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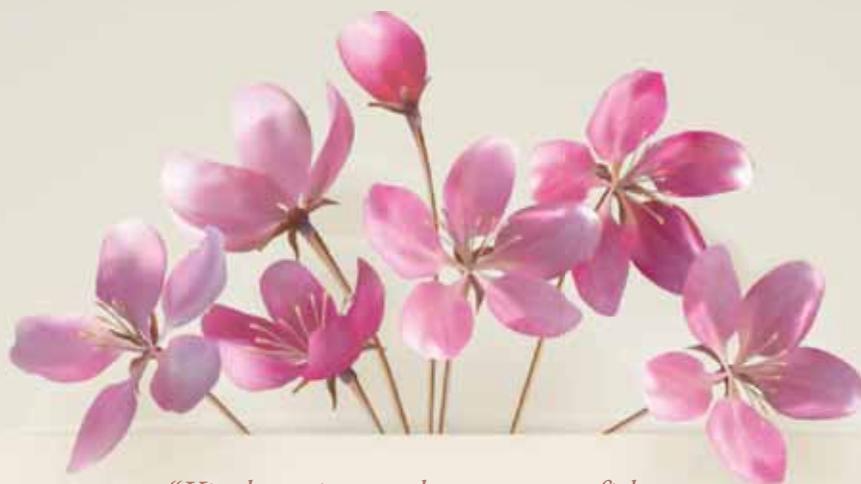


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By JEB BING

## Clergy talk about significance of Easter

Christians are commemorating the death of Jesus Christ today and will celebrate His resurrection Sunday with festive services at churches throughout the Tri-Valley on Easter Day. Here's how some of our local clergy views Easter.

**Catholic Community of Pleasanton**, the Rev. Paul Minnihan, pastor:

"What does Easter really mean for us? For the Christian, it's the most sacred of days. The resurrection of Jesus is God's divine assurance that life is infinitely stronger than death. In the very troubled world out there, if life is to overcome death, the hungry must be clothed, housed and fed, the unborn must be protected, refugees must be harbored and immigrants welcomed, swords must be turned into plowshares and God's magnificent creation must be treated with the greatest awe and wonder."

Easter services will be held at 8 and 10 a.m. and at noon at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. and 9 and 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive.

**Lynnewood United Methodist Church**, 4444 Black Ave., the Rev. Henry Kim, lead pastor:

"Most Americans delight in the Easter bunny, games, and egg hunting on Easter day and people from other cultures and religions are quickly catching on to this tradition, much like Christmas. But without Jesus' journey to the cross, Easter doesn't really exist.

"On Easter, let us meditate on Jesus as he journeyed to Jerusalem and join in his journey to seek a new life of humility and peace. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with us."

Easter services at Lynnewood United will be at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**, 1225 Hopyard Road, the Rev. Heidi Hester, pastor:

"Easter brings the hope of tomorrow into the world. These days, our communities seem to focus simply on all the negativity that flows freely without regard for humanity. There is so much anger, hatred, and fear that we need a place to come to counteract that. Our places of worship are and should provide

that sacred spot, especially during Easter.

Easter services at Trinity Lutheran Church: 9 a.m. with Easter brunch at 10:30 a.m.

**Cornerstone Fellowship**, 348 N. Canyons Pkwy., Livermore, campus Pastor Steve Ingold:

"If we believe that Jesus came to the world as a humble servant and conquered death as the risen king, how do we react to what Jesus said? How do we apply these words to our own lives? What does this mean for us in our communities and neighborhoods?"

"This is what we hope to discuss and discover together at Cornerstone Fellowship at Easter."

Easter services at Cornerstone Fellowship: 3 and 5 p.m. Saturday; 6:45, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday.

**Valley Community Church**, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy., lead Pastor Heath Hardesty:

"The claim of the Christian faith is not just that something happened 2000 years ago, but that the reality of resurrection is present now. Easter is a historical reality and the solution to our greatest problem, one which satisfies the deepest hungers of the human heart. That is a momentous claim, certainly one worth honestly looking into.

Easter services at Valley Community Church: 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

**Blue Oaks Church**, Foothill High School's multi-purpose room, 4375 Foothill Rd., teaching Pastor Matt VanCleave:

"Many people know in their head about Jesus Christ. They've heard the story: God came down as a man to do what people could not — save them from themselves and from their sins. In theory it sounds nice, like a fairy tale. The sacrifice of one for all. Although many people never take what is in their head and move it down deep into their heart.

"What a world it would be if we could all just move the knowledge of being deeply loved just as we are, from our heads to our hearts."

Blue Oaks Church Easter services: 8:45, 10 and 11:15 a.m. ■

*Editor's note: Additional commentaries about Easter are appearing this week on Jeb Bing's "Around Pleasanton" blog online at [www.pleasantonweekly.com/blogs](http://www.pleasantonweekly.com/blogs).*

### About the Cover

Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club co-presidents Lois Barber (left) and Dolores Bengtson with plants that will be for sale April 7. Barber is holding two kinds of lettuce, and Bengtson is holding a baby version of the Ribes shrub. Photo by Michelle Suski. Cover design by Paul Llewellyn. Vol. XIX, Number 10



## Champagne Easter Sunday Brunch

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| Mediterranean Vegetable Platter |

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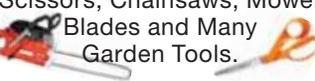
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# Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

## What are your plans for Easter?



**Andrew Wu**  
High school student

I'll be going to church, for sure, and I might also be going down to LA afterward, in order to buy my first car. If there's any time left, I'll be working on my summer program applications, too.



**Jane Stevenson**  
Mom of three

I'm gathering up the husband and the kids and we are going to Disneyland. I've always wanted to be able to say that. I know it will be very crowded, but I'm really looking forward to the Easter parade. No one does a parade better than Disney.



**Amanda Koobatian**  
High school student

I'll be going with my family to a cousin's house in Walnut Creek. We do all of the traditional, celebratory things that people do on Easter. Of course that will include an Easter egg hunt. I enjoy hiding the eggs for the little kids to find.



**Mike Vivo**  
College student

My only real plan is to sleep as late as possible, have lunch with my grandmother at her favorite restaurant where we have Easter brunch every year and then study for some upcoming exams.



**Meg Williams**  
Retired

I have a bunch of friends and family members coming over for Easter dinner. So I'll be spending plenty of time in the kitchen preparing for that. We're also planning to go to Easter Mass at our church. I'm expecting it to be a lovely day.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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

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## DIGEST

### Pace for Peace

Tri-Valley Haven's annual Pace for Peace 5K/10K walk/run is set to take place through Livermore wine country next weekend.

The event, which raises funds and awareness for the Haven's core causes, offers two courses designed for athletes and non-athletes alike, including teams, families, strollers and dogs. The start line and finish line for both routes is 3663 Pacific Ave., near downtown Livermore.

All proceeds benefit local survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence and homelessness served by Tri-Valley Haven, as well as to help the nonprofits' abuse prevention programs.

Check-in starts at 7 a.m., with the races beginning at 8 a.m. For more information or to register, visit [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org) or call Christine at 667-2727.

### New chief of staff

Local Congressman Eric Swalwell has hired market research professional and former East Bay elected official Alex Evans to serve as his chief of staff starting on Monday.

Evans, who will be based in Washington, D.C. and oversee operations at Swalwell's Washington and district offices, succeeds Ricky Le, who stepped down last month to work at the Information Technology Industry Council.

"I'm excited and humbled by this opportunity to work for Congressman Swalwell, the 15th District and the American people at this critical time in our history," Evans said.

Evans was previously founder and president of EMC Research, a full-service public opinion and market research company. He also served on the Richmond City Council from 1995 to 2001 and the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District Board of Directors from 2012-16.

### Accessible Committee

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority seeks applications for regular members and alternates to serve on the Wheels Accessible Advisory Committee.

Committee members are expected to provide a forum and advise Wheels staff on accessibility issues facing senior and disabled residents on Wheels fixed route buses and Dial-A-Ride paratransit services, according to LAVTA. The committee meets six times per year for approximately 90 minutes.

Candidates must reside in the cities of Livermore, Dublin or Pleasanton or represent social services agencies located in those communities.

To apply, call 455-7555 or download the form at [www.wheelsbus.com](http://www.wheelsbus.com). The deadline is April 20. ■

## School board debates Facilities Master Plan budget allocations

Also: Legal firm's contract cap raised, DECA teams recognized, board policies updated

By ERIKA ALVERO

A discussion on the district's Facilities Master Plan dominated Tuesday night's 2-1/2-hour school board meeting, during which trustees expressed some wariness of fund allocations and priorities on school projects.

The plan set out involved projects the community approved when they voted in favor of Measure 11 in November 2016.

"It was a very difficult process going through all the items, and we had a board member on that committee," said Micaela Ochoa, deputy superintendent of business services.

"Because we recognize that we have so many more needs than we have money for."

No action was taken this week, but the matter is expected to be brought back April 17 for approval.

Of the \$270 million bond money to be dispersed over the next decade, the two largest categories set aside in the master plan focused on roofing repairs and upgrading school heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems: \$55.4 million for the HVAC upgrades and just under \$48.9 million for roofing repairs.

Addressing capacity and enrollment issues and the Lydiksen

Elementary modernization project followed in spending allocations, at \$35 million and \$30 million, respectively.

The funds would be issued in five rounds — in 2017, 2019, 2022, 2024 and 2027.

Not all the projects listed under Measure 11 are fully funded under the approved \$270 million. In their presentation, staff listed out possible future projects coming out to a total of almost \$840 million — \$145.5 million of this is for Measure 11's remaining projects.

All trustees had their own preferences in terms of priorities, but Joan

Laursen was particularly vocal in her misgivings on the current allocations, saying the plan didn't properly account for safety nor solar panels as the board had requested, and questioning why school roofs required so much repair.

"Why are our roofs only lasting 10-15 years?" she said.

Vice president Valerie Arkin focused on the need to build a new school, which would fall under the category of capacity and enrollment issues. She also cautioned that they shouldn't stray from the projects

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## Zone 7 appoints new GM

Santa Clarita water official Valerie Pryor starts April 22

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Zone 7 Water Agency Board of Directors hired Santa Clarita water official Valerie Pryor as the agency's new general manager last week.

The decision to appoint Pryor came after a months-long search for a successor to current Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig, who is retiring at the end of this month after nearly 11 years on the job.

"We had amazing, amazing applicants," director Sarah Palmer said. "And we finally were able to choose one, and we're quite pleased with that choice."

The board's vote to hire Pryor was 5-0, with board president John Greci and vice president Jim McGrail absent from the evening meeting March 21 in Livermore.

Pryor is scheduled to begin her new role on April 22. Zone 7 assistant general manager Osborn Solitei will serve as acting general manager between Duerig's departure date today and Pryor's first day.

Pryor comes to Zone 7 from Southern California, where she is currently serving as the assistant general manager for the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, which was formed in January after Gov. Jerry Brown approved legislation uniting the Newhall County Water District and Castaic Lake Water Agency. Before that, Pryor worked

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CHUCK DECKERT

This house near downtown Livermore, along with the Blue Door Antiques shop next door, were gifted to Hope Hospice by the late Henrietta Fankhauser. The nonprofit plans to work in the months ahead to determine the best way to utilize the properties.

## 'A very special gift'

Livermore woman bequeaths L Street house, antique shop to Hope Hospice

By JEREMY WALSH

Hope Hospice recently announced receiving a house and antique store site near downtown Livermore by bequest, and the local nonprofit plans to work with its supporters and the community in the months ahead to determine how best to utilize the North L Street parcels.

The gift was left behind by Livermore resident Henrietta "Henri" Fankhauser, a strong supporter of Hope Hospice and other community organizations who died last November at the age of 96.

"This is a very special gift," Hope Hospice CEO Bob Boehm said in a statement last week.

"We believe the best way to use this donation is to have it serve our community," Boehm added. "In the upcoming months, we will form the Henri's House Committee made up of local individuals

to seek advice and ideas to help us determine the best use of this house in ways that are consistent with our mission."

The property includes a 108-year-old, craftsman-style house at 309 North L St. and the Blue Door Antiques building next door at 321 North L St.

Fankhauser and her husband, Chester, bought the properties in 1973. Both were active supporters of Livermore charities and organizations as well as avid antique collectors. Chester, who worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, died in 1992.

Fankhauser named Hope Hospice in her will in the early-2000s as a way to memorialize her brother, who received hospice care before his death, according to the local nonprofit. The property donation from the Fankhauser Family Trust was finalized earlier

this year in the months following her death.

"Gifts of all kinds allow us to provide exceptional end-of-life care when it is needed the most and often continue giving into the future," Boehm said.

Founded nearly 40 years ago, Hope Hospice provides hospice care and home health care as well as bereavement services and community education for families in the Tri-Valley and surrounding communities.

For more information about the Henri's House Committee, visit [www.hopehospice.com](http://www.hopehospice.com) or contact Hope Hospice director of development Jennifer Pettley at 829-8770. ■



Henrietta Fankhauser

# City Council approves new contract with Pleasanton Garbage

Also: Noise regulations for leaf blowers, second Bernal Bridge feasibility study, police union pensions

By JEREMY WALSH

Reduced collection costs, new services like free bulky item pickup and electronic recycling, and establishing a more modern rate structure were among the key provisions lauded by city officials from the new contract the City Council approved with Pleasanton Garbage Service last week.

The franchise agreement, which keeps PGS as the city's solid waste hauler for another 11 years, formalizes the tentative deal struck late last year to continue the decades-long relationship when its future had been in doubt over PGS' ability to provide cost-effective processing of recyclables and organics — a service the city will now outsource to another company.

"It was a long negotiation; it was a good negotiation. I think we

reached one of those typical win-wins that we talk about," Councilwoman Karla Brown said during the March 20 meeting at the Pleasanton Civic Center.

One centerpiece of the new contract is a 13.3% reduction in PGS compensation that will ultimately result in reduced rates for the city's residential and commercial customers.

City officials expect to unveil initial new rates by July, but those prices will be short-lived — with a second rate overhaul due just a few months later once the city finds its new contractor for recyclable and organics processing.

The new PGS contract, which runs through June 2028, also states the city's franchise fee will increase from 2% to 4%, service rates will be based on an industry index and

rates won't be adjusted to pay for costs incurred in prior years — part of the city's goal to transfer the risk of unexpected operating costs to PGS instead of ratepayers.

Among the new services offered by PGS will be free bulk curbside waste pickup for customers up to three times per year, with each collection available for up to five cubic yards of garbage, recycling or yard waste, or large items such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, tires or carpets.

PGS is also required to collect used motor oil and filters, offer E-waste and U-waste (batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and mercury switches) recycling at the Busch Road transfer station for free to city residents, improve its website and social media outreach, and increase public education on recycling and organics diversion.

The notable exception from the contract is that PGS will no longer be responsible for processing recyclable and organic materials. For company officials, processing recyclables at the Busch Road transfer station became too costly and they were concerned about being able to find a vendor to process organics at an acceptable cost, according to assistant city manager Brian Dolan.

PGS would be obligated to deliver

organics and recyclable materials to the city's new processing contractor. City officials plan to solicit proposals from prospective contractors with the goal of presenting a recommendation to the council by July 30.

The city plans to implement new customer rates in two phases, Dolan said.

With the PGS contract taking effect this summer, city officials will come back to the council before July 1 with a recommendation for new rates based on the 13.3% reduction in PGS-related collection costs.

Then, once a recyclables and organics processing contractor is selected, city customer rates will have to be adjusted again to account for those additional costs. City officials plan to present that rate proposal in September, though that timeline could be delayed depending on when the state starts to roll out new regulations for organic waste processing expected some time this year, Dolan said.

In the end, the city's goal is to achieve net savings compared to current costs, he added.

## In other business

- The council introduced an ordinance to incorporate leaf blowers into the city's general noise regulations and restrictions, instead

of leaf blowers having their own standalone ordinance as is the case now.

The current rules allow leaf blowers to run longer (from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends and holidays) and at a higher decibel level (73 dBA at 50 feet) than what is generally allowed in residential zones or commercial sites near residential.

City officials have been receiving a number of residential complaints about noisy early-morning leaf blowers, only to find they are operating within the legal times, according to community development director Gerry Beaudin.

He said the proposed solution is to bring leaf blowers in line with the city's current, stricter noise standards across the board, which also apply to other landscaping equipment like lawn mowers and weed eaters.

The changes would prohibit leaf blowers in residential zones from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. on Sundays and holidays, with the maximum noise limit at 60 dBA at any point outside the property plane.

The council is set to consider

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## March for Our Lives

Hundreds of Tri-Valley students and adults took part in a local March for Our Lives event in Livermore on Saturday morning as part of a teen-organized national campaign targeting gun reform. The Tri-Valley march aimed to serve as a call to lawmakers to prioritize students' lives and safety by passing commonsense gun safety legislation, according to the teen organizers of the event — which included a rally and gun violence prevention resource fair at the Livermore High School football field followed by a march to downtown Livermore.

## Welcome home

Crowds gave Army Spc. Garrett Matthews (shown center in photo) a rousing welcome home from service in Iraq on Saturday in front of his parents' home on Eilene Drive in Pleasanton. The celebration, hosted by the Pleasanton Military Families coalition, marked the completion of service for the 2010 Granada High School graduate who enlisted in the Army in 2013. Deployed to Iraq in 2015 and 2016, Matthews has been awarded the Army's Commendation and Achievement medals for "outstanding performance and dedication to the 10th Mountain Division" and the Army.



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## ZONE 7

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for the Castaic Lake Water Agency for nearly 14 years.

Though she was not present at the meeting, Pryor sent a text message to Zone 7 general counsel David Aladjem after the vote, asking him to thank the board publicly for her.

"She's very eager and happy to be working with you," Aladjem said.

In a follow-up interview last Friday morning, Pryor told the Weekly, "I'm looking forward to working with the Zone 7 board and employees to continue providing flood control and water supply for the area. I'm also looking forward to moving to the area and getting to know the community."

Pryor said that she is planning to relocate to one of the communities served by Zone 7, though she is not yet sure which one.

The new general manager contract, which runs through March 2021, calls for Pryor to receive an annual base salary of \$275,000, with the potential for up to a 5% performance bonus for extraordinary performance, as determined by the board. The base salary includes a biweekly vehicle allowance of \$400, to account for her use of a personal vehicle for official business.

The lone public speaker during the board's hiring debate March 21 raised concerns over the termination clause in her contract, leading

to some discussion among board members. According to the clause, the Board of Directors could only terminate Pryor's contract if at least six of the seven directors vote in favor, at any time with or without cause.

"What this amounts to, is that two board members could be in effect governing the agency, instead of the majority, which requires four ... I would not call that democracy, I would not call that good public policy," said Dennis Gambs, a retired Zone 7 water engineer and a candidate for the agency's board in the June primary election.

A board discussion ensued, with directors Palmer, Sandy Figuers and Bill Stevens defending the contract, and Angela Ramirez Holmes and Dick Quigley asking for the six-sevenths item to be revisited during an annual review.

Aladjem explained why he included the six-sevenths provision in the contract. When crafting a contract, he said, you have to balance the need for stability, for someone coming in "to know that they're here for a while," with the board's ability to remove someone not performing adequately.

"My thinking here was that unanimous less one is a good rule," he said.

He added later that the termination clause could not be unilaterally changed, though it could be brought up during Pryor's annual review, and if she agreed the point

could be amended.

Palmer expressed her support of the point.

"The removal of a general manager is such an important thing," she said. "As Mr. Gambs so rightly pointed out, it's an extraordinarily important position to the agency. And I would think that a supermajority is absolutely necessary for something like that."

Ramirez Holmes pointed out that a five-sevenths vote would also constitute a supermajority.

"I'm not sure that a five out of seven would cause somebody to not accept a contract," she said.

To this argument, Duerig chimed in and said that she would not have accepted her own contract in 2007 without the six-sevenths termination clause item.

Ultimately, the five directors unanimously approved Pryor's contract.

"We have managed to make a very good choice, I think, in someone who will serve the zone well," Palmer said.

Ramirez Holmes added that the public would have the opportunity to meet Pryor very soon.

Zone 7 is a public agency in eastern Alameda County, and acts as a water wholesaler for water service providers in Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon's Dougherty Valley along with providing flood protection in the Livermore and Amador valleys. ■

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approved by voters when they voted in Measure 11.

"The community trusted us with their vote, and we need to do what the bond list says," Arkin said.

Along these lines, she wanted to know as soon as possible if additional funding for a new school would be needed.

A survey had been distributed throughout the community after staff had prepared the master plan, garnering 245 responses. Some of the projects that those taking the survey said they wanted to see, such as high school gym renovations and shade shelters, were included on staff's list of future projects.

But Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke was dubious of the results.

"I don't put a whole lot of weight in the survey at all — in fact I don't even want to consider any of the data from the survey," she said. "Because you can't answer a survey like that without knowing the whole bigger picture of the whole entire district, to prioritize."

John Bauer was the lone member of the audience to speak to the board during public comments, and he recounted having attended several of the district's community outreach events regarding the Facilities Master Plan, and seeing representatives from each school site advocating for

their own respective needs.

"Each individual fighting for limited resources for their school, and I would expect nothing less, and I stated that before," he said. "But it's up to the people in this room to look at the big picture and make those tough decisions and prioritize."

Nick Olsen, director of facilities and construction for the district (a self-dubbed "department of one"), said staff would take into consideration trustees' comments, for a final draft to return to the board April 17.

### In other business

- The board approved raising the cap for a contract with legal firm Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost LLP, increasing this fiscal year's contract amount from \$105,000 to \$339,000.

The initial contract with the firm was approved June 2017 to last through June 30, 2018, with the option to renew annually for up to three additional years.

Currently, the expenses are more than \$150,000 above the initially anticipated contract amount, which is why the district is looking to increase the cap; the increase should cover "invoices to date as well as projected expenses for the remaining months of FY 18," according to staff.

The largest portion of the firm's expenses came from services to the special education department — in fact, services for the special education department are by far the greatest

legal fees the district pays to the four firms it contracts with, per invoices received thus far this fiscal year.

- The board approved various policy updates staff had prepared in order to keep up with state educational code.

The updates had initially been presented at a February meeting, and Tuesday's reading took into account revisions put forward by board members.

"We do want to acknowledge, I know the board would like for us to engage in a more in-depth study of our grading policy, and that is on our list to do so," said Odie Douglas, assistant superintendent of educational services. "This just puts us in compliance with our ed code and our practices, but we know that there's much more work to do."

Some of the approved updates focus on volunteer assistance, athletic competitions, grades and evaluation, student acceleration and retention and graduation requirements.

They also include regulations on continuation education, extra- and co-curricular activities, assessments, district research, education for English learners and adult education.

- Board members recognized the Amador and Foothill DECA teams for completing the state career development conference, with over a dozen students from each school advancing to the international conference in April. ■

## Holi festival returns to fairgrounds this weekend

Colorful Indian celebration marks ceremonial beginning of spring

A colorful springtime celebration common in India is coming back to the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Saturday.

The third annual Pleasanton event, set to run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., aims to bring together people of all cultures in the Tri-Valley while also raising funds to support free eye care for those in need in India.

Holi, known as the "Festival of Colors" or the "Festival of Sharing Love," is typically observed in March across India during which participants throw powdered or wet colors on each other to promote friendship, love, the triumph of good over evil and spring's arrival signaling the end of winter, according to Rajani Suryanarayan, an organizer of the Pleasanton event.

"At the end of the day, you will be a walking work of art with beautiful colors, from red to yellow to purple to blue. The color symbolizes the coming of spring,

and all the new hues it brings to nature," Suryanarayan said.

The Pleasanton festival will feature music, dancing, food, raffle prizes, kids' activities and of course, the traditional throwing of colored powder.

Like the past two years' Holi events at the fairgrounds, this weekend's celebration will benefit the Sankara Eye Foundation, a Milpitas-based nonprofit that works to provide eye care in India with the goal of eradicating curable blindness in the country by 2020.

Tickets cost \$15 apiece, with children 5 years old and younger admitted for free. For more information, visit [www.giftofvision.org/events](http://www.giftofvision.org/events) or email [info@giftofvision.org](mailto:info@giftofvision.org).

Elsewhere in the Tri-Valley, Bishop Ranch will host its fifth annual Holi celebration on April 13 from 5:30-8 p.m. in the front parking lot of Bishop Ranch 2600, at 2600 Camino Ramon in San Ramon. ■

—Jeremy Walsh



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## Livermore woman named superior court judge

Among 3 appointed to Alameda County bench by governor

By JEREMY WALSH

A family law specialist from Livermore, a court commissioner from San Ramon and a Navy veteran and attorney from Piedmont have been named as the newest Alameda County Superior Court judges.

Judges Amy L. Sekany, Jason Clay and James R. Reilly are filling bench seats left open by recent retirements of Alameda County judges. The trio were among the 25 judicial appointments Gov. Jerry Brown made to superior courts across the state late last month.

Livermore resident Sekany has focused on family law, but her legal experience runs the gamut, including working three years as a crisis counselor and case manager at the Tri-Valley Haven shelter from 2001-04.

The 47-year-old most recently served as Alameda County Superior Court's family law facilitator

and managing attorney of Self-Help Services. Before that, she served as managing attorney for the Eviction Defense Center in Oakland, from 2014-16 and 2005-09.

Sekany was an associate at Wylie, McBride, Platten and Renner from 2009-14, where she was a law clerk from 1999 to 2001. She also worked as a prosecutor and public defender in Illinois early in her career. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Millikin University.

A registered Democrat, Sekany fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Dan Grimmer.

Clay, 48, joins the bench after serving as an Alameda County Superior Court commissioner since 2013. The San Ramon resident previously worked in private practice from 2006-13 as well as a deputy public defender for the Alameda County

Public Defender's Office from 1995 to 2006.

Clay, who is registered to vote without party preference, earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Colorado Law School and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He fills the vacancy created by Judge Willie Lott Jr.'s retirement.

A former U.S. Navy officer, Reilly joins the court after working the past 22 years as a partner at Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani since 1995.

Reilly earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from UC Berkeley. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Robert B. Freedman. The 63-year-old from Piedmont is registered without party preference.

Each new judge will earn an annual salary of \$200,042. ■



A fire at a Ruby Hill house broke out in a crawl space below the bathtub and caused significant damage to the bathroom, but firefighters were able to prevent the fire from spreading elsewhere in the house.

## Ruby Hill house fire heavily damages bathroom

LPPFD firefighter sustains minor injuries in response to Foreza Court fire

By JEREMY WALSH

A house fire in the northwest part of Ruby Hill caused significant damage to a bathroom and hallway and led to minor injuries for one firefighter working to control the flames and smoke this week, according to the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department.

The fire broke out just before 8 p.m. Monday in a house on Foreza Court, a small court off West Ruby Hill Drive. Arriving firefighters found smoke coming from a first-floor bathroom, according to LPPFD deputy chief Joe Testa.

The fire appeared to start in the crawl space below the bathroom and bathtub, with the resident first noticing flames and smoke coming from the bath drain, according to battalion chief Jack Neiman-Kimel.

Firefighters experienced some initial difficulty reaching the source

of the fire because of its sub-floor location, but they soon gained access by removing the flooring in the bathroom, Testa said.

The damage, estimated at \$150,000, was contained to the bathroom, master bedroom hallway and exterior wall of the bathroom, according to the fire officials. The rest of the house was undamaged.

During the LPPFD response, one firefighter sustained undisclosed minor injuries. He was treated at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare and released, Testa said.

The incident was considered a one-alarm fire with two additional fire engines requested due to the workload under smoky interior conditions, according to Testa.

The cause of the fire has not been determined but it is not believed to be suspicious, he added. ■

## CITY COUNCIL

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final approval of the new ordinance at its next regular meeting, with the new leaf blower regulations to then take effect one month later.

- Council members adopted an ordinance confirming members of the Pleasanton Police Officers Association will contribute an additional 1.5% of their pay toward their California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) pension. That will bring police classic CalPERS members up to contributing 12% of their salary toward their retirement fund.

- The council presented a proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Month, as well as approved a memorandum of understanding with the Red Cross

defining the working relationship with the city for disaster preparation, response and recovery.

The MOU was part of the 10-item consent calendar, a collection of items deemed routine that the council approved with one sweeping vote without further discussion.

- Also on consent, the council authorized a nearly \$94,000 contract with Biggs Cardosa Associates Inc. to analyze the feasibility of building a second Bernal Bridge just to the south of the 77-year-old, two-lane bridge that serves both directions of traffic on Bernal Avenue over Arroyo de la Laguna.

The new bridge would be designed to handle eastbound traffic — for motor vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians — so the original bridge would become westbound-only. The new bridge could also

be used for both directions on a temporary basis if the city decides to replace the older bridge.

- There was also acceptance of the midterm progress report on the council's current two-year work plan, which outlines 90 priority goals and objectives.

To date, 28 projects have been finished or significantly completed, 42 projects and goals are underway and 13 more are planned or budgeted to begin soon, according to city staff.

The major 2017-2018 work plan priorities already completed include Kottinger Gardens Phase 1, Stanley-Valley-Bernal intersection improvements, two more courts at Tennis Park, automated water meter infrastructure upgrades and facilitating the Sunflower Hill special-needs affordable housing project. ■



JONATHAN PEARCE

## Youth in Government Day

Dozens of students from Amador Valley, Foothill and Village high schools got a behind-the-scenes look at local government on Tuesday as part of the annual Youth in Government Day presented by the city of Pleasanton and Pleasanton Unified School District. The teenagers got the chance to shadow officials with the city, schools, police, fire and other departments, including this group with City Manager Nelson Fialho.

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Foothill: Quick response finds no danger after student joke about threat

School and police officials found themselves investigating a potential threat at Foothill High School last week that was ultimately determined to have been a joking comment between students.

The March 22 incident was quickly resolved — and did not result in a lockdown — but served as a timely chance to remind students and parents that all possible threats are taken seriously and shouldn't be joked about, school officials said.

"A comment was made in jest during a conversation between students at Foothill, was investigated quickly by the school and PPD, and no credible threat was found," Pleasanton Unified School District spokesman Patrick Gannon told the Weekly last Friday.

"As school administrators, we take every potential threat seriously and respond to it accordingly. While a student may say something as a joke, it may not be interpreted that way by others. And whether a student intends to make a threat or a joke, there are real consequences that may follow," Foothill principal Sebastian Bull said in a message to the school community the afternoon of March 22.

Bull asked parents to take the opportunity to speak with their children about the need to avoid joking about potential threats at school while also being diligent about reporting actual threats to authorities.

"It is important to stress to students that once a comment is made at school or on social media, regardless of intent, it is hard to take back," Bull said. "In the event these comments reference potential threats, it can impact the sense of safety and educational environment of our entire school community."

#### In other news

- The Contra Costa County Coroner's Division has identified the man killed after crashing his car into a tree along Bollinger Canyon Road last week as Dublin resident James Sutter.

The 57-year-old man was found injured in a solo-vehicle crash in which the Chevrolet Camaro he was driving struck a tree in the center median of Bollinger Canyon Road just east of Talavera Drive (near Memorial Park and Bollinger Canyon Elementary School) around 10:40 p.m. March 22, according to San Ramon police.

San Ramon Valley Fire personnel had to use the "jaws of life" to remove Sutter from the car. He

was the only occupant, according to police.

Once freed from the car, Sutter was transported to San Ramon Regional Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead, according to police.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation, police said. Sutter's death marked the city of San Ramon's first traffic fatality of 2018.

- Pleasanton police said they are looking for two unidentified men accused of breaking the window of a Nissan Altima and stealing about \$1,000 worth of property from inside the car in the Chick-fil-A parking lot on Johnson Drive on March 6.

Police released on their social media accounts two photos showing the two men suspected of committing the crime. The suspects' vehicle was described as a newer-model Hyundai Sonata. No other details were available.

Anyone with information about the case can contact the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100 and reference case No. 18-8848.

- A San Ramon man has been arrested and charged in connection with several crimes related to sexual assault.

Thomas Jon Pancoast, 46, has been charged by the Contra Costa County

District Attorney's Office with 11 counts of a lewd and lascivious act on a child under 14, two counts of rape of an intoxicated woman, five counts of lewd and lascivious acts on a minor 14 to 15 and two counts of sexual penetration by object on an intoxicated person, according to the San Ramon Police Department.

The case was presented to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office last Friday.

Police said Pancoast is currently being held with bail set at \$12.7 million.

Police said four victims have come forward, and there is a possibility that more victims have not yet been identified. Anyone with information on the investigation is asked to contact the San Ramon Police Department at 973-2763. ■

—Jeremy Walsh and  
Bay City News Service

#### No Cop Log

Editor's note: The Pleasanton Police Department reported a major software upgrade has resulted in its online daily crime logs not being updated for the past week. The weekly Cop Logs will return to the Pulse page when police make the daily logs available again.

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## Hart students share thoughts on gun reform

In the weeks since the fatal shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., many Tri-Valley residents have joined in the local and national debates over gun legislation.

At Hart Middle School, some eighth-grade students were encouraged by their teacher to take part in the conversation and one of the assignment options was to write a local newspaper to describe their stand and proposal for safety and the Second Amendment.

Here are the letters the Pleasanton Weekly received. (Note: Some submissions were edited down to our 250-word limit because of space constraints. The full letters appear online.)

### Gun control

With the current situation of America, I believe the Second Amendment should be kept in the Constitution. I take this stand because we cannot take away an American right which has been with us through centuries; but we can change the amendment, because as the guns change our laws should as well.

I believe that local citizens should not have access to an assault rifle and the steps of getting a gun should not be as easy as it is now. Taking this action will help our country by making a safer place for children and people, but still allow those who have guns to keep them.

Making it harder to own a gun is not taking away any rights nor is it attacking the Second Amendment right. Also making sure people can't get access to assault rifles is not stopping gun owning; it is just stopping military grade weapons from getting into the hands of people who don't need them.

Many say the thing to blame is the mental state of the shooter, but let me ask you this: If Cruz was unable to get access to a gun and had to resort to another weapon how many kids would have died? This answer is a lot less. So in the end, ill or not, the shooter is a shooter. We cannot

change a person, but we can prevent them from hurting someone.

—*Ria Singhania*

### Gun laws/enforcement

I think that rather than repeal the Second Amendment, we should make sure that all the current laws are being enforced. I think the Second Amendment is important because everyone has a right to defend themselves and this protects that right. However, anybody who buys a gun should be required to go through a background check.

When selling a gun to a person, that person should have to go through a background check. In other countries like Japan, they require a background check, a written test and a formal course of instruction. With these strict rules, Japan has an overall low crime rate, which makes people feel they don't need to handle a gun. If this lowers the risk of incidents in Japan, it wouldn't hurt to try their method in the U.S.

In the Parkland shooting, there were dozens of warning signs, but no one bothered to do anything. Many people called the police and the FBI about Nikolas Cruz, but they didn't attempt to do anything.

Before taking guns away from people who haven't broken any laws, I feel that the police need to take people's reports seriously, and do something before there are consequences and innocent people are hurt or killed. When I heard that over 40 people called in about this person and the police did nothing to stop him, it convinced me that we weren't doing enough to enforce our current laws.

—*Ella Lynn*

### School shootings

Many things need to take place in light of the recent school shootings. Many people feel that guns are to blame, and want them taken away. I feel that guns don't kill people; people kill people.

Today at our school, over half of

the school walked out of their classes for 17 minutes in order to show solidarity with Florida. I did not. I feel that even though it is a nice sentiment, it will not change anything.

We don't need kids walking out of their classes. We need kids willing to make a difference. There have been over 14 school shootings in 2018. That amounts to one shooting a week. One more murderer every week. And a murderer of children and teachers, no less.

Children should be treated like precious jewels, to be nurtured, taught, and to not be killed by a raging maniac. More than 25 have died in school shootings in this year only! How many of them would have grown up to become scientists, doctors, to discover the cure for cancer? Now, we'll never know.

With all respect, nobody has even come close to doing something. Yes, we've put up a farce, but we haven't really done anything. We need to do something, but I fear that we all live in a bubble.

How much time until this terror strikes close to home, in the form of your loved ones? How much time will it take to fix this catastrophe?

—*Ruby Duncan*

### This violence can be prevented

In the wake of the recent and tragic shootings, there should be two important changes made, although I do have some support for the Second Amendment.

One is to have designated locations where guns must be kept and used, such as gun clubs, hunting areas and shooting ranges. Another change is for adults to observe and monitor those who they feel are at risk and report them to the authorities, who should set up methods of communication to make the process easier.

In the most recent shooting in Florida, Nikolas Cruz purchased his AR-15 weapon legally, and the store he purchased it from made no error or misconduct with the weapon.

This shows nearly anyone can purchase a weapon legally, and even if it is purchased safely, there is no guarantee that it will be used safely.

If these weapons were kept safe in nearby gun ranges and gun clubs, people could continue to own their guns while still ensuring safety.

And if those who may be a danger are reported to the authorities and properly dealt with, tragedies like this can be averted.

Cruz had many cases of violence in his past as well as making many references to weapons. He also had some suicidal tendencies and was one time spoken to by the police because of this. They were aware of his violent and dangerous tendencies, but they did not list him as a threat.

I truly believe this violence can be prevented. So please, spread the word.

—*Aryan Ohri*

### Enforce background checks, lock up guns

I believe that we should not ban guns, but put harsher restrictions on guns. In order to do this, we would need to enforce more background checks and lock up guns.

One way to take action could be to enforce more background checks on the people purchasing guns. According to the lawcenter.org, a study in 2017 showed that an estimated 42% of U.S. gun owners acquired their most recent firearm without a background check. This shows that the U.S. is not properly taking care of guns.

Another action that we can make is making it so people can sell guns legally. For example, according to an undercover investigation by the city of New York, 62% of private online firearm sellers agreed to sell a firearm to a buyer even after the buyer had told the seller that he or she probably could not pass a background check. This proves the case, that we as the U.S. should take better care and awareness of gun control.

—*Jack DuBos*

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## Thank-you letters: 2017 Holiday Fund

The Pleasanton Weekly wanted to share thank-you letters we've received on behalf of nonprofit organizations that benefited from the annual Holiday Fund campaign, expressing appreciation to Holiday Fund donors, Weekly staff and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation for their support.

### Axis Community Health

On behalf of Axis Community Health's patients, board and staff, I would like to thank you for the

wonderful \$9,899 contribution we received from the 2017 Holiday Fund campaign. The Pleasanton Weekly's support truly makes a difference in our ability to provide care for Tri-Valley families.

This donation allows us to provide additional medical visits for the growing number of low-income and uninsured families who are coming to us for care. Thanks to your efforts that put the spotlight on this tremendous need for care, the community has responded generously.

We are truly grateful for your philanthropic work and deeply appreciate Axis' inclusion as a recipient for the Holiday Fund.

—*Sue Compton*  
CEO

### ValleyCare Charitable Foundation

Thank you so much for your generous grant of \$9,899 to ValleyCare Charitable Foundation through the Pleasanton Weekly 2017 Holiday Fund, which will help Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare provide

exceptional, patient-centered community medicine to the Tri-Valley.

We greatly appreciate Pleasanton Weekly's dedication to the well-being of the Tri-Valley community and the efforts the organization takes to support local nonprofits.

Gifts and grants donated to the Charitable Foundation support a wide variety of initiatives that enhance patient care and help meet the ever-growing healthcare needs of the Tri-Valley. Our focus

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# LETTERS

## Assistance League at its best

Dear Editor,

The Amador Valley Assistance League plays a big role in our residents' lives here at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab.

The wonderful ladies visit our facility many times during the year. This past Christmas, under the direction of Lois Cox, they transformed our Christmas tree in the lobby into a peacock theme feathers and all. Lois made big peacock bows for our front doors to make our fresh wreaths look extra special. They decorated the dining room tree with a red and white theme making it look like a candy cane.

Veterans Day and Memorial Day, they bring our residents flags and sing patriotic songs at our annual services for our veterans. Twice a year they put on a fancy tea party with fine china and fresh flowers along with fancy hats for our residents to wear. Once a month they turn our main dining room into a casino with a rousing game of roulette complete with prizes for the winners.

This past Valentine's Day, they decorated our living room for our Annual Valentines Couples Luncheon, with fresh flower centerpieces on the tables. They helped to serve our couples sparkling cider along with their entrees and special red velvet cake.

We at Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab appreciate the time and

effort these special ladies take to make our residents lives so extra special. The families and staff truly get to see what the Pleasanton community does for our residents.

What an asset to our community. Well done ladies.

—Linda DeGennaro

## PUSD math path

The past weeks saw concerned parents of various ethnicities collaboratively and constructively discussing with PUSD staff and board members regarding the math pathway. One parent stated that as responsible adults, the best way to contribute to society is to collaboratively consider the interests of all.

The reasons in favor of changing the accelerated pathway included addressing high school teachers' concerns of less-prepared students in accelerated pathways, reducing anxiety from peer and parental pressure, and providing better opportunities to academically challenged students.

PUSD expressed that they had students' best interests in mind. They listened attentively to the parents' points against the proposal: The accelerated pathway is the only way able, ready, and gifted students may accept a meaningful education. Math tutoring should not be frowned upon as "pushy," since it is comparable to private sports coaches routinely hired to help students enter selective teams.

It's wrong to take away competitive sports because certain players cannot keep up. Besides, students with performance gaps are

observed to show differences beginning in fourth and fifth grades, as they're not given sufficient instruction in math because teachers are not held to the same standard of teaching. They, as a result, are unprepared for advancement to higher levels and reaching their capability in math. Eliminating the course is illogical.

Both sides are pleased that the board meeting confirmed the consensus, including establishing clearer assessment processes, enforcing better placement standards, and empowering teachers to give differentiated instructions. The discussion continues.

—Sophie Li

## Deficient BART to Livermore EIR

BART's draft environmental impact report (EIR) is grossly deficient. The board needs to reject the project as proposed, as well as Alternatives 1, 2, and 3.

Merely extending BART one station to Isabel and replicating there the existing turnback, does not warrant adding a shop and yard as proposed. There is no need for these facilities north of I-580.

A future Tri-Valley shop and blue-line yard, as well as an intermodal transfer station, belong near Greenville Road and I-580 — short of the Altamont Pass — as part of a modified program EIR for BART to ACE at Livermore.

If additional Tri-Valley blue line car storage were needed, Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 would not provide it.

Livermore's General Plan clearly

states the city's preference for ultimate BART along I-580 to Greenville, per a qualifying 2011 initiative petition signed by some 8400 Livermore registered voters.

—Robert Allen  
Former BART board director

## John Bolton

"I hear the drumbeats of war." This is a March 22 quote from U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee. The appointment of John Bolton as National Security Advisor by President Trump is a step closer to war, be it with Iran, North Korea, or even Russia.

Congress must take back the war-making powers of this country from the president. Seventeen years of war since 9/11 is far too long for Congress to sit on the sidelines. Instead of spending time obsessing about Russia-gate (which only exacerbates tensions with a nuclear power), Congress needs to refocus its energies on curbing the power of national security and intelligence state (otherwise known as the "deep state") before it's too late.

The omnibus budget just passed by Congress gives almost one half of all spending to the military. This is outrageous.

For many years my belief was that our biggest existential threat came from climate change. Now, with Trump in charge and Democrats and Republicans alike fanning

the flames of war, we may destroy ourselves before nature gets the chance.

It's way past time for Congress to do its job. If you agree, please contact Eric Swalwell, Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and express your views.

—Matt Sullivan

## March for Our Lives

NAMI Tri-Valley is proud to have participated as a co-sponsor of March for Our Lives Tri-Valley in Livermore.

NAMI stands for National Alliance on Mental Illness and is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of people and families affected by mental illness. NAMI Tri-Valley provides family support, resource information, education programs, and advocacy; please know we are here should you need our help ([www.nami-trivalley.org](http://www.nami-trivalley.org)).

We are grateful that our youth are leading the way on this overdue discussion regarding gun violence prevention and student safety. Thanks to all who organized, volunteered and participated to make the event a great success.

We look forward to joining our communities to continue the momentum toward change.

—Marsha McInnis  
President, NAMI Tri-Valley

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is local, with monies supporting state-of-the-art healthcare technology, facilities, clinical programs and services at Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare.

By choosing ValleyCare Charitable Foundation as a recipient of your 2017 Holiday Fund, you have demonstrated your commitment to providing quality health care in your community.

Once again, thank you so much for supporting Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare and the Tri-Valley community.

And thank you very much for your dedication to our community. I am proud to live in a region that has such amazing connection to our non-profit community. Thank you for all that you do!

—Shaké Sulikyan  
Executive director

## Hope Hospice

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—Jennifer Pettley  
Director of development

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—Heather Greaux  
Executive director

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—Kenny Altenburg  
Branch operations manager

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# Grow your garden

Club sale offers plants produced by members — plus plenty of free advice

STORY BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI | PHOTOS BY MICHELLE SUSKI

**D**oes your green thumb need a little help? Mark April 7 on the calendar for a chance to jumpstart your garden. On that day, local gardening gurus will share their bounty at the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club's annual Plant Sale, held in the parking lot of Amador Valley High School.

"I encourage people to come to the Plant Sale so they can see what gardeners in the area are successful in growing in their gardens," club co-president Dolores Bengtson said.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. that Saturday, rain or shine, garden club members will sell plants that thrive in their own yards, including flowering ones and edibles. Separate tables will offer annuals and perennials, ground covers, California native plants, house plants, roses, shrubs, trees, vegetables and herbs.

"They may also talk with club members who have 'hands-on' experience with plants, ornamentals and edibles in our area," Bengtson said. "For novice and experienced gardeners alike, it's a learning opportunity."

"Of course, we hope you will find plants suitable for your garden to purchase," she added, "and take time to visit our Gardener's Boutique to see if you can find that just-perfect flower pot for your patio."

"We have a lot of pots this time," she continued. "Some people moving out of the area gave us their pots, which we really appreciate — we scour them up and bring them to the boutique."

That section will offer garden art, pots and other treasures — all at reasonable prices.

"Bargain-hunters will find that most plants are priced in the \$1-\$5 range," co-president Lois Barber said.

Bengtson has been attending plant sales since she joined the club 20 years ago, although she said the club was founded in 1984 and the local sales go way back. She recalled looking at old club meeting minutes stating the sale had yielded a few hundred dollars.

"Now we always put in our budget around \$5,000, and that's a really conservative figure," she

said.

Even last year, the sale made that much despite the stormy weather.

"We had so much rain and wind last time that it was almost humorous," Bengtson said. "It was one of those events where everyone is pitching in — customers were clutching their plants and holding down the posts to our pop-ups."

She said she has seen a change over the years in people's interests.

"People used to be very, very interested in ornamentals and not paying attention to whether they were drought tolerant. Now they are moving into succulents — and into vegetables. A lot of the people come to the plant sale to get veggies," she said.

"People want to eat healthy and to teach their children to eat healthy and grow their own vegetables. It's been my observation that when children see something growing, they are much more likely to try it."

Tomatoes are popular among local gardeners, Bengtson added, because they are easy to grow in a pot.

Although the sale is just one day, preparations begin far in advance.

"Our members have spent months growing plants for this sale," co-chairman Daniel McCright said.

They prepare according to their different interests. Perennials growers have the sale in mind when their plants need to be divided, Bengtson noted. Gardeners with greenhouses start their seeds aimed at preparing for the sale.

She also mentioned that when plants are hardy, they multiply, and the sale gives gardeners a chance to share the bounty. And this works out well for folks who want to expand and improve their gardens.

"It's an opportunity for people to get plants that not only do OK in our soil and our climate, but to get them at a reasonable price and try them," Bengtson said.

Most of the club's 188 members are involved in the four-hour event, said co-chairman Bill Tallon, adding, "You will recognize the volunteers by the bright green aprons they will be wearing. They will be happy to offer free advice."

Tallon and his wife Michelle said they are relative newcomers to the club, having joined five or six years ago. They describe their own garden as "eclectic."



Dolores Bengtson, co-president of the Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club, displays a poster for the April 7 plant sale. Background is a Ribes shrub growing in Bengtson's Pleasanton yard, a plant she will share at the sale.



Left: Plants being readied for the sale include, at left, edibles (tomatoes, left back); groundcover (geranium, left front); succulents (front center); and ornamentals (Ribes shrub, tallest in background). Above, right: More edibles including lettuce, tomatoes and squash; groundcover (forget-me-nots); ornamentals (Ribes shrub in the background); and succulents (in the terra cotta and green pots). The green pot will also be for sale.

"One side of the yard is pond and woodland, one side is Mediterranean, with grapevines," Bill Tallon said. "It's a working garden, with raised planting beds. Michelle started a flat of oregano and also has a flat of basil going."

Bengtson agreed that club members are generous with their advice.

"The members who work the sale allow people to talk to others here in town that do gardening," she said. "Some questions we get are very

simple, like, 'What do you do about snails?' We can answer those questions and give them some hints."

She said the sales are also social events, similar to a farmers market. Alden Lane Nursery loans its truck to deliver plants to the sale site.

"We're just hoping we have good weather," Bengtson said. "And we hope many people come and take advantage of our locally grown plants."

The sale raises money for the

gardening club's activities in the community, an important part of the club's mission, which is to encourage home gardening, support better horticultural practices, civic beauty and the conservation of natural resources. (See sidebar.)

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, September through May, in the multipurpose room of Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road, and visitors are welcome. The club also

has luncheon meetings on fourth Mondays.

Other interest subgroups meet separately, including seed sharing, floral design and edible plant gardening. The club also offers day tours, overnight tours and annual tours of members' gardens. Plus it hosts an annual tomato tasting. For more information, go to [www.lavgc.org](http://www.lavgc.org).

But first, check out the Plant Sale on April 7 — for additions to your

garden and for information and inspiration. Amador Valley High is located at 1155 Santa Rita Road.

"It's a good idea to get there early," advised Bill Tallon. "Many of the plants come in ones and twos." ■

## Gardeners give

The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club provides the following services to the community, funded by proceeds from the plant sale:

- Arbor Day assemblies for more than 900 Pleasanton second-grade students.
- Free seed packets at Pleasanton and Livermore libraries, collected and packaged by members.
- Maintenance of public gardens, including the Sensory Gardens in Pleasanton's Centennial Park and the rose garden at Hansen Park in Livermore.
- Donation of vegetables raised at Eden Garden in Livermore to neighbors in need.
- Assistance with the gardens at Camp Arroyo, which serves children with life-threatening illnesses, as well as weeklong, live-in environmental education programs for school children from the area.



Plant sale co-chairmen Bill Tallon (left) and Daniel McCright say members have been preparing plants for months to offer to those who want to add to their gardens.



Ornamentals, including agapanthus, geraniums, heuchera, liriopse and dwarf poker (Kniphofia), are being prepared for the sale by Bill and Michelle Tallon.

## RAISING EAGLES

PILOT SHARES HIS LOVE OF FLYING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

**B**ob Leuten, 74, remembers looking up at the sky when he was a boy in Ohio.

"I saw a single-engine airplane and said, 'Look at that! Mom! Dad! Look at that!'" he recalled.

His parents saw danger, but Leuten, now a Pleasanton resident, went on to a lifetime of piloting his own aircraft — nine so far — and a career in aviation insurance.

Leuten, who currently owns a two-seat, red-and-white Super Decathlon, shares his love of flying with youngsters ages 8-17 through the Young Eagles program of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), based in Oshkosh, Wisc. He has taken 605 youngsters on flights since 1999 to introduce them to the joys of small airplanes and piloting.

"I let them take the controls if the conditions are right," Leuten said. "I have dual flight control. And I'm a certified flight instructor."

The local EAA chapter contacts youth clubs and centers to put out the word when they are hosting a Young Eagles airlift, usually with five or six airplanes and pilots participating.

"Parents can sign up on the website in advance or can drop in and fill out the form," Leuten said. "Then they wait in line and go up with the pilot."

Pilots are carefully screened, he noted, with background checks.

"The flight is 10 to 20 minutes in the air," he said. "It always takes off and lands at the same airport, and flights are only conducted in pristine, non-turbulent, great visibility weather. We want it to be a good experience."

Leuten recalled only one incident where a student became nervous but said he was able to calm them down quickly.

"Kids are fearless, and they all love it," he said.



ERIKA ALVERO

Pleasanton resident Bob Leuten has been piloting airplanes for decades. Since 1999, he has been working to introduce kids and teens to the joys of aviation through the national Young Eagles program.

His most memorable Young Eagles flight was in his Cessna Cardinal with a teenager named Michael Mainiero in 2011.

"He was 14 or 15 at the time, and he has gone on to become a pilot," Leuten said.

Leuten became his flight instructor, and Mainiero soloed on his 16th birthday, the minimum age. Then he earned his private pilot's license on his 17th birthday, also the minimum.

"He was so anxious to learn everything he could about aviation, and he was a natural talent," Leuten said. "Now he is flying charter jets for a charter company, earning his living as a pilot."

Leuten pursued ham radio as a youth and served in the Army Signal Corps. While at Fort Sill, Okla., in 1965, he visited its Red Leg Flying Club where a flight confirmed his interest in exploring the skies. By the next year he had earned his private pilot's license.

"I have been a pilot since 1966 continuously, except for the one year I served in Vietnam," Leuten said.

Two years ago, he received the FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award for

flying a total of 50 years.

Leuten tries to participate in the Young Eagles program at least once a month, time and weather permitting. A scholarship swimmer at Bowling Green State University, Leuten is still a competitive swimmer, working out three to four days a week and competing in two to three swim meets a year. He

was recently recognized with a U.S. Masters Swimming Top 10 Award in the men's 200-meter backstroke, seventh in the nation in his age group.

Leuten and his wife Sally moved to Pleasanton from San Mateo four years ago to be near their two sons and their families, including four granddaughters.

"Sally is kind of a white-knuckle flier but every July we fly from Liver-

more to the town of Columbia (in the Sierra foothills), which has a hokey Fourth of July parade," Leuten said. "We walk into town, watch the parade and fly home."

He often flies other pilots to pick up their airplanes, flies to visit friends, and takes his 16-year-old granddaughter Jasmine to visit her other grandparents in the northern part of the state. He also does training flights and gives instruction in others' airplanes. And he especially enjoys flying solo to the EAA conventions held in Oshkosh, slowly making his way across the country in two days.

Leuten said one reason for his involvement with the Young Eagles program is the shortage of pilots in the country.

"One of the goals of the program is getting children interested in aviation and the sciences," he said. "We have a severe pilot shortage in the United States — the airlines are screaming for pilots with experience. This program kind of helps fill the need for pilots."

The Young Eagles program began in 1992 and has flown more than 2 million young people worldwide. For more information, visit [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org). ■

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**Bob Leuten,**  
Pleasanton pilot



**Above:** Leuten has given more than 600 flight experiences through the Young Eagles program and also enjoys flying with his 16-year-old granddaughter Jasmine, shown here three years ago. (Contributed photo).

**Right:** Leuten takes a quick flight over the Tri-Valley last Friday. (Photo by Erika Alvero).



## Full STEAM ahead

Innovation Fair celebrates 'Arts in Technology'

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Families are invited to Livermore's second Innovation Fair on April 14, aimed at sparking the imagination by showing the many ways art and technology intersect in the world around us. The event is free but preregistration is encouraged, which includes being entered into free drawings.

The fair — equally high-tech exhibition, art show and community celebration — is designed to energize students in grades K-12 and help them make a connection among the five STEAM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, arts and math).

Displays and experiments will be presented inside and outside the Bankhead Theater, highlighting innovations in robotics, 3D printing, rocketry, telepresence, remotely operated vehicles and more. There will be live music on the plaza.

"At all grade levels, students are excited by hands-on activities that challenge and inspire them to solve problems or to create new

products," Livermore school superintendent Kelly Bowers said. "The Innovation Fair is a welcome community opportunity for all of our families to explore arts and technology."

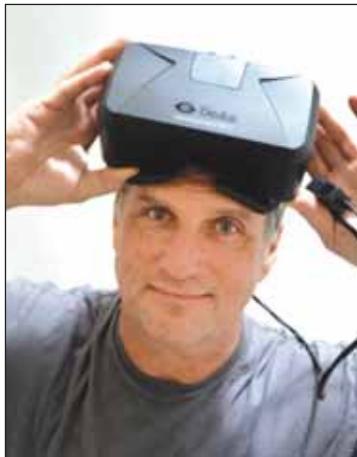
Speakers are as follows:

- 11:15 a.m. — NASA Ames Research scientist Peter Graube, who brings more than 30 years of experience working on wind tunnels, jets, centrifuges and rockets.

- 12:45 a.m. — Jack McCauley, who was instrumental in taking the Oculus Rift virtual reality headset from prototype to reality but is equally well-known for designing the guitar and drums in the popular video game Guitar Hero.

- 1:45 p.m. — Fifth-generation winemaker Karl Wentz, who has degrees in chemical engineering, viticulture and enology, and combines current technologies with the hands-on traditions of his winemaking family.

Admission to the speakers is also free but on a first-come, first-served basis limited to space available.



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Virtual reality innovator Jack McCauley.

Last year, more than 1,000 students attended the Innovation Fair as well as family members and friends. The event is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 14 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St. in Livermore, presented by the Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, with sponsors Lawrence Livermore National Security LLC, Topcon Positioning Systems, Sandia National Laboratories and Cisco Systems.

To register, visit [www.lvpac.org/education](http://www.lvpac.org/education). ■

## Applications open for AAUW education grants

The local chapter of American Association of University Women is urging young women from the Tri-Valley to apply for its \$1,000-\$2,000 grants to further their education. AAUW's Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin Local Scholarship Foundation gave three grants last year to college women.

Applicants must live in Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or

Sunol and have graduated from one of the high schools in these communities. They must be a junior or senior this fall and plan to attend and complete their course of study at a four-year college or university.

To apply for a grant, go to [lpd.ca.aauw.net](http://lpd.ca.aauw.net). Applications must be received by May 1. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## Enter your best at the Alameda County Fair

Share anything you grow, create or collect



FILE PHOTO

This "Howdy Doody" display was among the submissions last year in the always-popular collectibles contest.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Display your talents, collections and hobbies at the Alameda County Fair this year, taking place June 15 to July 8. Crafty folks and hobbyists are encouraged to enter their best work in any of the fair's youth or adult competitions.

Deadline for entries is April 25.

Popular contest categories include baking, cake decorating, ceramics, crocheting and knitting, decorative doors, dolls, garden and produce, home-brewing, floral arrangements, jams and salsas, jewelry making, livestock, metal work, needlework, fine art, photography, pinewood derby, poetry, quilting, scrapbooking, sculpting, sewing, small animals, stained glass, table decoration, videos, websites, wine, woodworking, wool and fleece, and woodcarving.

Contests for the young also have categories for school projects and performing arts.

And the fair offers a variety of contests for specialized talents, including one new category: classic treats made from

scratch. Returning contests are tree decorating, duct tape art, egg carton art, bling something, origami, repurpose or recycle it!, shoe box float, beef is king, mystery cookie and many more.

These community competitions will accommodate all ages and ability levels, including people with physical or mental disabilities.

The fair also offers daily fun contests for all ages, including a diaper derby for babies, a cell phone photo scavenger hunt for youths, photos at the fair, poems at the fair, plein air painting, soap carving for youths, and a wine fest hat contest for both adults and youths.

The Alameda County Fair also has a contest for singers of the national anthem, with winners selected in advance, beginning with submitted videos.

Some competitions are judged in advance and have earlier entry deadlines. For a complete list of contests and rules, visit [annual.alamedacountyfair.com](http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com). ■

## Symphony explores human spirit and natural world

Musical journey goes from Ives to Korngold to Beethoven

By PATRICIA BOYLE

Livermore-Amador Symphony continues its 55th regular season with "The Human Spirit and the Natural World" on April 14 at Livermore's Bankhead Theater.

The concert will include Charles Ives' "The Unanswered Question"; Beethoven's Symphony No. 6, "Pastoral"; and Violin Concerto in D Major by Erich Wolfgang Korngold, featuring Madeline Adkins, concertmaster of the Utah Symphony, as soloist.

"The Unanswered Question" will open the concert.

"Charles Ives' 'Unanswered Question' sets the stage for this program, which really takes us on a philosophical, spiritual musical journey," music director Lara Webber said.

"Ives separates the music into three distinct groups beginning with the strings playing simple, ethereal

consonant harmony that seems to be just a natural extension of silence. After a time, the solo trumpet sounds out what Ives called 'the perennial question of existence,' which is answered by a woodwind quartet, playing dissonant, discordant music," she continued.

"The harmonious strings never stop, while the trumpet questions continue to be asked, and the woodwinds seem ever more agitated in struggling to answer."

Next, the orchestra will perform Korngold's Violin Concerto in D Major. Korngold was an Austrian-born child prodigy who became a naturalized American citizen. Webber described him as "a composer of astounding talent, invention and skill."

"To my ears, he is born of Mahler and Strauss. His music embodies the romanticism and impressionism of the 19th century, and the modernism of the 20th," she said.

Soloist Adkins became concertmaster of the Utah Symphony in September 2016 after 10 years as associate concertmaster of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. She has served as guest concertmaster of the Hong Kong Philharmonic, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Oregon Symphony and the Grant Park Symphony Orchestra in Chicago.

"The Korngold concerto is, above all, lush with fabulous melodies," Adkins said. "His background as a film composer (in fact many themes being taken directly from his films)

results in evocative and memorable music that the audience may still be humming at night's end."

"This concerto is exciting, intimate and over the top, all at once," Webber said. "It is an absolute powerhouse for the soloist, demanding everything the violin can do, musically and technically."

The concert will conclude with Beethoven's "Pastoral," which he wrote in 1808, at a difficult time in his life.

"Beethoven was struggling personally, with oncoming deafness, rejection in love, traveling constantly during a politically turbulent time," Webber explained. "When I think of all he was going through, this symphony stands so completely apart as a spiritual release. The overall effect captures what it feels like to give yourself over to the beauty and power of nature. In a way, it is the most wonderful answer to Ives' question at the beginning of the program."

The April 14 concert begins at 8 p.m., with a prelude talk from 7-7:30 p.m. The Symphony Guild will host a post-concert reception in the lobby. Ticket are \$25-\$35. Go to [www.bankheadtheater.org](http://www.bankheadtheater.org); the Bankhead Theater ticket office at 2400 First St., Livermore; or call 373-6800. ■

Editor's note: Patricia Boyle, president of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch, has been writing about the Livermore-Amador Symphony for six years.



Violin soloist Madeline Adkins.

# Sports



## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

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## Foothill boys volleyball wins six times during strong week

Also: Pleasanton Panthers wrestling title, Amador softball and tennis with routs over Dublin

The Foothill boys volleyball team rolled to a 6-1 record last week, winning a pair of East Bay Athletic League matches, as well as finishing second in the East County Invitational.

In a battle with Dublin, the Falcons came away with a thrilling, five-set win over the Gaels: 19-25, 25-11, 21-25, 25-18, 15-11. Daniel Qian (31 kills, two aces), Mason Ward (34 assists, 10 kills) and Sid Majigud (10 kills, four blocks) led the way for the Falcons.

The win over Granada may have been straight sets, but the three games were all tight, with the Falcons winning 25-22, 25-23, 25-23. This time it was Azfal Peermohammed (27 assists, nine service

points, three kills), Andre Doty (six blocks, five kills) and Neil Mahure (19 digs, four service points) who paced the Falcons.

In the East County Invitational, Foothill beat Placer 2-1, Las Lomas 2-1, Campolindo 2-0 and Deer Valley 2-0 before falling to De La Salle in straights in the championship match.

Qian led Foothill in the tournament with 82 kills, with Peermohammed adding 108 assists on the day. Brent Fong added 23 kills for the Falcons.

### Amador softball

The Dons ran their record to 4-0 with a 16-9 win over Dublin last week, scoring seven runs in the top of the first and never looking back.

Mia Hildebrand led the way on offense for the Dons, driving in five runs with a home run, a double and a pair of singles.

Valeria Torres-Colon, Emma Hodges, Malia Konig, Kirsten Siqua and Maddie Hildebrand also drove in runs. Hodges added a double, with Torres-Colon hitting a triple.

Ace pitcher Danielle Williams went the first three innings in the circle for the Dons, striking out eight without allowing a hit. Konig closed it, striking out five in the final four innings.

### Amador tennis

The Dons beat Dublin 9-0 on March 23 in an EBAL match.

Casey Guan, Eswar Ramineni,



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The Pleasanton Middle School wrestling team celebrates winning the Tri-Valley championships last weekend.

Rohan Kota, Vedhant Kaliyur, Pranav Praveen and Ethan Allavarpu all won their singles matches.

The doubles teams of Robert Heeter/ Dario Tommasini, Nithilan Muruganandham/Vishesh Pithadiya and Manas Aavula/Kellen Sabhlok also won their matches.

### Pleasanton Middle School wrestling

For the first time in more than 20 years, Pleasanton Middle School's

wrestling team came in first place at the Tri-Valley League Championship Meet last weekend.

The Panthers were coached by Jack Navarette, Todd Johnson and Jesus Flores. ■

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



KAY KING

The RADD B basketball team took home the gold after winning both of their games during the Special Olympics Northern California basketball competition March 3.

## RADD players win gold

Teams, individuals medal in basketball events

BY JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton RADD (Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled) athletes earned gold and silver medals earlier this month when their hometown hosted the Special Olympics Northern California basketball competition.

Nearly 60 teams from Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara and Solano counties participated in the event, which featured opening ceremonies at Amador Valley High School on March 3.

"The RADD athletes began preparing for this competition in January," coach Kay King said. "Practices were held weekly for an hour and a half and consisted of many diverse and fun drills along with fast paced scrimmages. One of the best things about the RADD athletic program is any athlete, regardless of skill level, can participate — there's a place for everyone."

The RADD players swept the individual skills competition, which tested their dribbling, passing and shooting prowess. Each of the four RADD athletes won the gold medal in their division: Lisa Burley,

Vladislav Gorokhlov, Ajay Miller and Adam Pinney.

Also winning gold was the RADD B basketball team, who won two tight games with strong defense at Pleasanton Middle School, according to King.

RADD B opened with a 24-20 win over Contra Costa Tomahawks Blue and then followed with a 28-20 victory in game two over Team Solano.

Team members were Michael Ahre, Victor Almeida, Jamie Gadbaugh, Patrick Ho, Lauren Lenigan, Dawn Nickles, Steve Ostreicher, Camellia Pinheiro, Scott Tanaka, Peter Voss and Christopher Wagner. Coaches were Troy Nickles and Kathy D'Onofrio.

The RADD A team also earned a strong showing, going 2-1 in their games at Harvest Park Middle School and taking the silver medal.

The team consisted of Steven Adkins, Ryan Butterly, Greg Neves, Bryan Peacock, Torren Pickett, Raymund Reta, Evan Rutter, Jennifer Thomas and Mason Trevisano. Coaches were Sergio Castillo and Jim Spillane. ■

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## Music

**PLEASANTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND** Pleasanton Community Concert Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, presents Spring Love, 2 p.m., Sunday, April 8, Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave. Enjoy music about "Spring Love" by various composers. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated. For more info call 846-5897 or go to [www.pleasantonband.org](http://www.pleasantonband.org).

**GRACEWAY CHURCH EASTER CELEBRATION** GraceWay Church will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 1 at Alisal Elementary School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. The celebration includes worship music from the GraceWay band and choir and an Easter message from Pastor Mike Barris. After the service, children are invited to participate in an Easter egg hunt. For more info, please see [www.gracewaylife.org](http://www.gracewaylife.org).

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

## Talks & Lectures

**GRIEF WORKSHOP** Stepping Stones on your Grief Journey Workshop begins Thursday, April 5 through Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden and tragic or one with warning and preparation, the reality leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Pre-registration is

required as space is limited. A one time \$15 donation is requested. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 if you have any questions.

**VIRTUALLY SPEAKING TOASTMASTERS** Virtually Speaking Toastmasters Club meets from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday at Electrical Reliability Services, 6900 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 415. Everyone is welcome to come see what a positive change Toastmasters can make in their confidence. Call 580-8660.

**PLEASANTON 2020 FORUM** 2020 Forum meets at 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the Chamber Conference Room, the second Wednesday of each month. Topics vary. If you wish to receive topic notifications, contact [scott@pleasanton.org](mailto:scott@pleasanton.org). Scott Raty, President/CEO. Chamber Conference Room, 200 Bernal Ave. [business.pleasanton.org](http://business.pleasanton.org).

## Fundraisers

**TRI VALLEY HAVEN PACE FOR PEACE** Tri Valley Haven, 3663 Pacific Avenue, Livermore, Saturday, April 7, 8 a.m., 5 K/10 K Walk/Run of Hope through Livermore's beautiful wine country. Both courses are a perfect option for athletes and non-athletes alike, including teams, families, strollers and dogs. The start and finish line for both routes is 3663 Pacific Ave. Race day registration begins at 7 a.m. All proceeds go to local survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, homelessness and our abuse prevention programs. To register, find out more info and download your pledge form visit: [www.trivalleyhaven.org](http://www.trivalleyhaven.org) or contact Christine at 667-2727.

**TVNPA HOSTS PHILANTHROPY FORUM** American philanthropy is in a state of transition. Tax reform has placed new restrictions on the charitable donation deduction. Overall giving is on the rise, as the surging US economy has created a new generation of philanthropists,

with a strong concentration in the Bay Area. To sustain their base of support and meet the increasing needs of the communities they serve, local nonprofits need to recalibrate their fundraising strategies. Thursday, April 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Admission is \$15 for TVNPA members and \$30 for non-members.

## Family

**MUPPET BABIES DISNEY JUNIOR PLAY DATE EVENT** Children of all ages are invited to join San Francisco Premium Outlets for a "Muppet Babies" themed Disney Junior Play Date event. During the event, families will participate in a variety of activities including a Color Bingo Game, craft projects and enjoy fun kid's entertainment with a balloon artist and juggling performance. March 31, at 12 p.m. near The Via area near Old Navy. No live character appearances. San Francisco Premium Outlets, 2774 Livermore Outlets Drive, Livermore. [www.premiumoutlets.com](http://www.premiumoutlets.com).

**SPRING EGGSTRAVAGANZA** March 31, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 4201 Central Parkway, Dublin. Children bring a basket and enter a grassy field to gather colorful plastic eggs filled with small prizes, while parents snap beautiful springtime pictures. Children can meet Flopsy and Peter Rabbit for photos, participate in crafts and games, and visit the bounce houses. Free family-friendly entertainment, giveaways from event sponsors, and food and beverages available for purchase. Parents, please reserve one of the three available time slots. Purchase tickets online at [www.dublinrecguide.com](http://www.dublinrecguide.com).

**BUNNY HOP SCAVENGER HUNT** Explore downtown with the fourth annual Bunny Hop Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Children 10 years and younger are invited to participate. Start your journey outside of the Museum on Main at 603 Main St. anytime between 10 a.m. and noon. Children will receive a goody bag and adults will receive a list of clues and locations to lead them to goodies throughout downtown. There will be goodies and special offers for the adults as well. [www.pleasantondowntown.net](http://www.pleasantondowntown.net).

## Health & Wellness

**ADDICTION RECOVERY & MEDITATION - REFUGE RECOVERY** Refuge Recovery is a mindfulness-based addiction recovery community. Emphasis is placed on both knowledge and empathy as a means for overcoming addiction and its causes. Those struggling with any form of addiction greatly benefit when they are able to understand the suffering that addiction has created while developing compassion for the pain they have experienced. For more info: [trivalleyrefugerecovery@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleyrefugerecovery@gmail.com). Mondays, 6:30 p.m. to

## PET OF THE WEEK



TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE

## Make Sully your pal

Sully is an adult male pit mix who would love to be some "bunnies" best pal for Easter. Sully has been at the shelter for several weeks and would love to find his forever home. He is affectionate with his volunteer friends, loves to hang out with them and go for nice walks. He is neutered, micro-chipped and up-to-date on shots. Sully is available for adoption at East County Animal Shelter, 4595 Gleason Drive in Dublin. Call 803-7040.

8 p.m., Lyons Wayside Park, First and Neal Streets - by stage, \$5 suggested donation.

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

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

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) TRI-VALLEY** NAMI Tri-Valley Parent Resource and Support Group meets for parents with children to age 17 diagnosed or suspected of having bipolar or other mood disorders. It meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Pathways To Wellness, 5674 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 114. The group is drop-in, no registration required and is free. For more info contact Marsha McInnis at 980-5331 or [marsha@nami-trivalley.org](mailto:marsha@nami-trivalley.org).

## Museums & Exhibits

**LAA SPRING ART SHOW & SALE** LAA Spring Art Show and Sale, April 7 and 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at The Barn, 3131 Pacific Ave., Livermore. Reception and Awards Ceremony, Saturday 7 p.m.-9 p.m., awards, food, music, wine. Come meet the artists. Artist demos all weekend. [www.livermoreartassociation.org](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org).

## Dance

**JUMPIN' AT THE SUN** New Season, Jumpin' at the Sun, April 6, 7:30 p.m., April 7, 2 p.m., Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center, 10550 Albion Rd., San Ramon. Tickets: [www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com).

## Food & Drink

**CITY SERVE OF THE TRI-VALLEY** Free, fresh produce and more on the third Thursday of each month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Axis Community Health, 4361 Railroad Ave., Livermore. Info on CalFresh and MediCal enrollment will also be available. For info call 462-1755.

## Lessons & Classes

**LAWYERS IN THE LIBRARY** Members of the Alameda County Bar Association visit the Pleasanton Public Library on the third Tuesday of each month to give free 15-20 minute consultations. Appointments are by lottery. Register from 5:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m.; names selected at 5:50 p.m., 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call 931-3400, ext. 7.

## Seniors

**MEN OF BREAKFAST** Join the Men of Breakfast or MOB at 8:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month for a cup of coffee and friendly discussion at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Bring a newspaper and whatever topics pique your interest.

**VOLUNTEERS IN FULL BLOOM** Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A night of dinner, awards and appreciation for our wonderful volunteers and community partners.

## Business

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## TAKE US ALONG



**Sushi Town:** Xiaopei and Andrew Gelb stay informed during a visit to Otaru, on the northwest corner of Japan's northern island, Hokkaido. Once a prosperous trading and fishing port, Otaru now is known to "foodies" worldwide as "Sushi Town," famed for numerous small restaurants serving the very freshest seasonal seafood prepared by masters of the art, many located on Sushiyu-dori (Sushi Street). Otaru also is renowned for its canals, historic buildings, specialty desserts, and numerous arts and crafts, including music-boxes and hand blown glass work.

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## Legal Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

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 Driftsas, 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. 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. 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).

Writing in Darkness

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 541755

The following person doing business as: Writing in Darkness, 4185 Cristobal Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Axel Salomon Gonzalez,

4185 Cristobal Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

This business is conducted by Axel Salomon Gonzalez an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein February 24, 2018. Signature of Registrant, Axel Salomon Gonzalez, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on February 26, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2018).

Equity Enterprises

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542283

The following person doing business as: Equity Enterprises, 4460 Black Ave., Suite L, Pleasanton, CA 94566, Alameda County, is hereby registered by the following owner: Bradley A. Hirst, 2456 Minivet Court, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Bradley A. Hirst, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein July 1, 1975. Signature of Registrant: Bradley A. Hirst, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 9, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2018).

NINE TWO FIVE SALON

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542495

The following person doing business as: NINE TWO FIVE SALON, 818 MAIN STREET, SUITE B, PLEASANTON, CA, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: BRIANNA CASTRO, 4349 OLD DUBLIN ROAD, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94552. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: BRIANNA CASTRO, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH 14, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, MARCH 23, 30, APRIL 6, 13, 2018)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 529487

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: STUDIO NINE TWO FIVE FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 3/31/2017 UNDER FILE NO. 529487 REGISTRANT'S NAME: BRIANNA CASTRO, 4349 OLD DUBLIN ROAD, CASTRO VALLEY, CA 94552. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY BRIANNA CASTRO, AN INDIVIDUAL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of ALAMEDA COUNTY on MARCH 14, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT, BRIANNA CASTRO, OWNER. (PLEASANTON WEEKLY, MARCH 23, 30, APRIL 6, 13, 2018).

A Center for Integrative Health

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542354

The following person doing business as: A Center for Integrative Health, 4487 Stoneridge Drive, Suite 103, Pleasanton, CA 94588, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Lori Mancuso, 4487 Stoneridge Dr., Suite 103, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by Lori Mancuso, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein February 15, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Lori Mancuso, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 12, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2018).

FAMILY STAR BRANDS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542634

The following person(s) doing business as: FAMILY STAR BRANDS, 4695 CHABOT DRIVE, SUITE 200, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: JANET CARBUNGCO ZAMORA, 4644 PAMELA COMMON, LIVERMORE, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: JANET CARBUNGCO ZAMORA, BUSINESS OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH 19, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, MARCH 23, 30, APRIL 6, 13, 2018)

DINA'S CONSULTING SERVICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542590

The following person doing business as: DINA'S CONSULTING SERVICE, 2802 CALLE REYNOSO, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: YAFANG LIU, 2802 CALLE REYNOSO, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein ON JANUARY 1, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: YAFANG LIU, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH

16, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, MARCH 23, 30, APRIL 6, 13, 2018)

WOOF WAGGIN' MOBILE DOG SPA; WOOF DOG SPA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542659-6

The following person doing business as: WOOF WAGGIN' MOBILE DOG SPA; WOOF DOG SPA, 168 EDYTHE STREET, LIVERMORE, CA, 94550, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: NIKKI GRIECI, 168 EDYTHE STREET, LIVERMORE, CA 94550. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business names listed herein ON JANUARY 1, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT, NIKKI GRIECI, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH 19, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2018)

Tri Valley Auto Service

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542879

The following person doing business as: Tri Valley Auto Service, 4212 First St., Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Ron & J Auto, LLC, 225 Butano Cut Off, #414, Pescadero, CA 94060. This business is conducted by Ron & J Auto, LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Diego Castro, Manager. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on March 22, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 2018).

PACIFIC COAST WINDOW COMPANY

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542935

The following person(s) doing business as: PACIFIC COAST WINDOW COMPANY, 3597 NEVADA ST, STE. C, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owners: KEVIN MOHN AND WILLIAM MOHN, 1559 LEXINGTON LANE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by KEVIN MOHN AND WILLIAM MOHN, a JOINT VENTURE. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: KEVIN MOHN, GENERAL PARTNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH 23, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, MARCH 30, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 2018)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 520540

The following persons have 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: PACIFIC COAST WINDOW COMPANY FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: JULY 18, 2016 UNDER FILE NO. 520540 REGISTRANT'S NAMES: FRED GOTTHARDT, 4779 MCHENRY GATEWAY, PLEASANTON, CA 94566; BILL MOHN, 31 CASTLEDOWN ROAD, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY FRED GOTTHARDT AND BILL MOHN, a JOINT VENTURE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of ALAMEDA COUNTY ON MARCH 23, 2018. (PLEASANTON WEEKLY MARCH 30, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 2018)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 524034 The following persons

have 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: PACIFIC COAST WINDOW COMPANY FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: OCTOBER 31, 2016 UNDER FILE NO. 524034 REGISTRANT'S NAMES: BMFL LLC, 3597 NEVADA STREET, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY BMFL, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of ALAMEDA COUNTY ON MARCH 23, 2018. (PLEASANTON WEEKLY MARCH 30, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 2018)

# Real Estate

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 16-22 for Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, and Feb. 27 to March 1 for San Ramon.

### Pleasanton

- 6443 Alisal Street** Randall Trust to J. Lowder for \$1,437,500  
**5286 Blackbird Drive** Y. Zhang to S. Xu for \$1,221,000  
**1296 Creek Trail Drive** R. Hatch to Dalton Trust for \$1,465,000  
**7768 Creekside Drive** K. Lloyd to X. Zheng for \$835,000  
**3200 Denton Court** Jennings Trust to Melone Trust for \$1,300,000  
**238 Mavis Drive** Weiner Trust to S. Jakate for \$725,000  
**3461 Norton Way #2** Irby Trust to M. Polintan for \$450,000  
**4119 Rennellwood Way** Baba Trust to K. Fan for \$938,000  
**2590 Skylark Way** B. & H. Rogers to Y. Liu for \$1,250,000  
**878 Sylvaner Drive** Sylvan Investments to B. McHone for \$1,050,000

### Dublin

- 7264 Brighton Drive** R. & M. Chilicky to Janah Investments for \$660,000  
**3251 Central Parkway** C. Serra to A. Rezaei for \$863,500  
**7395 Dalmally Lane** Zercoe Trust to R. Shimizu for \$641,000  
**3465 Dublin Boulevard #236** R. Agrawala to C. Bedi for \$615,000  
**6445 Ebsenburg Lane** J. & C. Tse to Xaumax Investment for \$850,000  
**4278 Fitzwilliam Street** C. An to X. Wu for \$685,000  
**4532 Jacodo Place** W. & M. Dejong to D. Chauhan for \$1,035,000  
**3360 Maguire Way #431** D. Mastrantonio to J. Gamio for \$296,000  
**6880 Portage Road** J. & S. Tatum to A. Stacks for \$900,000  
**2439 Whitehorse Way** S. Giridharan to N. Kumar for \$1,360,000

### Livermore

- 1460 4th Street** Gould Trust to H. Martin for \$860,000  
**5446 Betty Circle** K. & C. Barta to A. Thomas for \$775,000

- 526 Caliente Avenue** T. & M. Crawford to F. Cocchi for \$750,000  
**1406 El Dorado Drive** P. Limtiaco to Sylvan Investments for \$615,000  
**6162 Forget Me Not** Gianni Trust to C. Shahzaad for \$585,000  
**626 Heligan Lane #3** M. & N. Warraich to Thn Trust for \$835,000  
**851 Laguna Street** Bissell Trust to T. Wipfli for \$796,000  
**5296 Lenore Avenue** L. Volz to E. Delucchi for \$600,000  
**1009 Murrieta Boulevard #81** D. & M. Grayum to M. & A. Casentini for \$305,000  
**161 North L Street #101** T. Reyer to A. Cervantez for \$595,000  
**4192 Olmstead Way** A. & V. Borzileri to M. Lendl for \$1,100,000  
**1857 Pine Street** C. & A. Tucker to J. Niemuth for \$525,000  
**1467 Portola Meadows Road** H. Demars to S. Cherian for \$745,000  
**6187 St. Andrews Way** K. Estes to N. Dubey for \$715,000  
**4189 Sugar Pine Way** D. Mateo to G. Galland for \$650,000  
**413 Sumal Common** V. Jong to S. Devulapalli for \$780,000  
**547 Teal Court** P. Rosales to J. McKay for \$690,000  
**737 Vivian Drive** Price Trust to Abboud Trust for \$769,500

### San Ramon

- 8985 Alcosta Boulevard #158** T. & Q. Phan to X. Luo for \$490,000  
**9085 Alcosta Boulevard #345** Dahlheim Trust to A. Shimmin for \$426,000  
**2380 Barbados Drive** Ferreira Trust to A. Ferreira for \$636,000  
**2257 Keats Lane** Z. Xu to S. Qazi for \$1,101,000  
**7888 Kennard Lane** J. Johnson to K. Thottempudi for \$1,549,000  
**37 Longhorn Court** L. Waugh to H. Tejwani for \$921,500  
**2725 Marsh Drive** C. & A. Alcorn to T. Yen for \$912,000  
**3019 Sombrero Circle** S. Markarian to E. Lee for \$930,000  
**350 South Overlook Drive** F. & N. Alikhani to C. Espinola for \$650,000  
**715 Watson Canyon Court #207** P. Moras to S. Ghaheeri for \$421,000

Source: California REsource

## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Pleasanton

- 4 BEDROOMS**  
**3224 Omega Circle** **\$1,318,000**  
 Sat 1-4 Ingrid Wetmore/Lisa Sterling-Sanchez 918-0986/980-9265  
**5782 San Juan Way** **\$1,199,500**  
 Sat 1-4/Sun 12-2 Blaise Loffland 846-6500  
**5 BEDROOMS**  
**3260 Omega Circle** **Call for price**  
 Sat 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

- 3879 Picard Avenue** **\$1,995,000**  
 Fri 10-1, Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario/Liz Venema 260-2220/413-6544

- 3720 Raboli Street** **\$2,499,000**  
 Sat 1-3:30 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

### San Ramon

- 4 BEDROOMS**  
**411 Old Ranch Court** **\$1,568,888**  
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

Find more open home listings at [pleasantonweekly.com/real\\_estate](http://pleasantonweekly.com/real_estate)

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Feb. 16-Feb. 22)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$450,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,465,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,067,150

### Dublin (Feb. 16-Feb. 22)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$296,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,360,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$790,550

### Livermore (Feb. 16-Feb. 22)

**Total sales reported:** 18  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$305,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,100,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$790,550

### San Ramon (Feb. 27-Mar. 1)

**Total sales reported:** 10  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$421,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,549,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$803,650

Source: California REsource

## Coming in April – Pleasanton Meadows



### 3487 Gulfstream Street, Pleasanton

This 4 bedroom, 2 bath beauty has it ALL...Updated gourmet style kitchen features: cherry cabinets with pull-out shelves, granite counter tops, travertine backsplash including hand painted tiles at cook-top, stainless steel appliances and under cabinet lighting. Dual pane windows, 6 panel doors, beautiful gas fireplace with travertine hearth and custom wood mantel in family room, ceiling fans, laminate floors in living areas, porcelain tiles in bathrooms and carpet in bedrooms. Professionally landscaped front and backyard including hard-scape. Community Pool - Pleasanton Meadows Cabana Club with Lifeguards (seasonal). Perfect for parties or simply relaxing. Low HOA's. Call today for more details.

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**PRICE REDUCTION**



**1175 BRADFORD WAY, PLEASANTON**

- 2 Bedrooms (opt. 3rd or media den)
- 2 Full Baths
- 2,107 sq.ft.
- 5,327 sq.ft. Lot
- Built in 2010
- Open Floor Plan
- *The Village at Ironwood is a gated community for residents 55 and older*

**Original List Price: \$1,329,000**

**Updated Price: \$1,295,000**

**JUST LISTED**



**4834 PIPIT COURT, PLEASANTON**

- 6 Bedrooms
- 3 Baths
- 2,560 sq.ft.
- 10,732 sq.ft. Lot
- Two Story
- Built in 1971
- 1 Bed/1 Bath on Main Level
- Court Location
- In Ground Pool w/ Fence
- Highly Sought After "Heritage" Model
- **Offered at \$1,395,000**
- *Contact Kris to schedule a private showing.*

**PENDING**



**4131 GRAHAM ST, PLEASANTON**

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Baths
- 1,757 sq.ft.
- 7,000 sq.ft. Lot
- Listed at \$895,000
- **The seller received an offer beyond their expectations!**

**JUST SOLD**



**5391 BLACK AVE #4, PLEASANTON**

- 2 Bedrooms
- 2 Baths
- 1,345 sq.ft.
- Two Story Townhouse
- Updated Throughout
- Close to Downtown
- Listed at \$649,000
- **Sold for \$725,000**



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## SINGLE LEVEL CUSTOM



### 414 PIONEER TRAILS PLACE, PLEASANTON

Single Level Custom Home in Country Setting Tucked Back on Secluded Private Lane, but close to Downtown, Commute Access and City Conveniences. This Home is Solar Powered with Owned Solar Photovoltaic System Free Home Energy for Years to Come! This Private .33 Acre (14,357) Lot is Nicely Landscaped with Trees, Small Vineyard and In-Ground Pool & Spa. There are Four Good Sized Bedrooms Plus Loft Area, 2 and 1/2 Bathrooms and Approximately 3174 Square Feet. New Carpeting throughout. Large Gourmet Kitchen Open to Generous Family Room for Great Room Concept. Home offers a spacious Master Suite with Tub, Separate Shower and Walk-In Closet. Enjoy Downtown and Nearby Livermore Valley Wineries! For more photos and property information go to 414pioneertrails.com or For a private showing call the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group.

**OFFERED AT \$1,699,950**

## MISSION PARK



### 5782 SAN JUAN WAY, PLEASANTON

Beautiful Upgraded Single Level in Desirable Mission Park Neighborhood. This Solar Powered Home Will Save You Lots of Money over Many Years! Upgraded Bathrooms & Kitchen with Granite Countertops, Hardwood Flooring, Crown Molding, Four Bedrooms, Two Bathroom with approximately 1704 Square Feet. New Interior Paint, Nicely Landscaped Spacious Private Backyard Includes a Patio, Lawn Area, In-Ground Swimming Pool and Free Standing Portable Spa. For A Private Showing or More Information Contact the Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group or visit www.5782sanjuan.com!

**OFFERED AT \$1,199,500**

## TAPESTRY



### 2499 MERLOT LANE, LIVERMORE

Beautiful Single Level Home in the Desirable Tapestry Neighborhood, by Shea Homes. This Premium Convenient Location is in the Heart of Livermore's Wine Country and Near Beautiful Downtown Livermore. This Home Includes Four Bedrooms Plus Office (Currently 5th), Two and a Half Bathroom and 2,755 Square Feet and 3 -Car Garage on Premium .33 Acre Lot. New Carpets! Enjoy the Resort-Like Private Rear Grounds with In-Ground Pool & Spa, Outdoor BBQ and Bar Area, Professionally Landscaped with Large Grass Play Area, and Putting Green. It's an Entertainer's Dream! The Spacious Floor Plan Has High Ceilings and Many Windows for Natural Light. Gourmet Kitchen is Open to Family Room. Formal Living and Dining Room Provide Views of the Rear Grounds. Energy Efficient Home with Both House & Pool Solar. Don't Miss this Great South Livermore Location!

**SOLD FOR \$1,323,500**

## PLEASANTON VALLEY



### 1757 GREENWOOD ROAD, PLEASANTON

Location, Location, Location. This Highly Updated Single-Story Country Model in Desirable Pleasanton Valley Neighborhood offers a Recently Remodeled Kitchen (2016), Three Bedrooms, Two Remodeled Baths, Hardwood Floors, Crown Molding, Plantations Shutters, Spacious Rear Yard with Stamped Concrete and Pergola. The Adorable Front Porch allows you to enjoy a Cup of Coffee or a Glass of Wine. Located Walking Distance to All Levels of Schools, Shopping, Post Office, Neighborhood Parks and Downtown Pleasanton. For More Photos and information go to 1757greenwood.com or call the Blaise Lofland Group for a Private Showing.

**SOLD FOR \$1,142,000**

## 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**

## ST. JOHNS PLACE



### 4105 PLEASANTON AVE., PLEASANTON

Like New-Customized Downtown Home! Recently Remodeled Bathrooms & Gourmet Kitchen-GE SS Appliances! Travertine Floors, Plantation Shutters, Upgraded, Crown Molding, Newer Wrought Iron Stair Bannister, Anderson French Doors, Upgraded Lighting, Closet Organizers, Expanded Front Porch with New Large Walnut Front Door, Covered Outdoor Living Area with Paver Patio, Beautiful Landscaped! Premium Lot in the Neighborhood! Adjacent to Park! Walk to Main Street! Downtown! Don't Miss this one. It's Turn Key and exceptional! For More Photos and information go to 4105pleasanton.com or call the Blaise Lofland Group for a Private Showing.

**SOLD FOR \$1,325,000**

## MOLLER RANCH



### 5751 ATHENOUR COURT, PLEASANTON

Premium Location! Don't Miss this Three Bedroom, Plus Office (4th area), Two and One-Half Bathroom Single Family Home in The Western Hills of Pleasanton Ridge off Foothill Road. This Property Backs to Tree Lined Open Space. Private Rear Yard with Patio, Brand New Interior Paint & Carpeting, Fireplace, Balcony, Central Air Conditioning, Tile Roof, Professionally Staged. Conveniently Located for Commute Access to 580/680 Interchange, BART's Western Station, Stoneridge Mall and Just Minutes to Main Street and Several Livermore Valley Wineries!

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

## WESTSIDE ALAMO



### 21 SUSAN COURT, ALAMO

The Blaise Lofland Real Estate Group represented the buyers! The beautiful expanded & remodeled single Level Home is located on large .60-acre lot with spacious private rear grounds with newer pool & spa. Privacy is provided by the gated driveway and conveys an estate impression. Three Bedrooms, two bathrooms, plus office with fireplace. Approximately 3500 Square Feet, with expansive Great Room offers the blending of a large gourmet kitchen and family room for entertaining. The owned solar system provides energy savings. Just a short walk to downtown Alamo and children can attend quality schools.

**SOLD FOR \$2,175,000**

## DOWNTOWN



### 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!

**SOLD FOR \$905,000**

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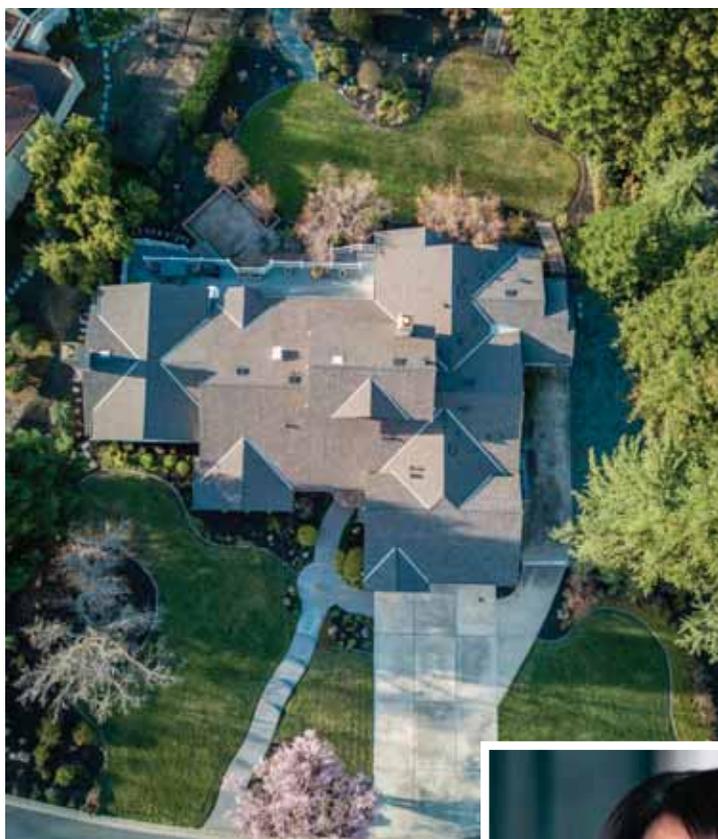
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