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MON	AP CALC. TEST! Band practice - 3pm Work on French presentation - due Thurs.
TUE	Start paper for English Lit. - due next Friday Review notes for AP Bio. quiz on Wed.
WED	Band practice - 3pm Soccer practice - 6 pm
THU	FRENCH PRESENTATION! College Admissions Workshop - 7pm @ library
FRI	AP Biology group project meeting - 3pm @ library Soccer game - 6 pm
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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Tri-Valley pays tribute to Dr. King

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would have been proud of the Tri-Valley community that packed the ballroom of the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel last Monday for the 18th annual breakfast honoring the slain civil rights leader.

Hosted this year by the Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative, the fellowship breakfast was held one week after the national holiday — when schools, government offices and many companies are closed — so that more could participate in the annual tribute.

David Haglund, Pleasanton's superintendent of schools, and former Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti, now deputy chief of staff to Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin), offered inspiring messages about teaching and creating socially-responsible individuals and focusing on diversity to carry out the legacy of Dr. King.

"We've worked truly hard to carry out his legacy," Sbranti said. "Today in the Tri-Valley, we are rich in diversity. This region has welcomed diversity with open arms. We've welcomed everyone to our communities regardless of faith or creed to the fabric of our communities, culturally, economically and in other ways."

Looking out at the audience, Sbranti praised those at the breakfast in city government for helping to carry out Dr. King's legacy, especially those who are helping to provide affordable housing and better economic opportunities for all.

"Those of you involved in youth programs must know that Dr. King began his work in providing youths with opportunities," Sbranti added. "We see it in the faith community as well, where efforts to carry out his vision and call for social justice are underway."

In his remarks, Haglund urged everyone to become purveyors of hope and champions of change. He talked about how he began meeting students as he visited schools during his first week as Pleasanton's superintendent. He would chat with a lone student, become a friend, and then ask that student to show him around his school's campus and introduce him to others.

"Alone, we may struggle to connect with every student," Haglund explained. "But together, we can be purveyors of hope."

He asked everyone to take out one



JEB BING

David Haglund, superintendent of Pleasanton schools, was keynote speaker at this year's event.

of their business cards and write the name of a young individual on the back of it, "one you know who is in need of some hope or a champion."

"Then think about the one thing you can start doing this week to bring hope or facilitate change that the young person you are thinking about needs the most," he added.

He quoted educator Rita Pierson, a teacher for 40 years and a frequent TED conference speaker: "Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be."

Haglund added: "We must facilitate ways for students to be their own best versions of themselves. To do that, we must connect with them in ways that are meaningful to them."

In closing, Haglund cited one of Dr. King's memorable quotes: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'"

Along with the remarks by Haglund and Sbranti, the collaborative continued the tradition of recognizing community contributions with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy awards.

This year's recipients were Gary Reznick, director of East Bay Volleyball Academy in Pleasanton; Kathy Young and Mony Nop, founders of the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance; and Pleasanton-based software company Workday.

The Pleasanton Community of Character Collaborative organized this year's breakfast after the Tri-Valley YMCA decided not to host the event, which it had done for 17 years. Dr. King would have turned 89 years old Jan. 15. April marks the 50th anniversary of his assassination. ■

About the Cover

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

When you travel, what is the one thing you always make sure to never, ever forget?



Susanne Brown
Financial services director

I have a lot of food allergies and sensitivities, so I am always careful to pack up a lot of special foods for myself that are gluten-free, dairy-free, sugar-free and soy-free. If I eat foods with any of those ingredients, I get terrible migraine headaches. I don't have time for that, especially when I travel.



Kerem Dokay
Elementary school student

I always remember to pack my toothbrush because my mom reminds me to pack it like at least 100 times.



Sherry Peterson
Family lawyer/mediator

I always make sure to pack my headphones so that I can listen to movies, music and books while I'm in transit.



Glenna Egan
IT professional

Before I travel, I always make up laminated street maps ahead of time so that I won't feel lost in unfamiliar places. My friends sometimes laugh at me, but I find that my maps come in very handy. I would never dream of traveling without them.



Michael Dominus
Importer

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DIGEST

Student exchange

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association has informational sessions set in the coming weeks for students and families interested in participating in the nonprofit's annual summer exchange program.

The student exchange will take place in June and July, with participating students' families hosting a Mexican student in their homes in Pleasanton from June 17 to July 8 and then the local student traveling to Tulancingo for their visit July 8-29.

The info sessions are scheduled for Feb. 8, 15 and 28 from 7-8 p.m. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce offices at 777 Peters Ave. Additional information is also available on the Pleasanton Unified School District's Peach Jar website as well as at www.ptzca.org. Prospective participants can also call PTSCA student exchange coordinator Debbie Glenn at 989-9875.

Water Academy

The Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), Pleasanton's sewer service provider, is offering a three-week crash course to residents on the district's operations.

The Citizens Water Academy is open to current DSRSD water and sewer customers who are at least 18 years old and want to learn about critical issues and projects related to water, wastewater and recycled water, as well as tour DSRSD facilities and engage its staff.

Residents must apply by March 1 to participate. Sessions are set to run from 6-9 p.m. on March 14, April 11 and May 9 — all in the district office boardroom at DSRSD headquarters, 7051 Dublin Blvd. For more info, call Sue Stephenson at 875-2295 or email her at stephenson@dsrsd.com.

Tech Connect

The inaugural Tri-Valley Tech Connect, a regional job fair for established technology and biotech companies to recruit, network and engage in professional development, is set to arrive in Pleasanton next weekend.

The free event will feature 10 forward-thinking technology and bio-tech companies with offices across the East Bay who are offering positions to talented residents who are tired of enduring two-hour commutes to the Peninsula, organizers said.

Participating companies with on-site booths include both national labs, Veeva, Deep Sentinel, 10xGenomics, Unchained Labs, Mom Relaunch and DB Sync.

The Tech Connect is set to run from 4-8 p.m. Feb. 6 at Mercedes Benz of Pleasanton at 5338 Owens Drive. For more information, visit www.trivalleytechconnect.org. ■

City Council supports methodology for JDEDZ transportation fee

Funds from developers would be used to pay off city's debt to Costco for fronting roadwork money

By JEREMY WALSH

The City Council last week signed off on an initial concept for establishing a new transportation fee to charge developers who build on land near the I-580/I-680 interchange newly rezoned to become Pleasanton's newest commercial center anchored by Costco and two hotels, plus other businesses.

The fee aims to help the city recover up to \$8.4 million for road improvements needed to accommodate the new Johnson Drive

Economic Development Zone (JDEDZ), to make sure new developers pay their fair share for public infrastructure projects that are being prepaid by Costco and the city.

The proposal, subject to final council approval in the coming weeks, lays out the JDEDZ fee structure for hotels and new retail based on project size and percent of total car trips generated, but it also leaves open the potential for landowners to receive certain credits to offset the fee total based

on key considerations, including land donated for the roadwork and whether a developer shows an inability to pay in full.

"We're going to push for as much recovery as possible," City Manager Nelson Fialho told council members during their meeting Jan. 16 at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

The notion that the fee wouldn't fully recover the \$8.4 million pricetag — which assumes full build-out of all vacant and occupied parcels in the JDEDZ — initially caught Councilwoman Karla

Brown off-guard.

"I'm a little surprised that we're looking for anything less than 100% ... Why would you do anything less than 100% on your transportation fees that you already prefunded?" Brown asked, prompting Fialho to attempt to clarify his remarks.

"We're not suggesting that we're going to come back with anything less than 100%," Fialho said. "But we also recognize that property owners will be dedicating right-of-way and

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BART

BART released its first new train of modernized cars into service last week. Two of the 10 new cars were taken out of service for maintenance days later, which BART officials said wasn't unexpected.

BART unveils new train cars

2 of 10 new cars then taken out of service for maintenance

BART took the first passengers on its new train cars last Friday as 10 of them went into service at Oakland's MacArthur station, only to see two of the new cars taken out of service days later for maintenance.

As of Tuesday morning, one of the two pilot cars had returned to service to create a nine-car train for use during morning and evening commute hours, according to Alicia Trost, BART communications manager.

"Maintenance on cars is anticipated throughout the roll-out," Trost said.

"This is not unexpected — we had projected that about seven out of the 10 new cars would be available for passenger service on any given day for the initial period of passenger service due to several factors," she added.

Those reasons include new

machinery often requiring attention early on, some new cars due for preventative maintenance after logging more than 75,000 miles of testing and train operators and technicians still learning how to deal with minor maintenance issues on the new fleet, according to Trost.

"Bottom line: We are confident the fact that two cars are undergoing maintenance today does not extrapolate into a larger, systemic problem. The pilot cars have passed all our tests and all of the (California Public Utilities Commission) tests," she said.

Just days earlier, BART officials gathered to unveil the new 10-car train, saying they were thrilled about the new cars' potential to relieve crowding on trains, get passengers in and out of cars and get riders at least some of what they've asked for such as a quieter and cleaner ride.

"Today is a milestone for BART

2.0," BART board president Robert Raburn said. "These new cars are going to decrease crowding and improve passenger comfort."

Raburn added, "Each new car we put into service will lengthen other trains, moving us closer to our goal to run all 10-car trains during the peak Transbay commute."

He said the 10-car trains would run in the morning and afternoon commutes.

BART officials have 10 more cars at their facilities going through final testing and certification and those cars will also be joining the fleet.

More cars are being assembled and will be shipped to BART in February.

"Here this morning, the future has arrived," BART General Manager Grace Crunican said before the ribbon was cut on the new cars and passengers got on.

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Plea deal for fatal I-680 crash

7-year prison term for boy's death, but driver might only serve half

By JEREMY WALSH

A Pleasanton woman with previous intoxication-fueled run-ins with law enforcement was sentenced to seven years in state prison last week after accepting a plea agreement for causing the fatal DUI crash that killed a toddler on Interstate 680 in San Ramon a year and a half ago.

Yarenit Liliana Malihan, the wife of an Alameda County Sheriff's deputy, pleaded guilty to gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated last Friday in connection with the crash that killed 3-year-old Elijah Dunn and injured his mother and siblings in September 2016.

Contra Costa County Superior Court Judge Patricia Scanlon sentenced Malihan to seven years in state prison in accordance with the term agreed upon by the prosecution and defense in the plea deal.

But the actual time in prison could prove to be much less than that, under state correctional guidelines.

Malihan, 40, received nearly a year and a half worth of credits for time served while awaiting trial — for roughly eight months for actual time in county jail and for an equivalent amount in behavioral credits.



Yarenit Malihan

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Grammy-winning gospel singer Edwin Hawkins dies at 74

Pleasanton resident was best known for hit 'Oh Happy Day'

By JULIA BROWN

Edwin Hawkins, a four-time Grammy Award-winning gospel singer best known for the 1969 hit "Oh Happy Day," died at his home in Pleasanton last week after battling pancreatic cancer. He was 74.

The musician's Jan. 15 death was announced in a statement through his official social media accounts.

"It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Edwin Hawkins — a celebrated artist, innovator and music icon," the Hawkins family said. "Though he will be greatly missed the world over, the message of love, life and encouragement that he incorporated into his music gives us all the same hope that we'll join him in heaven and sing 'Oh Happy Day.'"

One of eight children, Hawkins was born in Oakland and raised in the Campbell Village projects. He discovered music early in life,

playing the keyboard in the Church of God in Christ denomination beginning at age 5.

Hawkins and his friend Betty Watson co-founded the Northern California State Youth Choir in 1967 so they could attend the denomination's annual convention. To finance the trip, they recorded an album called "Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord."

The 500 copies they ordered didn't come in time for the trip, but a Bay Area DJ got his hands on one. The rest is musical history.

"My mother had an old hymnal and I had a knack for rearranging hymns," Hawkins once said. "'Oh Happy Day' was an old hymn and I rearranged it. It was actually one of the least likely songs to become a hit. There were some much stronger songs on there."

The song helped Hawkins' career take off. 'Oh Happy Day' won a

Grammy in 1970 for Best Soul Gospel Performance, and to date it has sold over seven million copies. The song has been covered by dozens of artists over the years, including Aretha Franklin and Elvis Presley.

With his group The Hawkins Family and as a solo artist, Hawkins continued making gospel hits including "Give Me a Star," "Worship the Lord" and "To My Father's House." He toured in recent years — largely in Europe — and sponsored the Edwin Hawkins Music & Arts Seminar to teach the business of music to the next generation of artists.

Hawkins' former publicist, Bill Carpenter, said Monday that Hawkins had resided in Pleasanton at least a decade and owned a soul food cafe in Manteca that closed in 2015. He had been planning a new album before his health worsened toward the end of last year.



JOEL CLIFTON

Famed gospel singer Edwin Hawkins, best known for his hit "Oh Happy Day," died in his Pleasanton home Jan. 15 at the age of 74.

Hawkins is survived by his siblings Carol, Freddie, Daniel and Lynette. Celebration of life services will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 6 and 7 at Harbor Light Church, 4760

Thornton Ave. in Fremont.

In lieu of flowers, the Hawkins family asks that donations be made to Music & Arts, Inc. ■

Glazer, Baker join for discussion on state pension debt

Full house for first installment of 2018 Bipartisan Speaker Series

By ERIKA ALVERO

Tri-Valley state legislators' 2018 Bipartisan Speaker Series, hosted by Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) and State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda), kicked off with a full house in San Ramon on Monday night, as locals turned out for a discussion on pension reform.

Baker and Glazer have held over a dozen bipartisan town hall meetings over the last two years, and they plan to continue the tradition in 2018, focusing on California's critical issues.

"I really want to underscore my gratitude for having a good colleague in the senate as well," Baker said. "There are a lot of things that people can focus on that divide them ... And we've had an opportunity to find ways (to determine) what we're both for, and what we can both be fighting for in our area. And we just find that we're so much more effective, both of us can be more effective when we work with people that way."

At the series-opening event Monday, the politicians hosted guest lecturer David Crane, a pension expert and president of Govern for California, a group that supports legislators in confronting difficult fiscal issues.

The hour-long discussion at San Ramon City Hall was dominated by a presentation by Crane, who then took questions from attendees on the issue of the evening: California's growing pension liability crisis.

Crane opened with an overview of the problem at hand.

"The key point I want you to take away, right now, is that defined benefit plans are not the issue, they can work just fine," Crane said. "And you can look at public ones and private ones and see good examples ... The difference is, defined benefit pension plans that don't honestly fund the promises, as those promises are made, create enormous deficits down the road."

The deficits grow and compound over time, he said, and ultimately have to be funded by the government, taking money out of the current General Fund.

A big part of the problem was created, he said, when Senate Bill 400 passed in 1999, a bill that granted significant pension benefit increases to state employees through the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), which is a defined benefit pension plan.

Right now, California's unfunded pension liabilities comes out to about \$270 billion, according to the speakers.

"The net result is, in the California state budget this year for example, the amount of money that is going out to pay for these unfunded pensions and retiree healthcare is grabbing money from — among other things — UC, CSU, courts, parks and social services," Crane said.

This is one reason that the

amount of money allocated for the University of California system, he said, is down 15% from a decade ago — if UC received the same portion of the budget as it did 10 years ago, the university system would have an additional \$600 million.

It affects staffing at K-12 schools as well. This year, San Francisco Unified School District can only devote 29% of their funds to salaries for current, certificated teachers, Crane said.

At the heart of the conversation was the question of what could be done to address the crisis.

Crane pointed attendees to the website pensiontracker.org as a way to view unfunded liabilities at a local level.

In terms of specific action steps, he said, Gov. Jerry Brown has just filed an amicus brief to amend the "California rule," which prevents the reduction of promised state employee pension benefits.

Crane also singled out the CalPERS board and state legislators as sharing both the blame for the problem and the responsibility to fix it, and encouraged the public to take a vested interest in whom they elect to the State Legislature.

"You obviously know the names of your representatives," he addressed the crowd, referencing Baker and Glazer, "but the vast majority of your fellow citizens don't. These two people and their counterparts in other parts of the

TAKE US ALONG



Holy Batcycle: The Seltzer sisters (Reese, Quinn and Sydney) take their turn on the original 1966 Batcycle from the "Batman" TV show.

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state, have more influence over the lives of Californians, especially non-rich Californians who have no choice, who send 6 million kids to public school, whose budgets are being drained now by these costs."

He commended Baker and Glazer for confronting the issue and attendees for "electing people like this."

As the event neared its end, Glazer thanked the event's participants for their questions.

"This is an ongoing conversation, so it's just starting, maybe, for some

of you tonight," Glazer said. "It's not been a new one for us, so we're going to dig in and try to think about what we can do about it."

Glazer and Baker will be holding five joint appearances in the area over the next six weeks: an education forum at Stanley Middle School in Lafayette on Feb. 8, a town hall in Livermore Feb. 20, a Walnut Creek town hall on Feb. 22, a Pleasanton town hall on Feb. 27 and a town hall in Orinda on March 5. ■

JDEDZ

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have commissioned a lot of work that we've accounted ... so minimally, we might be recommending to council that you provide considerations for that."

"We won't know what the tolerance level is for some of these fees until we truly understand what the applications are coming forward," the city manager added.

The council voted 4-0 to endorse the initial methodology at the end of the 20-minute discussion, with a formal ordinance and resolution due to return for approval next month. Mayor Jerry Thorne continued recusing himself after owning Costco stock in a retirement fund earlier in the JDEDZ consideration process.

Formally approved by the council last month, the JDEDZ rezoned 12 parcels on Johnson Drive and Commerce Circle and established the framework for how redevelopment could occur in the largely underutilized 40 acres southeast of the freeways' interchange.

Central to the proposal was an agreement between Costco — which plans to buy land along Johnson Drive — and the city to pay for roadwork needed to accommodate traffic increases from the new warehouse store, plus hotels and other retail uses expected to arrive.

Those projects, which must be finished before Costco opens its doors, include improvements to the Stoneridge Drive and Interstate 680 northbound onramp, widening Johnson Drive and revamping the Johnson-Stoneridge intersection.

The pricetag for all roadwork came in at an estimated \$21.47 million, \$19.97 million for design and construction and \$1.5 million for right-of-way acquisitions.

To pay for design and construction, the agreement with Costco calls for \$6.4 million to be paid by city traffic impact fee reserves and \$6,785,000 in a cash payment from Costco as part of its developer fee package.

The third piece sees Costco front the city \$6,785,000 in cash for the infrastructure work and the city repay the money with 40% of the sales tax revenue generated by the Costco until the debt is repaid. The balance due to Costco will be subject to 1.5% annual interest, and the 60-40 sales tax sharing agreement would remain in place until the balance is paid off with a maximum period of 25 years.

To make sure other JDEDZ developers repay their share of the public infrastructure work, the city decided to create a JDEDZ fee — payments of which the city plans to use to pay down its debt to Costco.

Developers should be responsible for \$15.07 million — the total roadwork cost minus the I-680 onramp project funded through the city's traffic impact fee reserves,

according to city finance director Tina Olson.

Costco, with its \$6.8 million cash payment for transportation projects and donating right-of-way, would not have to pay the JDEDZ fee. City officials estimate Costco would account for 44% of new traffic in the area at full build-out.

The two hotels, estimated to combine for 12% of the new traffic, would have a share of just over \$1.8 million for the roadwork. That leaves approximately \$6.6 million for all remaining new retail uses to cover in transportation costs for redevelopment in the JDEDZ.

The fee would not be charged to current businesses in the JDEDZ, or to owners who redevelop their JDEDZ parcel in line with its existing land-use.

City staff recommends the fee, estimated to generate \$8.4 million at full JDEDZ build-out, be set at \$28.28 per building square foot for retail and \$13.70 per building square foot for hotels.

Officials are also considering offering credits to developers to offset their JDEDZ fee total, including for any right-of-way they donate to the city for roadwork and for money already paid for previous work

on the JDEDZ, such as landowner Nearon Enterprises paying for environmental review and early design work.

Olson said the city may also take other considerations into account, such as whether project developers demonstrate an inability to pay the full fee.

"Candidly, we don't know what 'other considerations' are yet until we sit down with property owners, and then we would share that with you publicly," Fialho said.

"That's the next piece in this discussion, is understanding the market conditions and the tolerance for

an additional fee," he added. "We're a high-fee region, right, with Zone 7 and DSRSD representing the bulk of the fees that get charged to new development. So we need to look at those fees in the context of what we charge, add this fee into place and figure out whether or not we can make a project work subject to these credits."

City staff anticipates bringing the JDEDZ fee ordinance and resolution to the council for consideration Feb. 6, with final ordinance approval to follow Feb. 20. If adopted, the fee would go into effect 60 days thereafter. ■

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City's community services director Andrade-Wax stepping down

Library director to pull double-duty as acting leader with departments merging

By JEREMY WALSH

The city of Pleasanton's Community Services and Library Services departments are poised to merge this summer with the upcoming departure of community services director Susan Andrade-Wax.

Andrade-Wax, who has led her department for nearly 10 years, is retiring from the city effective Feb. 8 — a move city officials had been anticipating since last year, though the final transition date came a bit sooner than expected.

"This is a dream job and how you want to end your career," Andrade-Wax said Tuesday about her time in Pleasanton.

Library director Heidi Murphy, whom Andrade-Wax has mentored for the past eight months after announcing her plan to retire, will take over as acting director of both departments through June 30, after which the departments will formally combine into one with Murphy as its director, according to City Manager Nelson Fialho.

"(Andrade-Wax) has lots to be

proud of during her tenure, including the many great programs and facilities that bring value to all segments of our community. Her department touches all corners of the city," Fialho said.

"I'm thankful for her years of service to Pleasanton and she's positioned Heidi over the past several months to take over the newly blended department successfully," he added. "It will result in more efficiency for the city, while also improving our reach of service to the community."

For Andrade-Wax, retirement doesn't mean she'll stop working.

She is moving to the city of San Rafael — a non-California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) agency — to become its community services director, likely a shorter-term role on the range of three to five years, she said.

Andrade-Wax started as Pleasanton's parks and community services director in November 2008, recalling that her first day on the job was the day the city opened its Alviso Adobe Community Park.

She joined Pleasanton after holding a similar position with the city of Gilroy. Her 34-year career in recreation services also included roles with the city of Santa Clarita and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Andrade-Wax acknowledged her tenure included some difficult years during and after the Great Recession, but because the city

is "managed so well," her department was able to thrive while others in the state struggled to save staff and programs.

"What an incredible agency," she said, praising the support community services receive from city administration, the City Council, commissions and her employees.

"My proudest moment is my staff," Andrade-Wax added. "I have been fortunate to have incredible staff here."

As for programs and projects during her tenure, she pointed to the opening of the Alviso Adobe, Firehouse Arts Center and Bernal Community Park, as well as the Creatures of Impulse teen improv troupe, Ridge Runners youth camp and the continued success of the city's aquatic and sports programs.

"The neat thing about this department is it really is cradle to grave, and everything in between," Andrade-Wax said, referencing the Gingerbread Preschool and Pioneer Cemetery also falling under her purview.

She said she had planned to retire from Pleasanton in the spring, closer to the end of the fiscal year in June, so a transition strategy has been underway to groom Murphy to become her successor.

But, Andrade-Wax was thrown "a curveball" when the San Rafael city manager asked her to join their staff as community services director starting later this month. San Rafael has been without permanent leadership in that position since last March, and as a non-CalPERS agency, it has a number of public retirees across its staff, according to Andrade-Wax.

That accelerated her Pleasanton departure, but with Murphy waiting in the wings, "We couldn't be in better hands," Andrade-Wax said.

Murphy, who has worked for the city as library services director since April 2016, said she is excited about the new opportunity.

"I am inspired by the people in the library and the community services departments," Murphy said. "Together, we have tremendous opportunities to enhance service to our community by connecting the diverse talents of the staff teams and leveraging opportunities for collaboration."

"In anticipation of Susan's retirement, I have been mentoring with her for the past eight months," Murphy added. "Most impressive during this time are Susan's leadership and the skill and heart of the community services team." ■



Susan
Andrade-Wax



Heidi Murphy

BART

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"I think people have been waiting for them for a long time," BART board member Rebecca Saltzman said.

The new cars have a suite of new concepts such as micro-plug doors and wheels with a new profile, both of which make the ride quieter. A new digital map allows passengers to see where they are, the next stop and where they are going and each car has three doors, making it easier for people to get on and off.

BART officials said that's really important because since the agency ordered 775 new cars in 2012, ridership has grown 14%.

"I think it's a great day for our

riders," assistant general manager for operations Paul Oversier said.

The cars are a nicer environment and will be easier to clean because of more open space and floors and seats that are designed to be cleaned, he said.

The new trains also have automated announcements so riders will be able to hear announcements better because on the current trains operators give announcements and their voices vary in volume.

Over the next several years, production of the new cars will increase to 16 to 20 per month. BART is expecting to receive the last of its new cars by the end of 2022. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and
Bay City News Service

MALIHAN

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She could be eligible to serve only half of her remaining sentence, with good behavior in prison.

The prison term broke down to six years — the midterm sentence under the law — for gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and one year for a special enhancement of multiple victims involved in the crash.

"The District Attorney's Office charged and resolved this case based on the evidence. The circumstances of the offense, and the (state) legislative sentencing parameters on the charges guided the plea," said deputy district attorney Alison J. Chandler, who prosecuted the case.

She had faced a maximum of 11 years in state prison had she been convicted of all charges against her, which also included a felony DUI count that was dismissed as part of the plea deal.

Malihan made a brief statement in the packed courtroom in Martinez on Friday afternoon, offering remorseful comments to Dunn's family, according to her attorney, Joshua Olander of the firm Mastagni Holstedt.

"It was a brief statement expressing her remorse and she was hopeful that the family can forgive her," Olander said. "Not a day goes by, or will go by, that she won't think about her actions that took the life of the child. As a mother, that weighs very heavily on her."

Criminal restitution remains open for Dunn's family, according to Chandler. As for whether Malihan will ever be allowed to drive again with her DUI history, that question will be answered by the California Department of Motor Vehicles upon her release from prison, the prosecutor said.

The sentencing Friday was an emotional hearing for the two families, according to Olander.

"It was a courtroom of over 70 people between both families, and I don't think that there was a dry eye in the house. It was sad. It's just a very sad case," the defense attorney said. "Hopefully both families can begin to move on and heal."

The crash that claimed the life of young Dunn took place around

6:20 p.m. on Sept. 9, 2016 when Malihan's Toyota Sequoia slammed into the back of a black Toyota Camry parked on the shoulder of northbound I-680 near Bollinger Canyon Road, killing the toddler and injuring his mother, brother and sister, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) reported at the time.

Malihan was arrested several days after the crash but remained out of custody for nearly eight months until authorities completed their investigation and the DA's Office filed charges. During that time out of jail, she was also arrested on suspicion of public intoxication in Pleasanton and sentenced in an unrelated misdemeanor case for reportedly driving while intoxicated with her daughter in the car.

It took the CHP-Dublin office more than four months to complete their investigation into Dunn's death, forwarding the case to the DA's Office for review and consideration of charges on Jan. 20, 2017.

After another four months of investigation of their own, prosecutors formally charged Malihan with gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and felony DUI with multiple victim enhancements on May 19.

She has remained in jail custody in Martinez since surrendering to authorities on the arrest warrant that weekend.

That marked the second time last May that Malihan was in police custody. She was arrested on May 12 after Pleasanton police alleged she was seen severely intoxicated near Bernal Avenue and Sunol Boulevard early that afternoon.

Malihan was also sentenced in December 2016 after pleading no contest to misdemeanor DUI and child cruelty charges for reportedly driving while intoxicated with her daughter in the car that June. Olander said Malihan now faces a charge of probation violation in that case because of her manslaughter conviction.

In the aftermath of the fatal crash, supporters of Dunn's family launched an online petition urging changes to rules that allow DUI arrestees to retain their driver's license after posting bail and remaining out of jail while the case is still pending. The petition has garnered 3,200 signatures to date. ■

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POLICE BULLETIN

Teens arrested in burglary that caused Vintage Hills lockdown

Pleasanton police arrested three San Jose teens last week for allegedly breaking into a house near Vintage Hills Elementary School, with the campus being locked down for more than an hour while officers searched for the final suspect.

The situation began around 10:05 a.m. Jan. 18 when a resident on Riesling Drive called police to report a suspicious vehicle with its engine running in his neighborhood, according to Lt. Larry Cox.

The caller also said he saw a young female knock on the door of a nearby house and provide a lookout while two young males entered the backyard of the next-door neighbor, according to Cox.

The caller provided descriptions of all three people, which helped officers who arrived within minutes of the initial call to the neighborhood on the 1000 block of Riesling Drive, Cox said.

Officers detained one male teen running from the house as he tried to enter a waiting vehicle, which had been reported stolen from San Jose, according to Cox. The female teen seen knocking on the door was found inside the vehicle.

The other male teen ran from the scene but was soon spotted hiding in a backyard on Concord Street, according to Cox.

Vintage Hills, also located on Concord Street, was placed on precautionary lockdown just before

10:30 a.m. while police scoured the neighborhood and set up a perimeter to detain the final suspect, according to police and school officials. An officer was on campus to assist school staff.

The lockdown was lifted around 11:45 a.m. after the final suspect was apprehended, according to police — who did not release the names of the three arrested teens because they are underage.

In other business

- Three Antioch teenagers were arrested last Friday on suspicion of stealing another teen's purse without even stopping their car during the previous weekend at the Hacienda Crossings Shopping Center, according to a Dublin police spokesman.

The drive-by purse-snatching occurred around 4:15 p.m. on Jan. 14, with police receiving a report of a 13-year-old girl whose purse was ripped off her arm by someone inside a car that just suddenly pulled up next to her while she stood in the parking lot, according to Dublin Police Services Capt. Nate Schmidt.

The culprit reached through the window and stole the purse while the car was still moving, Schmidt said. The car then sped from the shopping center at Dublin Boulevard and Hacienda Drive, but witnesses provided a vehicle description to police, saying it was a four-door sedan with tinted windows.

Dublin detectives investigated the case and later identified two

17-year-old boys and one 16-year-old boy — all from Antioch — as the thieves, Schmidt said. The three teens were found and arrested on Friday. Their names were not released.

- Police officers detained a Pleasanton man on an arrest warrant last week at the house where he had holed up and refused to surrender to police after fleeing a traffic stop two days earlier, according to a department spokeswoman.

Scott Hagan, 55, was booked into the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on Jan. 18 on charges of evading police and resisting arrest, according to Sgt. Julie Fragomeli.

Officers had been actively looking for Hagan since obtaining the arrest warrant in the aftermath of the three-hour stalemate near downtown outside his former house — still owned by his mother — that ultimately ended when police decided it best to seek a warrant rather than forcibly enter the otherwise-unoccupied home where Hagan was hiding, according to Fragomeli.

Hagan had fled an attempted traffic stop and holed up in the basement, Fragomeli said. Police walked away and sought a warrant after concluding Hagan posed no threat to the community, as he was apparently unarmed and they confirmed nobody else was in the house.

Hagan called police Thursday and officers contacted him at the same house on the 4000 block of Old Stanley Boulevard at 11:55 a.m., where he surrendered without incident and was placed under arrest, according to Fragomeli.

The Pleasanton resident had been out on bail since last June following an incident in which the Alameda County Sheriff's Office alleges he continually attacked a rancher in rural Livermore to the point the rancher shot him after Hagan crashed his truck into ranch buildings and then drove at the rancher.

The Livermore case is pending trial, and Hagan, a local bail bondsman, has pleaded not guilty.

- An Alameda County sheriff's deputy pleaded not guilty Friday to two counts of assault for allegedly encouraging six gang members to attack a fellow inmate at the Santa Rita Jail in Dublin who the deputy had quarreled with.

Joseph Bailey, a 28-year-old Tracy resident who's been with the sheriff's office for three years, is free on \$65,000 bail and scheduled to return to court on Feb. 15 for a pretrial hearing.

Tensions arose between Bailey and the inmate who's the alleged victim when the man was moved into a minimum-security unit at Santa Rita on Oct. 24 and refused to participate in a custodial strip search which is required by policy, sheriff's Sgt. Kevin Estep wrote in a probable cause statement.

The inmate eventually cooperated with the strip search but before Bailey escorted him to his cell, he spoke to several inmates in that unit about the man's "behavior and demeanor," Estep said. The inmate was seriously beaten by those inmates about 90 minutes later.

The deputy who investigated the incident said Bailey told him, "I told those six guys to take care of him

(the inmate victim) and make it look like he fell in the shower" but said he did not want the victim to get beat up that badly, Estep wrote.

Bailey made a voluntary statement in the presence of his lawyer on Nov. 22 in which he acknowledged that he spoke with other inmates before placing the alleged victim in their pod but denied telling the other inmates to physically attack the victim, Estep said. ■

— Jeremy Walsh and Bay City News Service



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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Jan. 20

Sex offense

- 1:11 p.m. on Hopyard Road

Theft from auto

- 11:41 a.m. on the 7000 block of Bernal Avenue

- 6:01 p.m. on the 5700 block of Johnson Drive

- 6:35 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

- 7:04 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Alcohol violation

- 4:57 a.m. on the 5000 block of Porta Rossa Circle

- 8:49 a.m. at Hacienda and Owens drives; DUI

- 3:47 p.m. at Vineyard Avenue and Touriga Drive

- 8:17 p.m. on the 1700 block of Greenwood Road

Burglary

- 8:54 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

- 10:18 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Shoplifting

- 9:05 a.m. on the 6100 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Jan. 19

Alcohol violation

- 8:52 p.m. on the 3100 block of Santa Rita Road

Theft

- 1:15 p.m., 7200 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

- 2:12 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from structure

- 2:50 p.m., 2000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Burglary

- 11:41 a.m. on the 7000 block of Commerce Drive

- 2:33 p.m. on the 7700 block of Olive Drive

Drug violation

- 2:12 p.m. on the 4300 block of First Street

Jan. 18

Theft

- 12:17 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 6:38 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

Fraud

- 11:19 a.m. on the 7000 block of Corte Rosa

- 6:51 p.m. on the 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Missing person report

- 2:17 p.m. on Meridian Avenue

Burglary

- 10:05 a.m. on the 1000 block of Riesling Drive

Auto theft

- 9:36 a.m. on the 7200 block of Tulipwood Circle

Jan. 17

Alcohol violation

- 1:03 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

- 11:54 p.m. on the 1800 block of Santa Rita Road

Shoplifting

- 7:27 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Fraud

- 1:00 p.m. on the 5800 block of Owens Drive

Domestic battery

- 11:34 a.m. on Rose Rock Circle

Robbery

- 7:51 a.m. on the 5000 block of Owens Drive

Jan. 16

Burglary

- 7:17 p.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

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Kudos to City Manager Nelson Fialho

Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton's city manager since 2004 — and, at the time, was California's youngest municipal executive — was honored last week by the City Council, and for good reason: He was just recognized by the International City/County Management Association for having served in local government for 25 years.

His accomplishments since being hired at the age of 26 by the city's then-City Manager Deborah Acosta McKeehan range from successfully steering Pleasanton through a recession to managing the completion of the \$16.2 million, 16-acre, multi-purpose Bernal Community Park.

He began his professional career much as McKeehan did, first interning with a local city to gain municipal administrative experience. Fialho started 27 years ago as a Hayward intern, first in the city manager's office and then rotating through all the major departments of that city for nearly two years, including public works, planning and finance — the departments he now governs in Pleasanton.

"His energy and passion for public service was infectious," McKeehan recalls. "On top of all that, he was a likable guy others enjoyed working with to complete a task."

Quickly promoted to deputy city manager, Fialho worked with McKeehan and the City Council on implementing the merger of the Livermore and Pleasanton fire departments, acquiring and upgrading the city library from Alameda County, designing financial improvements to the city's capital improvement plan and heading up the city's labor relations team.

Fialho attributes his work ethic to his parents, who immigrated from the Azores. His mother was a seamstress, his father a military officer from Portugal. They lived the American dream, eventually owning a small dry-cleaning business and becoming naturalized citizens in 1984.

Born in Oakland, Fialho was raised in San Leandro. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science-economics and a master's in public administration with an emphasis in public finance from California State University East Bay. He then embarked on a career in local government, working in Hayward, San Dimas and Campbell prior to Pleasanton.

Here, he has served four mayors and 14 council members. He's made fiscal responsibility and sustainability a guiding principle and, most



Pleasanton's mayor and City Council recognized City Manager Nelson Fialho on Jan. 16 for his award from the International City/County Management Association for his 25 years of management service. Pictured (from left) are Councilman Jerry Pentin, Mayor Jerry Thorne, Fialho, and council members Karla Brown, Kathy Narum and Arne Olson.

notably, saw the city through the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Outside of City Hall, Fialho is often seen at Patelco Sports Complex, where he coaches youth lacrosse. His three sons are avid lacrosse players.

"While those of us who are elected to serve will come and go, it's the Nelsons of the world — these true public servants — who sustain

us through hard and extraordinary work, who show up day in and day out in selfless service to the community they love and who make a real difference," Mayor Jerry Thorne said.

Added McKeehan: "He has taken Pleasanton onto the next version of the best it can be. I have no doubt Nelson will have a career in city management as long as he wants it to be. He is a true professional." ■

LETTERS

Selection of Zone 7's new general manager

Dear Editor,

With the pending retirement of its current general manager this March, Zone 7 Water Agency's Board of Directors is in the process of selecting a replacement.

Selection of a general manager is one of the most important decisions the Zone 7 Board makes. While policy direction is provided by the board, the general manager has very broad discretion to carry out the agency's day-to-day operations.

Zone 7 has faced a number of challenges in recent years including: 1) raising water rates on the heels of a drought; 2) approving participation in a Delta Fix that includes a tunnel under the Delta; and 3) approving costly ozone projects for treating water.

Complicated issues require significant outreach with the community. The customers paying the bill need to understand what they are getting for these projects as well as the cost implications. They also need to be provided a meaningful opportunity for input.

A new general manager must engage the community and build consensus decisions on key issues. The general manager must have extensive experience in the water industry and the ability to strategically plan water supply/quality projects.

Please let Zone 7 board members know what important qualifications you think the next general manager should possess. Contact information for the directors is on Zone 7's website, www.zone7water.com/about-us/board-of-directors.

—Dennis Gambis,
Candidate for Zone 7 board

Bad downtown plan

Dear Editor,

I am a 47-year resident of Pleasanton and would like to go on record as stating that I disapprove of the new development of the Bernal property.

We do not need another hotel downtown.

We do not need another entertainment venue downtown.

We do not need additional housing on that property as it will only further the congestion that is already in that area, as will every other

proposal listed in this plan.

We do not need a new library — the internet has made a library almost extinct. Our library is now used mostly to have children from schools wait in the library for their parents to pick them up after school.

I understand that the city has invested substantial resources toward a phased approach to developing the property, all of this being done without a vote from the residents of Pleasanton. Let's not spend any more money on this bad idea.

Why not fund the city workers pension plan that is still under funded? Why not add purple pipes to the Patelco Park area and make it presentable and not a eye sore?

—Ron Imperiale

Earthquake retrofit program

Dear Editor,

The earthquake retrofit program ignores Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville, Livermore and many other East Bay cities.

The program, earthquakebracebolt.com, is provided to homeowners in selected zip code areas. Homeowners in Castro Valley and all cities

east of Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro and Oakland are not "qualified" and are not allowed to participate in the retrofit program.

The program is offering homeowners \$3,000 toward retrofitting their homes. The selected zip codes are along the Hayward Fault, which is predicted to have a magnitude 7.0 earthquake anytime.

An earthquake of 7.0 magnitude on the Hayward Fault will impact all those cities listed above that are east of the Hayward fault, like Pleasanton, but are not allowed to participate in the retrofit program.

An earthquake retrofit will cost between \$3,000 and \$10,000 per home depending on the work being performed by the homeowner or by a licensed retrofit contractor.

It is not reasonable that only selected cities receive this offer. The offer should be made first to all homeowners east of the Hayward fault that have earthquake insurance — which is not a lot of homeowners. When all those homeowners with earthquake insurance have received the offer, the homeowners without earthquake insurance can be allowed to participate.

—Michael Austin

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Shakespeare's star-cross'd lovers coming to Pleasanton

Condensed 'Romeo and Juliet' will be at library

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

San Francisco Shakespeare Festival is on tour, taking an abridged version of "Romeo and Juliet" to venues around the state, including Pleasanton. Each performance is composed from Shakespeare's text and edited to include the key conflicts, themes and characters from the play.

"San Francisco Shakespeare Festival celebrated our 35th anniversary in 2017, and we're also celebrating 30 years of our Shakespeare on Tour program with a well-loved title," artistic director Rebecca Ennals said.

The troupe gave two performances for students at Amador Valley High School on Monday, and it will give an hour-long show for the



JAY YAMADA
Ella Ruth Francis and Myles Romo in the title roles of San Francisco Shakespeare Festival's touring production of "Romeo and Juliet."

public at the Pleasanton library at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11. At the end of the performance, the cast will take questions from the audience.

After the Q&A, everyone is invited to stay for an hour-long "Playshop," where cast members lead a series of activities and exercises to deepen their appreciation of drama, theater and Shakespeare. There is no charge for the show or "Playshop," courtesy of the library.

"So many people encounter Shakespeare for the first time by reading 'Romeo and Juliet' in a classroom," Ennals said. "Since an educational focus is a key pillar of our mission as a company, 'Romeo and Juliet' seemed the perfect fit for this tour."

"Romeo and Juliet" features

both thrilling sword fights and Shakespeare's beautiful poetry, performed by a cast of five Bay Area actors in contemporary costumes. Additionally, there are a couple of walk-on roles where audience volunteers get to be part of the show.

Shakespeare on Tour travels an average of 10,000 miles annually to bring an abridged version of a Shakespeare classic to schools, libraries and community centers across California. It is a program of the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival, known for its annual Free Shakespeare in the Park, which has been performed in Amador Valley Community Park each summer since 2000.

This summer, the festival will

stage Shakespeare's comic romp, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Also each summer the festival offers a two-week session of its Bay Area Shakespeare Camp in Pleasanton for campers ages 7-13, which ends by staging a play for family and friends.

For more information about San Francisco Shakespeare Festival programs, call (415) 558-0888 or visit www.sfshakes.org. ■

'Romeo and Juliet'

Where: Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave.

When: Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.

Information: sfshakes.org

Photos to 'Celebrate Women!'

Entries can compete or be displayed to honor someone special

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The annual "Celebrate Women!" photo exhibit will be held for the first time at the Livermore Public Library, from March 1-31.

Also new, this year's exhibit will be two-track: one for photographers who want to be judged; the other for those who simply want to honor a woman in their life.

"The second track is where the community at large is welcomed to submit an image of a woman who is important to them," curator Barbara Reynolds said. "This is an opportunity to look through the old photos in the attic and put one of those in the show."

Reynolds said she was sent a book of photos of her aunt who was a pilot in the 1930s and 1940s that had just been found by a relative.

"This is the sort of thing I'm talking about," she said. "Or, we

have had images of women going through cancer treatment, and even women welding metal for art projects."

Anyone can submit an image — a girlfriend, sister, mother, grandmother or great-grandmother, wife, aunt, a teacher or any woman of importance to the person submitting. Past subjects have been cowgirls, dancers, elderly women and young mothers persevering through obviously difficult lives.

Reynolds also noted that this year the exhibit is involved with even more high schools, and that students studying photography are judged equally with other photographers.

"It is common that several high school students are included in the awards," Reynolds said.

Entries are due digitally by Feb. 13. Email to celebratewomen18@gmail.com and indicate if the photo

is not to be included in judging. Include the name of the photographer, if it is unknown.

Each image must be delivered printed to the Livermore library between 3-6 p.m. March 1. When the photo is printed, it can be any size but must be ready for a frame (16-by-20 or larger) with D-rings and back wire, in order for volunteers to hang the show.

Cost is \$25 each entry for established artists; and \$5 for the first submission and \$2 for the second for emerging artists. Checks must be made payable to Barbara Reynolds and mailed to 450 Mulqueeny St., Livermore, CA 94550.

The show was previously affiliated with Las Positas College but now is looking for new sponsors in addition to the current ones: Elizabeth Nguyen, D.D.S.; Sue Evans Photography; Kerry Joy McGehee Photography; and A.R.Skatvold. ■

Read It & Eat

Novel tells of autistic girl's struggle to return to her mom

Towne Center Books is presenting Benjamin Ludwig, author of "Ginny Moon," at a Read It & Eat event next Thursday at the shop, 555 Main St.

This debut novel focuses on Ginny, a teenage girl with autism, who is in her fourth "forever home." Despite understanding her birth mother's addictions and struggles as a parent, Ginny remains determined to make her way home. She insists that she left something behind, under the bed, and will do

anything to get it back, much to the concern of her new teachers, therapist and "forever" parents.

"This well-written and heart-warming book will especially appeal to anyone who has or knows an autistic person," Towne Center Books owner Judy Wheeler said. "Other themes include foster care and a touch of suspense."

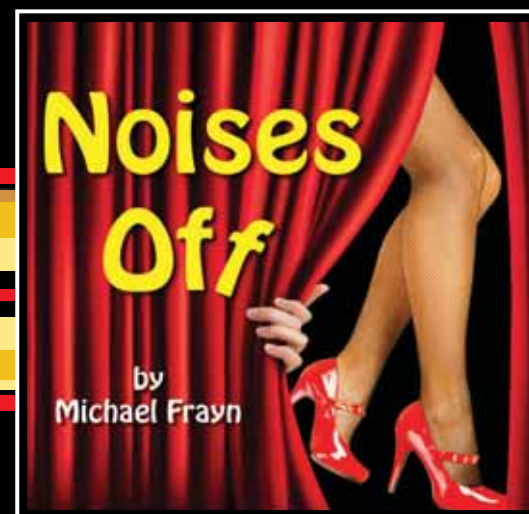
The story follows Ginny as she steals, lies and tries to get herself kidnapped, in a tale that is part coming-of-age and part mystery.

Benjamin Ludwig is a former English teacher and holds an MFA in creative writing. He was inspired to write "Ginny Moon" by his own experiences adopting a teenage girl with autism. He lives in New Hampshire with his family.

The gathering begins at 11:30 a.m., with the program and lunch at noon. Cost for the lunch alone is \$15; lunch and book are \$25. Reservations are required. Call 846-8826. ■

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Amador boys basketball tops Foothill with second-half surge

Also: Falcons' Baxter honored for netting 1,000th point

It is always an exciting time when the boys basketball teams from Amador Valley and Foothill meet up, and it was business as usual when the two locked horns last week at Foothill.

The Dons used their considerable size advantage to pull away late and grab the 52-42 win over the Falcons.

Foothill led 21-20 at the half in front of a half-empty gym Jan. 16 before Amador took the lead with a 14-10 edge in the third quarter. The Dons topped it off with an 18-11 margin in the fourth quarter to seal the victory.

Kenneth Tompkins scored 10 points to lead the Dons, with Mitch Benson adding nine and Tommy Kramer scoring eight. Ramon Cristwell and JT McDermott each had 11 points for the Falcons.

Foothill girls soccer

The Falcons remained undefeated with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over Dougherty Valley last week.

After falling behind in the first half, Foothill knotted up the match off a corner kick, with Audriana Templeman finishing at the net. This scored held until the final minutes, when Megan Guerra finished from distance.

Later in the week, Foothill traveled to Danville on a damp evening and walked away with a hard-fought



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Foothill varsity and JV cheer teams won in Yorba Linda.

draw 1-1 against San Ramon Valley.

The match started slowly for the Falcons, as they got dominated for the first 15 minutes, allowing a goal off a cross and header to put the Wolves up early.

After some formation and personnel changes, the Falcons begin to match the Wolves with the half ending 1-0.

The second half was much better for Foothill with a stronger attack and solid defense. Early on off a good passing combination by Kira Broacha, Sarah Mirr and Guerra, the Falcons

were able to knot the score when Guerra finished from close range.

Then on Saturday, Foothill traveled to Livermore for a make-up match against the Cowboys, grinding out a 1-1 draw to remain unbeaten.

The Falcons took the lead midway through the first half off a set piece delivered into the box by Quinn Lombardi and finished off by Mirr.

The match stayed in favor of the Falcons until middle of the second half when Livermore's consistent pressure finally finished from close range to level the match. The match ended 1-1 but only after several great saves by Falcons' keeper Maddie Goldberg and a late clearing effort from the goal line by Allison Casey.

Baxter hits 1,000 mark

Madison Baxter, a senior point guard for the Falcons, surpassed the 1,000-point career milestone against Lincoln of Stockton at home Jan. 8.

Baxter finished the game with 28 points, eight rebounds and four steals leading her team to a 55-44 victory. Baxter, who will attend the University of California at San Diego in the fall, was honored prior to the Dougherty Valley game this week.

Foothill cheer

On Jan. 13, Foothill junior varsity and varsity won while at the USA Regional Competition held at Deer Valley High School — in the JV Show Cheer Novice and Varsity Show Cheer Intermediate divisions, respectively.

Then last Saturday, both teams headed to Orange County to compete in the USA Regional Competition held at Yorba Linda High.

JV placed first in the JV Show Cheer Novice Division and varsity placed first in the Varsity Show Cheer Intermediate Large/Super Division. Both teams will compete in the USA Spirit Nationals held in Anaheim on Feb. 23-25. ■

Two new courts open at Tennis Park

Ribbon-cutting marks completion of years-long effort to bring court count up to 12

BY JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton officials and tennis enthusiasts celebrated the grand opening of two new lighted courts at the city's Tennis and Community Park last week.

Constructed over the past half-year, the nearly \$1 million effort increased the park's court count to one dozen, a total envisioned by the city for three decades and formally prioritized by the City Council in 2014 but then put on hold and reconfigured two years ago after neighbors protested the original location eyed for courts Nos. 11 and 12.

"Many of us doubted this day of two new courts would ever come, but it came indeed, and it was wonderful," Councilwoman Karla Brown, an avid tennis player, said in an email interview Jan. 17.

Brown joined Mayor Jerry Thorne, council members Kathy Narum and Arne Olson and local tennis players earlier that morning for the ceremonial ribbon-cutting at the park located at the Valley Avenue-Hopyard Road intersection.

The two new courts, sitting atop what used to be part of a horseshoe-shaped grass area between Tennis Park's two parking lots, serve to help address a shortage of available space for tennis players and complete the long-term vision at the park, according to city officials.

"Tennis is a very popular sport in Pleasanton with high school and youth players competing with adult players and leagues to play on our public courts," Brown said. "About four years ago, Pleasanton completed a Parks and Rec Master Plan,

listing a shortage of tennis courts in town as a top priority."

"Now more residents can enjoy the sport played in Pleasanton by tennis players of all ages and skill levels," she added.

The effort was years in the making to bring the final two tennis courts to the public park at 5801 Valley Ave.

The Tennis Park's original master plan from 1985 envisioned 12 tennis courts, but the count had stayed at 10 since the mid-1990s. The city's Parks and Recreation Master Plan update in 2014 identified the need for more tennis courts in town, and the council that year prioritized two more courts at Tennis Park and set aside capital improvement program (CIP) funds for the project.

The city had a contract in place with a construction firm to build the two courts in 2016, but those plans were scuttled after ensuing community protests over the new courts' proposed location, with residents arguing the new courts would be too close to their homes and take away grass areas the public used.

The council debated the project and in December 2016 endorsed a new court placement that offered less grading, lower price and a location farther away from neighboring homes but still centrally positioned within the park, compared to other alternatives presented.

The council approved the final project costs last May, which came out to \$83,000 for design and \$860,000 for construction — in addition to nearly \$145,000 in expenditures to that point for previous work for the project, according to city officials. ■

Blue Devils win big out of state

Two Tri-Valley Blue Devils hockey teams traveled out of state over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday weekend and returned home with the tournament trophies.

The Blue Devils High School Division 3 (HS-D3) squad dominated the Crossroads Tournament in Chicago before clinching the title in a tight 3-2 win in the finale, with the championship-winning goal scored by tourney MVP Tyler Love in overtime.

The victory marked the HS-D3 team's third tournament title so far this season, on top of the Fun in the Sun Tournament in San Diego and the Bellarmine College Prep competition in San Jose.

And in younger action, the Blue Devils 12U-BB-1 team traveled to Littleton, Colorado and captured

the 2018 LHA Slapshot Tournament, which featured teams from California, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Utah.

The 12U-BB-1 squad advanced out of round-robin play after two wins and two ties, and then won the semifinal game 5-2. In the championship, the Blue Devils pulled out to an early 2-0 lead and held on for the 3-1 victory to seal the tournament title.

"I was extremely proud of how hard our players played this weekend. They believed in themselves and wanted to take home the banner and that's exactly what they did. Every member of the team contributed to the victory," 12U-BB-1 head coach Dustin Van Fleet said. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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Contact event coordinator Cindy Ferrin at cferrin@pacbell.net or call 323-8517 for more info.

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TRI-VALLEY CULTURAL JEWS SHABBAT SHIRA

\$5 per adult non-member. Saturday, Jan. 27, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. www.eventbrite.com. Shabbat Shira, or Singing Saturday, is observed throughout the Jewish community. Tri-Valley Cultural Jews will observe the date with a "kumzits," a Jewish sing-along. They'll sing easy-to-learn songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and English, suitable for kids and adults.

HUNGARIAN/BALKAN FOLK MUSIC - TARAF DE AKACFA

Taraf de Akacfa Hungarian Folk Band Concert will feature live music from Hungary and the Balkan countries. Family friendly, free. Granada High School, 400 Wall St., Livermore, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Government

PLEASANTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Pleasanton Unified School District Board meets at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the District Office Board Room, 4665 Bernal Ave.

Food & Drink

BEER TRAIL Five beer stops by Jan. 31 equals \$20 to Sunflower Hill. Through Jan. 31, beer-lovers can download a passport or pick one up at any stop on the Tri-Valley Beer Trail or Tri-Valley hotel. Visit at least 5 out of our 22 breweries, taprooms or ale houses, and for every passport with five stamps that you turn in, Visit Tri-Valley will donate

\$20 to Sunflower Hill, a local, nonprofit organization working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs. For more info, visittrivalley.com.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKING EVENT

Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Inklings, 530 Main St. Event sponsored by Man Cave Eats, a Minnesota based craft meat company dedicated to helping end childhood hunger. We need 300 volunteers to pack meals. The food packets will be distributed to kids who are undernourished or starving. The goal for this event is 50,000 meals. Each packing session is 1 hour starting at 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. More info can be found at www.kahbayarea.org.

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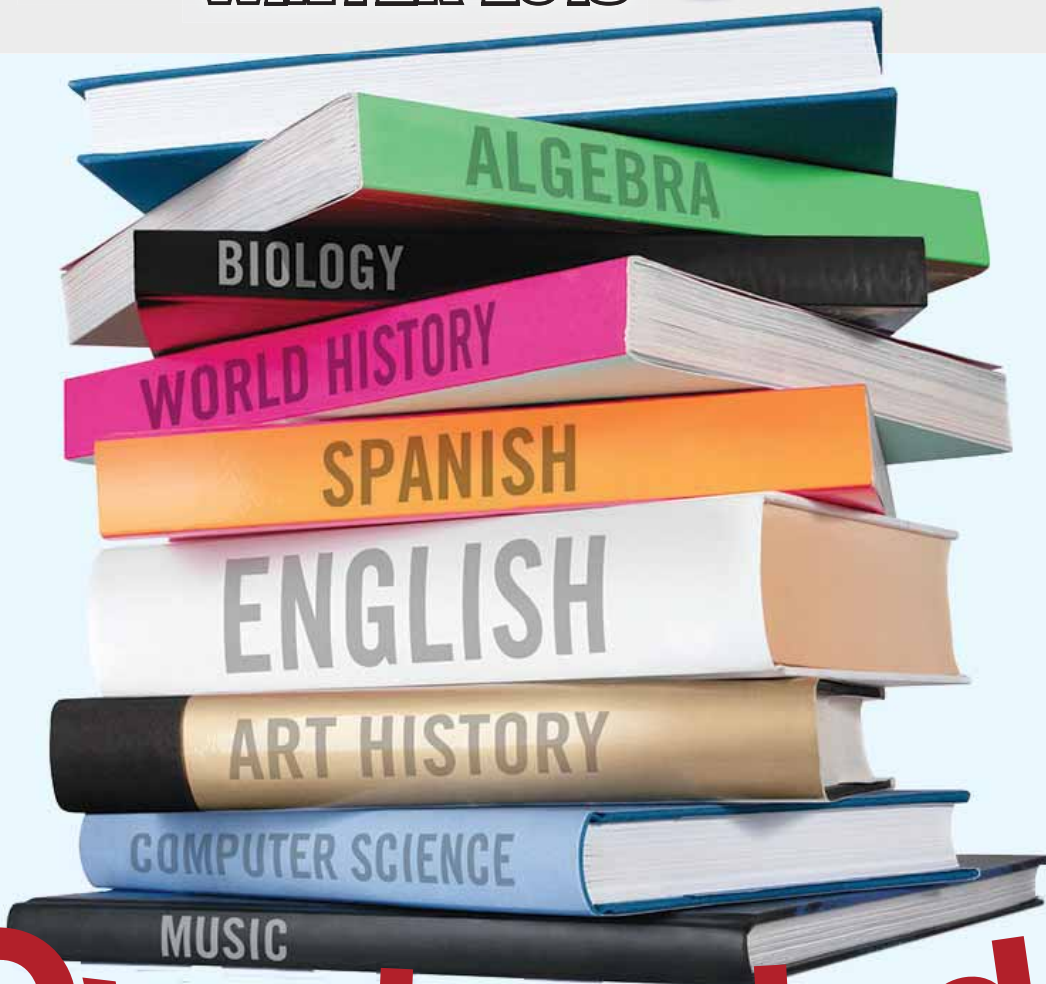
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Overloaded and underprepared

Second annual Parenting Forum to focus on youth stress

By JULIA BROWN

Across the country, kids are busy, stressed and sleep deprived.

Between homework, tests and extracurriculars — not to mention college applications for high schoolers — students are “super busy both in and out of school,” says Denise Pope, Ph.D., a senior lecturer at the Stanford University Graduate School of Education and co-founder of Challenge Success, which provides information and conducts research around best practices in areas such as assessment and school schedule.

“We surveyed over 150 schools across the U.S.,” Pope said in a recent interview. “We asked (kids) how many hours of homework they’re doing a night — not counting social media or procrastination — and asked about weekends and extracurriculars, and then asked them to self report their sleep.”

“Their average amount of sleep started with the number six,” Pope continued. “Some experts say you need at least nine hours at the high school level. Nobody would say six (hours of sleep is sufficient).”

Pope has observed this issue internationally as well. “We used to have to convince people this was a problem, but we don’t have to anymore,” she said.

Recognizing youth stress is a prevalent issue here in Pleasanton, the city in partnership with PUSD, PPIE and the Pleasanton PTA Council has invited Pope to serve as the keynote speaker at next weekend’s second annual Parenting Forum, part of the city’s free Community Education Series.

“(Challenge Success’) message is promoting healthy, happy kids and they want to reduce stress in children,” said city of Pleasanton community services manager Andrea McGovern. “The city is in line with



CHALLENGE SUCCESS

Denise Pope, a senior lecturer at Stanford University and co-author of “Overloaded and Underprepared” (whose cover art is seen at left) is the keynote speaker at the second annual Parenting Forum on Feb. 3.

their message and the school district as well as the PTA.”

She added, “We meet once a year with our youth commission to talk about topics that need to be addressed. One of the top priorities was reducing student stress, so all those things led us to going with Challenge Success (for the forum).”

Besides her work with Challenge Success and as a Stanford lecturer, Pope is also the author of “Doing School” and co-author of “Overloaded and Underprepared,” the theme of this year’s forum.

The book’s premise is that “our increasingly fast-paced world is interfering with sound educational practices and harming kids both physically and mentally.” It offers information and strategies for teachers, administrators and parents to make changes at school and at home to “create a more balanced and academically fulfilling life for kids.”

Pope says the notion that students are “overloaded” speaks to how busy their schedules can be, and the “underprepared” point comes from “the fact that they’re doing all this work but don’t find it meaningful or useful.”

“We’re seeing from colleges that (some) kids in AP classes are not retaining the information, and CEOs

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Donor Network West sees record-high in donors

Beneficiary: 'I don't think people realize the impact it can have'

By ERIKA ALVERO

For Amanda Cerro, the timestamp of 10:38 p.m. on June 28, 2015 will forever be etched into her memory. It was a moment that changed her life.

The 26-year-old Livermore resident was living in Santa Cruz at the time. A year out of college at UC Santa Cruz, she had a place of her own and loved her job as a child welfare advocate in San Jose.

But that night, after a beignet-frying venture gone wrong, she ended up in the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center burn unit with third-degree burns covering a quarter of her body.

Skin grafts saved her life, she says. Now, she hopes to encourage others to become donors by serving as an advocate for Donor Network West, a San Ramon-based organ and tissue recovery organization serving Northern California and Nevada.

"It's such an important thing for people to be an organ donor, and I don't think people realize the impact it can have," she said in a recent interview.



Amanda Cerro waits for a skin graft at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center after suffering burns in a cooking accident.

Founded in 1987, Donor Network West works to facilitate organ and tissue recovery for transplantation, serving 175 hospitals and over 13 million people across 40 counties.



AMANDA CERRO

Cerro receives a 'courage award' at a hospital gala a year and a half after suffering severe burn injuries. She now serves as an advocate for Donor Network West.

And last year was record-setting for the organization, as 2,732 people became donors — the highest number of organ and tissue donors in Donor Network West's 30-year history.

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Red Cross recognizes Livermore man for 100th blood donation

Organization calls for contributions during National Blood Donor Month

By JULIA BROWN

Thirty years ago, Thomas Petty was a young employee at Chevron when he heard about a blood drive the company was hosting and encouraging its workers to participate in.

"They had regular blood drives so I started giving here and there," said Petty, a 55-year-old Livermore resident who now operates a digital marketing agency. "I've been a long-time volunteer since I was a teenager and so that was one way of giving back."

Petty would meet his wife Joanne at Chevron, and she also took part in the blood drives. But upon retiring, she realized she no longer had a go-to place to donate.

"That was when I said, 'Why don't we start our own (blood drive)?'" Petty recalled.

And so in December 2002, the Pettys held the inaugural Asbury United Methodist Church blood drive, collecting around 25 units of blood.

Just over 15 years later, the Livermore church's blood drive has become a monthly event that typically nets around 50 units of blood each time. Petty estimates a little over 5,800 units of blood have been collected all told.

Earlier this month — which is National Blood Donor Month — the American Red Cross recognized Petty for his work and his own contributions to the cause. At the Asbury UMC blood drive on Jan. 12, Petty arrived to a festive atmosphere with cake and balloons. It was his 100th time giving blood, meaning he has donated approximately 12.5 gallons.

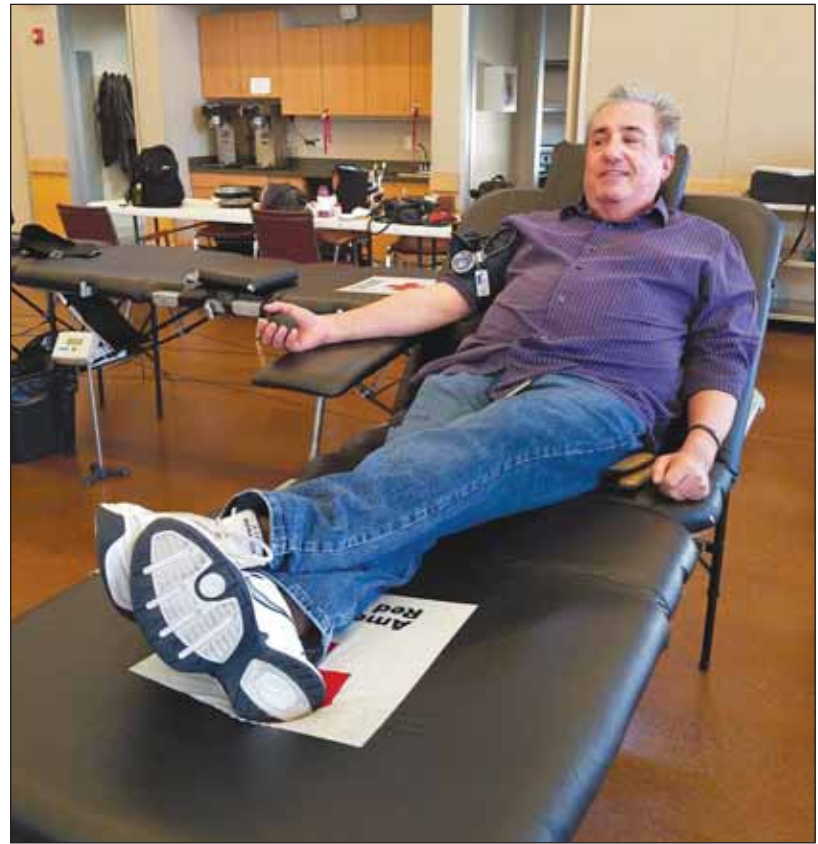
Reaching the milestone "gets me ready to gear up to get to 200," Petty said. He estimates getting there will take him nearly 17 years.

"It makes me feel good that my donations are going to people who are sick or injured," Petty said. "In the Bay Area we don't have enough blood donors, so the Red Cross actually has to import blood from other parts of the country."

"And with all the snowstorms out east, they've canceled hundreds of blood drives, so there's a shortage on the shelf," he added.

Severe winter weather, combined with seasonal illnesses and busy holiday schedules, led to more than 28,000 fewer blood and platelet donations than what was needed in November and December, Red Cross officials said in issuing a call for donations.

"Even temporary disruptions to blood



RED CROSS Livermore resident Thomas Petty was recognized for his 100th blood donation on Jan. 12.

and platelet donations can diminish the availability for hospital patients," Red Cross Blood Services senior vice president Clifford Numark said in a statement. "It's the blood on the shelves that helps save lives in an emergency, and that's why we're asking eligible individuals to make an appointment to give blood or platelets today."

With a lack of donors in the Bay Area, Petty encourages people to give blood if they can.

"Bay Area hospitals need over 300 units of blood every single day, and we don't have enough people donating," he said.

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Flu season in full swing at local, national level

Officials encourage residents to get vaccinated

By JULIA BROWN

Fever. Achy muscles. Feeling weak.

These are telltale signs of the flu, which is rampant throughout the country this winter including here in California.

All U.S. states except Hawaii are reporting widespread flu activity, according to the Centers for Disease Control. For the week ending Jan. 13, the proportion of people seeing their health care provider for flu-like symptoms was 6.3% — the highest percentage recorded since the 2003-04 season.

Flu activity is widespread in the state. As of Jan. 13, 74 residents under the age of 65 have died from the flu this season, California Department of Public Health reported in an update last week. At the same time last year that number was 14. Only flu deaths in people less than 65 years old are reported to the state.

No flu deaths have been reported in Alameda County to date, according to county Public Health Department spokeswoman Sherri Willis.

"We have seen increased visits to emergency departments, hospitals and urgent care which is pretty typical across the state," Willis said. "We are encouraging people to get a flu shot — 'it's not too late to vaccinate' is our chant."

Willis added that although this year's flu vaccine is less effective than in years past, "it

does provide some protection."

"There is plenty of vaccine in Alameda County; we're not experiencing any shortages," she said.

"The rest of the preventative measures people can take are standard germ abatement precautions," Willis continued. "Stay home if you're sick, drink plenty of fluids, cover your cough and your sneeze with a tissue or your arm, and stay fairly isolated from other members of your family if you can do that."

County health officials have also been advising residents on when they should go the emergency room.

Typical symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, headache, muscle ache and weakness; a sore throat and runny nose can also be present.

But more serious symptoms in children include troubled breathing, a "blueish or grayish pallor to the skin," rash and an unwillingness to take fluids, Willis said. In adults these include shortness of breath, abdominal pain and sudden dizziness or confusion.

"Those may be flu complications that you really want to be aware of," Willis said. "But if you're in doubt, call your doctor first before you dial 9-1-1 or definitely before you go to an emergency department. The worst place you could actually be in

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PARENTING

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are telling us kids coming out of even these top-tier schools are not prepared with what we call 21st century skills," she said.

Pope's keynote will touch on some of those strategies for parents of kindergarteners through high school seniors while also presenting supporting data from surveys of youth.

"There's a lot that families and kids can do immediately and there are some things that are more long-term that schools should probably consider because we're all in this together," Pope said. "In our society right now it's kind of a thing to be busy, and they take it as a good thing but at some point there are a lot of health issues associated with lack of sleep and stress, and that goes all the way up through adults."

After the keynote, parents and educators will take part in breakout sessions facilitated

by PUSD staff. Sessions include "Raising healthy, happy kids" — which will focus on finding balance in playtime, downtime and family time, McGovern says — and "Choosing the right fit college," among others.

"It's really quite positive that Pleasanton the city is taking on this initiative," Pope said. "This is basically saying as a city, parent education and child wellbeing is a priority for us, and that's great." ■

Overloaded and Underprepared

What: Second annual parenting forum

Who: Keynote speaker Denise Pope

When: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Feb. 3

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"There are many moving parts to make donation a reality for the more than 10,000 people who are waiting for an organ transplant in Northern California and Nevada," said Cindy Siljestrom, CEO of Donor Network West. "We are very proud to have worked as a team to give them hope. We thank the donors and their families for saying 'yes' to donation in 2017 and for helping to heal lives."

These deceased donors could potentially help nearly 70,000 people — people like Amanda Cerro.

Cerro remembers the details of her accident vividly. She and her then-boyfriend had begun frying beignets in her kitchen, when the pan started to smoke — the oil in the pan had caught on fire. Within seconds, Cerro said, the flames were two or three feet tall and rising.

Her boyfriend carried the pan outside, while she grabbed her dog and laptop and then followed him through the front door. After putting her dog on the front lawn, she ran back up the porch steps — and was hit by the inflamed pan.

"I walked up the porch, into this inferno," she said.

Her boyfriend had spilled some oil onto his hand and thrown the pan in pain, unwittingly into Cerro's path. Her hair on fire, she ran screaming from the porch.

When your body is on fire, all thoughts of "stop, drop and roll" are erased from your mind, Cerro said.

"All you can think about is 'I'm on fire,'" she said.

As she ran, she tripped and fell onto some wet grass, which extinguished the flames.

Two passing tourists found her and called 9-1-1. The ambulance that arrived didn't depart for 30 minutes, though, as the

medics were trying to fly in a helicopter. But rough weather conditions prevented a helicopter from flying in, so emergency personnel drove Cerro to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose.

She arrived at the burn clinic 90 minutes after she was injured with burns on 35% of her body, most of which were third degree. She received skin grafts on her right hand, entire right leg and both her feet.

Cerro spent five weeks in the burn unit, recovering and learning to walk again. But the effects of the incident were more far-reaching. She ended up leaving the child welfare advocacy job she had loved, as she said it was too difficult to deal with others' trauma while she was still dealing with her own.

"It's only the last seven months that I've started to feel a sense of normalcy," she said.

Now, Cerro works as a substitute teacher and a paraeducator in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. And about six months ago, she became an advocate for Donor Network West, attending events and visiting schools to talk about what it means to be a donor.

According to Donor Network West, almost 1,400 people in Alameda County are currently waiting for an organ transplant, and every day 22 people in the United States die while awaiting a transplant.

"I would just highly encourage people to be informed about what it means to be an organ donor," Cerro said. One organ donor can save up to eight lives, she said, and one tissue donor can heal up to 75 people.

"It is wonderful news that Donor Network West saw record high donors this last year," she added. "We hope to have another record high year in 2018!"

For more information on Donor Network West and organ donation, visit www.donor-networkwest.org. ■

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Strong demand, low inventory to continue driving market in 2018

New tax laws, interest rates could complicate Pleasanton real estate this year

By DAVID STARK

The fundamentals of the Pleasanton real estate market will remain unchanged, but new federal tax laws could influence buyer behavior during 2018.



Limited supply coupled with strong demand pushed the median sales price for single-family detached homes beyond the million-dollar level during 2017. Those conditions will continue into 2018 driven by a robust Bay Area economy.

The primary variable influencing real estate in Pleasanton this year is the sweeping tax reform bill signed into law late last year. It could have serious consequences for both homeowners and home-buyers in high-cost areas such as Pleasanton.

Translating exactly how the tax laws will impact Pleasanton real estate is a challenge.

"Prices will continue to rise, with caution, because no one knows how the tax changes will affect buyers' attitudes," said Tim Ambrose, 2018 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.

He continued, "We're really not sure with this new tax law capping the write-off for mortgage interest if buyers will factor that in."

Ambrose said he thinks homeownership is so attractive that buyers may see a potentially higher tax bill as just another cost associated with purchasing a home.

"There isn't going to be much of a change in the way you approach Pleasanton," Ambrose said. "It's desirable; it's always been desirable and inventory is low."

Mike Jacinto, a past president of the Bay East, agreed saying, "I think we need at least one year under our belts to get a feel for what the tax laws are really going to do to impact income and taxes and also to have an impact on the psyche of the market."

Asked what current or potential homeowners should do now to prepare for the new tax environment, Jacinto said, "While they are sitting with their tax preparer they should review what their tax picture looked like in 2017 pre-tax reform and then look at the results for 2017 with tax reform and that will give them guidance."

While the tax issue complicates prognosticating, Ambrose was confident when it comes to housing choices in Pleasanton this year: They will be limited.

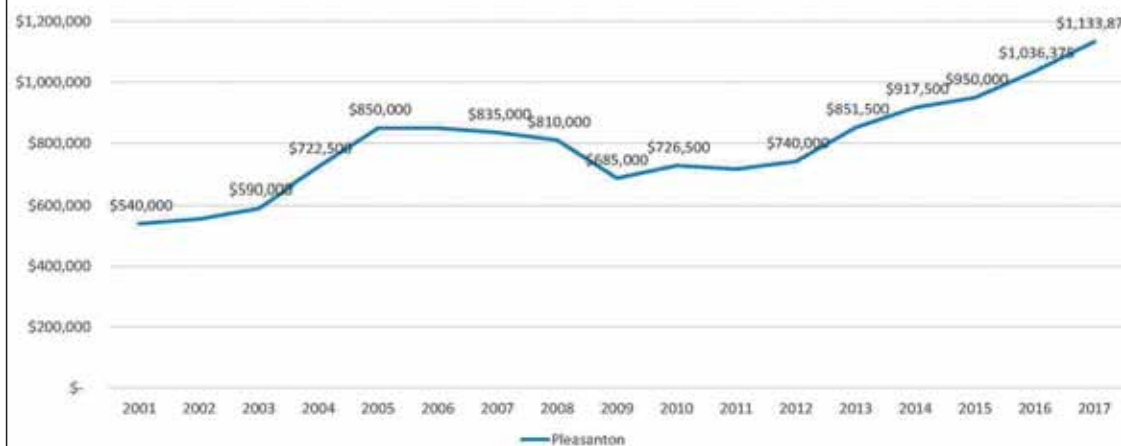
"Folks are just not leaving. Folks like it here and Pleasanton is a very desirable city to be in," he said.

For those Pleasanton homeowners who do want to move, Ambrose said they aren't sticking around.

"I'm not finding move-up buyers in Pleasanton anymore," he said. "If they're not retiring then they have the kinds of jobs where they can work anywhere, so they can be in Nevada and have a lower cost of living. Or they're retiring and just done with work."

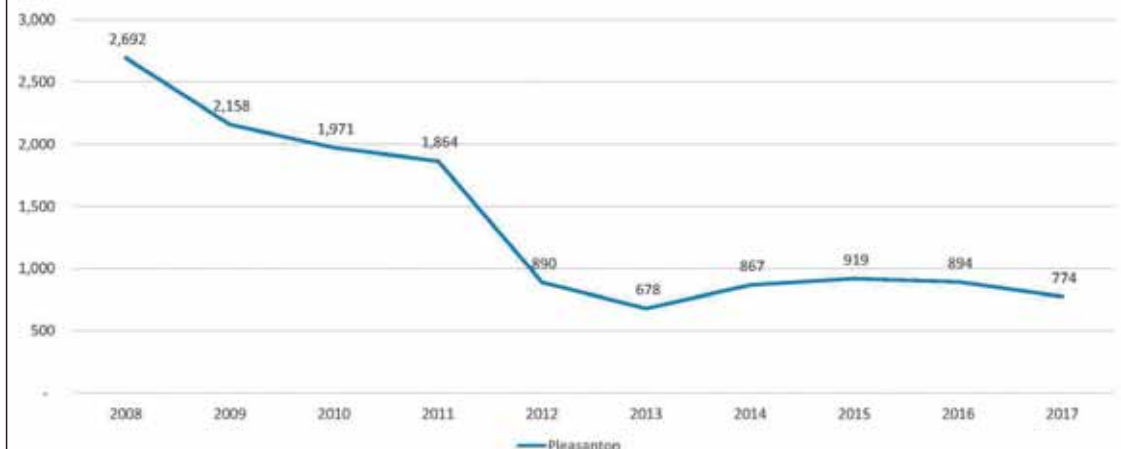
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Bay East Association installs new leadership

Castro Valley's Ambrose named 2018 president; Allen selected as president-elect

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton-based Bay East Association of Realtors started the new year by recognizing the local and regional real estate professionals who are serving as the trade association's leadership team for this year during a ceremony at Casa Real Winery earlier this month.

Tim Ambrose, of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServ in Castro Valley, was installed as Bay East's 2018 president, saying his goals for the year-long term will be promoting the association's core values of communication, integrity, vision, innovation and leadership.

Ambrose, who also serves on the California Association of Realtors Board of Directors, brings a range of real estate knowledge and leadership experience to his new role, according to Bay East officials.

He has served on Bay East's Executive, Housing Opportunities, Strategic Planning and Local Government Relations committees, as well as partnered with The Unity Council Home Ownership Center to facilitate first-time home-buyer classes to educate people on the home buying process.

Ambrose holds an undergraduate degree from Saint Mary's College.

Rounding out the Bay East leadership team for this year are president-elect Nancie Allen, MasterKey Real Estate Advantage in Fremont; treasurer Tina Hand, Intero Real Estate in Castro Valley; past president Will Doerlich, Realty ONE Group BMC Associates in San Ramon; and CEO Tricia Thomas.

The association, which represents more than 5,500 Bay Area Realtors and affiliates, also installed its 2018 Board of Directors during the Jan. 13 event at Casa Real. The directors, by district, are:

- North County: Anne McKereghan, Alain Pinel Realtors, Alameda.
- Central County: Bill Espinola, Parkview Realty, Hayward; and Liz Lucero, Coldwell Banker, Castro Valley.
- Tri-City: June Burckhardt, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Fremont; Ron Lyster, RE Realty Experts, Fremont; Steve Medeiros, RE Realty Experts, Fremont; and Jackie Pena, Legacy Real Estate and Associates, Fremont.



The Bay East Association of Realtors' 2018 officers (from left): president-elect Nancie Allen, treasurer Tina Hand, president Tim Ambrose, CEO Tricia Thomas and past president Will Doerlich.

- Tri-Valley: Barbara Clemons, Coldwell Banker, Pleasanton; Tracey Esling, J. Rockliff Realtors, Pleasanton; Leslie Faught, Alain Pinel Realtors, Pleasanton; and Ed Gomes, Pride Properties, Livermore.
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- Bay East is headquartered at 7021 Koll Center Pkwy., Suite 200 in Pleasanton, with an office also in Alameda. The association aims to serve Bay Area residential and commercial real estate professionals by providing programs and services to enhance their ability to conduct business with integrity and competence. ■

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For someone purchasing in Pleasanton in 2018, Ambrose said, "Be ready to go over the asking price. That's the status quo and it hasn't changed."

Another federal issue that could resonate with home-ownership in Pleasanton is interest rates.

Jacinto said he anticipates the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates twice during 2018. "First the Fed needs to see economic data and even though the first potential change comes up in their March meeting, the first quarter economic data will dictate if an increase will happen," he added.

Assuming rates do increase, which Jacinto predicts because they have been at historically low levels, they may have little impact locally.

"Even if rates were to move up a quarter to a half a percent, you still have very low interest rates which mean you have affordability," he said. "Yes, you may see the fringe that are just hanging on to qualify for a mortgage at today's rates fall off, they may need to look elsewhere, but you still have a healthy market." ■

Editor's note: David Stark is the public affairs director for the Bay East Association of Realtors, based in Pleasanton.



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VINTAGE HEIGHTS



715 MONTEVINO DRIVE, PLEASANTON

Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group Represented the Buyer in the Purchase of this Attractive Custom Built Home In Family Friendly Vintage Heights. Four Large Bedrooms Plus Den And 3.5 Bathrooms. This Open Floor Plan Home Is Tastefully Upgraded in Crowned Molding, Baseboards & Plantation Shutters Throughout. Updated Granite Slab Gourmet Kitchen W/ Stainless Steel Appliances, Center Island, Recessed Lighting, Hardwood Floors, Three Fireplaces, 1 Full Bedroom And Bath Downstairs, Gorgeous Master Suite W/ Retreat Area, Stunning Master Bathroom, Soaring Ceilings, 3 Car Garage, Beautiful Rear Grounds With Peaceful Sitting Areas & Pergola, So Much To List! Too Many Features And Updates.

SOLD FOR \$1,648,000

WESTSIDE ALAMO



21 SUSAN COURT, ALAMO

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6900 RIDDELL STREET, PLEASANTON

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SOLD FOR \$1,725,000

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474 AMARAL CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

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SOLD FOR \$905,000

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235 CROYDEN DRIVE, PLEASANT HILL

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SOLD FOR \$760,000

HOME SALES

This week's data represent Alameda County homes sold during Nov. 27 to Dec. 12.

Pleasanton

- 839 Bonde Court** P. & D. Bierbower to M. & J. Hamilton for \$1,330,000
- 6423 Calle Esperanza** M. Fernstrom to J. Chen for \$1,600,000
- 7615 Canyon Meadow Circle #E** Francks Trust to J. Wu for \$455,000
- 843 Division Street #C** J. Mello to S. Newton for \$455,000
- 4206 Dundalk Court** G. Tucker to M. Shah for \$1,190,000
- 4342 Fairlands Drive** Balaji Trust to B. & S. Shetty for \$811,500
- 4120 Georgis Place** R. & G. Salvador to S. Sethuraman for \$655,000
- 3362 Hadsell Court** R. & J. Duffey to L. Wang for \$1,155,000
- 4622 Mason Street** J. & C. Kutsuris to C. Vong for \$945,000
- 370 Oak Lane** K. & M. Mirchandani to R. & J. Duffey for \$1,650,000
- 1648 Orchard Way** Rice Trust to H. Huang for \$1,230,000
- 1180 Paladin Way** K. Kenjoni to J. Zhang for \$2,870,000
- 3216 Royalton Court** Castro Trust to Y. Xian for \$1,180,000
- 4844 Saginaw Circle** Weisse Trust to L. Anantharam for \$569,000
- 3757 Selvante Street** N. & A. Khan to J. Takhar for \$2,535,000
- 2583 Skimmer Court** M. & R. Fiala to J. & C. Gore for \$1,260,000
- 5752 Stonecliff Vista Lane** Mirchandani Trust to J. Mirchandani for \$1,010,000
- 4151 Veneto Court** S. Tay to G. & P. Desai for \$695,000
- 1166 Vintner Way** Freeman Trust to A. Perez for \$1,075,000

- 4466 2nd Street** Hodnefield Trust to Rivera Trust for \$3,000,000
- 4163 Amberwood Circle** C. Reardon to W. & A. Blaker for \$540,000
- 3687 Ashwood Drive** Newton Trust to A. Dwidar for \$925,000
- 4379 Campinia Place** T. & R. McLaughlin to H. Chi for \$2,160,000
- 3872 Cheshire Court** Sea Palm to J. Chen for \$1,215,000
- 6102 Corte Altamira** G. & L. Cooper to Schwartzin-Calvert Trust for \$1,100,000
- 1196 Crellin Road** K. Shin to Zentner Trust for \$990,000
- 4869 Del Valle Parkway** Aloe Trust to C. & A. Lillywhite for \$1,364,000
- 4553 Fisher Court** D. & M. Boggs to E. Wedeking for \$810,000
- 4127 Francisco Street** J. & C. Mitooka to J. & R. Underwood for \$885,000
- 1757 Greenwood Road** Gundermann Trust to D. & K. Tempero for \$1,142,000
- 1648 Holly Circle** Dubois Trust to W. Xu for \$970,000
- 7626 Knollbrook Drive** R. Lee to R. & A. Penmatcha for \$1,100,000
- 3742 Oak Brook Court** D. & K. Dollard to R. Nadimpally for \$980,000
- 1777 Paseo Del Cajon** J. Lowe to T. Gong for \$1,090,000
- 4642 Sierrawood Lane** R. Marshall to R. & C. Saroukhanoff for \$960,000
- 1481 Trimmingham Drive** Copher Trust to R. Vittal for \$850,000
- 2028 West Lagoon Road** S. & M. Jow to C. Sheng for \$1,650,000
- 3178 Weymouth Court** W. Wan to W. Jin for \$967,000
- 3484 Zion Canyon Court** J. & L. Strong to V. Kaku for \$1,200,000

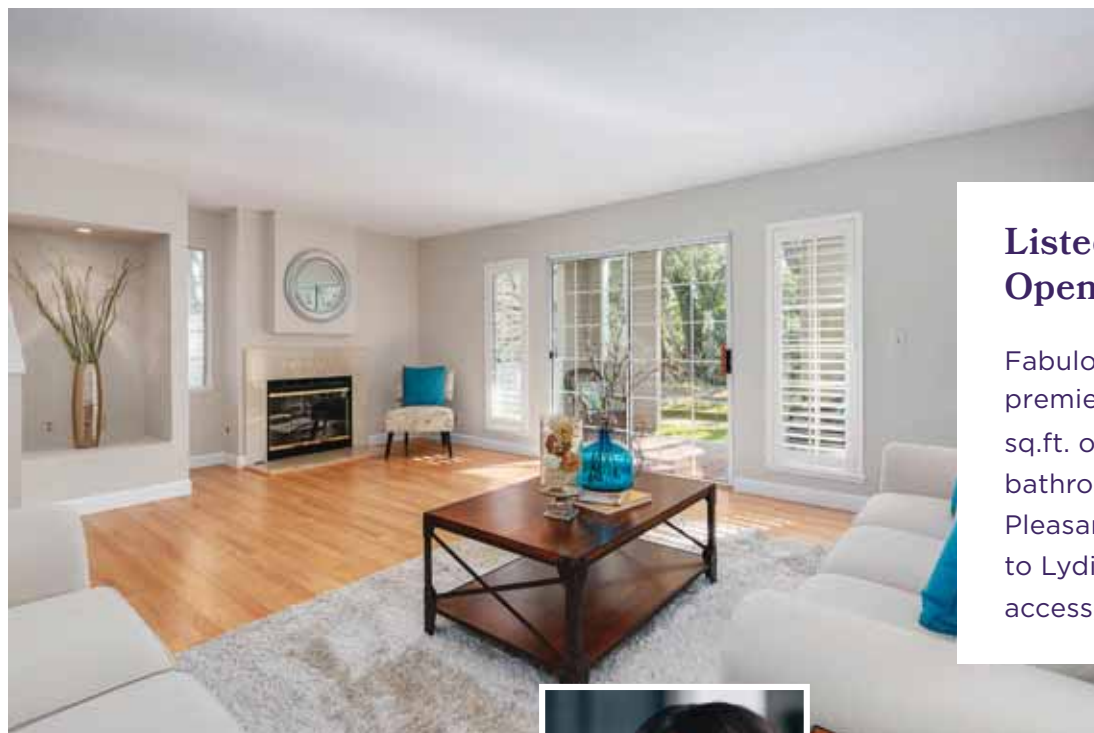
Dublin

- 7211 Avon Court** R. & A. Schuler to C. Arumalla for \$865,500
- 5403 Blackstone Way** P. & A. Burke to R. Singh for \$1,340,000
- 6155 Bridgestone Circle** V. Palla to D. Karackadu for \$945,000
- 7060 Brighton Drive** V. Godinez to S. Karuppusamy for \$700,000
- 7377 Brighton Drive** R. & J. Bugarin to C. Challa for \$800,000
- 3526 Capoterra Way** Jamieson Trust to R. & M. Nhieu for \$895,000
- 4628 Central Parkway #30** F. & N. Malik to T. & J. Martinez for \$655,000
- 4550 Central Parkway #7** Anglin Trust to M. & M. Dalarossa for \$790,000
- 8395 Deervale Road** S. Tedros to H. Wu for \$801,500
- 3385 Dublin Boulevard #113** N. Fazeli to M. & A. Kazmi for \$610,000
- 7090 Dublin Meadows Street #A** G. Schapansky to P. Wani for \$426,000
- 2827 East Cog Hill Terrace** Shah Trust to S. Venkatachari for \$1,701,000
- 2759 East Sugar Hill Terrace** Subbaram Trust to A. & A. Palanisamy for \$1,610,000
- 11550 Fenwick Court** Carter Trust to J. & A. Mayard for \$978,000
- 4063 Kinsale Street** Y. Xu to M. Gangopadhyaya for \$805,000
- 4076 Kinsale Street** G. Kwan to H. & H. Modi for \$825,000
- 7593 Knollwood Place** J. & N. West to D. & S. Bhattacharjee for \$855,000
- 4256 Midlands Court** Lennar Homes to R. Durai for \$805,000
- 4258 Midlands Court** Lennar Homes to B. Sudarsan for \$810,000
- 4260 Midlands Court** Lennar Homes to A. Bisht for \$846,000

- 4781 Perugia Street** N. Neumann to T. Chang for \$708,000
- 7716 Ridgeline Drive** M. & K. McGovert to Y. & S. Liew for \$1,416,000
- 4646 Rimini Court** Mitchell Trust to B. Su for \$884,000
- 11652 Rolling Hills Place** Classen Trust to Trinity Trust for \$607,000
- 6986 Stagecoach Road #G** K. Unterman to K. Boianapally for \$620,000
- 7772 Starward Drive** Dahlheim Trust to X. Zhang for \$835,000
- 6901 Syrah Drive** B. & N. Marwaha to N. Jain for \$1,178,000
- 7635 Turquoise Street** Andress Trust to A. Sheshadri for \$965,000
- 3350 Vittoria Loop** V. Parthasarathy to J. Sidamsety for \$995,000
- 11473 Winding Trail Lane** J. Nelson to V. Bitla for \$705,000
- 3737 Aviano Way** Whitney Johnson Limited to K. Kujundjic for \$889,000
- 3816 Branding Iron Place** M. Mohabbat to A. Chatterjee for \$620,000
- 3969 Derryfield Court** L. & M. Paita to C. Setiadi for \$899,000
- 6725 Elm Court** Baughman Trust to J. Hively for \$810,000
- 5228 Fortezza Court** Chatman Trust to S. & A. Christiansen for \$1,460,000
- 4944 Piper Glen Terrace** J. & C. So to S. Xie for \$1,200,000
- 11489 Silvergate Drive** Hachman Trust to M. Ladoni for \$812,500
- 5957 Topsfield Circle** D. & Y. Takise to B. Desai for \$1,039,000
- 3286 Vittoria Loop** N. Apuri to S. Chanda for \$930,000

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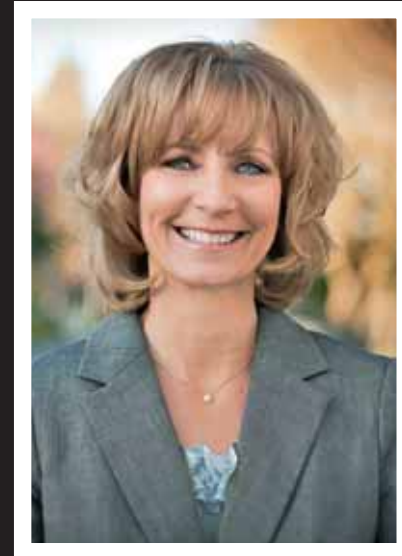
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HOME SALES

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Livermore

4168 Bellmawr Drive M. Davis to C. & E. Duenas for \$960,000
3025 Bresso Drive Bhatt Trust to S. & M. Chhabra for \$1,245,000
5784 Cherry Way J. & S. Newman to A. Gonzalez for \$930,000
1787 Corte Sueno A. Tsouladze to D. Enander for \$707,500
439 Covellite Lane S. & H. Martinez to A. & B. Dantzig for \$865,000
2552 Gelding Lane Dias Trust to C. Forral for \$769,000
207 Heligan Lane #11 D. Matias to K. & C. Ng for \$582,500
401 Kensington Common Monaghan Trust to C. & A. Morris for \$635,000
1250 Lakeland Drive R. & L. Johnson to M. Piccigallo for \$752,000
1083 Locust Street NMT Financial to J. & A. Chen for \$650,000
2634 Marina Avenue C. & D. Johnson to L. Hughey for \$1,650,000
763 Misty Circle Ibrahim Trust to S. & S. Yari for \$785,000
5453 Moonflower Way S. Singh to B. Murphy for \$565,000
440 North K Street L. & M. Kingsley to S. & C. Judge for \$535,000
395 Northwood Commons J. Muehling to P. Vanderovaart for \$550,500
2853 Rutherford Court K. & F. Brauer to J. Manson for \$1,275,000
674 Selby Lane #1 A. & N. Motedaeyn to P. Pegah for \$725,000
118 Selby Lane #13 D. Sawyer to Yu Trust for \$605,000
3936 Stanford Way J. Casado to M. & J. Weingand for \$620,000

6321 Tioga Pass Court L. Hughey to D. & M. Thorn for \$845,000
998 Waverly Common Watson Trust to S. & N. Desai for \$675,000
3991 Yale Way M. & J. Wentsel to N. Dinning for \$665,000
325 Yukon Way Smith Trust to G. Kalyanasundaram for \$1,250,000
662 Alison Circle Drury Trust to P. Yu for \$980,000
1744 Catalina Court Tri Pointe Homes to M. Farhan for \$685,000
802 Cherokee Drive HG Investment Properties to S. Kong for \$712,000
2789 Elston Street C. & A. Gray to Q. Awan for \$1,145,000
1025 Eve Lane R. & C. Aceves to M. Stimson for \$905,000
835 Folsom Court D. Pasternak to B. Parvataneni for \$730,000
1026 Innsbruck Street A. & B. Thomas to B. & K. Strait for \$960,000
1454 Janis Court J. Castaing to L. Stake for \$750,000
1135 Killarney Street K. & B. Hegarty to Y. Seok for \$860,000
2232 Leccino Court K. & N. Dunn to C. & B. Nichols for \$1,625,000
780 Mariposa Avenue R. & S. Gill to M. & D. Merizon for \$635,000
123 Martin Avenue C. & L. Richards to T. & J. Wright for \$610,000
901 Medolla Court Moran Trust to S. & H. Martinez for \$1,225,000
1085 Murrieta Boulevard #223 S. McGinnis to E. McKean for \$365,000
3052 Olivoro Court C. & M. Simpson to G. Malfatti for \$1,435,000
6332 Owl Way Y. Krymskiy to K. Pun for \$918,000
4262 Red Fir Way B. & P. Charbonneau to W. Sheehan for \$645,000
534 Selby Lane N. Diaz to M. & F. Lucas for \$830,000

318 South Livermore Avenue #100 Real Freedom to D. Edgington for \$550,000
660 South P Street Priority Acquisitions to G. & S. Janssen for \$1,000,000
6157 St. Andrews Way Hume Trust to R. Sabankar for \$700,000

1549 Sunset Drive G. Shawver to R. Hayley for \$660,000
474 Swan Drive Berckart Trust to N. Penney for \$772,000
5496 Theresa Way M. & R. Crockett to G. & N. Correia for \$780,000

Source: California REsource

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Dec. 4-12)
Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$540,000
Highest sale reported: \$3,000,000
Average sales reported: \$1,194,900

Livermore (Dec. 4-12)
Total sales reported: 24
Lowest sale reported: \$365,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,625,000
Average sales reported: \$853,208

Dublin (Dec. 4-12)
Total sales reported: 9
Lowest sale reported: \$620,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,460,000
Average sales reported: \$962,167

San Ramon (Dec. 21-27)
Total sales reported: 5
Lowest sale reported: \$625,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,875,000
Average sales reported: \$981,200

Source: California REsource

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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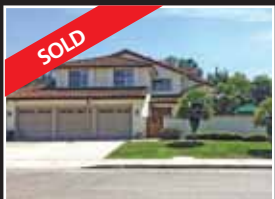
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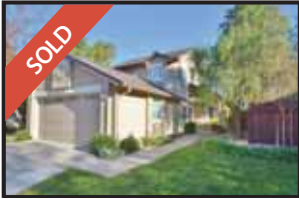
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3525 Helen Dr. \$830K
Prior to market



4309 Krause St. \$745K
Multiple Offers



3506 Helen Dr. \$940K
Multiple Offers



3519 Helen Dr. \$722K
Multiple Offers



1862 Palmer Dr. \$1.433M
Multiple Offers

Recent Tri-Valley homes sold with multiple offers!



839 Bonde Ct. \$1.33M
Pleasanton



191 Miramonte Dr. \$710K
Moraga



3385 Pestana Way \$640K
Livermore



2034 Galloway Common
\$595K Livermore



18360 Carmel Dr. \$680K
Castro Valley



15 Brewin Ct. \$1.27M
San Ramon

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