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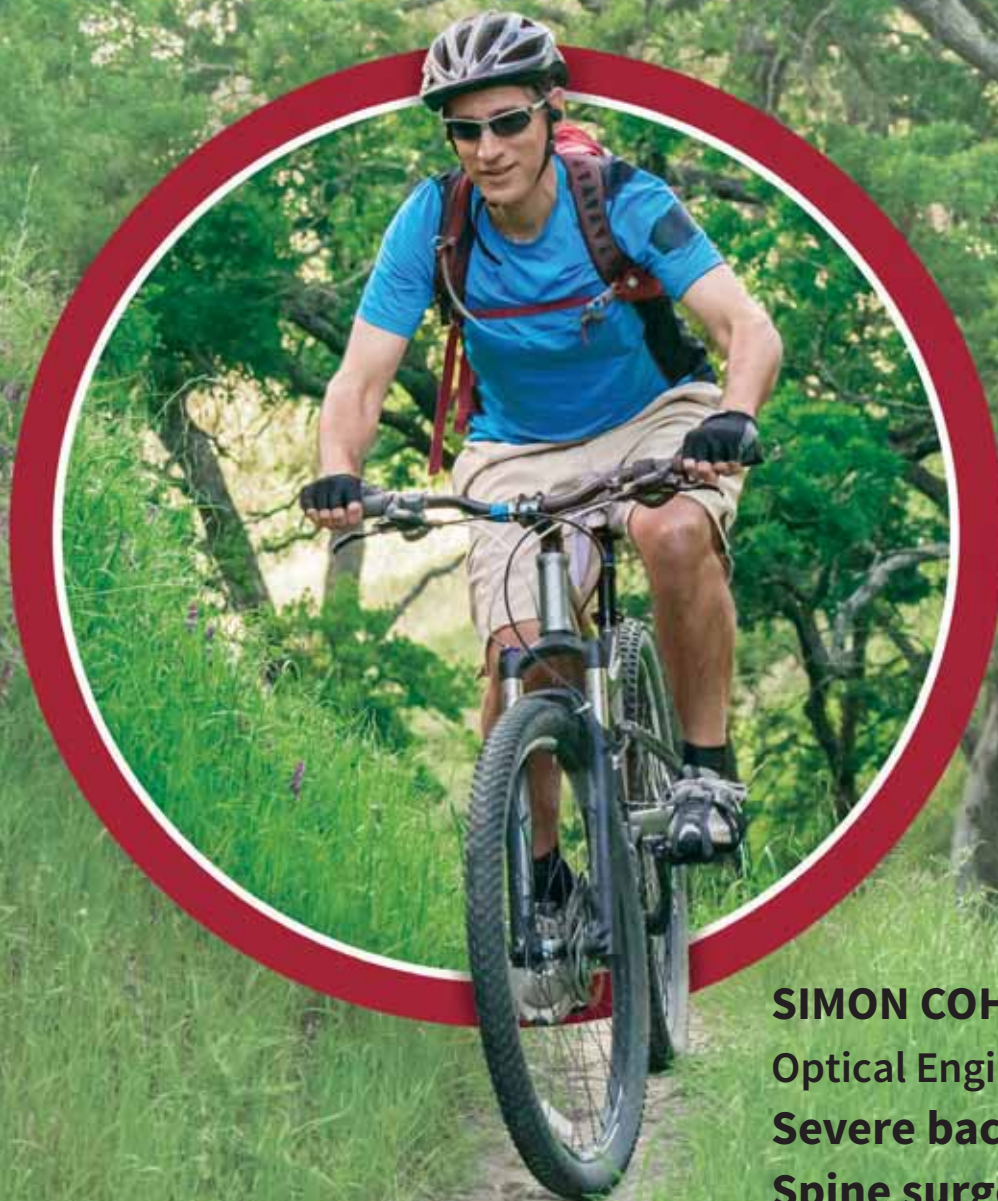


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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## A different perspective on Spotorno Ranch development

After my recent column on the development proposal for the Spotorno Ranch near the Callippe Preserve Golf Course, I had the opportunity to visit with a couple of people.

Speaking to one Alisal Street family, they had a different perspective from mine. They believe that the Spotorno family has a right to develop, but they are concerned about traffic on Alisal, particularly because it gets all the traffic other than the morning window that allows the families living on the golf course to use Happy Valley Road.

The challenge is all three of the roads serving the golf course and the neighborhoods were constructed decades ago.

Sycamore Road is in the city of Pleasanton, while Alisal and Happy Valley Road both are in Alameda County jurisdiction. The city's agreement with the county when the golf course was built limited golf course traffic to Sycamore and Alisal — thus the no-left-turn sign on Westbridge Lane. That was changed about a year ago when residents around the golf course who were commuting south in the morning or taking students to Foothill High complained about being dumped into major traffic on Sunol Boulevard and having to go way out of their way.

The compromise allows access to Happy Valley for a couple of hours in the morning commute.

The family I spoke with questions whether the bypass road will make any sense. The new road originally was to run in the hills of the ranch and take traffic off both Alisal and Sycamore.

The Alisal family would prefer to use whatever money comes from development to improve Alisal and Happy Valley and open both to golf course traffic so it is split. They view the bypass road as questionable from an environmental standpoint and potentially damaging to their land and others as well as shifting the traffic onto the road through the newer neighborhood.

The current agreement calls for the city to split the cost of the road with the developer of the Spotorno Ranch, but, if the development moves ahead at 22 units, there's no

way there's enough money generated to pay for the bypass road. And the city has consistently had higher priorities for its traffic capital improvement program. The developer said that the 39-unit proposal could not cover the cost of the bypass road.

The Alisal family would like to see additional traffic calming measures on Alisal to slow the traffic. Their view is that the golfers are always late and driving fast in the mornings to make their tee times and then much more relaxed when they are returning. During the peak seasons, the golf course generates between 400 and 500 trips per day, most of them on Alisal and Sycamore because of the left-turn restriction onto Happy Valley Road.

The proposed 39 homes, unlikely at this point, would add about 400 more trips per day. The 22 homes that the Planning Commission seemed inclined toward would just about cut that in half.

As for speeding motorists, a few traffic bumps on Alisal (they are in place on Sycamore), plus motorcycle patrols, can make a real difference.

For the Alisal family, they proposed thinking out of the box. They asked what if a land conservancy could purchase the development rights from the Spotornos who could continue to use it for grazing their animals. Then the city and the county could come together to improve both roads and include more traffic calming measures.

It could be preserved as a working ranch with conservation easements — just like much of the vineyard land in the Livermore Valley — and the Spotorno family could get paid for their land.

It's a potential win-win. The question is whether the Tri-Valley Conservancy, or another group or groups, could come up with the cash and whether the Spotorno family would accept a potential offer.

I also heard from Al and LaVerne Spotorno (Al is nearing his 91st birthday). If the development proposal moves ahead in some fashion, they plan to only sell the flat parcel and retain ownership of the other two parcels. That includes the parcel with their home and the 44-acre plot on Minnie Road that has the pens, barns, farm equipment and corrals to work the livestock. ■

### About the Cover

Ashley Nguyen and Jennifer Santos take samples of oranges and grapes from Amador Valley High School students Ariana McFarlane and Olivia Jones as Jennifer's mother Emily Santos looks on during the Pleasanton Farmers' Market on July 8. Photo by Amanda Su. Cover design by Doug Young.

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### Tyson Armario

*Bodyguard*

On cool days, my dad leaves me comfortably in his truck with plenty of fresh water and food, and on really hot days he leaves me at the homes of friends who can entertain me and who have air conditioning. I have such a great life. Woof!



### Chloe The Princess Eggen

*Princess*

On really hot days, my parents make sure I have all sorts of extra water to keep me hydrated and cool. The rest of the year, I must happily admit, they are really attentive to the rest of my needs. Every single one of them!



### Violet Levy

*Prima donna*

Ordinarily, I love going for long walks, but on really hot days my parents don't take me for walks at all. Instead, they just spend time with me in the backyard hanging out on the grass because they don't want my feet to burn on the pavement/sidewalk. That would really hurt. Meowch!



### Pixie Pie

*Retired*

My parents are the best when it comes to heat. They keep me mostly indoors with a huge bowl of water constantly available to me, and they watch my every breath to make sure I don't skip a beat. They also give me lots of extra treats that are salty to make sure I'm thirsty and will drink plenty of water to keep myself hydrated.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Traffic calming

Pleasanton city officials are scheduled to hold a community meeting Monday evening to receive public input on the draft calming program for Junipero Street and Independence Drive.

The presentation follows 10 steering committee meetings during which the program was developed, according to city traffic engineer Mike Tassano. It is expected to head to the City Council for approval in September or October.

"The plan has a series of speed lumps and a radar speed sign along with added crosswalks," he said. "In addition we are proposing a major modification to the Bernal at First/Sunol intersection — arterial intersection improvements are not commonly associated with traffic calming programs, but in this case, the majority of the cut-through traffic is trying to avoid this intersection."

Monday's community meeting is set for 6-7 p.m. in the council chamber at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave. For more info, call 931-5669.

### County board VP

The Alameda County Board of Education has selected a new president and vice president for the 2017-18 school year, including naming the Tri-Valley's board member to a leadership post.

Board members last week elected Ken Berrick as president and Yvonne Cerrato as vice president.

Cerrato serves Area 7, covering Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore; the unincorporated communities of Sunol and Mountain House, and the southeastern portion of Fremont. She was elected to the board in March 2002. Berrick has represented Area 3 — which includes Piedmont and portions of Oakland — for nine years on the board.

### Citizens academy

County officials are accepting applications for residents interested in learning more about how the county government works and increasing their civic engagement as part of the Alameda County Citizens Academy.

The six-session program occurs each Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. from Sept. 20 to Nov. 8. Space is limited, and applications are due Aug. 4. For more information, visit [www.acgov.org/academies/citizens](http://www.acgov.org/academies/citizens).

### Henna event delay

Pleasanton city officials postponed a free Henna art workshop for teens originally scheduled for yesterday to instead occur Aug. 24 because of a new waiver requirement. For more information, call the Pleasanton Public Library at 931-3400. ■

## City Council approves Alviso Adobe Community Park Implementation Plan

Action steps seek to boost interest in historic park off Foothill Road

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council unanimously endorsed the Alviso Adobe Community Park Implementation Plan on Tuesday night, outlining a series of efforts designed to increase interest in and usage of the historic city park on Old Foothill Road.

The eight-page plan features more than 25 action steps within key strategy areas to fulfill the goals of preserving and enhancing the park as a historical site, maintaining and interpreting historical land-uses, enhancing park program and special events, and increasing

community outreach and support.

"There's a lot of work that's been done out there, and I've been really disappointed in the amount of usage that it's had over the years. I'm glad we're doing some things that are hopefully going to increase the usage out there," Mayor Jerry Thorne said toward the end of the 25-minute discussion in the council chamber.

"There are some good steps here," he added about the implementation plan. "I think the marketing and public information about this will help as much as anything else. So, let's talk it up."

The 7-acre city park opened in October 2008 at 3465 Old Foothill Road, right off Foothill Road just south of the high school. The centerpiece is the Francisco Solano Alviso Adobe House, built in 1854 and now registered as a California historical landmark.

After the park's first five years, city officials and residents worked to develop a strategic plan to provide the blueprint for boosting interest in the park going forward. The Alviso Adobe Community Park Strategic Plan was formally adopted two years ago today.

"It feels good to be sitting here

now and being able to actually continue to move the park forward," Councilwoman Kathy Narum said. "We have some 45 parks, many of them are active. I think this is a really unique one in that it is more passive, but plenty to do, educational and really reflects on our heritage."

A follow-up to the 2015 strategic plan, the implementation plan lays out action steps to help the city's key strategies and goals for Alviso Adobe come to fruition. It features a mix of completed, ongoing and

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DANIEL KIM

### Explosive performance

This 'n' That — better known as TNT — rocked the crowd at Concerts in the Park last week, getting people on the dance floor by playing a range of genres. The fun continues today with Audio Illusion performing rock, blues and pop at this week's concert from 7-8:30 p.m. at Lions Wayside Park downtown. The summertime series, organized by the Pleasanton Downtown Association, runs each Friday evening through Aug. 25.

## Going green

Livermore lab honored for reducing paper use

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency last week recognized five federal agencies for "going green" at their Bay Area facilities, including Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory for cutting paper usage in half.

All five won the EPA's 2017 Federal Green Challenge Education and Outreach Award for the Pacific Northwest Region.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said the federal agencies improved efficiency, saved resources and reduced costs estimated at \$17

million across the federal government in 2016.

In addition to the Department of Energy's Livermore lab, the honored federal agencies and their Bay Area locations are:

- The Department of Veterans Affairs' Northern California Health Care System in Martinez for energy and water conservation.
- The Department of Agriculture's Forest Service Region 5 in Vallejo for reducing mobile fleet emissions.
- The Department of Labor's San Francisco Federal Building for

increasing recycling and composting by 135% from 2015 to 2016.

- The Presidio Trust in San Francisco for its sustainable efforts of recycling, composting and alternative transportation at its large-scale outdoor picnic events that drew nearly 8,000 visitors in 2016.

The Federal Green Challenge is a yearlong effort to focus on efficiently managing resources to protect the environment and reduce costs of building operations, maintenance and supplies. ■

—James Lanaras, Bay City News

By ERIKA ALVERO

Express lanes on the Interstate 680 just north of Pleasanton are nearing completion, scheduled to open in early fall, though a hard date has not yet been specified.

The project converting carpool lanes into toll express lanes is intended to promote carpooling and improve traffic congestion on the I-680 corridor, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) project manager Barbara Laurenson said at the San Ramon City Council meeting last week.

"We're doing this for mobility," she said. "As the region grows, we need to have an infrastructure that is supportive of carpools, vanpools and express buses. We all are suffering from the growth of our region, and we know that we have to use all the tools that we have to reduce congestion."

The project includes one northbound express lane from Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon to Livorna Road in Alamo, and one southbound express lane from Rudgear Road in Walnut Creek to Alcosta Boulevard. It's part of a larger plan sponsored by MTC and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to develop an integrated Bay Area express lanes network.

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# Commission delays decision on Valley Trails 2nd-floor addition

Homeowners want new bedrooms upstairs; neighbors object to proposal

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Planning Commission discussed a dispute between Valley Trails neighbors over one family's proposal to redesign the second story of their house last week before ultimately sending the proposal back to city staff for further modifications.

There is no timetable for when the commissioners will again debate the proposal from Yellowstone Court homeowners David and Sue Robles to convert their unconditioned loft space into new second-floor bedrooms and other amenities, according to community development director Gerry Beaudin.

"All five commissioners concurred with the motion to direct staff to work with the applicant

on a design that removes the proposed window from the north elevation, improves the proposed front elevation and reduces the massing of the proposed second-story addition," Beaudin said after the July 12 meeting. "We'll bring the item back when we've worked through the Planning Commission's direction."

"In the meantime, staff will work with the applicant and neighbors to improve the design of the proposed addition," he added.

The Robleses' initial proposal called for redesigning their loft space into an approximately 740-square-foot addition, including creating four new bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs and extending the roof height from 20

feet to 25 feet at their house at 3552 Yellowstone Court, off South Valley Trails Drive.

They received approval from the city's zoning administrator

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**Gerry Beaudin,**

Community development director

in May, but they appealed a condition put on their project to remove a proposed north-facing window — a requirement added by the zoning administrator after hearing from the Robleses' next-door neighbors, who raised privacy concerns about new windows with views into their backyard pool area.

In their appeal, the Robleses said removing the window as required would force them to

remove a bedroom from their design and negatively impact their property value, while also pointing out their next-door neighbors have a second-floor window that offers a view into their backyard.

More neighbors also contended there's a history of poor maintenance at the Robles property and security concerns related to people who stayed at the house — including police activity, code enforcement calls and neighborhood vandalism — and they argued allowing the new addition could exacerbate those problems.

The couple acknowledged that their adult children and associates of their adult children had stayed at the home for extended periods in the recent past, and that the police activity and calls for service were related to one of their children and because of neighbors reporting code violations or perceived violations, according to city staff.

They said they now need the additional bedrooms to accommodate growing grandchildren who are living with them, according to city staff.

Some neighbors argued,

however, that allowing four new bedrooms for people to stay in would lead to more security problems, plus create a house out of scale with the Yellowstone Court neighborhood.

The commissioners did discuss the number of bedrooms during their meeting last week, but their focus was on the overall design proposal, Beaudin said.

"(The) commission's purview with respect to this project is design review and aesthetics, so the number of bedrooms was not the focus of the commission's direction. That being said, if the size of the addition is reduced, fewer bedrooms could be an outcome," he added.

City planning staff had recommended denying the Robleses' appeal and upholding the zoning administrator's original approval, but the commission instead sent it back to the drawing board for further modifications.

It's currently unclear when the project will be back before the commission for a final decision. Beaudin said city staff would notify the neighborhood once the new hearing is scheduled. ■

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# Bras for the Cause raises \$160,000 for breast cancer support

Checks recently presented to four local nonprofits

By AMANDA SU

The 12th annual Bras for the Cause 8K breast cancer walk that occurred in downtown Pleasanton in late spring raised a total of \$160,000, which was recently disbursed to four local breast cancer charities, organizers announced last week.

The fundraising walk, which occurred on April 29, is hosted by Tri-Valley SOCKs (Stepping Out for Cancer Kures), a volunteer-run nonprofit dedicated to raising money for local breast cancer charities. The funds raised were donated to their chosen beneficiaries on June 15.

"I am a 21-year breast cancer survivor. When I was initially diagnosed in 1996, I wanted to do 'something' to find or improve the cures. I received fabulous care, but was amazed at the different experiences other women had," said Barbara Roudebush, a member of the Tri-Valley SOCKs Board of Directors.

"I met the Tri-Valley SOCKs walking team in 2005 and fell in love with the people and the giving passion. Now I'm addicted," she added.

The proceeds raised from the



Bras for the Cause walkers made their way down the streets of Pleasanton on April 29 in decorated bras and festive costumes, collecting donations and raising awareness for breast cancer. The event raised \$160,000, organizers announced last week.

event consist of the funds raised by Bras for the Cause walkers — who made their way down local sidewalks in decorated bras, collecting donations and raising awareness — and proceeds from major event partners, such as Topcon, KKIQ and Scherbarth Family, in excess of

direct event expenses.

Checks were presented to four nonprofits, who were chosen prior to the event, based on their ability to raise money for local breast cancer charities in support of breast cancer research, treatment and educational programs.

The UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center received \$70,000, which will be used to invest in the cure through BOP (Breast Oncology Program) and to support innovative ideas through their established Research and Career Development Programs.

Stanford Health Care-Valley-Care Breast Cancer Charities received \$40,000, which will be used to support the Patient Navigation and STAR Rehab Programs, Breast Cancer Educational Program and Breast Cancer Support Services.

The nonprofit Axis Community Health received \$30,000, which will be used to provide breast health imaging and case management services for low-income and uninsured women in the Tri-Valley.

HERS Breast Cancer Foundation received \$20,000, which will be used to serve uninsured and under-insured clients with bras, prosthesis, lymphedema garments and wigs. Tri-Valley SOCKs' first donation to HERS helped enable the nonprofit's wig program.

The cumulative total funds donated to various breast cancer charities through Tri-Valley SOCKs, since the inception of the annual Bras for the Cause breast cancer walk, is nearly \$1.6 million.

For those interested in becoming a partner, volunteer or walker in the 13th annual Bras for the Cause walk next year, visit [www.trivalleysocks.org](http://www.trivalleysocks.org) or email [info@trivalleysocks.org](mailto:info@trivalleysocks.org). ■

## Church hosting suicide prevention, awareness workshops

Dual event Aug. 1 geared toward teens and parents alike

By JULIA REIS

Next month, St. Augustine Church & Hall in Pleasanton will host suicide prevention and awareness workshops for teens and parents.

The two sessions will run simultaneously from 7:30-9 p.m. Aug. 1 at the church at 3999 Bernal Ave., with one for adults and one for middle and high school students. They will be led by officials from Crisis Support Services of Alameda County and hosted by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (CCOP). All Tri-Valley residents are welcome.

The purpose of the event is to teach community members tools to help someone at risk of dying by suicide, according to CCOP youth group and confirmation coordinator Nicole Browne. In an email, she said as a CCOP coordinator and parent of three children, she has "watched too many families struggle with mental health issues alone."

"Sometimes, unfortunately, the results are very tragic with the death of a young person in our community by suicide," Browne said. "I personally have spoken with teens contemplating suicide

or suffering after a friend or acquaintance has died by suicide. Because of this, I began researching and learning more about what I could do to help.

"I knew we needed to do more to bring this topic out into the open, so parents and teens don't feel so alone in their struggles and others feel like they know what they can do to help," she added.

The workshop for parents, which will be held in the church, will teach them about suicide and how to recognize warning signs in their child. It is geared toward parents of middle and high school aged children.

It will also go over risk factors and information on available community resources, including the county's 24-hour crisis line.

The workshop for teens in St. Augustine Hall will teach them

how to help a friend who may be experiencing depression and recognize the warning signs that indicate a person may be at risk of suicide.

"Because we are fortunate to be a large church in town with a lot of space on our campus to host this event, I decided to have an evening that the teens and adults could learn at the same time," Browne said.

"Our hope at CCOP is that anyone in the Tri-Valley will attend this event if they are interested," she continued. "We want to keep the conversation going about the importance of mental health and learn how we can help anyone contemplating suicide to get the help they need to feel better."

For more information on the workshops, visit CCOP online at [www.catholicsofpleasanton.org](http://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org). ■

Anyone in need of support can contact  
Crisis Support Services of Alameda County's  
24-hour confidential crisis line at **800-309-2131**  
or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at  
**800-273-8255** or [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

## Pleasanton company acquired by equity firm

Sabah International focused in fire detection, security services

By JULIA REIS

Private equity firm Huron Capital announced Tuesday that its Bay Area company Sciens Building Solutions has acquired Pleasanton-based Sabah International Inc.

Founded in 1972, Sabah designs, installs, services and maintains fire detection and suppression systems, as well as leak detection and integrated security systems. The company, headquartered in the Hacienda Business Park, primarily serves technology, healthcare, education and government entities, among others.

Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

"I am very proud of the company we have built over the years and we could not have done it without our great employees," Sabah CEO Michele Sabah said in a statement. "We chose to partner with Sciens because of our shared values and this exciting buy-and-build strategy, which we believe will allow our employees to further develop in their careers while remaining firmly focused on the

satisfaction of customers."

Added Sabah president Matt Ramsey, "With our ethos focused on people, quality and customer service, we think we have built an amazing company. We believe being part of Sciens will further reinforce our core beliefs and mission, plus provide new opportunities to Sabah employees."

This is the third acquisition since September 2016 for San Francisco-based Sciens, which Huron Capital formed in partnership with CEO Terry Heath to pursue a buy-and-build investment strategy in the fire detection and security services sector.

"With three companies now under the Sciens umbrella and offices on both coasts, Sciens is becoming a significant player in the fire detection and security services arena," said Jim Mahoney, partner at Huron Capital in a statement.

Based in Detroit, Huron Capital has raised over \$1.7 billion in capital through six private equity funds and invested in over 135 companies. ■

# Food truck forced out of longtime spot, moves across street

Nelly's now on other side of Vineyard Avenue after traffic complaints

By JULIA REIS

A food truck that has operated on Vineyard Avenue since the 1990s was recently forced to relocate — albeit not far from its original location — after Pleasanton city officials determined the business was creating traffic problems.

Nelly's taco truck is now parking in a turnout near the intersection of Vineyard and Isabel avenues across the street from its former spot, weeks after a complaint from a nearby winery prompted code enforcement

officers to visit the site, according to Pleasanton community development director Gerry Beaudin.

In the 1990s, the city crafted a policy allowing the Mexican food truck to park in city-owned right-of-way on Vineyard Avenue so long as it was off the road and not creating any traffic issues, Beaudin said Tuesday.

But in early June, the city received a letter from a local winery — the name of which Beaudin did not know off-hand — complaining that

the truck was creating traffic hazards and requesting that the city step in.

City officials spoke to the food truck operator, Beaudin said, and came out to the site to observe traffic on multiple occasions in late June.

“We wanted to work with this business owner and we did for as long as we could,” Beaudin said. “But we received complaints about traffic hazards and witnessed those same things and ultimately decided it was in the best interest of everyone to not use this location as

it had been in the past.”

He added that while he did not know the specific issues code enforcement officers encountered at the food truck site, patrons “weren't parking their vehicles and entering and exiting that location in a safe manner.”

“It's not ideal to have a business operating on the side of the road like that,” Beaudin said.

On June 30, the city sent the taco truck operator a notice stating that, due to lack of legal parking and

traffic hazards, they could no longer do business at that spot.

When code enforcement officers returned to the area July 3, they found the truck had relocated nearby, across the street to land in Alameda County's jurisdiction, Beaudin said.

“It's unfortunate,” he said of the outcome. “We tried everything to work with the food truck operator and gave them plenty of time and notice. It all comes down to traffic safety.” ■

## EXPRESS LANES

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The \$45 million project involves converting high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes into toll express lanes. Project construction, which began in August 2015 and was initially expected to be completed in late 2016, is now scheduled to be completed by late September or early October, Laurenson said.

Everyone can drive in the lanes, but only HOV and some select others can use them for free during toll hours — similar to the express lanes on I-580 through the Tri-Valley and I-680 south of Pleasanton.

In order to use the express lanes,

drivers will need to obtain a toll tag — toll-exempt vehicles must use a FasTrak Flex toll tag, set in the “2” position for 2-person carpools and the “3+” position for everything else, while solo drivers can have either a standard FasTrak toll tag or a FasTrak Flex tag set in the “1” position.

Solo drivers will be charged a toll fee to use the lanes, while carpools, vanpools, eligible clean-air vehicles, motorcycles and buses can use the lanes toll-free.

The lanes will operate from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and will be managed and monitored by MTC.

A key component of the plan, said Laurenson, is “dynamic tolling”

— as traffic increases, tolls increase, and vice versa.

The minimum toll price will be 50 cents and the maximum toll will be set by supply and demand. There may be times, said Laurenson, during which the lane will be “open to all.”

There are two zones in each direction, and the pricing signs along the freeway will specify how much solo drivers will end up paying to reach the end of the zone versus the end of the express lane. For example, a driver heading north from Dublin may be tolled \$1 to reach Crow Canyon Road (the end of one zone) and \$3 to reach Livorna Road (the end of the express lane).

Lane enforcement will look similar to that across Bay Area bridges. Cameras are present to snap photos of license plates, and when someone travels on the express lane with the FasTrak Flex tag set in the “2” or “3+” position, said Laurenson, that will “trigger a beacon on the express lanes, which will let the CHP (California Highway Patrol) know to extra look at that car to ensure that it is 2 or 3-plus.”

Those who drive on the lanes without the proper FasTrak tag will be charged violation fees, starting at \$25 and escalating up to \$70.

At last week's meeting, Laurenson acknowledged counter arguments that have been raised to express

lanes in general.

Some say the toll tag requirement is an unfair burden, she said, while others state that allowing single-occupant vehicles actually slows the lane down, and is an example of the government prioritizing revenue over mobility. But, said Laurenson, the dynamic tolling is MTC's response to deal with that potential.

Another critique has been one of inequity, that the express lanes are unfair to low-income drivers who may not be able to afford the toll to beat traffic. Laurenson responded to that as well, stating that nationwide research has shown that drivers of all income levels use the express lanes. ■

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# County board expands program for mentally ill on the streets

Supervisor Chan: 'It's another way to get people into the mental health system'

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 last week to expand to fully implement a pilot program that allows for the involuntary treatment of mentally ill people who aren't receiving mental health services.

The state legislature passed a bill in 2002 called Laura's Law that permits court-ordered outpatient treatment of people with a documented history of mental illness.

The law is named after Laura Wilcox, a mental health worker who was killed in Nevada County in 2001 by a man who had refused psychiatric treatment.

However, it's up to each county to adopt the law and until recently only a few counties had opted to

implement it, although now more than 15 counties, including San Francisco, have done so. Alameda County approved a pilot program on Dec. 15, 2015, for five people at a time.

Proponents, such as Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Wilma Chan, say that the law is a humane way to provide services to mentally ill people who need them but aren't getting them.

But opponents say the law would take away the rights of mentally ill people by forcing them into programs they don't want.

Chan said expanding the program "is a real difficult decision" but she said "it's another way to get people

into the mental health system."

Addressing the dozens of people who spoke against the program at a lengthy hearing July 11, Chan said, "We can't force people to take their medications and we don't lock them up."

But Supervisor Keith Carson, who cast the lone vote against expanding the program, said the county should also be expanding long-term programs for the mentally ill, such as the In-House Outreach Team, which provides services to adults with mental illness with the intention of connecting them with psychiatric care and other services.

Carson said, "We have a responsibility not to take the easy way out and I'm fearful of this."

He said, "We're financing locked facilities."

Among those who spoke today in favor of having Alameda County expand the program was a woman who said she was speaking on behalf of the parents of Daniel Dewitt, a man from Alameda who's now 28 and was charged with the murdering of Peter Cukor at Cukor's home in the Berkeley hills in 2012.

Dewitt, who suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, pleaded no contest to first-degree murder and other charges but a judge then ruled that he was not guilty by reason of insanity. In 2015 Dewitt was committed to 33 years to life at a state mental hospital.

Fremont police Sgt. Paul

McCormick said the program should be expanded because there's been "a dramatic shift" in the last 20 years from mentally ill people being treated in institutions to many of them being on the streets, where police officers have to deal with them.

McCormick said many mentally ill people "are resistant to change or undergoing therapy and don't understand that they're sick."

Berkeley police Officer Jeff Shannon, who's also a licensed mental health professional, said, "There's been a precipitous increase in the number of contacts police officers have with people who have mental health challenges but aren't being treated." ■

—Jeff Shuttleworth, Bay City News

## ALVISO ADOBE

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planned future improvement efforts — of varying scales, time-frames and costs.

Smaller projects include using STQRY.com to create a mobile visitor experience, adding an outdoor sink to the north side of the bunkhouse, putting in more display beehives, installing more off-site directional signage, creating new programming for teens and adults, refining the docent program and exploring the formation of a non-profit foundation to manage sponsorships and partnerships.

Larger-scale efforts include redesigning landscape and signage at the Foothill Road entryway, hiring professional help to review function of the milking barn and redesign the exhibits and displays, and moving forward with parking and other improvements in the area so Alviso Adobe can serve as the primary staging area for the new Castleridge trail on Pleasanton Ridge.



JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Alviso Adobe Community Park centers around the Francisco Solano Alviso Adobe House, built in 1854 and now registered as a California historical landmark.

The city also plans to use \$160,000 this fiscal year to construct a signalized pedestrian crossing across Foothill Road to connect Laguna Oaks Trail to the adobe, and \$350,000 is proposed for design and construction of building changes and other efforts at the park in 2018-19, according to city staff.

"It's a fabulous park ... It is an important part of Pleasanton's history," Councilwoman Karla Brown

said. "It really is an asset. It's underutilized, and I'm hoping these improvements will really make a difference and we'll see more residents as well as students go up to the park."

Drafted by the Alviso Adobe Strategic Plan Task Force and city staff, the implementation plan was endorsed by the Parks and Recreation Commission in May before receiving support from all five council members Tuesday night. ■

## TAKE US ALONG



**Driving through the desert:** Jeff and Leslie Dannis shared the Pleasanton Weekly with their new friends from the United Kingdom, Tony and Norma, while on a much-needed break from a desert jeep ride in the Arabian Desert outside of Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Their visit to Dubai was in October 2016, one of the stops on a Princess cruise.

To submit your "Take Us Along" entry, email your photograph to [editor@pleasantonweekly.com](mailto:editor@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.

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**WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES**

**Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force Meeting**  
 Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue  
 • For more information please visit [www.ptowndowntown.org](http://www.ptowndowntown.org)

**Committee on Energy and the Environment**  
 Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.  
 Operations Services, 3333 Busch Road  
 Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program  
 • Climate Action Plan Update

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**COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT**

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- Civic Arts Commission**  
1 Member  
1 Youth Member
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1 Youth Member
- Parks & Recreation Commission**  
1 Youth Member
- Planning Commission**  
1 Member

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*Alice Frerking*  
 April 10, 1941 – June 28, 2017  
 Former Pleasanton Resident

Age 76, Alice was born in St. Louis MO, and lived her childhood and youth in Florida and Las Vegas, Nev. Alice worked for Reynolds Electric Co. at the DOE Nevada Test Site. She then worked as a data analyst at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where she met her husband-to-be, Eric. Alice was the loving mother of two sons - Christopher and Matthew, and a daughter, Melinda. Alice thrived on traveling and providing the widest possible experience base for the children. After living in Pleasanton and Discovery Bay, she moved to Brooks Maine, where she lived till recently. She then moved to Vancouver Washington where she passed away a month after her 50th wedding anniversary. Alice leaves behind her sister, Frances Kendall of Los Alamos, New Mexico, as well as her children and husband.

Alice will be tremendously missed!

A Family service was held in Vancouver - a burial service will be held at the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery in Pleasanton at 1:00 PM on July 26.

PAID OBITUARY

# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Woman accused of using stolen credit cards in Pleasanton arrested in Nevada

Pleasanton police said last week that a woman accused of using stolen credit cards at Walmart in Pleasanton two months ago has been arrested in Nevada.

Francesca Bertolini, who also has several outstanding warrants for cases in other areas, remained in custody in Nevada while authorities determine where she'll head to face charges first, according to Pleasanton police Officer Shannon Revel-Whitaker.

Pleasanton police have been working since May to locate the woman responsible for using stolen credit cards to make purchases at the Walmart store on Rosewood Drive around 10 p.m. on May 3.

The credit cards were inside a wallet that was stolen from an unlocked car parked in the Fitness 19 lot at the nearby Rose Pavilion some time after 7:45 p.m. that night.

Walmart's security system captured footage of the woman leaving the store, and police publicly released photographs from the

surveillance footage last month in the hopes of identifying the woman.

Pleasanton police announced July 12 that they identified their suspect as Bertolini, a 27-year-old Contra Costa County resident.

They then learned July 13 that Bertolini had been contacted and arrested in Nevada. Revel-Whitaker said she had no additional details about Bertolini's arrest.

Revel-Whitaker said what typically occurs next in out-of-area cases is the law enforcement agencies will work together to determine the next steps for having an arrestee face the criminal charges that are pending them in different jurisdictions.

### In other police news

There is still time to register neighborhood block parties to participate in National Night Out on Aug. 1.

The deadline is Wednesday for residents to sign up to have police officers and local officials visit their block party.

"National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message

to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back," Revel-Whitaker said in a statement earlier this month.

Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and local police departments, the 34th annual National Night Out is scheduled for the evening of Aug. 1, taking place in thousands of communities with millions of participants across the country.

In Pleasanton, the event has grown from just four block parties in its first year in town more than 15 years ago to almost 40 block parties last year, according to Revel-Whitaker.

Mostly organized by local neighborhood watch groups, Pleasanton parties range from potlucks and barbecues to ice cream socials to celebrations with live bands, bounce houses and children parades, she added. Parties that register could be visited by a Pleasanton police officer, elected officials, local firefighters or representatives of other agencies.

Applications can be downloaded from the PPD website at [www.pleasantonpd.org](http://www.pleasantonpd.org) or picked up in the department's front lobby. For more information, contact Revel-Whitaker at 931-5242 or [srevel-whitaker@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:srevel-whitaker@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

—Jeremy Walsh

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### July 16

#### Theft

- 5:55 a.m., 5300 block of Owens Court; auto theft
- 6:54 a.m. at the intersection of Apache Court and Apache Drive
- 8:19 a.m. at the intersection of Canyon Creek Circle and Dublin Canyon Road
- 5:38 p.m., 1700 block of Santa Rita Road; shoplifting

#### Alcohol violation

- 6:05 p.m. on the 2800 block of Hopyard Road

#### Sex offense

- 8:22 p.m. on Stoneridge Mall Road

### July 15

#### Warrant arrest

- 1:14 a.m. on the 4500 block of El Dorado Court

#### Theft

- 11:07 a.m. on the 4000 block of Pimlico Drive
- 12:44 p.m., 6000 block of Laurel Creek Drive; theft from auto
- 6:40 p.m., 300 block of Brianne Court; auto theft

#### Embezzlement

- 1:18 p.m. on the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue

#### Burglary

- 1:46 p.m. on the 00 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 11:31 p.m. on the 300 block of Christina Court

#### Domestic battery

- 4:35 p.m. on Owens Drive

#### Graffiti offense

- 10:12 p.m. at the intersection of Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

#### DUI

- 11:13 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

### July 14

#### Theft

- 9:40 a.m., 4300 block of Valley Avenue; shoplifting
- 7:12 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 10:10 p.m. on the 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Burglary

- 7:12 p.m. on the 4100 block of Cid Way
- 10:28 p.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

### July 13

#### Burglary

- 6:16 a.m. on the 1900 block of Harvest Road

#### Robbery

- 10:40 a.m. at the intersection of Owens Drive and Owens Court

#### Fraud

- 11:14 a.m. on the 400 block of Montori Court

#### Theft

- 12:42 p.m. on the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive

#### Vandalism

- 1:54 p.m. on the 3900 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Animal services

- 4:42 p.m. on the 1400 block of Groth Circle

#### Embezzlement

- 5:53 p.m. on the 1600 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Domestic battery

- 9:28 p.m. on Muirwood Drive

#### Warrant arrest

- 9:48 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

### July 12

#### Theft

- 5:41 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

- 8:36 a.m., 3400 block of Andrews Drive; auto theft

- 11:10 a.m., 5800 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

- 3:34 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Child abuse

- 12:25 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

#### Arson

- 12:45 p.m. on the 1800 block of Laguna Creek Lane

#### Fraud

- 1:31 p.m. on the 7800 block of Foothill Knolls Drive

#### Robbery

- 9:20 p.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

### July 11

#### Theft

- 7:37 a.m. on the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle

- 7:40 a.m. on the 4100 block of Amberwood Circle

- 8:06 a.m. on the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane

- 4:35 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Warrant arrest

- 2:47 a.m. on the 400 block of Junipero Street

- 1:46 p.m. on the 800 block of Palomino Drive

#### Missing person

- 4:17 p.m. on the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Burglary

- 6:08 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

### July 10

#### Burglary

- 7:22 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Fraud

- 6:22 p.m. on the 5300 block of Piazza Court

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# Fair attracts nearly half-a-million to Pleasanton fairgrounds

Despite an opening week with record-high temperatures, the Alameda County Fair closed out its extended 20-day run July 9 with total attendance of 463,783, a five-year high though still short of the record-setting 534,577 who squeezed through the gates in 2012.

Horse racing had special appeal with 45,662 watching the meets before the fair closed, a 5% increase over last year.

All of that is good news for Pleasanton businesses, nonprofits and even city taxpayers who benefited. Even though the fair doesn't directly bring extra sales tax and other revenue to Pleasanton, the nearly half-million people who came to town certainly left a share of their dollars at local restaurants, gas stations, nighttime entertainment spots, even hotels, and all these shared a bit of their earnings with the local tax collectors.

Tina Olson, the city's director of finance, reports that Pleasanton earned \$235,350 in sales taxes in the third quarter of 2016, when most of last year's county fair took place. It's expected this year's receipts will be even higher.

Besides the extended run, fair aficionados had an extra treat as thousands watched cowboys commandeer 150 steers through downtown Pleasanton to officially open the fair June 16. Especially pleased

were downtown restaurants and retail shops that saw their businesses boom after the morning's cattle drive.

There were 17,836 competitive exhibits and entries at this summer's fair ranging from fine arts to "Snackdown" contests, which saw Doritos corn-on-the-cob crowned as the new grand champion of exotic foods. Runners-up were deep-fried mac and cheese balls and the gelato donut sandwich. Also on the food menu, fair-goers consumed 34,103 corn dogs, 32,904 funnel cakes, 16,998 turkey legs and 23,719 cups of lemonade.

Yet even with full stomachs, fair-goers kept the hungry and needy in mind, donating nearly 24,000 pounds of food to the Alameda County Community Food Bank, a 60% increase over last year. And volunteers collected 1,045 articles of clothing for foster kids living in the Bay Area.

The fair offered free admission tickets to every elementary school student in the county, while Butler Amusements provided unlimited ride wristbands to kids and their families from the Ronald McDonald house at Stanford.

Other fair highlights:

- Small animal sales totaled \$58,754 with receipts for the junior livestock auction totaling a whopping \$703,574 along with a few tears from the 4-H club members who raised them over the



ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

Butler Amusements' carnival midway was a popular draw, as always, at the county fair this year, lighting up the fairgrounds each evening during its 20-day run.

winter months.

- Sheila E, Clint Black, Sugar Ray, Wynonna & the Big Noise and John Michael Montgomery were among the top-attended shows presented by the Big O Tires Concert Series.
- The "Red, White & Brew Fest" and "Sip, Savor and Wager" wine festival both drew huge crowds for the special infield wine tasting events at the race track.
- The newly expanded Action Sports Arena featured different shows each weekend, including Extreme Rodeo, Monster Trucks and a demolition derby.

Other favorites that attracted large crowds included the Alaskan

pig races, Freestyle Motocross, Chinese acrobats, the American petting zoo with its newborn pigs and, of course, the non-stop carnival rides and games.

"It's been one of the best fairs in every way," said Jerome Hoban, CEO of the Alameda County Fair. "We sincerely appreciate the community's enthusiasm and support for the first-ever opening day cattle drive, the stellar concert lineup, our 4th of July celebration and an amazing season of horse racing."

Horse-racing will return between Sept. 21 and Oct. 1 when the Pleasanton fairgrounds hosts its second fall race meet. ■

## LETTERS

### Generosity blooms at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab

Dear Editor,

One of our favorite longtime volunteers, Janice Treuhaft, has been volunteering here at our facility for many years. Janice is our neighbor who lives just on the other side of the fence. She was paired with one of our long-term residents who loved to garden on the middle patio.

Janice helped our resident to maintain lots of plants and a planting table, year-round.

When our resident passed away, I asked Janice if she would still come to take care of the plants. She gladly accepted.

We moved the planting table to the rehab patio setting it next to the other two tables. Janice has planted bulbs and plants in all three tables, making the patio a favorite spot for our residents and families. It is a very peaceful and tranquil place to visit and share a meal or some special family time.

Janice is our "Garden Goddess,"

and we appreciate her hard work. Her generous heart helps bring beauty to our patio garden for all to share.

This is a special thank you to Janice from myself, Linda DeGennaro and all of our residents and families.

—Alizza Leal, Pleasanton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

### The swamp continues to grow

The swamp has engulfed another naive up and comer in Washington, D.C. Nancy Pelosi has stuck her claws in our very own District 15 congressman.

Ms. Pelosi has led our representative down the narrow and slimy banks of the overgrown swamp as she mentors him. Mr. Swalwell has just co-sponsored a new act ("Students Loan Forgiveness For Public Servants Act"). It is an elite group that will prosper from this act but very few others.

How much more are we expected to give to the entitled? The poor students that are working their way through college holding down a

couple of part-time jobs and paying down student debt are not qualified for this proposed gift. They are certainly expected to pay their loans and donate their tax dollars to enable the elites loan forgiveness.

I guess they are just part of the deplorables that know no better. It makes you wonder, how much student debt does Mr. Swalwell owe? After all, he is a public servant and one of the elite that has been mentored well by the creatures of the swamp.

It is time that the swamp is "drained" and its 535 creatures (senators and representatives) truly start working for their constituents who voted for them, not just small groups of the entitled and the lobbyist groups.

—Ron Imperiale

### Taco truck dispute

For the past 18 years, one of the best kept culinary secrets in the Tri-Valley has been the authentic Mexican cuisine cooked up at the taco truck parked near the intersection

of Vineyard and Isabel avenues in Pleasanton.

On June 30, the city of Pleasanton ordered the owner of the truck to desist from doing business in her longtime location. According to one account, someone at (a nearby winery), in front of which the truck had been operating with city approval, found the appearance of some of the truck's Latino customers objectionable and wanted the business moved. The city claims the truck was obstructing traffic, but, oddly enough, for 18 years no one had complained about this.

I spoke to a knowledgeable attorney about this and he told me that in cases like this, it is frequently the situation that someone who supports the city — or members therein — is getting special favors for that support. While one cannot know for sure whether this is the case here, there does seem to be a bad smell coming from somewhere — and it most certainly isn't from the taco truck.

—Randall Frost, Ph.D.



Susan Bettencourt helps young Caroline Bayles smell some fragrant, artisanal soap at the Pamela Soap stand, as soapmaker Dirke Visser greets more customers during the Pleasanton Farmers' Market earlier this month.

include B&B Ranch, Lone Oak, Swank, J&M Ibarra, Fontana, Vasquez, Halog, Cipponeri, Rodin, Hamlow, Northridge, Zuckerman and Her Farms.

Over the years, as older farms have retired, such as Goossen Farms which retired last season and Uto's Nursery the season before, younger farms and new kinds of produce have been brought in for the next generation.

Some of the new varieties of produce include a wide array of stone fruit (peaches, nectarines, plums and pluots), different tomatoes, lettuce, carrots and Romanesco. The market has also broadened its scope to include a plethora of artisan foods and goods, such as vinegars, dips, breads, fish, pasta, tamales, rotisserie chicken and soaps.

Every season, vendors rotate in and out depending on the goods they have, allowing the market to evolve and change over the seasons and years. During months when the amount of produce in local farms is minimal, more artisans are brought in to fill the space.

"This farm is my wife's cousin's and we've been selling corn since the mid '80s. During the winter time I sell apples and my brother-in-law's got the apples," said G&S Farms' Dave Pereira, also fittingly known as "Corn-Apple Dave."

Despite the changes the market undergoes every year and season, one thing remains the same: It's always a Pleasanton hotspot for community gathering.

"The main thing that I have found special about working at the market and being there is the friendships that people forge with their vendors and the fun I've personally had seeing people — vendors and customers — every Saturday who always say 'Good morning, Pat!' to me, for many years now," said Lane, who managed the market for years and led the PDA before retiring.

"Not to mention, the knowledge people can pick up through learning about vegetables and produce at the market from vendors and eating seasonally," she added.

Every Saturday, families can be seen catching up and conversing

## Fresh food, friendships and fun

Pleasanton Farmers' Market celebrating 25th year downtown

Story and Photos by Amanda Su

On a Saturday morning in downtown Pleasanton, West Angela Street is often filled with the musical stylings of local singers, resounding laughter of children after balloon artist Twee Twee gives them his latest masterpiece, scattered exclamations of "It's so nice to see you!" as old friends reunite and most importantly, the smells, colors and flavors of the freshest produce and artisanal goods that the Bay Area has to offer.

For a quarter-century, the

Pleasanton Farmers' Market has been a destination for people of all ages and walks of life to gather year-round.

"(When it was first founded), we were only half a market. The first year, the market just went till October, but now we've gone year-round ever since. Rain or shine," said Pleasanton resident Pat Lane, who founded the downtown market in 1993.

The Pleasanton Farmers' Market

is operated by the nonprofit organization Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association, which operates multiple farmers' markets throughout the Bay Area and strives to empower local farmers and ranchers and provide communities with access to healthier, better food.

Since its founding year, Pleasanton's market has grown drastically, expanding from just around 20 to 25 vendors on half a block to now some 60 vendors on two entire blocks.

"We have one of the biggest, brightest and best markets in all of the Bay Area," Pleasanton Downtown Association (PDA) executive director Laura Olson said. "We are so proud that we can bring this wonderful amenity to our community, rain or shine, every Saturday of the year. It gives residents and visitors one more great reason to visit downtown Pleasanton."

Some of the longstanding Pleasanton Farmers' Market vendors



Juan Bermudez restocks more fresh basil at the Borba Farms stand.



Colorful varieties of peppers from Borba Farms.



From left: Market founder Pat Lane, John S. front of vendor booth during the early years. market is celebrating its 25th year in downtown



Josephine Cipponeri and Jenna Johnston serve samples of fresh peaches in front of the Cipponeri Family Farms stand.

with other families, and many of those children who grew up going to the market now bring their own children and families.

“My favorite part about this market is just the whole ambiance and being able to be surrounded by the nice community,” said Emily Santos, a Pleasanton resident and teacher who has been going to the market since her daughter Jennifer was born 10 years ago.

Some of the producers, like Aoyoma, Cipponeri and Vasquez farms, have even gotten locals to help them sell at the market and work at their farms. Many of the growers have built lasting relationships with customers and look forward to seeing each other every week.

“99.9% of the people here are friendly. That guy’s the exception!” Pereira joked, as he pointed to and cheerfully teased one of his familiar

customers, who was walking up to his stand. He then proceeded to immediately strike up a friendly conversation.

B&B Ranch, a family of fourth generation farmers who have worked the same land for over 50 years and been a part of the market since its founding, has also developed many close friendships with Pleasanton residents over the years and can always be seen chatting with regular customers.

“A good customer of mine, an older lady, bought something that was \$4.65 and as she was rummaging through her purse, she realizes that she forgot her money,” Mike Billigmeier, from B&B Ranch, recounted. “And so I said ‘No problem, you come here every week and you’ve been coming here for 10, 15 years, so just take it home and give me the money next week.’”



Jose Villafana, from Santa Rosa Flowers, hands Kathi Nelson a bouquet of colorful sunflowers.

“And she says ‘No, no I can’t do that.’ So I say ‘It’s OK. I’ll be here, I know you.’ So she got here the next week at 7:30 a.m. — and I usually get here at a quarter to 8 — immediately gave me the money and told me, ‘I couldn’t sleep the entire week,’” he added.

Olivia Jones, an incoming senior at Amador Valley High School who decided to spend her summer working at the market, said she has found the experience extremely rewarding, “I’ve really enjoyed being at the center of the community every Saturday and seeing families return and kids’ happy faces as they enjoy all the fruits and vegetables.”

Throughout the market, local high school students can be seen giving out samples of peaches and other fruits, offering customers a hand and conversing with everyone passing through.

Many schools and other organizations also set up booths at the market, doing outreach or recruitment for their group — such as Amador’s softball team or Congressman Eric Swalwell — or raising funds for charity.

For example, during Memorial Day weekend, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Ambrose D. Regalia Post 6298 distributes Buddy Poppies, the VFW’s official memorial flower, at the farmers’ market, collecting donations as well.

The poppies are assembled by

disabled and financially disadvantaged veterans in VA hospitals and the donations collected are utilized to help maintain state and national veterans’ rehabilitation and service programs and to support the VFW National Home for orphans and widows of U.S. veterans.

Outside of West Angela Street, the market also continues its work with veterans by sponsoring a free Pancake Breakfast Pack-Out in June at Delucchi Park, put together by Pleasanton’s military moms, the Pleasanton Lions Club and other community organizations. The organization Pleasanton Military Families sets up tables at the breakfast to collect donations for care packages to be sent to deployed soldiers, consisting of books, magazines, personal hygiene products, socks, nonperishable snack foods, playing cards and often short notes of thanks.

During the four-day East Bay Stand Down that occurs every other year at the Alameda County Fairgrounds to connect homeless veterans to needed services, the Pleasanton Farmers’ Market also donates produce to help prepare the “three square meals a day” veterans are offered at the event.

And to support low-income families and those without the financial means to purchase healthier food options, all of the association’s markets — including Pleasanton’s — accept EBT (Cal-Fresh) and Women,



As the rotisserie chicken continues to roast, Aaron Levin keeps the potatoes cooking.

Infants and Children Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program coupons.

Today, the Pleasanton Farmers’ Market will also sponsor the Concert in the Park music series and will host a celebration at the market commemorating its 25th year in existence on Saturday.

Connecting farmers, students, teachers, veterans and every other corner of the community, the Pleasanton Farmers’ Market is undeniably ubiquitous.

But even so, its growth shows no sign of stopping.

For the future, market manager Thomas Dorn hopes to have more space in the market to accommodate more agricultural or artisanal foods and bring an even wider variety of vendors.

“As the older generation of farmers retire, I’m hoping to bring in young urban farmers and those I know that will be around for the next generation and keep a product mix of great fruits and veggies,” said Dorn, who took the reins 16 years ago from Lane’s successor John Silveira.

“I want to see that Pleasanton’s Farmers’ Market will always have a great selection of agriculture produce and meats and eggs, olive oil and know that I’ve helped keep farmers around for the next generation and helped (this community) to have access to healthy foods within our state,” Dorn added. ■



Silveira and the late Arlene Mascarich in front of the Pleasanton Farmers’ Market. The market is celebrating its 25th year this year. (Photo courtesy of PCFMA)



An expanse of fresh peaches and other stone fruit from B&B Ranch.



Marcos Lopez grabs some freshly baked bread for a customer at Feel Good Bakery’s stand.

## NEXT

Amador grad  
performing  
in prestigious  
Monterey  
festival band

## GENERATION JAZZ MAN

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

**S**olomon Alber, 18, is looking forward to a jazzy life. The tenor saxophonist was one of 20 teens nationwide chosen by Monterey Jazz Festival for its 2017 Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, which toured New York and Canada in late June and will perform in the 60th annual Monterey Jazz Festival on Sept. 17.

"We rehearsed in New York for two days before going on the road," Alber said.

Alber, who just graduated from Amador Valley High, played in the school's top jazz band, wind ensemble and orchestra, and he has performed across the country as a three-year member of SFJAZZ's High School All-Stars Jazz Orchestra and Combo. He has been in the Monterey fest a few times with other groups, starting when he was a freshman.

"But not in the Next Generation band," he said. "Their performance is always something I've looked forward to and used as inspiration."

Alber, who also plays clarinet and soprano saxophone, is a two-time Louis Armstrong Award winner.

"I've always been a fan of the saxophone in general as an instrument," he said. "I remember hearing recordings of saxophone players so I guess I just gravitated toward that instrument. It was the sound that kind of helped me convey the sound that was most in sync with what I was hearing."

Alber toured Europe with the California Jazz Conservatory Jazzschool Studio Band, which he played with for three years, and he performed at the Montreux Jazz Festival, Jazz à Vienne Festival and the Umbria Jazz Festival.

"I noticed some of the audiences internationally have more of an openness to the music, they are very appreciative of the art," he said.

He also was selected as lead tenor saxophone in the 2015 and 2016 California All-State Jazz Ensembles and won first prize for the high school division in the 2016 Young Lion Saxophone Challenge Competition.

Alber began his musical education on the piano at the age of 6. He still plays the piano, especially when he is composing.

"These days I have been writing my own music a lot

and trying to just find more avenues, new opportunities for performance," he said. "I find that composing is a lot like improvisation slowed down."

He enjoys improvising with other musicians as well as following compositions.

"I like both in their own respect," Alber said. "I like different options that are available in composing — like instrumentation wise — although on the bandstand when you're trying to create something in the moment, there are other considerations you have to take into account, like the other live musicians playing with you. This draws out of you new ideas."

"I've played compositions of other people that are, like, really, really good, and there are still areas for interpretation," he added. "I've played with some of the local big bands run by Erik Jekabson — the Electric Squeeze Box Orchestra, a Bay Area band with a standing gig at Doc's Lab in San Francisco."

This fall, Alber will attend Berklee College of Music in Boston as a presidential scholar. He was selected for its five-week performance camp last summer as a member of the jazz workshop where he worked with a well-known drummer and saxophonist.

"I am leaning toward an emphasis in performance, jazz saxophone," Alber said. "I hope to start several projects during school with people who I meet in my classes and perform with, and to continue writing for those projects."

Alber is aiming for a unique sound and style, "getting



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Solomon Alber plays tenor saxophone with Monterey Jazz Festival's Next Generation Jazz Orchestra, one of 20 teens chosen nationwide for the honor.



Solomon Alber on tenor saxophone with the Jazzschool Studio Band.

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into the scene of Boston and New York."

Next Generation Jazz Orchestra was started in 1971 as a part of the Monterey Jazz Festival's commitment to jazz education. Its members, who are selected through an application and audition process each spring, often go on to become professional musicians.

Amador Valley High has a 34-year history of placing its musicians in the Next Generation big band, and Alber is the 24th. He is the first one selected from Amador since bass trombonist Chris Palowitch, who was invited to join in 2012.

"I got very good experience with (music teacher) Mark Aubel at Amador — that's what got me to this point," Alber said. "I got all the opportunities, from jazz opportunities to orchestral."

His brother David, 15, played trombone in the Amador band last year. Their parents, Lana and Elliott Alber, are not professional musicians, Solomon said, but his mom does play classical guitar. When they saw his interest in music, they started his piano lessons.

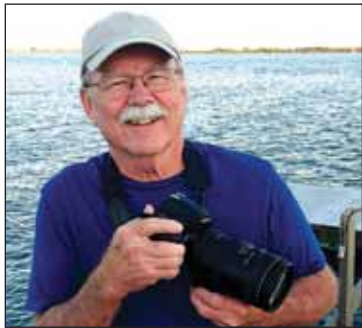
"I was always interested in music; they saw that and thought I should start somewhere," he noted. "It's a good musical grounding."

"My parents have always enjoyed hearing me play and are supportive of the direction of my music," he added.

Alber knows that music has special challenges as a career. "But what it comes down to in the end is if you like something it doesn't really feel like work," he said. "That's something that's kind of inspired me to pursue it." ■

# 'Discussion with ... photographer Rich Turner'

Learn about the Delta in gathering at Museum on Main



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Photographer Rich Turner.

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Museum on Main is hosting photographer Rich Turner for its next "Discussion with..." at 4 p.m. Aug. 5.

Turner specializes in photographs of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, an often politicized region, which links California's largest rivers to the West Coast's largest estuary and the San Francisco Bay. The Delta has been transformed by levees, land reclamation, agriculture, urbanization, dredging, dams, water diversions and water exports into a huge network of interconnected river channels, sloughs, canals and islands that is as bountiful as it is beautiful.

Turner will use his photos and



RICH TURNER

The Delta with Mount Diablo in the background.

experiences living on the edge of the Delta to share his more than 40-year romance with the waterway. He sees it as a real place where people are living, working, playing and raising their families — a wildlife paradise that also produces food for the world. The discussion will explore its dynamic, complicated and vital landscape.

From 5-6 p.m., after the presentation, there will be a public reception with refreshments and wine poured by the Delta's Bogle Vineyards &

Winery, and Turner will be available to answer questions.

This program is being presented in conjunction with the Museum on Main's current exhibit, "Delta Grandeur." It is free, but preregistration is required. Call 462-2766.

Museum on Main's new lecture series entitled "A Discussion with ..." aims to provide attendees with an intimate space to learn from and share with speakers. For more information, visit [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org). ■

## 'Classical Broadway'

Baritone Hadleigh Adams, an opera star with a passion for musical theater, celebrates the songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, Stephen Sondheim and more at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Firehouse Arts Center. Selections will include "The Impossible Dream" from "The Man of La Mancha"; "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face" from "My Fair Lady"; "Bring Him Home" from "Les Miserables"; as well as contemporary classics. Tickets are \$15- \$25. Go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.



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# Winemakers presenting 'Taste Our Terroir' this weekend

Annual event features samplings, special meals and more

Livermore Valley's annual wine extravaganza, "Taste our Terroir," kicked off Thursday night with a food and wine pairing gala and continues through this weekend with experiences featuring winemakers and those who love their products.

On Saturday, Wentz Vineyards is holding a garden lunch with master gardener Diane Dovholuk, who will guide guests through the vineyards as they sip their wines, followed by a meal with fresh ingredients from the on-site herb and vegetable garden.

Dante Robere Vineyards is hosting

an afternoon of rosé, a chance to discover its different styles, techniques and philosophies, while Occasio Winery will hold a tasting of spirits, for which the Livermore Valley was renowned before Prohibition. This is a chance to learn how brandies and whiskeys are crafted and aged, along with tastings and learning how to make historic cocktails from the resident mixologists.

Saturday night, McGrail Family Vineyards is having a Sunset Lobster Boil, along with wine sampling. The family-style dinner will be following by dancing under the

stars to live music.

Sunday's events begin with Brunch in the Vineyards at Retzlaff Vineyards and Estate Winery, and "Boots on the Ground, Wine in your Glass" at Murrieta's Well. Later, wine enthusiasts can spend "An Afternoon with John Concannon" at Concannon Vineyard and attend "An Exploration of Port: From Portugal to Livermore Valley" at Cedar Mountain Winery.

For more information about the events this weekend or to buy tickets, go to [www.lvwine.org](http://www.lvwine.org). ■

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### Tri-Valley Babe Ruth squad wins third straight NorCal title

Local teen all-stars now headed to South Lake Tahoe for shot at World Series

The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 15-year-old All-Stars won their third consecutive Northern California championship in Palo Alto last week.

The victory sends them to represent NorCal in the Pacific Southwest Regional in South Lake Tahoe starting on Monday to compete for a chance to reach the Babe Ruth World Series.

The Tri-Valley team consists of 13 players, from three East Bay Athletic League high schools, with nine from Amador Valley, three from Foothill and one from San Ramon Valley. The local side went 4-0 to sweep through the eight-team NorCal tournament, hosted by Palo Alto at Bayside Athletic Center.

In game one, Tri-Valley beat

Bel-Mateo 14-0 and followed that with a 7-1 victory over Woodside. In the third game of the tournament, Tri-Valley thumped Vallejo 10-0 in a win that sent the local team to the championship game.

In the final game, Tri-Valley faced a team from Palo Alto that they had met in the finals the last two years.

A worthy opponent, Palo Alto pushed Tri-Valley to the limit before the local team pulled off the 5-4 victory to win the tournament and advance on the regionals.

Winning the NorCal tournament is the first goal of three the team has set for this summer. With the first locked up, the team is after No. 2 — the Pacific Southwest Regional in South Lake Tahoe.

The tournament will feature teams from Arizona, Hawaii, Central and Southern California, as well as the state champs of Utah and Nevada. A win in this tournament and Tri-Valley will advance

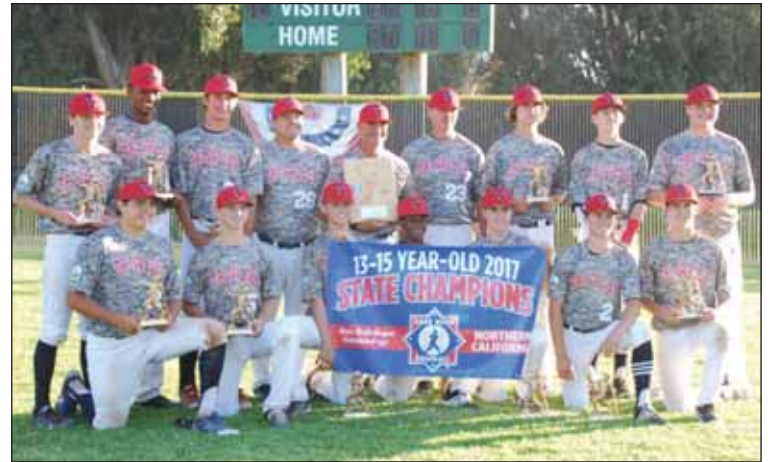
to Lawrenceberg, Tenn., the site of the 15-year-old Babe Ruth World Series where Tri-Valley would be shooting for a third straight national title.

The Tri-Valley roster includes Amador Valley players Demetre Aaron, Joey Battilega, Shane Cancilla, Brad Couture, Patrick Gallagher, Trevor Jackson, Troy Nassar, Luke Palfalvi and Jaden Sheppard; Foothill players Josh Anderson, Cory Steinhauer and Matt Sugden; and San Ramon Valley's Evan Chevalier. The coaching staff is Tony Battilega, Mark Palfalvi and Scott Sugden.

Follow the team via the Tri-Valley Babe Ruth Facebook page.

#### Little League Intermediate World Series

The tournament will be back in Livermore from July 30 to Aug. 6 at Max Bear Park. Teams from around the world that qualify will once



TONY BATTILEGA

The Tri-Valley Babe Ruth 15-year-old All-Stars, shown celebrating last week after winning their third consecutive Northern California championship, are competing in South Lake Tahoe starting Monday for a chance to represent the Pacific Southwest region in the World Series.

again be taking over Livermore for the prestigious tournament.

Danville, as winners of the District 57 tournament, will be the local representative in the tournament.

The international championship game, as well as the United States title game, on Aug. 5 will be broadcast live on ESPN. The championship game the next day will also air live on ESPN.

Make sure to check back here next week for an in-depth preview of the Danville team. For more information on the tournament, visit [www.lliw.org](http://www.lliw.org).

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### TV30 airing High School Athletic Awards

Show available on local access TV, plus online and DVD

Tri-Valley Community Television has begun broadcasting its seventh annual Outstanding High School Athletic Awards on TV30 and TV28.

The awards show, which handed out 64 honors to local athletes, schools and coaches in May in Livermore, is also now available to stream online at [tv30.org](http://tv30.org) and to

watch on DVD for purchase.

Sponsored by Tri-Valley Community Television and its foundation, the event featured guest speaker Bip Roberts, a retired Major League Baseball infielder and current Oakland Athletics analyst on NBC Sports California. Top awards included Player of the Week recognition for athletes and

Coach of the Year.

The show is airing on TV30 on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Thursdays at 9 p.m., Saturdays at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m., as well as on TV28 on Mondays at 5 p.m., Thursdays at 3 p.m., Fridays at 7 a.m. and Sundays at 6 a.m.

A local nonprofit organization,

Tri-Valley Community Television provides commercial and industrial production at its studio in Pleasanton. The facility also broadcasts programming over channels TV28, TV29 and TV30 on Comcast Cable and on AT&T U-Verse via channel 99. For more information, visit [tv30.org](http://tv30.org).

—Jeremy Walsh

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**Watching the world's best** Nathaniel Rearick attended the 81st annual Masters Tournament in Augusta, Ga. in April, watching the best male golfers in the world compete for the first major of the year while enjoying the best Southern hospitality and a few pimento cheese sandwiches. Pro golfers are teeing it up at another major this weekend, The Open Championship being contested at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, England.

## PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

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**KURUKULA EMPOWERMENT & SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES FOR GIRLS & WOMEN** 2017 Classes: Mean Girls Prep, ages 10-14, Livermore; Mom & Girls Middle School Prep Aug. 18 6:15-8:30 p.m., Livermore. Girls & Moms Basic Self-Defense Ages 10-Adult; Mean Girls/Relationship Safety Workshop Ages 10-16; Mom & Girls Middle School Prep dates and times vary, Pleasanton.

**PERSONAL TECHNOLOGY USER GROUP** The PT Users Group meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. The usual format is two to three presentations by various presenters. Topics include internet use, email, photos, security, help with Windows 7/8/10, smartphones, tablets. Cost is \$2-\$2.50. Call 931-5365. Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Pleasanton.

## Religion & Spirituality

**MOM2MOM MEETINGS** Moms and Grandmothers of all ages are welcome to join the Mom2mom group based on the Titus 2 women where the older moms are mentoring the younger moms. Parenting tips, guest speakers, crafts and practical life applications. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Contact Valerie Fleming at 484-2482 ext. 121 or valerie@harvestvalley.org.

**PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SUMMER SCHEDULE** Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Their summer schedule is 9:30 a.m. Sundays, through Sept. 3. Rev. Henry Kim, minister. Call 846-0221 or go to www.lynnwood.org. Lynnewood

United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

## Community Groups

**AL-ANON AND ALATEEN** Have you been affected by someone's drinking? Al-Anon and Alateen offer hope and strength for families and friends of problem drinkers. Contact 277-7661 or help@AlanonTriValley.org. Go to www.alanonTriValley.org.

**ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH 285** The Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 285, a social/philanthropic organization, invites those who love all things Italian to join for a potluck and guest speaker evening at 6 p.m. the third Friday of the month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Judy at 462-2487.

**PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB** Meet your Tri-Valley neighbors, have fun and learn more about our beautiful community. Open to new and established residents of the Tri-Valley. Activities include monthly coffees and lunches, day trips, games, book club, wine club, shared interest groups, community service, outdoor activities such as hiking, bocce, walking, and golf. For dates and times contact 215-8405 or pnwcomers@gmail.com. Go to www.PleasantonNewcomers.com.

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**TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS** This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers like doctors or specialists. For more information, call JoAnne at 875-0960.

**PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB** The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St. For more information, please visit pleasantonlionsclub.org. Dinner available for \$10 Inklings, 530 Main St., Pleasanton.

**STEPPING STONES ON YOUR GRIEF JOURNEY** The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Join us on your grief journey at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month, May 25 to Aug. 24 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Sessions open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. Call 846-8708. ■

## Seniors

**MEN OF BREAKFAST** Join the Men of Breakfast or MOB at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest. Call 931-5369.

**FRIENDS OF THE PLEASANTON SENIOR CENTER 'NEWCOMER'S WELCOME'** The Friends of the Pleasanton Senior Center is sponsoring a twice-monthly "Newcomer's Welcome" from 10:30 a.m.-noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Tour the facility and hear about programs and activities, questions are welcome and will be answered, and light snacks will be served. Attend a free lunch at the Sage Cafe after, no reservations needed. Go to www.seniorcenterfriends.org.

how to best communicate What important traits coaches look for How social media impacts you as a student Best ways for coaches to see a player play And more! RSVP for your seat early, because these sessions will sell out. General Admission allows the ticket holder to attend one of the session on either Friday or Saturday to help accommodate game schedules. Contact barbara@isoccerpath.com for tickets. Located at the tents at Pleasanton Sports Park - Main Area on Parkside Drive

**VINEYARDS, RANCHES AND ORCHARDS** "Vineyards, Ranches and Orchards — Dynamics of the Agricultural Economy in the Livermore Valley" is the theme for next Thursday's luncheon program hosted by the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce at the Bella Rosa event center at Garre Vineyard. Moderated by Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, the panel includes Nancy Light of the Wine Institute, Darrel Sweet from Sweet Ranches and Karl Wente of Wente Family Estates. Luncheon tickets are \$48 for LVCC members and their guests and \$58 for "not-yet" LVCC members. Visit www.livermorechamber.org or call 447-1606.

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The sizzling Senior Sensations will heat up the stage with their trademark Vegas-style costumes and lively choreography for two shows next weekend, both at 2 p.m., July 29 and 30. The high-energy tapping, strutting and showmanship make for a hugely entertaining dance revue, with San Francisco chanteuse Wiggy Darlington appearing in several numbers. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Go to www.firehousearts.org, call 931-4848, or purchase at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

## TAKE US ALONG



**I'm on the cover:** Steffi Gross spent more than two weeks traveling all over Italy, from Venice to Lucca to Siena to Florence and Rome. They started their adventure in Milan and met up with the tour in Venice via the high speed train. Shown next to Suzy from Gate 1 Small Group Tours are Pleasanton residents Mike and Lisa O'Malley, Steffi and Mike Gross, and Kim and Steve Micheff. One person of each couple has Italian ancestors. They're posing here with the April 28, 2017 Pleasanton Weekly, which featured a cover profile of Steffi Gross.

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### 115 Announcements

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**BUSINESS**  
Workday, Inc. has the following **Senior Associate Product Manager** available in Pleasanton, CA: Senior Associate Product Manager: Define and research business requirements related to cash management, banking, and payments methods in order to work with software developers to design software products for banking and payment industry. Submit resume by mail to: Workday, Inc., Attn: Human Resources, 6230 Stoneridge Mall Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588. Must reference job title and job code (APMRC-CA).

**Sunflower Hill Gardens Teacher for Special Ed Students**  
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## Legal Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**SIDE TRACK**  
SIDE TRACK, AN AMERICAN BAR & GRILL  
SIDE TRACK RESTAURANT  
SIDE TRACK BAR & GRILL  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532473-532476  
The following person(s) doing business as:

1.) Side Track, 2.) Side Track, An American Bar & Grill, 3.) Side Track Restaurant, 4.) Side Track Bar & Grill, located at 30 W. Angela Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County; Mailing Address: 2127 Corte Ricardo, Pleasanton, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s):  
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2127 Corte Ricardo  
Pleasanton, CA 94566.  
California

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 06/12/17. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 22, 2017.  
(Pleasanton Weekly, June 30; July 7, 14, 21, 2017)

**TOP PERFORMANCE BASKETBALL**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 531672

The following person(s) doing business as: Top Performance Basketball, located at 3736 Whitworth Dr., Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): JEROS DOMAGAS, 3736 Whitworth Dr., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 4/23/17. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 1, 2017.  
(Pleasanton Weekly, June 30; July 7, 14, 21, 2017)

**SAMANTHA GRANT PHOTOGRAPHY**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532318  
The following person(s) doing business as: SAMANTHA GRANT PHOTOGRAPHY, 2468 CRESTLINE ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94566 is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Samantha Grant Riegels, 2468 Crestline Road, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/01/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 06/20/2017. Signature of Registrant: Samantha Riegels, Owner. (Pleasanton Weekly, June 30, July 7, 14, 21; 2017)

**NU-BEE BOOKS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532598

The following person(s) doing business as: Nu-Bee Books, located at 4966 Monaco Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CHRISTINA TABER, 4966 Monaco Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Christina Taber. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 27, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017)

**HOPE FOR HEALING**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532643

The following person(s) doing business as: Hope for Healing, located at 4079 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): CRISTINA MOIDEL, 4079 Stanley Blvd., Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Cristina Moidel. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 27, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017)

**BOTTLETAPS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532669

The following person(s) doing business as: BottleTaps, located at 3020 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): BOTTLETAPS, LLC, 2505 Yolanda Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566, California. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Eric Wall, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on June 28, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 14, 21, 28; Aug. 4, 2017)

**PIKTOPUS**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532875

The following person(s) doing business as: Piktopus located at 4621 Mason St., Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): MIN HYUNG LEE, 4621 Mason St., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 07/01/2017. Signature of Registrant: Min Hyung Lee. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 06, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 2017)

**SPACEIN ART STUDIO**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 532877

The following person(s) doing business as: Spacein Art Studio located at 4825 Hopyard Road, Suite F14, Pleasanton CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): HYUNJUNG CHAE, 4621 Mason St., Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 07/01/2017. Signature of Registrant: Hyunjung Chae. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 06, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4, 2017)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 533192-195  
The following person(s) doing business as: 1.) BizBen.com 2.) BizBen 3.) BizBuyFinancing.com 4.) BizBuy Financing, 7172 Regional St. #364, Dublin, CA 94568, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Business Exchange Network, Inc., 7172 Regional St. #364, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein Oct. 1, 1993. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 14, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Peter Siegel, President. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 21, 28, Aug. 4, 11, 2017.)

**SAFE RIDEZZ**  
SAFERIDEZZ  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 533213-14

The following person(s) doing business as: 1.) Safe Ridezz 2.) SafeRidezz, 4695 Chabot Drive, #200, Pleasanton, CA 94588, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): 3rd Planet LLC, 6450 Stoneridge Mall Road N222, Pleasanton, CA, 94588. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on July 14, 2017. Signature of Registrant: Priya Khemlani, President. (Pleasanton Weekly, July 21, 28; Aug. 4, 11, 2017)

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#### 6 BEDROOMS

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#### 3 BEDROOMS

**7149 Dublin Meadows Street F \$659,000**  
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Fri 10-1 Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario/Liz Venema 260-2220

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Suzanne Bieser 699-3884

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SOLD AT \$1,800,000

#### NEW DOWNTOWN CUSTOM



SOLD

#### 4553 LAS LOMITAS DRIVE, PLEASANTON

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

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#### 4871 ARLENE PLACE, PLEASANTON

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

SOLD AT \$1,510,000

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#### 424 JUNIPERO STREET, PLEASANTON

Single Level Rancher in Mission Hills. Four Bedroom, 2 Bathroom in Excellent Location Near Downtown. Includes Private Large Rear Yard with In-Ground Pebble Tech Swimming Pool. New Carpet & Paint, Upgraded Kitchen with Stainless Steel Appliances, Brick Fireplace, Central Air Conditioning, Awesome Neighborhood Park, Great Schools, Commute Friendly Location, Walk to Main Street and Oak Hills Shopping Center. For a Private Showing call The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group and For More Information Go to 424Junipero.com.

SOLD AT \$975,000

#### NORTHWAY DOWNS



SALE PENDING

#### 2534 SECRETARIAT DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Upgraded 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Duet in Northway Downs. Upgraded Kitchen with Granite Countertops, SS Appliances. Stacked Stone Fireplace, Wood Flooring, New Electrical Outlets & Switches, Upgraded Lighting, New Front Door & Door Hardware Throughout, Cottage Cheese Ceilings Removed, Textured & Painted, Spacious Upstairs Master Suite. Bedroom #3 currently configured as a Den. Private Rear Yard. Two Car Garage currently converted to Extra Bedroom and Living Area (Easily Converted Back, if preferred), Conveniently located in Central Pleasanton. Minutes to Bart Station, Stoneridge Mall, The New Outlet Mall and Over 40 Wineries and Not Far from Downtown. Go to www.2534secretariat.com for more information or For a Private Showing Contact: The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

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## Pleasanton Market Update - Low End Hot!

The low end of the real estate market (homes priced under \$1 million) in Pleasanton remained very hot in June, with homes selling in an average of only 17 days for 101% of the average list price. As we move up the scale, the market cooled somewhat. Homes priced from \$1 million to \$2 million were also in demand but not quite as much as those under \$1 million. Above \$2 million, the market slowed even more and there was nearly a five month supply of these homes at the end of June.

Pleasanton Data Analysis By Price Range				
	Total	Under \$1 M	\$1 M - \$2 M	\$2 M+
Available Homes	80	18	29	33
Pending Sales	79	43	29	7
Closed Sales	92	38	47	7
Months of Inventory	1.0	0.4	1.0	4.7
Median Sales Price	\$1,098,000	\$890,000	\$1,275,000	\$2,325,000
Average Price per Sq Ft	\$520	\$539	\$519	\$488
Average Days on Market	18	17	17	28
Sold % of Original List Price	100%	101%	101%	97%

Overall, inventory increased 19% in June, from 67 homes at the end of May to 80 at the end of June. That was still 14 fewer homes for sale than we had one year ago. June ended with a 1.0 month supply available overall but in the sub \$1 million segment there was less than two weeks of inventory.

Pending sales fell from 83 in May to 79 in June, on par with the 78 homes that went pending in June 2016. While homes priced under \$1 million accounted for less than a quarter of inventory, they made up more than half the sales that went to contract in June.

On average, homes sold for their asking price in June and took an average of 18 days, compared to 100% and 14 days, respectively, in May. The median sales price in June was \$1,098,000, down 4% from \$1,143,000 in May but 3% higher than June 2016's \$1,038,000.

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### LUXURY HOME

**5756 Hanifen Way**  
Elegant 5 BR, 4 1/2 BTH luxury home in Sycamore Heights on .42 Acre lot with spa  
Offered at \$2,050,000



### INCREDIBLE VIEWS



**2109 Black Oak Ct**  
Exquisite modern custom with 4 BR + office & bonus, premium .94 Acre lot with amazing views  
Offered at \$2,695,000



### PENDING SALE



**7892 Chestnut Way**  
Upgraded modern 3 BR, 2 BTH with pool, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, and more  
Offered at \$920,000



### PENDING SALE



**8046 Rockford Place**  
Fabulous home with 6 BR + office & bonus, 5 1/2 BTHs on .41 Acre private lot with pool  
Offered at \$2,340,000



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 dining, gorgeous kitchen, amazing lot!  
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**3368 Gardella Plaza**  
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 3 BD/2 BA Lot approved to be subdivided  
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 \$649,950  
**7662 Mayhews Landing**  
**Set this Ranch Apart from the Rest!**  
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**PLEASANT HILL**  
 \$849,900  
**10 Stugun Court**  
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 5 BD/3 BA Updated Kitchen w/Eat-In  
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**PLEASANTON**  
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**2784 Lylewood Dr. - Pleasanton - \$1,830,000**  
 Laguna Oaks-Resort Style Living  
 This gorgeous executive home has it all including updated  
 interior with Brazilian Cherry hardwood floors, remodeled  
 kitchen with large island and gleaming granite counters,  
 and stainless-steel appliances. Large pictures windows open  
 to lovely park-like yard. Large master suite with fireplace.  
 3 car garage. Approx. 3,500 sq.ft. on approx. 13,000 Lot.



**Open Sat & Sun 1-4**  
**Sarah Braun**  
**3244 Flemington Ct. - Pleasanton - \$1,074,900**  
 Pleasanton Meadows Court location. 4 bedroom 3 bathroom,  
 two story detached home, 2,002 sq.ft.



**Sally Wilkerson**  
**5786 Shadow Ridge Ct. - Pleasanton - \$2,450,000**  
 This home is a masterpiece that has been well upgraded and  
 modeled. This stunning home is a peaceful, resort close to  
 Downtown. The kitchen is a classic design with marble counters  
 and Wolf appliances. The home also features a theater room,  
 butler's pantry with wine fridge and walk-in pantry, and a pool  
 or workout room which could double as an extra bedroom.  
 The Zen-like architecturally designed backyard features a  
 cascading pool waterfall, luscious landscape, outdoor kitchen  
 with a basketball court.



**Open Sat & Sun 1-4**  
**Cindy Gee**  
**4909 Forest Hill - Pleasanton - \$1,268,000**  
 This gorgeous home has it all! Updated and ready to move in  
 home with extended kitchen including large island, stainless  
 appliances, and park-like yard views! Approx. 2,300 sq.ft. on  
 9,100 sq.ft. lot with side yard access, a cozy fireplace in the  
 living room and formal dining room that opens to sliding door  
 garden. The home has a large balcony off the master bedroom  
 with views of the ridge. It's close to shopping, schools, BART &  
 the freeway—a must see!



**Coming Soon**  
**Gina Piper**  
**3232 Verde Ct. - Pleasanton - Call for Pricing**  
 4 bedroom, 3 full bathroom, 1,926 square foot townhouse  
 in Verona. This home has a rarely available floorplan  
 featuring a full bedroom and bathroom downstairs. It's in a  
 great location close to downtown, BART, the Ace Train and  
 much more!



**Coming Soon**  
**Gina Piper**  
**471 Saint Mary St. - Pleasanton - Call for Pricing**  
 Rare historical downtown home with wrap around porch.  
 Fabulous lot with the potential of an additional buildable  
 lot.



**Open Sat & Sun 1-4**  
**Mike D'Onofrio**  
**2787 San Minete Dr. - Livermore - \$1,149,990**  
 This move-in ready, single-story home is located in the  
 desirable South Livermore Vinsanto neighborhood  
 surrounded by vineyards and in the preferred school district  
 with 4 bedrooms, 3 full bath at approx. 2,900 sq.ft.



**Sabrina Bascom**  
**5649 Boulder Canyon Dr. - Castro Valley - \$1,250,000**  
 Located in sought after area in Castro Valley Century Oaks,  
 this home has a remodeled kitchen with features like granite  
 counters, walk in pantry, stainless steel appliances, warming  
 drawer, and more! Window shutters are in the master bedroom  
 and upstairs second bedroom. The master has a sunken tub  
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**NEW LISTING! OPEN FRI 10-1/SAT 1-3**



**5396 Mallard Drive, Pleasanton**

Fabulous one story home with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths just a short stroll from Pleasanton Sports Park. Beautifully remodeled throughout! **Mid \$1,100,000's**

**REVIEWING OFFERS! OPEN SUN 1-3**



**3216 Clifford Circle, Pleasanton**

Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bath with over 2300 sq ft and a 3 car garage. Serene backyard, deck and hot tub. **Priced in the low \$1,200,000's**

**REVIEWING OFFERS! OPEN SUN 1-3**



**6331 Alvord Way, Pleasanton**

Downsizing isn't easy until you see this remodeled one story with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and over 1800 sq ft. Sunny granite slab kitchen. **Low \$900,000's**

**SALE PENDING! 3 OFFERS**



**4058 Suffolk Way, Pleasanton**

Picture Perfect...walk your kids to school from this beautifully remodeled 4 bdrm, 3 bath home. Peaceful backyard w/ slate patio, no rear neighbors **\$1,100,000**

**ANOTHER NEW LISTING!**



**Coming Soon in Vintage Heights**

Stunning views of Mt Diablo from this custom home. 4 bdrm, 3 baths and 3000 sq ft. Stunning granite kitchen and baths. **Priced in the mid \$1,600,000's**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-3**



**1322 Montrose Court, Pleasanton**

Nestled in the vineyards this beautiful chateau estate has views of the rolling hills and vineyards. 6 bdrms, 5.5 baths and 5000 sq ft w/ separate in law unit. **\$2,150,000**

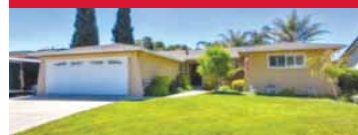
**ANOTHER RECORD HIGH SALE!**



**4684 Black Avenue, Pleasanton**

Adorable one level, beautifully remodeled throughout with hardwood floors and 1397 sq ft. We represented the buyer in this sale. **\$962,000**

**ANOTHER RECORD HIGH-VAL VISTA SALE**



**4354 Addison Way, Pleasanton**

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# THE EXPERIENCE IS ALAIN PINEL



**PLEASANTON \$2,395,000**

5682 Sunset Creek Court | 5bd/5ba  
Blaise Lofland | 925.846.6500  
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



**PLEASANTON \$2,299,000**

829 Oak Manor Court | 5bd/4.5ba  
Tim McGuire | 925.462.7653  
BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON \$1,888,000**

7932 Doral Court | 6bd/4.5ba  
Julia Murtagh | 925.997.2411  
BY APPOINTMENT



**FARMINGTON \$1,800,000**

19642 Milton Road | 4bd/2.5ba  
Jo Ann Luisi | 925.321.6104  
BY APPOINTMENT



**LIVERMORE \$1,349,000**

2216 Pyramid Street | 4bd/3ba  
Linda Traurig | 925.382.9746  
OPEN SUNDAY 1:00-4:00



**LIVERMORE \$999,999**

958 Turino Street | 4bd/3ba  
Jo Ann Luisi | 925.321.6104  
BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON \$949,000**

3202 Royalton Court | 3bd/2ba  
Tim McGuire | 925.462.7653  
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



**LIVERMORE \$875,000**

858 South K Street | 4bd/2.5ba  
Linda Futral | 925.980.3561  
BY APPOINTMENT



**PLEASANTON \$848,000**

7333 Tulipwood Circle | 4bd/2ba  
Jo Ann Luisi | 925.321.6104  
BY APPOINTMENT



**DUBLIN \$735,000**

7300 Sheffield Lane | 3bd/2ba  
Tim McGuire | 925.462.7635  
BY APPOINTMENT



**LIVERMORE \$599,900**

1577 Calle Del Rey | 3bd/2.5ba  
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