000**  
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**3934 Kern Court Call for price**  
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**4354 Addison Way Call for price**  
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**424 Junipero St. \$925,000**  
Sun 12-3 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

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Sat 1-4 Anne Athenour Martin 200-5272

**6 BEDROOMS**

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

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**SALES AT A GLANCE**

This week's data represents homes sold during March 28-April 24.

**Pleasanton (March 28-April 19)**

**Total sales reported: 69**

**Lowest sale reported: \$427,000**

**Highest sale reported: \$3,370,000**

**Average sales reported: \$1,039,706**

**Dublin (March 28-April 19)**

**Total sales reported: 69**

**Lowest sale reported: \$405,000**

**Highest sale reported: \$1,325,000**

**Average sales reported: \$823,528**

**Livermore (March 28-April 19)**

**Total sales reported: 89**

**Lowest sale reported: \$480,000**

**Highest sale reported: \$1,675,000**

**Average sales reported: \$785,125**

**San Ramon (April 3-24)**

**Total sales reported: 69**

**Lowest sale reported: \$345,000**

**Highest sale reported: \$2,375,000**

**Average sales reported: \$1,092,958**

Source: California REsource

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4pm



**822 KILKARE RD, SUNOL**

**\$1,549,950**

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**CHATEAU COUNTRY ESTATES**

**SOLD**

**2307 VINEYARD HEIGHTS LN., PLEASANTON**

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**3508 Cydonia Court, Dublin**

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. **SOLD FOR \$1,150,000**

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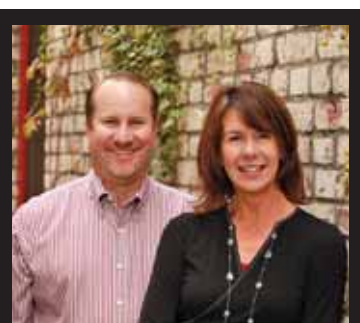
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<p><b>JUST LISTED! OPEN SATURDAY 1-3</b></p>  <p><b>3934 Kern Court, Pleasanton</b>        Downsizing isn't easy until you see this 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 1831 sq ft one story home. Granite slab kitchen, hard wood floors &amp; remodeled baths. <b>Mid \$900,000's</b></p>	<p><b>SALE PENDING!</b></p>  <p><b>4628 Jefferson Court, Pleasanton</b>        Fabulous one level home with 4 bdms, 2 baths and over 1800 sq ft. Granite kitchen and remodeled bathrooms! <b>\$918,000</b></p>	<p><b>REVIEWING OFFERS! OPEN SAT. 1-3</b></p>  <p><b>4354 Addison Way Pleasanton</b>        Stunning 4 bdrm, 2 bath, one level home! Gourmet granite kitchen with custom cabinetry and tile floors. Expanded family room and a sparkling pool! <b>Low \$900,000's</b></p>	<p><b>SALE PENDING</b></p>  <p><b>6055 Ashley Court, Pleasanton</b>        Beautiful one story home with 4 bedrooms, 2 remodeled baths and a sunny granite kitchen. <b>\$868,000</b></p>



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