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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING



JEB BING

State Senator Steve Glazer (D-Orinda) joins Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) at a town hall meeting at Foothill High School. It was the 15th time the two have shared their views on current and pending issues.

Baker & Glazer: Together again on issues

It's been said that as California goes, so goes the country. If that's true and based on last week's 15th town hall by State Senator Steve Glazer, a Democrat, and Republican Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, there's hope that the U.S. House of Representatives, Senate and the president will yet see eye-to-eye on some bipartisan legislation.

Baker and Glazer have been traveling their districts to show that members of opposite political parties can stand together on major state issues.

They were together again last week, sharing the stage before several hundred participants in Foothill High School's multi-purpose room Feb. 27.

"We look for common ground, see where there might be differences and then work through them," Glazer said, adding that the two of them have voted together about 85% of the time.

They talked about that common ground as they reviewed their accomplishments in the legislature and views on pending issues.

Gun control: Glazer pointed out that California was the first state to ban assault weapons and continues to have some of the toughest gun laws in the country.

"Even so," Baker said, "we still have problems. Convicted felons, for instance, are not allowed to have guns, but they do. We need to fix that. We need stiffer penalties for violators."

Colleges: Both oppose tuition increases of \$342 proposed for the University of California and \$228 for California State University campuses. They cited an audit that showed the last tuition increase was used to fund office perks and excessive executive and administrative personnel salaries.

Glazer also urged colleges to better enable students to graduate in four years. Four-year graduation rates for those who started as freshmen in 2013 now total 30% or less because they can't get all the classes they need in those four years.

Housing: Baker and Glazer endorsed the June ballot's \$4 billion bond to finance low-income home building and provide home loans for military veterans. They were less enthused by other housing measures that ease local development restrictions.

Conservation: Glazer wants property tax relief for homeowners who install solar and fire sprinkler systems, and tax credits for those who install rain water capture systems.

"In Australia, a third of all homes have systems to recapture water," Glazer said. "I like that idea."

Oroville Dam: Baker praised Gov. Jerry Brown for signing into law two weeks ago Assembly Bill 1270 that protects water storage. It was prompted by last year's crack in Lake Oroville Dam's main and emergency spillways, causing the evacuation of more than 180,000 people living downstream.

"We were just 45 minutes away from that dam breaking," Baker said. "There was no reason for that to happen."

Bullet train: Baker said this could be a crucial year for the troubled multibillion-dollar high-speed rail project. Always opposed by Baker, Glazer said he regretfully voted for it.

Costs have gone up by more than one-third since 2016 with the rail authority now spending about \$500 million a year, Glazer said. But both he and Baker said there may be bipartisan support in the legislature to cancel the project. ■

About the Cover

This week marks the 10th anniversary of a double homicide in Castlewood. Ernest "Skip" Scherer III was later convicted of murdering his parents. Weekly file photos. Design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XIX, Number 7



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April 17, 2018 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Karen Long, a Mortgage Advisor with Opes Advisors, will give an overview of reverse mortgages. She will address how these mortgages are different today from in the past and how this program is a safe choice for seniors.

Seniors' Government Benefits

May 15, 2018 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Jerry Marrs, attorney with Horizon Elder Law and Estate Planning, will discuss government benefits available to help pay for our seniors' care needs, including Veteran's Aid & Attendance benefits and Medi-Cal planning. He will also discuss common mistakes people make that later disqualify them from receiving such benefits.

A question and answer session will follow each presentation and a light supper will be served. Please RSVP.

Co-hosted by Trish Snowden, Director of Sales at Sunrise of Danville and Christina Rice, Seniors Real Estate Specialist, MBA, Graduate, Realtors Institute (GRI), BRE 01934850, christinarice@kwrealty.com, 925-216-0596

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

How have your parents embarrassed you?



George Karr and mom Rita
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I remember my mom coming to school once to help out with a class project. She greeted my teacher and then all of my classmates. And then she asked me whether I had recently moved my bowels. I spent the rest of middle school being called "Bowel Movement Boy." I don't know what she was thinking. But I love her anyway.



Dina Gumins *Sales and marketing*

I remember driving in the city with my dad once. I had recently gotten my license. We were looking for a particular luggage store and I was behind the wheel. He was on the sidewalk, looking down every block, running and gesturing and pointing, trying to figure out where the store was, and beckoning me to follow him in the car. Everyone was staring at him. I was mortified.



Esther Kirsch
Realtor

As a kid, I played a lot of soccer. I once got kicked in the head during a corner kick and fell to the ground. My father came running onto the field. I guess he just couldn't help himself. My mother came running onto the field after him, screaming "Steve! Steve! You're not allowed on the field!" I was in high school.



Lou Maritella
Marina operator

My parents once insisted on chaperoning one of my high school dances. But it wasn't enough for them to just chaperone. They actually danced together — a slow dance. In front of all of my friends. I wanted to move to another town after that night. But eventually I got over it.



Geraldine Brillo
Genealogy adviser/consultant

Well there was that time when my mother showed every other mom in the neighborhood my report card with all A's and a few A+'s. I was more embarrassed for her than for me because it just seemed so very obnoxious and braggy. But I guess she was just proud.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Public Art Walk

Nancy and Gary Harrington are again hosting their Public Art Walk series, with this year's event kicking off this Saturday with an informative walk along downtown.

The four-part series offers residents and visitors the chance to learn more about public art in central Pleasanton, with artwork and artist anecdotes shared while on a fun group walk, according to the Harringtons.

Saturday's session begins at 9 a.m. and will last two hours. The other sessions are set for Sept. 8 downtown and April 14 and Oct. 13 from the southern end of downtown over to the Pleasanton Senior Center.

The group will meet at the Civic Center parking lot at 200 Old Bernal Ave. The Harringtons, who also recommend attendees bring comfortable shoes and water, can be reached at 846-9757.

Senior Transit Fair

The city of Pleasanton is holding its annual Senior Transit Fair next Friday (March 16) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center at 5353 Sunol Blvd.

Open to the public with reservations required, the event will provide seniors with the latest information on local transit and transportation options.

Participating agencies will include Wheels, Pleasanton Paratransit Service, Alameda County Transportation Commission, East Bay Paratransit, Department of Motor Vehicles, Pleasanton Library, Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley and Pleasanton Police Department.

Refreshments and door prizes will be provided by the city. The center's Sage Cafe will offer a St. Patrick's Day corned beef lunch for \$3. To learn more, contact Gloria Lewis at 931-5376 or glewis@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Easter Bunny photos

Stoneridge Shopping Center is again offering families the chance to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny, starting today and continuing through March 31.

Children can visit with the Easter Bunny and take home a snapshot of the occasion. Families can show up to the mall any time during event hours, or they can schedule an appointment online and avoid the line by visiting simonbunny.com.

The mall is also hosting Breakfast with Bunny this Saturday morning. The annual Caring Bunny photo experience will follow on Sunday from 8:30-10 a.m., offering a more subdued setting for families that have children with special needs. And a day for pet photos with the Bunny will take place from 6-7 p.m. March 25. ■

A time of transition for restaurants in downtown Pleasanton

Handles, Dean's Cafe close while Zachary's Pizza, Wild One, SideTrack and more are on their way in

By JEREMY WALSH

Looking to grab a bite to eat downtown? The options are changing.

Downtown is going through a time of transition restaurant-wise, for positive and negative reasons.

Two well-established eateries closed their doors last month: Handles on Main Gastropub after a nearly seven-year run at the Pleasanton Hotel site, and downtown staple Dean's Cafe on orders from Alameda County health officials.

On the flip side, a handful of new venues are on pace to open up in the

weeks and months ahead, including Relish Cafe at the former Cafe Main site, Zachary's Chicago Pizza next to Bank of America and SideTrack Bar and Grill on West Angela Street.

Though some may be bittersweet, the restaurant changes have the chance to breathe new life and energy into the downtown corridor, according to Laura Olson, executive director of the Pleasanton Downtown Association.

"While we are always sad to see businesses leave our downtown, it provides us with an opportunity to usher in new and exciting offerings.

It helps to keep the landscape of downtown fresh," Olson said this week.

The high-profile closures started Feb. 6 when Dean's Cafe — a Main Street breakfast and lunch favorite since the 1950s and one of downtown's oldest businesses — failed a routine inspection from the Alameda County Environmental Health Department.

The inspector found 16 health code infractions, including four critical violations for equipment cleanliness, vermin, washroom facilities and food storage temperatures,

according to the inspection report on the county website.

Dean's could reopen after resolving the violation problems, but for now, the restaurant at 620 Main St. remains shuttered with the health department's red "closed" sign affixed to the front door and no notice from ownership about when it might reopen. Dean's management did not respond to a request for comment.

Then almost two weeks later, on the north end of downtown in one

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'Thoroughly Modern Millie'

Amador, Foothill collaborate for annual musical

By ERIKA ALVERO

Pleasanton high school actors and musicians are donning flappers' caps and rosinning their bows for their annual musical extravaganza, this year taking on the 1920s-set classic of "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

The high school musical every year is a large-scale production that combines the theater and music departments at Amador Valley and Foothill. And it's one of the few events during which the two rival schools collaborate, said Mark Aubel, the show's producer and musical director, who first came to Amador's theater department in 1986.

"It's something we should do more of," Aubel said.

The opening show takes place tonight, and it will run for two weekends. All performances will be held in the Amador Theater.

The musicals involve many moving parts, from the live student orchestra to the singing to the acting to the dancing. "That's what makes it so exciting," Aubel said.

This is the second time they've done "Millie," the first being about nine years ago.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" is the tale of Millie, a small-town girl from Kansas who comes to New York City in the 1920s, determined to be a "modern woman" — and marry her wealthy boss rather than searching for love. Amidst various subplots (including kidnappings and a human trafficking ring), her original plans are somewhat thwarted when she falls in love with Jimmy Smith, a "skirt-chasing" paperclip salesman.

Performing a show that takes



ERIKA ALVERO

Amador Valley sophomore Michael Steele and Foothill senior Lilly Kelly are two of the co-leads in the dual high school production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie." The musical opens tonight and runs for the next two weekends.

place in the '20s meant learning some new, unfamiliar skills for the actors — in particular, tap dancing.

"They've really risen to the challenge of the era piece," Aubel said.

Auditions for the show were held in December, with rehearsals beginning in January — with both high schools practicing together from the start. The lead roles are each performed by two different

student actors, who will trade off playing the characters over the course of the show run.

This was the first musical for Michael Steele, an Amador sophomore who is one of the two actors portraying Jimmy.

He's a little nervous for the show, but said that it's been a great first experience, especially working

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PUSD public workshop

Board discusses math pathways, policy on non-district courses

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Pleasanton school board waded into murky waters Monday night as trustees and staff talked over math pathways and policies surrounding non-district courses during a three-hour-long public workshop.

Both topics were in the early phases of conversation, and the meeting was more of an update on some of the ongoing issues as well as an opportunity for staff to solicit board feedback.

"We wanted to just let you know what we're working on, again to be transparent, to look at our current practices and what we think are in the best interest for our students," said Odie Douglas, assistant superintendent of educational services.

Though the two halves of the meeting focused on separate topics, student stress was a theme that threaded through both.

The opening math discussion saw a full house, with parents and teachers filling the seats in the district board room. This presentation was primarily conducted by Ken Rocha, director of secondary education, who shared some of what staff has mulled over regarding math pathways and courses in the district, including new teaching structures and refining board policies on student placement.

Staff placed a particular emphasis on increased professional

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Commission talks residential lot improvements around downtown

Planners hold workshop for two-unit apartment project, deny appeals of proposed home additions

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Planning Commission discussed three residential improvement projects proposed for the outskirts of downtown last week.

The evening meeting Feb. 28 featured a public workshop to review a homeowner's plan to build two new apartments behind his small single-story house, as well as commissioners signing off on two home additions that were opposed by neighbors who appealed city planning staff's earlier approvals of those projects.

The largest of the three projects proposes to bring a two-story, duplex apartment building to the back part of a 0.17-acre residential lot at 4722 Harrison St., located three blocks from Main Street but still within the Downtown Specific Plan area.

The existing 1,042-square-foot house, which dates back to 1949, would remain in place at the front of the property, but the current detached two-car garage, attached patio cover and backyard hardscape and

landscaping, including all four trees, would be removed to make way for the two apartments.

Johnson Lyman Architects' initial design calls for the new building to feature two apartments side by side, each with kitchen, living room, half-bathroom and dining area downstairs and bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. The units would be connected by a garage on the first floor and living space on the second floor.

The architecture would be minimal traditional style, similar to the existing house at the front, according to city staff. The site would include five parking spaces — three outdoors and two in the garage.

Commissioners supported the project's general concept, including the building size and apartments' layout, but they offered suggestions to refine and improve the proposed architecture and site design, according to city staff.

The design review application is expected to return to the commission

for final consideration in the coming months after the applicant works with city planning staff to update the proposal after hearing the commissioners' feedback.

While discussing the proposed Harrison Street apartments, city staff noted there have been a variety of residential infill projects approved in recent years to bring new housing units to existing residential lots in the downtown area, most notably along Augustine Street.

One of the appeals the commission debated last week would also bring a new housing unit to downtown — in the form of an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

Property owners at 565 St. Mary St. want to remodel the back part of the first floor of their house with a larger family room and bathroom for the main home and then attach a new ADU behind that, offering separate living quarters with a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living space.

There would also be an addition

tacked onto the second floor of the main house, expanding two bedrooms and adding a new bathroom, library, office and outdoor terrace.

The city's zoning administrator approved the project in January, but the next-door neighbors appealed that decision to the commission, arguing that the new terrace would infringe on their privacy and that the city miscalculated the floor area ratio for the project.

City staff disagreed with the appellants, saying that the project includes provisions to adequately address neighbors' privacy concerns and that the floor area calculations were updated and the ratio remains in compliance with city rules governing how much overall living space a property can have.

The commissioners concurred, voting unanimously to deny the appeal and uphold the project approval.

They also unanimously denied the night's other appeal, this one over the zoning administrator's approval

in January of a design review application for an addition and new garage for a house five blocks outside downtown, at 588 E. Angela St.

For that project, the property owner wants to build a 1,611-square-foot addition among the first and second floors of his existing house, along with a 211-square-foot garage.

One next-door neighbor opposes the project, arguing the addition could cause slope stability and drainage issues for her property, which sits lower than the project site.

City staff contended that the design review stage was not the appropriate time in the process to work out slope stability and drainage concerns, but they told the commission those issues would be adequately addressed during the final building permit phase.

Both commission decisions could be appealed to the City Council, but neither appellant has pursued it as of press time Wednesday. The appeal window closes March 15. ■

WORKSHOP

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development for teachers, particularly as instructional models move away from a more traditional "stand and deliver" style and more toward collaborative structures.

"How do we break the barriers of those classroom walls, and make sure that our teachers have opportunities to collaborate, share best practices, and provide them time and space?" Rocha said.

He also raised the possibility of the district joining the Silicon Valley Math Initiative, a network of California school districts and local foundations which works to improve mathematics instruction.

Though not brought up during Rocha's presentation, parents still raised concerns during public comments about potential math pathway changes — a worry that families have voiced ever since the district released a draft proposal in December that recommended phasing out of an accelerated, five-year middle school pathway.

Rebecca Thomas said that her son had enjoyed the challenge of the accelerated math program, and the accompanying stress was natural.

"The world has stress in it, there are problems, kids are going to confront problems at different levels," Thomas said. "I don't know if changing the math curriculum is going to remove stress from a child's life, if that's one of the reasons."

A few parents who spoke during public comments also voiced the concern that the district would remove accelerated opportunities from all students in the name of equity.

Rocha emphasized that staff is not planning on cutting the accelerated math program.

"But it really came down to the concept of, can we do better than the day before," he said. "Can we look at our practices, can we have an authentic conversation, can we bring our teachers and our staff and our administrators to the table to have a quality discussion. And I think we've achieved that."

Staff did say, however, that they wanted to continue talking about how students are placed on particular pathways, taking into consideration the appropriate age for assessment and making sure students are truly put on the correct pathway.

As this was a workshop in the preliminary stages, no decisions were made, though trustees offered their thoughts on the issue at hand.

Board member Jamie Yee Hintzke expressed support for the increased investment in professional development for math teachers.

"We probably need to make that huge investment in professional development, like we did in ELA," she said, pointing to the success of their English language arts program after intense focus on the subject's pathway years ago.

Board president Mark Miller directly addressed the equity concerns some parents had raised.

"I do feel very strongly that we should not be removing opportunities from more advanced people to narrow the equity gap," he said. "We should be really focusing on raising the other side."

The other item on the agenda involved a multi-person panel of high school counselors, principals and vice principals.

This was again a discussion rather than a specific action item, with counselors bringing forward some issues they see related to the high

volume of students taking non-district courses, online or at nearby community colleges. Students take these classes either for acceleration, remediation or to accommodate busy schedules.

More specifically, counselors wanted to discuss the possibility of removing non-required outside courses from the PUSD transcript, and how to better communicate with families about the full implications of taking these classes.

The rationale for possibly removing outside courses from students' transcripts, counselors said, was that by including them on the PUSD transcript, students oftentimes felt that was sufficient for their college applications — when in fact, separate transcripts need to be ordered from each institution.

"We've had some seniors, this year in particular, say 'oh my gosh, it looks like I attended four different high schools,'" said Winter Jones, a counselor at Amador.

She added that as district students on average apply to 10-12 colleges (sometimes many more), this process could contribute to a significant amount of work during an already stressful year.

From an improved communication standpoint, counselors also expressed that some students opt for outside courses as a way to "game the system" and avoid a more rigorous district class — a fact well-known to universities and colleges.

And lastly, counselors said that some online courses available are "less than ethical," and it's not always clear which courses are accredited or not — meaning that families might be fooled into paying for and taking a course that actually won't count toward graduation or college requirements. ■



ISABELLA PANG

Students protesting gun violence

Foothill sophomores got together over the weekend to make posters and T-shirts to help spread awareness about gun control issues, along with raising \$2,600 to support victims of the Parkland, Fla. high school shooting, in which 17 people were killed. They plan to use the posters and shirts during National School Walkout Day next Wednesday, when Foothill and Amador Valley high-schoolers will join students around the Tri-Valley (and the country) in a 17-minute walkout at 10 a.m. to peacefully protest gun violence in the U.S.

PLEASANTON
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given to the public that the Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) seeks eleven (11) volunteer community members to serve on the PUSD Local Control Advisory Committee (LCAC). Applications are due to the PUSD District Office by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2018. Interested parties can find membership requirements and complete instructions for applying on the PUSD website, <http://pleasantonUSD.net> or contact PUSD Business Services Department (925) 462-5500 or email lcac@pleasantonUSD.net

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of the city's oldest buildings, Handles Gastropub ended its run in the historic Pleasanton Hotel.

A notice on the front door of the restaurant and bar, which opened at 855 Main St. in August 2011, informed customers that Handles was closing for good.

"It is with a heavy heart that we announce the closing of Handles on Main. After nearly eight years of bringing people together for food and drink, creating a space for dancing and laughing, hosting celebrations of marriage and memorials of life, it's time to close our doors," Handles owners wrote in the notice.

They also thanked loyal employees and regular customers for inspiring them during Handles' run in downtown. "We truly wish everyone the best. It's been an honor to serve you," they added.

But the prominent restaurant space might not be vacant for long. Olson and city economic development director Pamela Ott each said other restaurant groups have already expressed interest in the old Handles site, though no new occupant has been confirmed.

One of downtown's newer tenants, Rita's Italian Ice, which opened last April at 320 St. Mary St., has also been closed since early February,

but the dessert spot is on track to reopen by May 1 after experiencing an ownership change.

"We are excited about our new partnership and excited to open the doors at Rita's again," said Greg Arellano, who will own the shop with David Hyre.

Just a stone's throw away, at the corner of St. Mary and Peters Avenue, building work continues for Salt Craft, a new restaurant billed as refined casual dining. Olson said Salt Craft is expected to open in the next month or two.

Renovations are also ongoing at 30 W. Angela St., the former home of the Panda and Joy China restaurants that has been empty now for a couple years.

The building was gutted and is being redeveloped to house SideTrack Bar and Grill, a new venture between local mortgage professional Todd Utikal and restaurateur Skip Hinsley who owned Girasole for almost 20 years in the Santa Rita Square shopping center.

Set to open this summer, SideTrack will feature a menu of burgers, sandwiches, salads and small plates along with a full bar and two patio areas, according to Utikal, who also has experience in the hospitality industry.

"Hospitality has been lost in some businesses, so my hope at SideTrack is to create an environment of hospitality where people really feel at

home," he said.

Construction is also continuing on the new, two-story restaurant building at 725 Main St., a site that was empty for years after the Union Jack Pub was torn down in 2007.

The building is designed to accommodate two tenants or a large restaurant and bar, with the second floor also featuring a terrace overlooking Main Street for outdoor dining and entertainment, according to developer Rob Dondero.

"Construction is going very well," Dondero said Tuesday. "I am receiving a lot of positive feedback. I have received numerous calls from (prospective tenants) wanting to know how they can book the place."

On the other end of Main Street, fencing is up between Bank of America and the Veterans Memorial Building where Zachary's Chicago Pizza plans to open later this year, taking over part of the Bank of America building at 337 Main St.

A block away at 349 Main St., Wild One California-Mex Grill is on track to open later this month in Suite 120, previously occupied by High Tech Burrito.

And across the street 401 Main, the new owners are planning to convert the former Café Main building into a new eatery, Relish Café. The opening timeline is unclear as the owners haven't yet requested a permit from the city for tenant improvements, according to Ott. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Find any turtles? Alanna (left) and Audrey Goodman enjoy a holiday edition of the Pleasanton Weekly while swimming off the west coast of Maui looking for turtles.

MILLIE

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with his co-Jimmy, Eric Jensen.

"He's kind of shown me the way," Steele said.

And the ladies man character with a "soft spot for real love" has been more fun to play than he originally thought, he added.

Steele's co-lead Lilly Kelly is a senior at Foothill. This is her fourth (and last) PUSD musical, and so her casting as the title character is especially poignant.

She admires the strong-willed Millie for her determination yet

willingness to follow her heart in the end.

"I aspire to be like her," she said.

For Kelly, performing has been a formative part of her high school years, and one that even made it into college application essays.

"As a whole, doing musicals has been one of the best experiences of my high school career," Kelly said.

The performances will take place today through Sunday and March 16-18, all from 7-10 p.m. in the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. Tickets cost \$15 and are available on the Firehouse Arts Center's website at www.firehousearts.org. ■



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POLICE BULLETIN

Remembering Sheriff Charles Plummer

Former Alameda County Sheriff Charles C. "Charley" Plummer died at his home in Hayward surrounded by close family early Sunday evening, according to sheriff's officials.

Members of his immediate family reported that his passing was peaceful, according to sheriff's spokesmen.

A native of Fort Bragg in Mendocino County, Plummer was a burly and outspoken figure whose 54-year career in law enforcement began when he became a Berkeley



Charles Plummer

police officer on Nov. 1, 1952, and included stints as the police chief in Berkeley and Hayward.

He was elected sheriff in a four-way race in 1986, taking office in January of 1987, and was re-elected three times before he retired in January 2007 at the age of 76.

In an interview shortly before he retired, Plummer recalled that in Berkeley he rose through the ranks and was acting chief in 1973 and 1974, when he oversaw the early stages of the investigation into the kidnapping of newspaper heiress Patty Hearst. He also was field commander during the Berkeley riots in the 1960s.

He then was appointed to be Hayward's police chief on June 1, 1976.

Plummer said in an earlier interview, "I was raised in the Depression and saw lots of misery, but there was a tremendous work ethic and there was no welfare."

Plummer was a lumberjack and a steelworker as a youth and held a variety of part-time jobs, such as being a bouncer and a movie theater usher, to supplement the small salary of \$340 a month that he earned as a rookie Berkeley police officer.

Plummer said he was proud that the Alameda County Sheriff's Office was one of the first law enforcement agencies to contract with a private healthcare system for inmates.

Plummer said he had five "cardinal rules" for his large number of employees. They forbid employees from accepting gratuities, even a cup of coffee, uttering racial or religious slurs, abusing drugs or alcohol and lying or engaging in sexual harassment.

Alameda County leaders said Monday that they are saddened by Plummer's death.

County Administrator Susan Muranishi said, "Sheriff Plummer — icon and legend — was a respected leader, mentor, colleague and friend to many, and will be remembered with fond memories and appreciation."

"I am so sorry to hear of his passing away," said Supervisor Nate Miley, whose district includes Pleasanton. "Charley was a fantastic person and quite a sheriff, bigger than life! May his soul rest in peace of the Lord! We were all enriched by Sheriff Plummer. Please give my sympathy to his family."

Supervisor Scott Haggerty added, "Charley was strong on law and order and also very passionate about serving the needs of those incarcerated. He touched many lives and had a hand in laying a firm foundation at the Sheriff's Office that's still in place today."

Plummer is survived by his daughter, Pamela Rossi (Gale), sons Larry (Lauren) and Chris (Yvonne), eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Plummer's wife, Norma, died last June.

Sheriff's officials said that at Plummer's request there will be a private burial ceremony for him and there won't be a public memorial service.

In other news

• A young Manteca man died in a crash on Patterson Pass Road east of South Vasco Road in Livermore early last Friday morning, according to police.

Officers responded to a report of a crash around 5:30 a.m. and found that a vehicle traveling westbound on Patterson Pass Road had left the road and hit a tree on the north side of the roadway, according to police.

The driver, later identified as Christopher Lopez, 20, suffered fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

• A 57-year-old man who is already in state prison for a 1989 murder has been charged with the murders of two young women in Fremont in 1986, police said Monday.

The filing of charges on Friday against David Emery Misch for the shooting and stabbing deaths of Michelle Xavier, 18, and Jennifer Duey, 20, concludes a 32-year-long investigation into the case.

Misch currently is in state prison for his conviction for a homicide in Alameda County in 1989, but authorities said they expected him to be brought to Santa Rita Jail later this week to be arraigned for the 1986 murders.

Fremont police said Xavier and Duey, who were best friends, were found dead along the side of Mill Creek Road, a little more than a mile east of Mission Boulevard, shortly after midnight on Feb. 2, 1986.

Police said the deaths of the two women were highly publicized and left many in the community shaken and fearful in their own neighborhoods. They said leads and phone calls kept detectives busy for several months, a reward of \$35,000 was raised by community members, and posters soliciting tips were put up throughout the city.

Fremont police said several people of interest were identified and interviewed over the years but detectives would rule most of them out and eventually the case went cold and was eventually suspended.

But in 2016, a position was created in the Crimes Against Persons Unit to focus on open cold case homicides and missing persons and the murders of Xavier and Duey became a top priority again, police said.

Cold case Detective Jacob Blass began to re-examine case files as well as several pieces of evidence, including those that had been processed for DNA in recent years, and the evidence identified Misch as the main suspect, according to police.

The findings from the follow-up investigation were presented to the DA's office earlier this year and prosecutors filed two counts of murder against Misch on Friday.

Prosecutors also filed five special circumstances murder allegations against Misch: two for allegedly killing the two women during the course of a rape and three for allegedly committing multiple murders. ■

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In April and September of each year, the Mayor and City Council recruits and appoints residents of Pleasanton to a variety of boards and commissions, allowing them to contribute to and influence decisions affecting the city, providing advice and feedback on important community issues. Applications are now being accepted for the following:

Civic Arts Commission

Committee on Energy and the Environment

Economic Vitality Committee

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Human Services Commission

Library Commission

Parks and Recreation Commission

Planning Commission

Youth Commission

Categories include: High School, Middle School and Adult Representatives

For more information or to apply, please visit cityofpleasantonca.gov/gov/depts/clerk/boards/default.asp

Applicants must reside within the Pleasanton city limits.

Applications are due March 20, 2018. Interviews will be held March 26 and March 29, 2018.

For additional information contact the Office of the City Clerk at (925) 931-5027.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

• Robert and Jean Blocka/Blocka Construction

Application for Design Review approval to construct an approximately 22,367-square-foot, two-story industrial building with outdoor equipment storage and related site improvements located at 445 Boulder Court.

• LPFD Station #3, City of Pleasanton

Application for Design Review approval to demolish an existing fire station and construct an approximately 8,870-square foot fire station and related site/landscaping improvements for the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department located at 3200 Santa Rita Road.

• Carpenter's Training Center

Application for Planned Unit Development (PUD) development plan approval to demolish an existing 67,000-square-foot building and construct a new 87,000-square-foot two-story Carpenter's Training Center with associated site improvements located at 2350 Santa Rita Road.

Youth Commission

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road, Conference Room
• Recommendation to allocate Community Grant funds in the Youth Category for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Housing

Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.
• Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information regarding this meeting

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POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

March 4

Drug violation

■ 8:10 a.m. on the 4100 block of Crisfield Lane

■ 10:56 p.m. on the 5100 block of Hopyard Road

Alcohol violation

■ 8:48 p.m. on the 4300 block of First Street

Domestic battery

■ 12:13 a.m. on Valley Avenue

March 3

DUI

■ 11:17 p.m. at Valley Avenue and Stanley Boulevard

■ 11:59 p.m. at Main and Abbie streets

Theft

■ 10:02 a.m. on the 5100 block of Greentree Court

■ 11:02 a.m., 6200 block of Garner Court; theft from auto

Drug violation

■ 7:43 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

March 2

Drug violation

■ 9:14 p.m. on the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Shoplifting

■ 5:13 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

March 1

Assault/battery

■ 5:20 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Drug violation

■ 4:09 p.m. on Boulder Street at Quarry Lane

Missing person

■ 2:21 p.m. on Paseo Laguna Seco

Vandalism

■ 5:38 a.m. on the 3500 block of Bernal Avenue

■ 8:08 a.m. at Willow Road and Owens Drive

■ 2:01 p.m. on the 4400 block of Columbine Drive

Theft

■ 6:58 a.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

■ 8:09 a.m. on the 4500 block of Pleasanton Avenue

■ 10:13 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

■ 1:03 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Feb. 28

Alcohol violation

■ 10:38 p.m. on the 5500 block of West Las Positas Boulevard

Assault/battery

■ 9:46 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

Theft from auto

■ 8:35 a.m. on the 11500 block of Dublin Canyon Road

■ 9:02 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

■ 9:39 a.m. on the 4200 block of Rosewood Drive

■ 11:31 a.m. on the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

Vandalism

■ 7:56 a.m. on the 1800 block of Via Di Salerno

HERITAGE FILM PROJECT FOCUSES ON PLEASANTON POW

HORRORS OF WAR FORGED MILT FELDMAN INTO A MAN OF PEACE

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The elderly gentleman traces his fingers across an aging newspaper, peering closely at the wrinkled pages from March 9, 1945, to make out the small print.

"After nearly two months of anxiety, following the receipt Jan. 12 of news that their son, Pvt. Milton Feldman, was missing in action," he reads, "good news came yesterday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Feldman ... in the form of a letter written by Pvt. Feldman from a German prison camp."

Milt Feldman, now approaching 94, is revisiting the fraught events of his World War II experience in a trailer for a documentary being created by the Heritage Film Project, which filmed at his Pleasanton home in January.

The 20-year-old soldier was a member of the 1st Army 423rd Infantry, 106th Division, which was virtually wiped out in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium.

"At last I get my chance to write to you," Feldman reads from the Daily Times of Mamaroneck (N.Y.),

which reprinted the letter he had written to his parents from the prisoner of war (POW) camp. "I guess the important thing to tell you now is that I am well and safe."

Feldman pauses in his reading as tears well up in his eyes and he comments, shaking his head, "I hadn't read that in a long time."

"I hope you didn't worry too much when you thought I was missing," the letter continues. "I'd like for you to send me packages, including cigarettes."

Feldman stops again, saying, "I can't read it."

But he does continue, to conclude his letter of so long ago, "For now, I'll say I love you all and take care of yourselves."

The newspaper article continued, "A January message from the War Department said that Pvt. Feldman had been missing in action since Dec. 21."

Now in the trailer, Feldman puts down the newspaper and ruminates.

"War is terrible," he says. "Anybody thinks that it's heroic, sure it's heroic, but heroic is not good. The very idea of war is disgraceful."

Documentary director Eduardo Montes-Bradley knew when he heard about Feldman that he wanted to record his words for posterity. Post-production work is being done where the Heritage Film Project is based, at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and the crew is headed for Europe next week to film in France, Belgium and Germany.

"We are going to go to the spot where he was captured, at a pillbox," Montes-Bradley said. "He was coming out from under a tree on the Siegfried Line of defense, basically half a mile inside German territory."

"His story has wonderful aspects," he added. "His father was a Russian immigrant in New York, and he'd been in the First World War. Milt not only goes to fight in the same place but gets captured and goes to the POW camp."

Feldman recalls the prisoners hearing about President Franklin Roosevelt's death and holding a service in secret.

"They also celebrated the Jewish Passover under the noses of the Nazis," Montes-Bradley said. "They were liberated by the Russians, and then he walked almost all the way across Europe, just like his father had before him when he came to America."

For the past three decades, Montes-Bradley has documented the words of scientists, writers, artists and political activists. He extolled the way Feldman related his experiences "with forthright and blunt honesty for the camera" about the horrors of a war that forged him into a man of peace.

"In the case of the films I've made with veterans, three so far, I have partnered with the Library of Congress," Montes-Bradley said. "If the story is moving, if it has to be told, I will find the resources to do so."

Feldman finally arrived at Lucky Strike Camp in France — all the camps for returnees were named



EDUARDO MONTES-BRADLEY

Milt Feldman was 20 years old when he became a German prisoner of war. He is sharing his story in a new documentary by the Heritage Film Project.

'I'd like to leave this documentary as a legacy to my family and others, so that these things will never be forgotten.'

Milt Feldman,
World War II veteran

for cigarettes — and was shipped back to the States. He returned to Penn State University, married his college sweetheart, Shirley, and became a certified public accountant. For many years, Feldman ran an accounting firm in New York and was active in state politics.

Shirley died after decades of marriage, and Feldman eventually remarried, to Renee Bauer.

"Milt is a modest and unassuming man," Bauer said. "In spite of it all, he keeps telling me how lucky his life has been."

Milt and Renee moved to Pleasanton in July 2014 to be near family members.

"We have made wonderful, new friendships in our Stoneridge Creek community," Feldman said. "We enjoy playing bridge, belonging to the drama club and Reader's Theater, as well as attending lectures and taking excursions to museums, theaters and other places of interest. We spend a lot of time with our family, and especially love the time with our two West Coast great-grandsons."

When Montes-Bradley contacted him about documenting his experiences as a prisoner of war, Feldman did not hesitate. He said through the years he would sometimes talk about his wartime experiences.

"As time passed, it became easier," Feldman said. "Now I speak about them freely."

"I'd like to leave this documentary as a legacy to my family and others, so that these things will never be forgotten," he said.

See the trailer at: vimeo.com/239244823. ■



EDUARDO MONTES-BRADLEY

Feldman, now 94 and shown here with wife Renee Bauer, thought a documentary about his war experiences might warn other about the dangers of the ideology of white supremacy.

Art lesson follows the masters

Grant provides supplies to recreate famous paintings

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The second-grade students in Celeste Nava's dual immersion class at Valley View Elementary School were busy recently recreating artistic masterpieces. The art materials were awarded to the class as part of a Donorschools.org grant, "Spectacular STEM Art!"

"My students have been able to

collaboratively create masterpieces by some of our most beloved and celebrated artists — Diego Rivera, Vincent van Gogh, Claude Monet, Gustav Klimt and Frida Kahlo," Nava said in an email. "Even in times of minimal arts funding, teachers can and do still find creative ways to integrate arts education into the classroom."

The paintings will be sold at the school's annual parent auction, raising funds to support other art programs, a technology specialist, classroom supplies and field trips. The money raised at the auctions also helps the school continue its campus-wide events such as its Fun Run, Hootenanny, Talent Show, Multicultural Fair, Science Fair and Dinner with a Scientist.

"This is truly a beautiful example of paying it forward, kindness and people giving back," Nava said. ■



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Second-grade students at Valley View Elementary use materials purchased with a grant to recreate art masterpieces, such as Frida Kahlo's self portrait.

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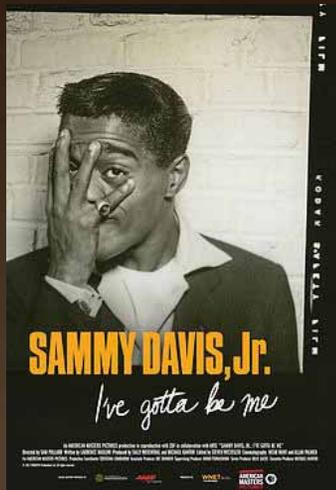
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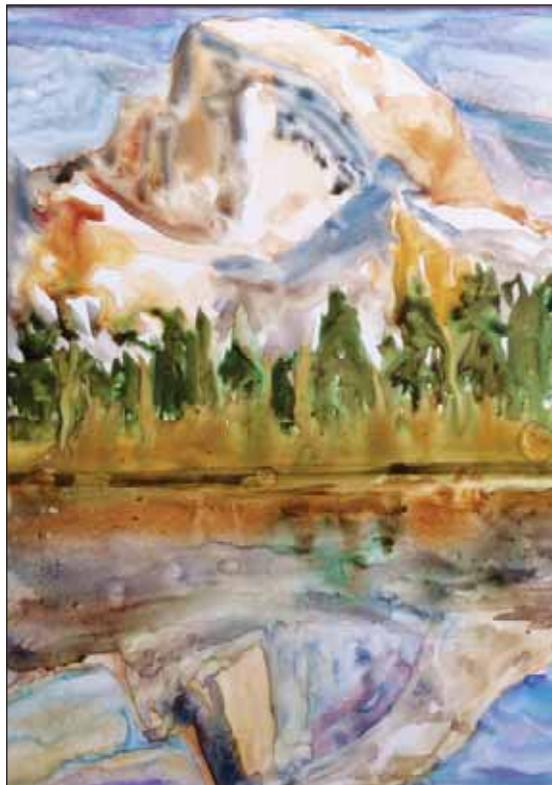
Sunday, March 18, 4:30 PM
The Magic Kid
(PG-rated, subtitles in English)

Sunday, March 18, 7:30 PM
The Women's Balcony
(Comedy, subtitles in English)

For More Info:
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Charlotte Severin found inspiration for her paintings visiting Yosemite last spring during the spectacular waterfall season.

Art demonstration

Watercolorist to share techniques on yupo paper

Pleasanton artist Charlotte Severin will share her joy and expertise with yupo paper at Monday's meeting of Pleasanton Art League/Livermore Art Association. The gathering is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Building, 4455 Black Ave.

Severin spent a week in Yosemite last spring during the spectacular waterfall season, and Monday she will show how to paint a 26-inch-by-40-inch painting of Yosemite Falls. She will demonstrate a variety of experimental techniques for other artists to try.

Having been honored with more than 41 one-person art shows, Severin is a signature member of the California Watercolor Association, charter member of the Pleasanton Art League, and founder of Pleasanton

Cultural Council's Arts in the Schools program. She is celebrating her 25th year of teaching "Art Made Easy" watercolor classes for the city of Pleasanton. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Get your game on

Library hosting night of board games for ages 20-39

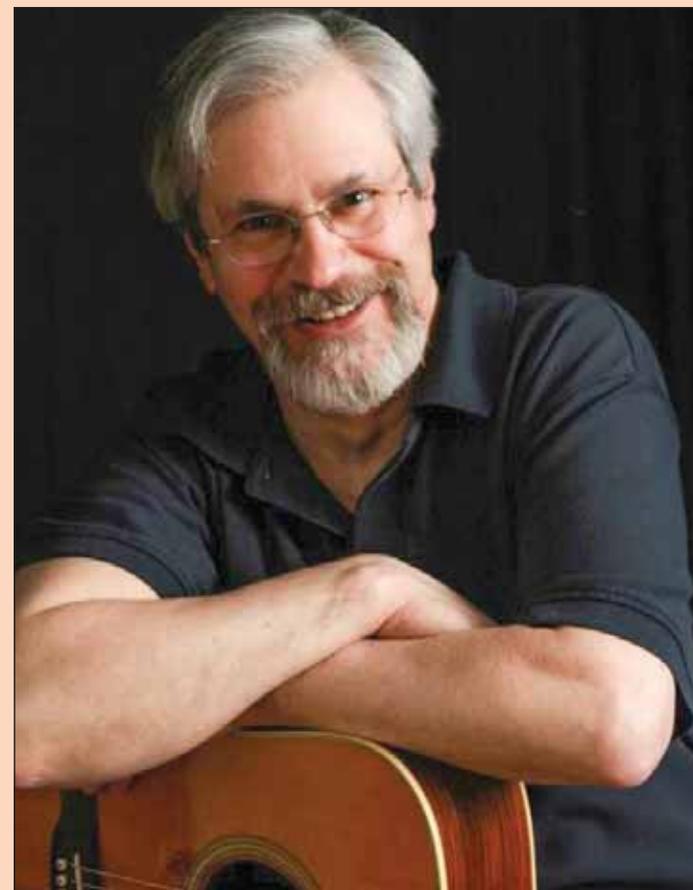
The Livermore Public Library is hosting a board game night at Eight Bridges Brewing as part of its 20s & 30s Programs, from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday. The program is free and no registration is required.

All featured games can be checked out from the Library of Things, a Livermore Library service that offers items besides books for checkout, such as board games, robots and telescopes. These items can be checked out for two weeks.

The library's 20s & 30s Programs is designed for ages 20 through 39. For more information, visit the library's Meetup group at www.meetup.com/20s-30s-Programs-at-Livermore-Public-Library.

Eight Bridges Brewing is located at 332 Earhart Way in Livermore. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli



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'Acoustic Blessings' debut concert

Rabbi Larry Milder, who has earned a national following among fans of new Jewish music for his whimsical ballads and flat-picking guitar style, will debut his album "Acoustic Blessings" at a CD release concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court, where he is rabbi. "I wanted to create a body of music that was joyful, contemplative and fit organically with the spiritual flow of worship," Milder said. Tickets are \$18, and may be purchased online at rabbilarrymilder.brownpapertickets.com. For more information, call 931-1055.



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

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Sad situation at Amador Valley

Basketball coach's suspension questioned by parents, leaves Dons at odds

It was a tale of two teams this year in basketball at Amador Valley.

The boys used a late-season run to win the East Bay Athletic League playoffs, beating De La Salle and Dublin to earn a berth in the North Coast Section playoffs. It was good times all around.

The girls side? Not so much.

What started as a promising season ended in shambles, with second-year Dons coach Al Chavira suspended thanks to one pair of disgruntled parents.

Here's what we do know and has been confirmed by many people associated with the Amador program.

- Last year during Chavira's first year, those parents became frustrated with his basketball decisions and took the issue to school officials, but the school had the coach's back and nothing came of it. End of story, right? Not so fast.

- This year, the two parents were still unhappy and instead of broaching it with the school again,

they hired a private investigator to dig up past information on Chavira. Let that sink in — they hired a private investigator because they were unhappy with a coach.

- The investigator dug up some stuff from 20 or so years earlier, and the parents then sent the report to the school. The school's hands were tied, and they had to forward the information to the Pleasanton Unified School District. That led to Chavira being suspended with five games left in the season.

- PUSD spokesman Patrick Gannon confirmed Chavira was put on leave but declined to elaborate for legal reasons. The coach's status for next season remains unclear.

- The "dirt" that was dug up, according to all parties (other than the aggrieved parents), did not result in criminal charges or legal action and were refuted by Chavira. Every single other parent of girls on the Amador team were made aware of the information, and to a person

they unconditionally defended Chavira — and did so by sending a letter to the school board asking for Chavira to be reinstated. Their pleas fell on deaf ears.

I have three daughters, and after reading the information on Chavira, I would have stood with the 11 other sets of parents in support of the coach. It's disgusting this could happen. I have been in Pleasanton since 1967 and an Amador graduate, and I have never been as embarrassed about a situation.

This is delusional thinking at its finest.

Look, I get believing in your kids, but at the same time, be realistic and look at the big picture. As my wife is so fond of saying, "suck it up buttercup." You teach your kids to work as hard as they can each day, which at the end of the day is the only thing they can control.

No excuses.

Life is not going to always go their way and the true measure of

a person is how they respond to adversity. Life stinks some days, and the quicker you pull up your big boy or big girl pants and deal with it, the better a person you become.

That didn't happen here and now there's a litany of damage.

A good, hard-working coach had his name sullied. The team recently held their year-end banquet, but Chavira was not allowed to attend, thus depriving the seniors on the team from celebrating their last high school season with a coach they liked — and more importantly, respected.

The complaining parents have created animosity among the girls on the team.

Who else is to blame?

Amador's administration? I used to think the administrations in Pleasanton schools had grown weak, but the reality is their hands are tied by an overzealous school board/district worried more about political correctness than what's right and wrong.

I have worked in the district and seen first-hand how school administrators are hesitant to make decision because they are worried about the reaction of the district office.

The principals and athletic directors in Pleasanton genuinely have the best interests of their students in mind but is that true of the school district?

Every coach hired in the district is supposed to be vetted, and

Chavira was cleared before he was given the Amador job.

Yet one year later he was suspended. My question: Just how does the school district go about clearing coaches? How about teachers or administrators? Others that work in the district?

If there was past information worthy of warranting a suspension, why wasn't it found originally? Makes you shake your head.

Every year I see or hear about more coaches being run out than those getting support. The question begs to be asked, why is this the case? One, we've answered the main reason — parental involvement. But equally important and lost in the shuffle is why would you want to be a coach in this environment?

I fear that high school sports will not be around much longer as the forces against it are greater than those that support sports. You may think this is a reach, but trust me, it's a reality.

With incidents like what has happened at Amador recently, we are going to continue to lose quality coaches.

Can we right the ship? I am beginning to doubt it which is a lot for an eternal optimist such as myself. But I will hope generations of kids to come can fill their memories with high school athletics. ■

Editor's note: Weekly prep results are available at PleasantonWeekly.com



Hip arthritis?

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Wednesday, March 14, 2018 | 6:30pm

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10 years later ...

Reflecting on the Castlewood murders that shook Pleasanton to its core

By GINA CHANNELL

The news that at least one person had been murdered at a home in Castlewood sent shockwaves through the Pleasanton community when it broke the morning of March 14, 2008.

As more information started to emerge that Friday about the gruesome scene at 18 Castlewood Drive where the beaten, bloodied bodies of Ernest “Ernie” Scherer Jr. and Charlene Abendroth were found, residents of Pleasanton worried that there was a murderer on the loose.

“It was a shocking incident. Members of this community were really rattled,” said Pleasanton Police Chief David Spiller, who was a captain with the department in 2008. “It’s absolutely unthinkable that something like this would happen in our small town.”

The couple’s home overlooked the first fairway on the upper golf course in the exclusive country club community of Castlewood, which is comprised of about 170 million-dollar-plus luxury homes.

The immediate reaction of most Pleasanton residents was that this was a robbery attempt gone very wrong.

In nearby San Ramon, where the Scherer family had lived prior to 2006, the immediate reaction was that Ernie’s confrontational, adversarial manner had gotten him on the wrong side of one of his many enemies.

“There was a lot of speculation initially about who could have done it,” said Hermann Welm, a long-time friend of Ernie’s who, with a couple others, showed up to the Scherers’ house for a planned poker game the evening of March 14, 2008.

“The day he and his wife were found was the day he was supposed to be hosting,” Welm said. “When we got to the house, there was yellow tape and people everywhere.

“That’s when we found out he’d been killed.”

The Scherers’ pajama-clad bodies were found by a Castlewood employee who had been asked to check on them after their daughter, Catherine Scherer Gray, was unable to reach her parents by phone for several days. The employee said when he looked through a window he saw Ernie “lying face down in a large pool of blood.”

A double murder with that degree of brutality, unknown motive and unknown killer is almost never heard of in Pleasanton — which has seen only one non-vehicular murder since the Scherers’ deaths.

“After living in Pleasanton for over 50 years, I could

not believe we would have a murder of this kind in our community,” Pleasanton resident Joyce Shapiro said. “It gave the residents an uncomfortable feeling.”

Catherine and her older brother, Ernest III, buried their parents March 22, 2008, while the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office conducted searches and interviews and tried to find the motive and the murderer.

Investigators would soon prove that the vicious killer who savagely bludgeoned and stabbed the couple and left them to be found a week later was in fact the couple’s eldest child — their only son.

Family

Because of Ernie’s profession as a real estate investor, his hobby as a poker-player and an ongoing feud with San Ramon Valley school district officials, there were myriad motives for the lead investigator, Alameda County Sheriff’s Sgt. Scott Dudek, to pursue.

Living in the upscale country club neighborhood of Castlewood alluded to wealth. Ernie, an avid poker player, also liked to brag about his wins while flashing large amounts of cash. And in San Ramon, he was known as a bitter, unreasonable and confrontational man with a chip on his shoulder.

Charlene, known by her family and friends as “Cherie Scherer,” was similar to her husband in her energy and big personality but, “she shared it with our church and put a lot of energy in the church and a lot of energy into the school teaching and us kids,” daughter Catherine said.

According to Catherine, her mother was “well-spoken, well-read and well-educated.” A respected and admired lecturer in accounting at Cal State East Bay, Charlene was very much an academic, loved to be outdoors and enjoyed hiking.

Ernie and Charlene married in 1976 and raised their two children, Ernest III and Catherine, in San Ramon. The children attended the local public schools and graduated from California High School in 1996 and 2000, respectively.

Ernest III was known to everyone as “Skip,” to avoid confusion between him and his father, Ernest Jr., and his grandfather, Ernest Sr.



Skip and Catherine grew up in what has been described by family and friends as a “close-knit” typical middle-class family with parents who were generous, attentive and supportive.

Family was the focus for Ernie and Charlene, and time together was very important.

The family spent every Memorial Day at Yosemite and traveled together for three weeks every summer. The gatherings continued when the family expanded to include the children’s spouses and their children. While the children came first in the family, there was a bond between Ernie and Charlene that held even when their children were grown.

“When my brother went to college, she knew it was four years until I went to college, so she said to my dad, ‘We have basically focused the last 18 years of our lives around our children and now they’re leaving, so we need to find a hobby that you and I can do together,’” Catherine said.

Later Charlene announced to Ernie, “We’re going to be into birds because then we can be outside for me and not walking for you,” Catherine said.

“They bought bird books and bird journals and went to bird festivals. They went to bird festivals right up until they were killed,” Catherine said. “I still have my dad’s binoculars and bird journals.”

As for their children, “My brother and I got along really, really well for the first four years of my life,” Catherine said, adding that when she was old enough to voice her opinion, “it kind of deteriorated from there.”

“My brother was kind of a showoff. He was one of those kids that literally everything came easy to him,” she said. “He was just intensely bright and very good at pretty much anything and everything he tried.”

Catherine earned A’s and B’s and took some advanced classes, “but I wasn’t nearly as bright as my brother.”

“(Our parents) never compared their children,” she said. “It was never a competition between the two of us. It was always, these are Catherine’s strengths and these are Skip’s strengths. And we’re going to honor Skip for his strengths and honor Catherine for her strengths.”

“My dad loved to hear me play the piano,” Catherine said. “His mom played the piano really well. When I started taking piano lessons he would come and sit down beside me and listen to me play. And he’d say ‘oh, that sounds like something my mom used to play.’”



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Above: Charlene Abendroth and Ernest Scherer Jr. were found murdered in their Castlewood home on March 14, 2008. The couple's grave marker at Roselawn Cemetery in Livermore reads "Together Forever." (Photo by Mike Sedlak) Left: The Scherers' son, Ernest "Skip" Scherer III (right), was later convicted of murdering his parents.



about Skip playing poker," Welm said. "Or Ernie for that matter."

'A lot of speculation'

Ernie's poker-playing friends initially thought the couple was killed by someone who followed Ernie home after he had "flashed a wad of cash" or bragged about a big win at the poker table, both of which he was known to do.

"He loved poker; he loved to tell us about his winnings. When he won, he would talk about it. He would flash a wad of \$100 bills," Welm said. When he and his friends showed up for a poker game and were told of Ernie's murder instead, Welm said, "We asked, 'was he imprudent and talked to someone?' He played a lot in San Jose. Did someone follow him home?"

One of the homicide investigators' first stops, though, was the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Investigators had found reams of documents Ernie planned to use to campaign against SRVUSD's effort to extend a parcel tax with a measure on the June 2008 ballot. Ernie, a former school board member, planned to use the information to prove the district had manipulated the numbers to pass the tax in 2004.

This was not the first time he had challenged a ballot measure, nor was it the first time he accused board trustees of malfeasance. Ernie was well-known for being an outspoken adversary of the district and its board.

The investigators' visit to the district office was soon after the bodies were discovered that they were the ones who informed the staff of the murder.

"I remember being at the district office in Danville when investigators came to the office and shared the news. Ernie always seemed to be an outspoken critic of the school district, but to hear news like this was surprising and very sad," said Terry Koehne, then spokesperson for the SRVUSD.

Ernie was an SRVUSD board trustee from 1988 until 1990.

In 1990, with the district mired in financial problems, Ernie and another trustee were recalled. It was reported in local papers at the time that voters ousted Ernie in part because he refused to negotiate with the union when teachers went on strike. Ernie found the experience humiliating and became adversarial on district-related financial issues after that.

"He became famous, or I guess some would say infamous, for being recalled from the school board," explained Welm, himself a former San Ramon mayor and City Council member. He said Ernie "disagreed with the power the teachers' union had over the board. He annoyed them and they (the teachers' union) got him kicked off, got him recalled."

"I don't think Ernie ever got over being recalled," former board member Joan Buchanan said in the immediate

Ernie encouraged his children to play sports, and he eventually coached Skip's and Catherine's soccer teams, as well as Catherine's basketball team.

It is on the soccer field that Welm met Ernie, while both were coaching and struck up a friendship. At the time, Welm was part of monthly low-stakes poker games with friends and "at one point I invited him," Welm said.

The games rotated between the players' homes. However, for several years, when it was Ernie's turn to host, the games would be played at Welm's house.

"(Charlene) was a strict Mormon and didn't approve of the poker or the drinking," he explained. "But somewhere along the line that changed," Welm said, recalling they had played at the Scherers' home in San Ramon a few times and at least once at the home in Pleasanton.

"She made a point of not being home," Welm said of Charlene.

Charlene was very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many capacities, and the Scherer children were raised Mormon. Catherine started attending with her mother and brother when she was 3. Until that time she stayed home with her dad "because I was kind of a terror," she quipped.

For the next few years, Ernie would go to church about once a year, when the children presented an annual program where they sang and had small speaking parts.

That once a year attendance turned into weekly attendance when Catherine was around 8. Ernie would drive himself to church and stay with Charlene, Catherine and Skip for the first 90 minutes, and then drive himself home.

"He did that every Sunday until he died," Catherine said.

"I asked him when I was about 16, 'Dad, you're not a member of the church. Why do you go and sit through an hour and a half of church every Sunday morning?' He told me, 'The church is good for families and I believe in having a strong family. I believe that your church has brought our family together and has good family values. I want to support you and your mother and your brother in this.'"

Skip moving away from the Mormon church when he was older concerned his mother, but especially when he left his job in the mortgage business in 2002 and became a professional poker player.

"Charlene made no bones about not being happy

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aftermath of the murders.

There was a complete overhaul of the school board in the 1990 election, and five new board members were elected — including Buchanan, who served there until being elected to the State Assembly in 2008.

Ernie went from a vocal fiscally conservative board member to an outspoken adversary of the school board. He campaigned against two district bond measures in 1995, saying that the measures, which were backed by the teachers' union, were a ruse to raise teacher wages.

The second measure failed by only two votes; it might have passed, but Ernie got the vote overturned by taking the case to the Contra Costa County Clerk's office for a recount.

"He basically lived in Martinez and eventually got the vote overturned because there was some miscounting," Welm said. "He was a very determined person, like with the way he dealt with that bond issue ... He sunk his teeth in until he got what he wanted."

Desperate for bond money in 1998, the SRVUSD board asked Ernie to be part of a 28-member citizens' committee evaluating the schools' needs in the district's third attempt to pass a bond measure.

Ernie later pushed the Contra Costa County civil grand jury to

investigate the district's finances, suggesting corruption. There was no investigation, though.

This determination to be a thorn in the side of the San Ramon Valley school board continued even after the Scherers moved to Pleasanton in 2006, as was evidenced by the documents found in the home on the day the bodies were discovered.

"I had met Ernie for lunch about a week or so before his death to talk about an upcoming parcel tax election. I was hoping to get his support for the measure," said Greg Marvel, who was president of the SRVUSD board at the time of the murders. "Even though he had moved to Pleasanton, he had remained active in political circles in the San Ramon Valley."

Ernie was once an accountant but made the money to afford a luxurious 4,000 square foot tri-level home in the hilltop golf course community of Castlewood through real estate investment. Some wondered if he had made an enemy through that line of work, which would not have been outside the realm of possibility in 2008 with the downturn in the economy.

He was also politically active with the Republican Party, backing local candidates financially and walking precincts. H. Abram Wilson, former San Ramon mayor and Republican candidate for State Assembly against Buchanan in 2008,

was one of those Ernie backed.

Ernie was supposed to meet with Wilson in March 2008 to talk about what Ernie felt was corruption on the school board.

Wilson, in an interview with "48 Hours" in 2013, said upon hearing of Ernie's murder, "The first thing that came to my mind was that Ernie ticked off the wrong person; Ernie was digging too deep."

Suspect in their sights

Alameda County sheriff's investigators, however, had the Scherers' son Skip in their sights as a "person of interest" within days of discovering the bodies.

The burglary motive was eliminated quickly because although items were strewn about the house, nothing of value seemed to be missing (other than an ornamental sword Ernie kept in a closet). Plus, over \$9,000 in cash was found in Ernie's pocket in the bedroom.

The murder scene, investigators concluded, was staged to look like a break-in.

With burglary crossed off the list of possible motives and political enemies removed from the pool of suspects, the one they couldn't eliminate was the Scherers' son.

"I went to his memorial service, I saw his son at the event," said Marvel, who still sits on the school board. "He acted strange and off, for lack of a better word. I remember

telling my wife that something was not right about Ernie's son and his behavior at the memorial.

"Obviously, my observations were shared by the police, as we now know."

Others had reported that Skip showed little emotion at his parents' funeral despite being a pallbearer. In fact, police accounts state that Skip's lack of emotion at his parents' funeral made him their prime suspect from the start.

The investigation revealed Skip was deeply in debt and owed his parents more than \$600,000, which they loaned him to purchase a home in Southern California. It was also discovered he had been living a decadent double life for several years. Skip, who was married with a small child, was dating several other women and had created a persona as a high-roller playboy in Las Vegas.

Skip was finally arrested on suspicion of the double murder in February 2009, and he sat void of emotion as the judge told him he would have to stand trial for the murder of his parents.

It was almost three years to the day from the anniversary of the murders, on March 28, 2011, that Ernest Scherer III was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder and the special circumstances of multiple murder and murder for financial gain. He was sentenced to

life without the possibility of parole and arrived at High Desert State Prison in Susanville, CA, on May 27, 2011 where he remains.

He did not respond to a request for an interview for this story.

"I don't keep in contact with him at all," Catherine said of her brother. "I have forgiven him and I am not angry with him, but have no desire to have him in my life."

Skip's wife, Robyn, divorced him in 2009. Catherine also does not have contact with her former sister-in-law or her nephew.

"I would like to but she has cut off all communication, and has for a couple of years," Catherine said. "I can understand. Dealing with things from my past, even going through my parents' things, is really hard. It's very difficult to be faced with that reality."

With the 10th anniversary of the murders passing this week, Catherine continues to hold her parents close to her heart.

"I think my parents did an amazing job," she said. "The choices that my brother made don't reflect on the choices my parents made in rearing us."

"I think everyone is entitled to make their own choices, and my brother made his. But in no way does that reflect badly on my parents."

"I don't think any kid could have asked for better parents," Catherine said. "They were amazing." ■

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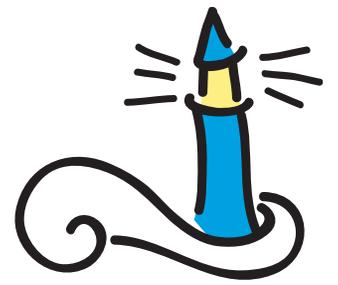
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The following person doing business as: Bossy SF Entertainment, 4507 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton, CA, 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Marqui Martinez, 4507 Mirador Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Marqui Martinez an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein February 15, 2018. Signature of Registrant, Marqui Martinez, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 15, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 23, March 2, 9 and 16, 2018).

Twinview Properties

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 541546

The following person doing business as: Twinview Properties, 2677 Becard Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Nita Scurria, 2677 Becard Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Nita Scurria, an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Nita Scurria, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 22, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2018).

925 Pool

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

File No.: 541403

The following person doing business as: 925 Pool, 5053 Kevin Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Brandon L. Riddell, 5053 Kevin Court, Castro Valley, CA 94546. This business is conducted by Brandon L. Riddle an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Brandon L. Riddle, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 16, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018).

MILLENNIUM REALTY INC

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

File No.: 541790

The following person doing business as: MILLENNIUM REALTY INC, 4900 HOPYARD RD #100, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is

hereby registered by the following owner: MILLENNIUM REALTY INC, 4900 HOPYARD RD #100, PLEASANTON, CA 94588. This business is conducted by MILLENNIUM REALTY INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein IN 2004. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: VICKI A FRANCIS, SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on FEBRUARY 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, MARCH 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018)

MPM Real Estate

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 541938

The following person doing business as: MPM Real Estate, 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: DAD Professional Services, Inc., 4900 Hopyard Road, Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by DAD Professional Services, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Dimitri Anthony Dritsas, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 2, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018).

Loard's Ice Cream

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 541868

The following person doing business as: Loard's Ice Cream, 8951 San Ramon Road, Suite B, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Berry Global Channels, Inc., 7600 Ridgeline Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Berry Global Channels, Inc. a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Rajesh Berry, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 1, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018).

Mountain Mike's Pizza

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 541870

The following person doing business as: Mountain Mike's Pizza, 8951 San Ramon Road, Suite A, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Berry Global Channels, Inc., 7600 Ridgeline Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Berry Global Channels, Inc. a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Rajesh Berry, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 1, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2018).

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 525995

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name. The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME: Mountain Mike's Pizza, 8951 San Ramon Road Suite A, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda. FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: January 3, 2017 UNDER FILE NO. 525995. REGISTRANT'S NAME: Dublin Foods Inc., 8951 San Ramon Road, Suite A, Dublin, CA 94568. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY Dublin Foods Inc., a corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on March 1, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 9, 16, 23, 30 2018).

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 525994

The following person has abandoned the use of the fictitious business name. The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME: Loard's Ice Cream, 8951 San Ramon Road, Suite B, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda. FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: January 3, 2017, UNDER FILE NO. 525994. REGISTRANT'S NAME: Dublin Foods, Inc., 8951 San Ramon Road, Suite B, Dublin, CA 94568. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY Dublin Foods, Inc., a corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on March 1, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 9, 16, 23,

30, 2018).

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA COUNTY Case No.: RG18894342 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: GENIE CAROLE HOLLI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GENIE CAROLE HOLLI to GENIE CAROLE HOLLIE. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: APRIL 13, 2018, 11:30 a.m., Dept.: 24 of the Superior Court of California, County of ALAMEDA, 1221 OAK STREET, OAKLAND, CA 94612. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: PLEASANTON WEEKLY. Date: FEBRUARY 22, 2018 WYNNE S. CARVILL, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT (PLEASANTON WEEKLY, MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018)

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Elizabeth Hall 250-0730

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1051 Redondo Way \$729,000
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1461 Sauvignon Court \$1,480,000
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Pleasanton

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

9220 Longview Drive \$2,175,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Janice Habluetzel 699-3122

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Joan Sakyo 989-4123

1124 Piemonte Drive \$2,850,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

3720 Raboli Street \$2,499,000
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

3760 Trenery Drive \$2,499,000
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San Ramon

4 BEDROOMS

7444 Hillsboro Avenue \$829,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Kent & Rosie 463-9500

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Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

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5 BEDROOMS

14 Railroad Avenue \$1,999,999
Sun 2-5 Natalie Blanco 200-5119

SALES AT A GLANCE

Pleasanton (Jan. 30-Feb. 2)

Total sales reported: 13
Lowest sale reported: \$368,500
Highest sale reported: \$4,298,000
Average sales reported: \$1,327,000

Dublin (Jan. 30-Feb. 2)

Total sales reported: 15
Lowest sale reported: \$440,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,320,500
Average sales reported: \$967,467

Livermore (Jan. 30-Feb. 2)

Total sales reported: 16
Lowest sale reported: \$530,000
Highest sale reported: \$20,688,000
Average sales reported: \$2,116,125

San Ramon (Feb. 6-Feb. 12)

Total sales reported: 14
Lowest sale reported: \$400,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,005,000
Average sales reported: \$967,893

Source: California REsource

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Jan. 30-Feb. 2

Pleasanton

1955 Brooktree Way Stauffer Trust to P. Xu for \$965,000

7750 Canyon Meadow Circle #A B. Monroe to S. Lakshmireddipalli for \$575,000

3410 Cornerstone Court Ponderosa Homes to M. Lee for \$1,093,500

4192 Cristobal Way J. Chen to T. Sundaram for \$1,175,000

7793 Fairbrook Court Mead Trust to A. & M. Mohseni for \$1,012,000

3724 Florian Street Costa Trust to K. Cheng for \$1,030,000

1029 Hometown Way B. Gao to S. Chen for \$870,000

7041 Koll Center Parkway #260 Koll Center to DL & S Limited for \$368,500

904 Pamela Place M. & J. Mui to Y. Jia for \$1,429,000

1028 Rhine Way L. Prynnto to Y. He for \$1,550,000

1889 Via Di Salerno J & G Building Partners to I. Aziz for \$4,298,000

2809 Victoria Ridge Court Edwards Trust to E. Au for \$1,600,000

1429 Whispering Oaks Way S. & Y. Lee to J. Yang for \$1,285,000

Dublin

6929 Atlas Peak Drive D R Horton to Z. Jamal for \$1,320,500

2099 Carbondale Circle Tri Pointe Homes to M. & V. Gaikwad for \$1,110,000

2332 Carbondale Way A. & L. Stacks to D. Ogirala for \$850,000

4054 Chalk Hill Way TH Venture to S. Anugu for \$1,000,000

4057 Chalk Hill Way TH Venture to B. Kandi for \$994,000

8296 Davona Drive Garcia Trust to L. Sun for \$770,000

Source: California REsource

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465 SWALLOW CT, LIVERMORE

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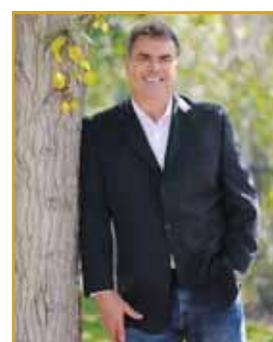
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A: Bill, that is a great question. The contract (CAR purchase agreement) provides that during the inspection contingency the buyer may investigate the property, order inspections, review all associated documents, and due their due diligence. The contract stipulates that at the end of the inspection contingency period, the buyer may either remove their inspection contingency, or cancel the agreement. In the event the buyer elects to cancel the contract, there is no contractual requirement that the buyer give the seller an explanation, nor is there any requirement that the seller gets to approve their reason for cancelling in order to release the deposit. It is black and white. Unless and until the buyer removes their inspection contingency, their deposit is theoretically not at risk, as the contract allows the buyer to cancel the agreement. The only realistic argument a seller has would be if the buyer acted in bad faith, either by never intending to complete the purchase, or entering into contract on another property simultaneously, or somehow demonstrating bad faith in another fashion. However, keep in mind the old saying in legal circles; "It's not what you know,

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COMING SOON

PLEASANTON | VINTAGE HILLS COMMUNITY
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COMING SOON

PLEASANTON | VINTAGE HILL COMMUNITY
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COMING SOON

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PENDING IN 5 DAYS

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4953 BLACK AVENUE, PLEASANTON



PENDING IN 5 DAYS

5 bd/3.5 ba, 3,065 sq ft, 8,100 lot sq ft
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47 SILVER OAKS COURT, PLEASANTON



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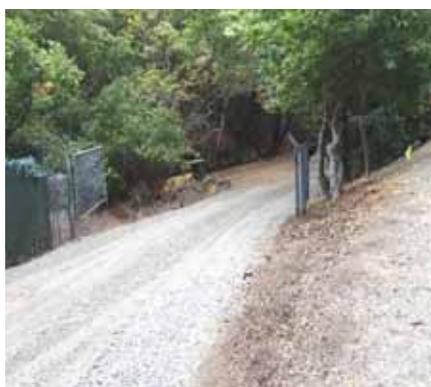
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5751 ATHENOUR COURT, PLEASANTON

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474 AMARAL CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group represented the Buyer in the Purchase of this Original Condition Single Level Home on Premium .32 Acre Lot. Super Location on Amaral Circle in Downtown Pleasanton. Tremendous Potential with this Three Bedroom, Two Bathroom Home. Plenty of Room for Expansion and Remodeling with this Oversized Lot. Lots of Mature, Large, Beautiful Trees on Neighboring Lots to Enjoy! For more information, contact the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group!

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Mike D'Onofrio

925 Pacific Court – Walnut Creek – \$1,250,000

This stunning single story has been completely remodeled and is nestled on a quiet court in the desirable "Northgate" neighborhood on a premium lot with pool! 4 Large bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms and approx.. 2,201 sq. ft. Sophisticated interior with natural light upgraded hardwood!

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Kent & Rosie

1051 Redondo Way – Livermore – \$729,000

Gorgeous, nicely updated single story home in the highly desired Pleasanton Heights neighborhood. This lovely home features a gourmet kitchen that overlooks the cozy family room and includes custom cabinets, granite counters, large island and more!

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18900 Edwin Markham Drive – Castro Valley – \$1,199,000

This elegantly appointed home has bene remodeled form the inside out and from top to bottom! The soaring cielings in the foyer are adorned with exquisite crystal chandeliers that illuminate the custom marble floor. Approx 2,927, 4 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms.

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7444 Hillsboro Avenue – San Ramon – \$829,000

Just a few blocks from Pine Valley Middle School and not far from Cal High, sits this popular one story home. Upon entering you will look past the large living room and adjoining dining room to views of the lovely rear yard. Approx 1,979, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms!

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Scott & Sophie Piper

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