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TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

The Pleasanton way: Making the simple complicated

Trying to do something that seems simple with the city of Pleasanton invariably seems to turn into a complicated mess.

Take the Kay Hatsushi family and their residential lots on Vineyard Avenue above what is now Western Garden Nursery. Hatsushi and his wife immigrated to the United States, became citizens and ran the successful nursery business on Vineyard for years before selling and retiring.

In 2006, they processed a development plan through the city that included five lots above the nursery for the family and nine more lots on the nursery site. Leasing the site to the current operators had worked so well that the family planned to continue it.

That brings us to the current situation.

Last October, attorney Peter MacDonald asked the city Planning Department to allow the existing five lots (with two homes) to form a separate entity with codes, covenants and restrictions (CC&Rs). It's now March — nursery founder Kay Hatsushi died on Christmas Day — and his 86-year-old widow and other family members are still trying to deal with the city.

The issue centers on a detention basin and landscaping that the owners of the five lots are required to maintain under the city's conditions of approval from 2006. The family, through MacDonald, was hoping for a simple administrative adjustment by the staff to avoid the time and expense of going through the formation of a formal homeowners association. They believe the CC&Rs will serve the same purpose at a far lower cost.

In an email string with various city employees, MacDonald laid out the rationale for the adjustment and provided detailed arguments about why it would work. His analysis of the cost difference shows the declaration would cost \$315 per lot per year, while the association will cost \$1,875. In other words, it's five times more expensive for each lot to do what the city wants.

The city continues to insist on a formal homeowners association, despite the cost difference and the fact the current program has worked for a decade. Both City Manager Nelson Fialho and City Attorney Dan

Sodergren have advised MacDonald of that position.

In an email, Fialho wrote, "I hope you have advised your client that a maintenance agreement (versus an HOA for the 15-lot subdivision) is less enforceable in sustaining long-term obligations in the vineyard corridor area. This is the basis for the city staff position.

"I was here when the project was approved and developed and am very familiar with the situation on the property and what we've allowed to date. That said, if you/he wish to modify the PUD condition despite the city staff position on the matter, it requires a formal PUD modification; it will require approval by Planning Commission and City Council. We, of course, stand ready to accept the application and process it accordingly if that is something you/he chooses."

Of course, that would entail additional expense with no guarantee that the Planning Commission and City Council would buy the Hatsushis' view instead of the city staff's.

Ralph Hughes, the Hatsushis' son-in-law who lives on the property with his wife, wrote in an email to MacDonald, "In your five months of emails with city staff, all I see from them is edicts, never reasons. Why has the city staff treated the Hatsushi family in such a shabby and mean-spirited way? My in-laws came here as migrant farm workers in 1955, became citizens and became successful Americans due to their hard work. They lived in Pleasanton since the early 1970s."

He goes on to note that his prior dealings with the city had been positive and asked what has changed.

Fialho described the situation as a professional disagreement, with MacDonald and his clients believing one thing, while the city staff has taken the opposite view.

As one who, on behalf of my church, had to get formal approval for a temporary light to shine on a banner during the Christmas season — including an inspection of the extension cords — I wonder just what goes on sometimes in City Hall. I've also seen city officials be quite reasonable, so I hesitate to draw any conclusions other than bureaucrats will be bureaucrats. ■

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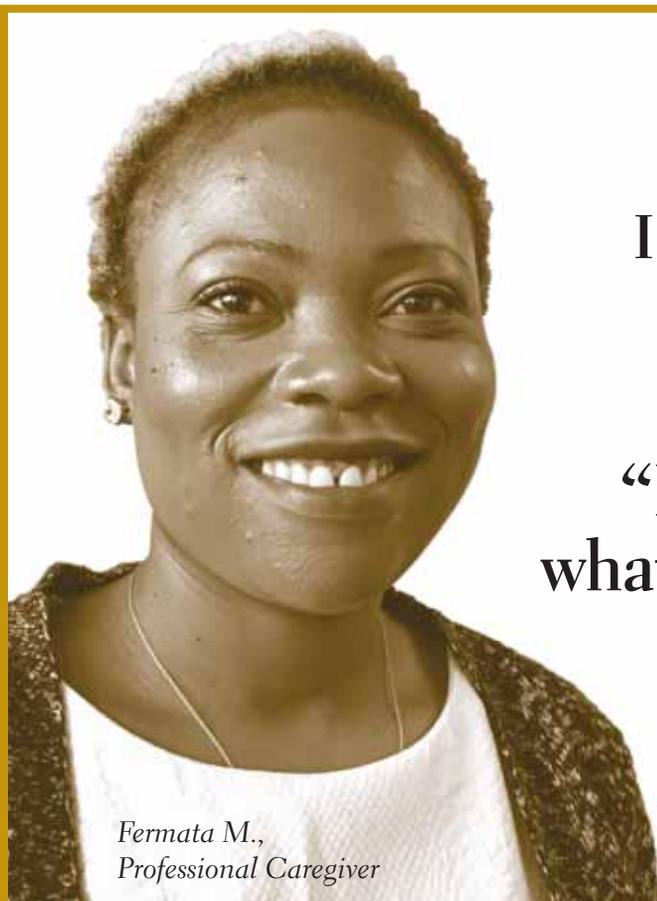
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You're invited to our guest lecture series on topics related to senior care. Reap the benefits of an expert's perspective and receive the support of others whose families are experiencing similar life circumstances.

Reverse Mortgages

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

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

Seniors' Government Benefits

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

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

Home Equity Advance

June 19, 2018 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Terry Davis, 37 year veteran of the financial industry, explains how seniors can unlock the equity in their home without taking on debt or monthly payments.

This Home Equity Advance can be used for retirement, medical or assisted living expenses with no monthly payments for up to 30 years.

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

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

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Streetwise

ASKED AROUND TOWN

What is your favorite thing to share with others?



Judie Smith

Retired

I love to share happiness, goodness and joy. This usually takes the physical form of cookies or other baked goods that I enjoy making and then giving to people as gifts whenever I am planning to see them.



Sherrell Davenport

Shift lead/barista

I love to share silly, corny jokes. The cornier the better. They make people laugh. And it makes me feel great knowing that I've brightened up someone else's day, even if it's just a little bit.



Adam Silverman

Finance

I love sharing knowledge. Especially my knowledge of politics. I have a greater understanding than most of the dynamics of both ends of the spectrum. I am a die-hard liberal Democrat. I've done the research. And I've concluded that anyone who is a conservative Republican, just doesn't get it.



Karen Lotozynski

Retired

I enjoy sharing with others my love of fostering homeless shelter animals. It can be very exhausting, but fostering needy critters for Valley Humane Society of Pleasanton brings so much joy into my life. And often, just by opening up my home to others so that they can visit and see how I save these animals' lives, makes them want to start fostering too.



Gabriela Mora

Sales

I love sharing my favorite music with people. And also having them share their music with me. You can tell a lot about a person, and they can tell a lot about you, based just upon the music you share with one another.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

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2018 Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest

We need your photos!



Deadline
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DIGEST

Mother's Day contest

Next week is the deadline to submit photos for the Pleasanton Weekly's popular annual Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest. Photos are due by next Thursday morning.

Weekly staff members will choose the eight pairs of finalists, which will be posted online April 18 for the public to vote on which mother and daughter look most alike. A story announcing the winners will appear in the May 11 edition of the Pleasanton Weekly.

The winning pair will receive four tickets to the Alameda County Fair and \$50 cash. Second-place finishers will receive two fair tickets and \$25 cash.

Send photos in jpg format (at least 300 dpi) to Dolores Fox Ciardelli at contest@PleasantonWeekly.com, along with the names of the mother and daughters, ages if the daughters are under 18, and any other information to share. Previous winners are not eligible to compete again.

IKEA info session

Developers proposing to build an IKEA store as part of a new retail complex in Dublin are holding an informational meeting to gather resident input this weekend.

The Glen at Dublin, which is still in the design phase, proposes to bring a commercial center to 27 vacant acres at the northwest corner of Interstate 580 and Hacienda Drive.

The retail center would be anchored by an IKEA store, now planned at 340,000 square feet with parking underneath the store to allow for more ground space for other uses, developers said.

Other commercial uses would be spread across eight buildings for restaurants, specialized retail, coffee shops and other businesses, coupled with a courtyard, walking paths and surface-level parking, according to current plans.

The info session is set to run from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Holiday Inn on Regional Street in Dublin. For more project details, visit www.proposeddublin.com.

Religion Chat

Interfaith Interconnect is holding its monthly Religion Chat next Wednesday evening from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine Catholic Church on Bernal Avenue.

The free event, designed to bring together residents and religious leaders of different faiths, will focus on the topic: "Your Religion's Path to Leadership: What are the requirements for becoming a leader? What is the process for choosing your congregation's leaders?" ■

PUSD board considers K-8 models for potential school on north side

Staff highlights dual language immersion, IB program at hour-long workshop

By ERIKA ALVERO

The Pleasanton school board started talking over possible kindergarten through eighth grade (K-8) pathways to be implemented on the north side of the city during a workshop last week that sparked much dialogue and excitement from trustees.

The hour-long session on March 27 was deemed too short for the full overall discussion, so the board decided to continue the conversation by folding it into another workshop (set for Tuesday evening) on facilities planning and the district's most

recent enrollment report — topics that also address capacity issues in northern Pleasanton.

"I think that this is super exciting," trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke said during the workshop last week. "I mean, this is really the next direction our school district needs to go in."

The conversation about new educational programs comes as the board has been considering whether to open at least one new elementary school in the near future to address existing and projected overcrowding at schools on the north side of town.

No decision has been made about

whether to build a new school, let alone the potential location or if it would be traditional K-5 or the district's only K-8 campus, but the board is looking at its options.

Staff briefly presented 10 different models for specialized learning that could be implemented as part of a potential new K-8 school: LEAD (literacy, enrichment, academics and digital arts), a dual language immersion program, project-based learning, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), International Baccalaureate (IB), Montessori, an international school, STEAM

(STEM subjects plus arts), a visual and performing arts academy, and a Waldorf school.

Jenni Tyson, director of elementary education, said that a non-specialized K-8 campus is also an option. In her staff report, Tyson included research indicating that a K-8 model could lead to improved academic performance for students, particularly pointing to the advantages of having fewer "transition" years.

These specialized programs could be implemented as stand-alone or

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Thalblum named to Dublin council

Parks commissioner, Army vet selected as short-term successor to late councilman

By JEREMY WALSH

The Dublin City Council voted unanimously Monday night to appoint Parks and Community Services Commission member Janine Thalblum as the city's newest council member, filling the seat left vacant earlier this year upon the death of Vice Mayor Don Biddle.

Thalblum was the council's top choice among the 10 candidates who applied for the open council position, a list that included two former council members, four other current or former city commissioners, a school committee volunteer and two residents looking to get more involved with city government.

An Army veteran and Dublin resident for 20-plus years, Thalblum is expected to only serve on the council until this December after telling the four other council members she would not seek a full four-year term at the polls this November when Biddle's council seat is due up for regular election.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to represent the citizens of Dublin as a council member. I understand full well the time and dedication the position entails and am committed to focusing the next nine months in that effort," Thalblum told the Weekly on Tuesday.

The City Council had been down to four members since Biddle died Feb. 21 after a brief battle with aggressive pancreatic cancer.

Biddle, 80, had served on the council since December 2008, when he was appointed to fill the seat left vacant when voters elevated Tim Sbranti to mayor.



CITY OF DUBLIN

New Dublin Councilwoman Janine Thalblum takes the oath of office Monday night after being appointed to fill the vacancy created upon Vice Mayor Don Biddle's death. Thalblum has vowed to not seek election in November and only serve out the duration of Biddle's unexpired term.

Biddle, who was elected to full terms in 2010 and 2014, was due to be termed out at the end of this year.

The council met in the weeks after Biddle's death and decided to pursue appointing a new council member to fill the seat, rather than calling a special election this spring.

The application questions

included asking candidates whether they would be willing to commit to not running for City Council this November, making the appointment a true temporary position to only fill the duration of Biddle's unexpired term.

The city solicited applications from March 21-28, and 10

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State honors 3 PUSD schools

Fairlands, Hearst, Lydiksen chosen as California Distinguished Schools

By ERIKA ALVERO

Three Pleasanton elementary schools have been recognized as 2018 California Distinguished Schools by the state Department of Education.

The Distinguished Schools program returns after a three-year pause and will replace the California Gold Ribbon Schools Program. The state announced the 287 honorees on Monday, which included Fairlands, Hearst and Lydiksen elementary schools in the Pleasanton Unified School District.

"We are extremely proud of our Fairlands, Hearst and Lydiksen Elementary communities for receiving this well-deserved recognition," PUSD Superintendent David Haglund said. "This distinction speaks volumes about the commitment and hard work of our school site leaders, teachers and staff, students and families."

Throughout Alameda County, 21 schools in total were selected as honorees, with this year's program highlighting only elementary schools.

The California Distinguished Schools program was on hiatus while the state was creating new assessment and accountability systems, with the Gold Ribbon program

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Services set for Terri Carlson, Milfleur owner

Her unique shop has been downtown favorite for years

By JEB BING

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15 for Terri Carlson, a longtime Pleasanton businesswoman and owner of Milfleur, a unique home decor and antiques store at 200 Ray St. in downtown.

Carlson died March 26 with her husband Rick Hutto and daughter Sierra Hutto at her side after having suffered a severe stroke two weeks earlier. She was 60 years old.

The memorial service will be held at Milfleur with pastor Ray Alsdorf of Blue Oaks Church and Carlson's husband Rick speaking.

The family is asking that those attending the service wear purple or bright colors, since those were Carlson's favorites. Also, those who have photos of her should bring them along to share in a photo display. Cabana Dave's will have its food truck outside the Milfleur store.

Those wishing to donate in Carlson's name are welcome to do so at the service. Checks should be made out to Rick Hutto.

Carlson had moved her store back into the historic 166-year-old Kottinger Barn on Ray Street



FILE PHOTO

The late Terri Carlson, shown here wrapping a gift at her Milfleur shop after winning a Pleasanton Weekly Readers' Choice award. Carlson died March 26 after suffering a severe stroke several weeks earlier.

in January from a second location she had opened on Main Street. Hers was a "yard and barn finds" shop that earned Milfleur Pleasanton Weekly Readers' Choice awards in two categories last year.

Carlson has been a businesswoman and supporter of the community since 1979 when she

opened her first design studio and shop in Pleasanton, called Mother Nature, in Mission Plaza. She was also known for her donations to local charities and the countless fundraisers for organizations such as Paws in Need, Open Heart Kitchen and the Amador Valley High School PTSA. ■

No injuries reported in house fire near Stoneridge Mall

Garage heavily damaged; homeowners escape with two dogs

By ERIKA ALVERO

Firefighters and police officials responded last week to a house fire in a residential area across the street from Stoneridge Shopping Center.

The fire started around 1:30 p.m. March 28 in the garage of the house on Glenbrook Court and spread through the attic, officials on-scene said.

No one was injured in the fire.

Homeowner Rick Owen said he was driving back from Costco with his wife, and was backing into the garage when he accidentally pressed the accelerator instead of the brakes, and hit the water heater, which led to the fire.

The couple were able to get out of the house with their two dogs, and officials from the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department arrived within minutes, breaking through the garage and the roof in order to start ventilating the house.

The Alameda County Fire Department also sent resources, according to a statement released by LPFD. In total, five engine companies, one truck company, and two chief officers responded to the fire.

The damage was extensive,



LPFD

A fire broke out at a Glenbrook Court house last week, but firefighters were able to contain the flames to the garage and attic.

though the exact dollar amount is not yet known, according to the fire department. Officials on-site said that while flames had caused damage in the garage, the damage in the rest of the house was

primarily due to smoke.

The segment of Springdale Avenue in front of the Glenbrook Court cul-de-sac was cordoned off for several hours following the fire. ■

Las Positas College hosting job fair

40+ employers set to participate in free event

By JEREMY WALSH

Job seekers of all ages can meet with more than 40 employers looking for workers in the area when Las Positas College hosts its job fair next week.

The free public event is set to run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the outside quad at the campus located at 3000 Campus Hill Drive in Livermore.

Companies and agencies scheduled to participate in the job fair include Gillig, Draexlmaier, Comcast, city of Livermore, UNCLE Credit Union, Alameda County Fair, The Wine Group, Livermore Area Recreation and Park District and Wente Vineyards, among others. Job seekers are encouraged to bring their resumes and dress for success.

And to help residents prepare for the job fair, the Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center — which is affiliated with Las Positas College — will hold preparation workshops on Monday at its Dublin location, 6300 Village Pkwy., Suite 100.

Wednesday's job fair is sponsored by Tri-Valley One-Stop and the college's Work-Based Learning Program and Student Services Career Center.

In addition to job and internship fairs, Las Positas College offers various programs and services to support a strong regional workforce, including a job board, classes and workshops, college officials said. Students can also earn college credit for supervised employment, plus the college offers The Smart Shop Series, workshops led by experienced faculty on a variety of topics that cover academics, transfer and career.

Employers can register and post job positions for free on the college's online job board, which is linked on the homepage. More than 280 employers and nearly 800 students and alumni are already registered, college officials said.

For more information, visit the college's website at www.laspositas-college.edu. ■

HONORS

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serving in its place during this time. The state alternates recognitions between primary and secondary school levels each year — this year elementary schools were honored, while last year was dedicated to middle and high schools.

The program aims to recognize schools that have made significant gains in implementing academic content and state performance standards, rated by indicators such as test scores, suspension rates and English learner progress, according to a statement by the Department of Education.

All three Pleasanton schools named this year have been previously honored as a California Distinguished School: Fairlands in 2012, 2008, 2002 and 1995; Hearst in 2014 and 2006; and Lydiksen in 2008, 2004 and 1995. Lydiksen was also recognized in 2016 as a California Gold

Ribbon School.

Eligibility to apply for this year's award program is determined within three separate categories: outstanding student performance, outstanding student performance with high poverty rate, and outstanding improvement and equity across student groups.

The principals of the three PUSD schools each lauded their entire school communities for crafting a welcoming, engaging learning environment for all students.

"This recognition is the result of a combined effort of our entire staff and school community around creating a positive and safe climate for our students to learn and succeed," Fairlands principal Shay Galletti said. "Thank you to our Fairlands community for helping ensure all students thrive through socially and culturally sensitive environments."

The three schools will join other honorees in May at an awards ceremony in Anaheim. ■

Ticked off

Pleasanton Weekly freelance photographer Mike Sedlak caught this little guy crawling behind his right earlobe after hiking near Callippe Preserve Golf Course last week. The tiny tick hadn't bit him, but he said the experience served as a good reminder about watching out for ticks while walking around Pleasanton trails and open spaces, even in early spring.



MIKE SEDLAK

Local students win awards in county contests

Amador Valley, Hart students place in mock trial, history competitions

Pleasanton students were honored for their work in two Alameda County contests that took place in recent weeks.

Seven students from Amador Valley High School were handed first- and second-place awards for their performance in the county's mock trial competition. And three students from Pleasanton Unified were honored at Alameda County History Day, one from Amador and two from Hart Middle School.

Both competitions were sponsored by the Alameda County Office of Education.

Over 200 students participated in the mock trial competition this year, an annual event that has been held since 1986. During the competition, teams from throughout the county took part in a simulated court case, taking turns presenting the prosecution or defense.

Moreau Catholic High School, the official winners, will go on to represent Alameda County at the state competition later this spring.

Pleasanton students placed in eight of the 12 categories.

Amador's Rama Narayanan tied for first place in both Outstanding Pre-Trial Motion categories, for the prosecution and the defense.

Tiffany Jing was named the top prosecuting attorney, and Sujana Sridhar and Vivien Song each tied for first in different categories, Sridhar for Outstanding Witness for the Prosecution and Song for Outstanding Court Clerk.

Amador took home both first and second place in the Outstanding Courtroom Journalist category, with Shruthi Chandran earning first and Trisha Khattar second.

Danielle Tien took second place for Outstanding Courtroom Artist. And both Amador and Foothill high schools received a "Team Spirit" award.

Awards were distributed during a March 19 ceremony in San Leandro.

Alameda County History Day took place on March 17 at Edna Brewer Middle School in Oakland.

Over 130 students from throughout the county participated in the event, during which they showcased their research projects as historical papers, exhibits, performances, documentaries, posters and websites — all on the theme of "Conflict and Compromise in History."

Sandra Chen from Amador was recognized for her paper "The Chinese Must Go: Conflict and Compromise in California Pre-Exclusion Act," while Isabelle Chan and Ella Piergross from Hart Middle School were honored for their documentary "Going for the Gold."

All three will join the 72 other award-winners who will advance to the state finals in Rocklin, Cal. in May. ■

— Erika Alvero

TAKE US ALONG



London calling: Betty Kirvan, Sophie Lair and Olivia Lair pose with the Weekly in London last summer, recreating a photo from 2006.

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

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in conjunction with one another, according to staff. Some of these — like a focus on STEM and project-based learning — are already being used in classrooms throughout the district.

Staff chose, however, to spotlight two options: a possible Mandarin dual language immersion program and the IB program.

"In light of our desire to be global, in our preparation for students, and we say that we want our students to make a better world, we decided to highlight a couple that have global connections," said Odie Douglas, assistant superintendent of educational services.

A Mandarin dual immersion program might look similar to the Spanish immersion program already in place at Valley View Elementary, he said. Community members have expressed an interest in such a model, he said, and the option could meet the needs of Pleasanton's growing community.

The IB program — which, according to its website aims to teach students in a global context, "independently of government and national systems" — would also have an immersive component, as students in the program are required to learn another language.

Trustees overall expressed excitement about the ideas, though they did have questions regarding how prospective models would affect the existing district school structure and students' continuation into high school.

"I would think there might be some requirements and/or limitations on certain programs, with a certain type of facility — space, layout of a certain school," board vice president Valerie Arkin said. "So I'm trying to figure out how do we mesh those things together."

Douglas replied that right now staff just wants board direction on the programs of most interest, and then they would be able to work on the logistical components, such as architectural design, staffing, enrollment and budget.

Hintzke suggested having the IB and dual language immersion programs operate tangentially, considering IB's foreign language proficiency requirement.

Board member Steve Maher asked if an entire school should be dual language immersion. Superintendent David Haglund replied that a whole-school immersion program can be difficult, unless the surrounding population lends itself to that.

He pointed to Valley View, where the principal is trying to expand and improve upon the Spanish immersion program there. Part of the problem, he said, is that the dual language immersion program at the elementary school isn't aligned with the same program that continues through Pleasanton Middle School and Foothill High School.

At the next workshop on Tuesday, the board is set to continue the discussion on the K-8 models in the context of the updated demographics report and its student enrollment projections. The workshop will take place at 6 p.m. at the district board room, 4665 Bernal Ave. ■



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Sarah's swimathon to benefit hospital

Teen continues to 'give back happiness' despite challenges

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Sarah Banholzer, 16, who began treatment for leukemia before she was old enough to attend school, is holding her fifth annual Be Strong and Give Back Happiness Swimathon on April 22 to benefit the hospital that treated her.

This year the swimathon takes on new meaning because since November, the Pleasanton teen has been undergoing chemo again for lymphoma.

"It came as a great shock to us all, and although it really stinks to have to watch her go through this battle again, we know that she will beat this," her mother Teri Banholzer said. "She is the strongest and bravest person that I know."

"We were actually thinking about taking this year off from the swimathon, but Sarah insists that we must keep the tradition going," Teri added.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Sarah Banholzer is organizing another fundraising swimathon.

"The doctors do not know whether this is a relapse of Sarah's leukemia or a new occurrence," she explained. "Unfortunately, the chemotherapy can cause secondary cancers so this may be what has occurred."

Beginning at the age of 4, Sarah underwent chemotherapy and

several surgical procedures for 2-1/2 years at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. When she was declared leukemia-free and was finally able to enjoy life at her home in Pleasanton, she began to hold various fundraisers to make life more enjoyable for other youngsters while they undergo treatment at the hospital.

She finally settled on the annual swimathon at Pleasant Valley Swim Club, where she joined the team at age 8.

"She was still undergoing chemo, but it was her entry back into the normalcy of a kid," Teri recalled.

The swimathon's name comes from a fifth-grade school assignment Sarah had to describe her life in six words when she chose: "Be Strong and Give Back Happiness." The swimathon has become a popular annual event in the community and has raised more than \$50,000 so far.

Last week, Teri said that Sarah had been feeling good and was receiving only oral chemo, which gave her a break from going to the hospital.

"She fills her days with schoolwork," Teri reported. "She is busily trying to stay on top of it all and is doing a great job. She will be working through the summer but should hopefully have all of her sophomore courses completed by the end of summer. And we hope that she will be back on campus for her junior year." ■

San Ramon Regional names new CEO

Lucena to take reins as hospital leader later this month

By RYAN J. DEGAN

San Ramon Regional Medical Center has announced the appointment of Ann Lucena as its new CEO to lead all hospital operations starting April 23.

Lucena is returning to San Ramon Regional, where she previously served as an associate administrator, after working in upper administration at the Dallas headquarters of Tenet Healthcare, which manages San Ramon Regional.

"San Ramon Regional Medical Center is an exceptional hospital full of talented and compassionate healthcare professionals who are committed to serving the Tri-Valley community," Lucena said. "I am honored and excited to return to the San Ramon Regional team. I look forward to helping the hospital continue its legacy of providing high quality, convenient healthcare to every patient in our community." Lucena will be replacing current CEO Gary Sloan, who recently announced his retirement and will be stepping down.

"Gary has faithfully served the San



Ann Lucena

Ramon community for the last 15 years and we wish him all the best in his retirement," said Warren Kirk, CEO of Tenet Healthcare Northern California Group. "Now, we are excited to bring Ann on board, as she brings a wealth of experience to San Ramon Regional Medical Center. I am confident the hospital will continue to grow under her leadership to serve the needs of our patients and the community that the hospital has the privilege of serving."

Previously, Lucena served as the senior director of hospital operations and chief of staff to Tenet's president of hospital operations in Dallas. While at Tenet in Texas, she served on the Tenet Healthcare Foundation Board, Tenet Care Fund Committee and Tenet Benefits Administration Committee.

Lucena is no stranger to the San Ramon Valley having worked as associate administrator for San Ramon Regional for three years, prior to her time in Dallas.

While working in San Ramon, she managed the cardiopulmonary, radiology, pharmacy, laboratory, volunteer and dietary services. She was also heavily involved in the hospital's due diligence for the joint venture agreement with John Muir Health, and oversaw several key construction and expansion projects. ■

THALBLUM

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candidates threw their hat into the ring.

Thalblum's local service resume includes sitting the past three years on the Parks and Community Services Commission and a term as president of the Dublin Rotary Club. She previously served on the city's Commercial Development Task Force and completed Dublin's leadership academy, "Inside Dublin," and the Dublin Police Services Citizens Academy.

In addition to Thalblum, the candidate list included former two-term councilmen Tony Oravetz and George Zika and current city commissioners Robert Bennett (Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission) and Stephen E. Wright (Planning Commission).

The other candidates were Shawn Costello, former housing commissioner; Lynna Do, former planning commissioner and current vice chair of Alameda County Mental Health Board; Bob Greenberg, a self-described "concerned citizen" who

recently retired but had no city government experience, Jeffrey Hall, a member of Dublin's school bond and parcel tax oversight committees; and Shawn Kumagai, a Navy reservist who also serves as a local representative on the California Democratic Party's State Central Committee.

All candidates except Kumagai committed to not running for election to the council in November.

The four sitting council members reviewed the applications, reached out to candidates if desired and entered Monday night's special meeting with two preferred candidates each. They decided their selection process would not include public interviews.

During the meeting, each council member shared their top two choices on a ballot. Thalblum and Kumagai each received two votes, while no other candidate received more than one, according to Shari Jackman, city public information officer.

"Immediately, the discussion really centered on Janine Thalblum, and after a short while, Councilman Gupta made a motion to approve her as the new council member. It was seconded, and she was a unanimous selection," Jackman added.

Thalblum was then formally sworn in to office. Her first full council meeting took place the next night, when the council had a regular meeting scheduled. ■

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- Parks Project Status Report for January – March 2018
- Parks Maintenance Division Quarterly Status Report for January – March 2018

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POLICE BULLETIN

County board votes to continue Urban Shield for another year

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 at the end of a contentious hearing last week to fund the sheriff's office's controversial "Urban Shield" first-responder training exercise this year but not in future years in its current format.

The vast majority of the more than 100 public speakers at the four-hour hearing on the training exercise the sheriff's office has hosted every September since 2007 alleged that it is racist and xenophobic and has a negative impact on communities of color and immigrants.

The motion that was approved by four of the board's five members calls for the exercise format in 2019 and future years to focus more on training for natural disasters and less on terrorism and on weapons vendors.

Supervisor Keith Carson, who authored the motion, said, "The term 'urban shield' is volatile."

Carson said 2018 "is the last year for Urban Shield going forward" and "Urban Shield as we know it ends after this year."

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who wanted the exercise to continue in its current format as long as Sheriff Gregory Ahern agreed to several reforms, was the lone board member to vote against Carson's motion.

The board's vote means that the county will accept \$5.5 million in Urban Shield Area Security Initiative funds so the sheriff can host the training exercise again this September at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

Those funds originate from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Ahern said after the meeting that he hopes he can work with the board and the community to make changes so the exercise can continue in a similar format in future years.

Ahern said, "2019 is a long way away. We really don't know what 2019 will look like."

Ahern said he already has made many changes to Urban Shield based on community input, such as installing safeguards to make sure that it bans racial profiling, excludes vendors who display derogatory or racist messages and excludes the sale or transfer of assault weapons and firearms.

Sharif Zakout of the Arab Resource and Organizing Center and the Stop Urban Shield Coalition said, "After years of tireless organizing and raising widespread community opposition to police militarization and racism, we consider this a huge victory for our communities."

Zakout said, "Although we would have liked to see Urban Shield ended immediately, having an end

to Urban Shield after this year reflects a significant shift in how the Bay Area can be better prepared for emergencies and disasters in ways that are not based on militarization."

Ahern said 30 law enforcement agencies from the Bay Area participate every year as well as two other agencies selected from other parts of the U.S. and another two agencies that are selected from foreign countries.

Some speakers at the meeting accused Ahern of being a racist.

But Carson said, "I don't think the sheriff is a racist. It bothered me to hear that."

After the public comment portion of the meeting concluded, Supervisor Nate Miley said, "Some people's opinions were a bit inflammatory."

Ahern said afterward that the meeting was "very emotional" and speakers brought up subjects Urban Shield has nothing to do with, such as income inequality, homelessness, the presidential election and the recent fatal shooting of an unarmed black man by two Sacramento police officers.

In other news

- Electronics thefts on BART jumped 52% last year despite a 40% increase in arrests compared to 2016, the transit agency reported.

There were 417 thefts of phones or other mobile devices last year, far above the 274 in 2016.

BART police said some thefts involved force or fear, so they're also considered violent crimes. Those increased by 24%, from 279 in 2016 to 347 in 2017.

The agency said it is combating the crimes by using multiple high-quality surveillance cameras on trains.

"The word is getting out that BART is not a soft target for these thieves," BART Police Chief Carlos Rojas said in a statement. "If you take someone's phone, we have the tools to find you."

BART attributed a surge in arrests to the increased policing of crimes like fare evasion.

Auto thefts have decreased, however, and BART police reported a 13% drop in stolen cars throughout approximately 47,000 BART parking spots. Bike thefts have also gone down by 18%. ■

—Bay City News Service

No Cop Log

Editor's note: The Pleasanton Police Department's online police blotter continues to be unavailable, with a major software upgrade resulting in the daily crime logs not being uploaded to the city website for several weeks. The department has not provided an update on when the online blotter will be reactivated. The weekly Cop Logs will return to the Pulse page when police make the daily logs available again.

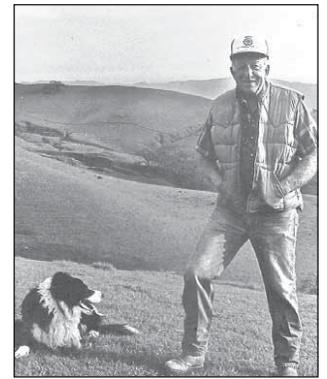
Alex V. Spotorno

August 25, 1926 – March 26, 2018

Alex V. Spotorno passed away on Monday, March 26, 2018. A rancher in Pleasanton for almost 70 years, living on the family ranch established in 1867, he was highly respected in the industry for his expertise as well as the high quality of his cattle and lambs.

Alex was born in San Francisco, CA, son of Alexandre V. Spotorno and Isabel Marie Roberts. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII piloting landing craft in the Pacific Arena, followed by graduation from U.C. Davis in 1949. In addition to ranching, he was land manager of the watershed lands for the City and County of San Francisco Water Department for thirty years. He was a member of the state and county Farm Bureaus for many years and served for a time as Vice-President of the CA Woolgrowers Association.

Alex is survived by his loving wife, LaVerne; devoted children Kenneth Spotorno (Jan), Joanne Zachariades, John Spotorno (Jennifer), Kathryn Spotorno, Marianne Spotorno, son-in-law Lee Zachariades; loving step-children Stephen Quartarola (Peggy), Michele Motekaitis (Paul), AnneMarie Bjorklund (Erik), Gina Angulo (Joe); fourteen adoring grandchildren Katie and Allie Zachariades, Gregory Spotorno, Annelisa and Kiana Pisula, Adam, Alyssa and Amber Motekaitis, Nicholas and Ryan Quartarola, Isabella and Gabriella Bjorklund, Adrienne and Dominic Angulo; best buddy since they were both thirteen years old Gordon Rosenberg (Vicki), and extended family and friends. His sense of humor, generosity to others, his love for and commitment to his faith and to his family and friends will be deeply missed.



PAID OBITUARY

We're looking for a few interns

We are seeking local high school or college students with an appetite for news and an interest in learning about print and digital media for internship opportunities. The intern will research stories, do interviews and help with fact checking and rewrites for the award-winning Pleasanton Weekly and DanvilleSanRamon.com. He or she will also be introduced to the other aspects of publishing, including advertising and production.

During the internship period, the intern will be an integral part of the team, participating fully in the process of gathering and presenting news.

Candidates must be responsible, have good writing skills, be available 10 to 12 hours a week and have reliable transportation. Applicants should send a resume, a cover letter explaining your interest in the internship, and links to at least two examples of your work to Jeremy Walsh, editor, jwalsh@embarcaderopublishing.com by 5 p.m. April 20.

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PAL artwork on display at museum

Artists giving demonstrations and free art classes

By **DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Works by members of the Pleasanton Art League will be on display at the Museum on Main in "Imagination Expressed 2018," through May 20.

Although this is the 10th time for the exhibit, almost half of the artists are showing their work at the Museum on Main for the first time. The show features two- and three-dimensional art including paintings, photography, hand-painted porcelain, jewelry and sculpture.

On select weekends, PAL will partner with the museum to hold artist demonstrations and free art classes.

"We are so excited to be collaborating

with the PAL to provide opportunities for our visitors to do more than just look at the art on display," museum education director Sarah Schaefer said.

"This year our visitors will be able to engage with the art on display in a whole new way, by viewing the artistic process in action during artist demos and trying their hand at making art under the guidance of talented local artists during the free art classes," she added.

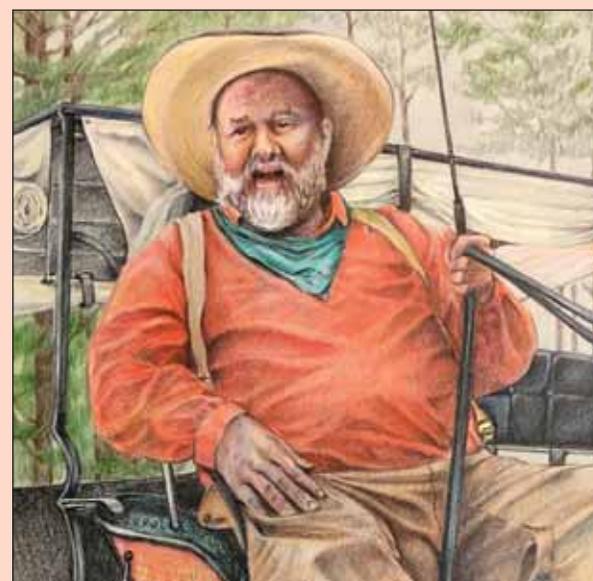
The schedule is as follows:

- April 14, 1-3 p.m.: Linda Garbarino will demonstrate how colored pencils appear on a variety of different surfaces.

- April 28, May 20: Eugenia Zobel will demonstrate her technique for painting porcelain.

- This Saturday, April 21, May 12 and May 19: Drop by between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a free one-hour art lesson by artists from PAL. Classes will be on techniques including watercolor, colored pencil, poster paint and crayon. Children and adults are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information about artist demonstrations and free art classes, visit www.museumonmain.org. The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. in downtown Pleasanton. ■



Pleasanton artist Linda Garbarino's work is in the art show at Museum on Main through May 20. MOM

Return of the '60s

Choruses swing back in time for spring concert

Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre's Broadway Chorus and Broadway Chorus Kids will present two performances of "Welcome to the '60s!" — musical numbers including from "West Side Story," The Beatles, Peter, Paul and Mary, Simon & Garfunkel and more.

The concerts will take place at 7:30 p.m. April 20 and at 2 p.m. April 21 at Valley Community Church, 4455 Del Valle Pkwy in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$17 for seniors over 60; and \$10 for children under 18.

The Tri-Valley Broadway Adult Chorus, directed by Mark Aubel, is a

non-auditioned community singing group that welcomes everyone from ninth grade to adult. Members sing a variety of Broadway, jazz, popular and classical music.

Broadway Chorus Kids, with 60 members, is for children first grade through eighth grade, directed by Leslie Lawrence. They also sing a variety of styles, and the chorus trains children to be better singers, performers and musicians.

Purchase concert tickets by calling 462-2121; online at www.trivalleyrep.org; or at the door one hour in advance. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Wine-tasting to help protect the land

Event is chance to compare taste buds with the pros

Tri-Valley Conservancy is offering wine enthusiasts a chance to have their wine-tasting dreams come true at Livermore Valley Uncorked on April 12. The event will have unlimited wine-tasting with hors d'oeuvres and a chance to meet winemakers and growers — all to benefit the organization's land programs.

Local wines will be privately blind-tasted and judged the day before, so Livermore Valley Uncorked guests can taste the best of the best and compare their favorites to the judges' results when the awards are announced that evening. The judges are selected from all over Northern California and include a mix of winemakers, journalists, educators, sommeliers and business owners selling premium wines.

Livermore Valley Uncorked will take place at 6 p.m. at the Palm

Event Center, 1184 Vineyard Ave., surrounded by vineyards preserved by Tri-Valley Conservancy. Catering will be by Beets Hospitality Group.

The event will have Winemaker Tables with comfy seating for eight, a special pairing and tasting menu, and a dedicated winemaker host to share insights as people taste. Winemaker hosts include Karl Wente, Wente Vineyards; Darcie Kent, Darcie Kent Winery; John Concannon, Concannon Vineyards; and Eric Callahan, Ruby Hill Winery.

Each Winemaker table costs \$1,000 and includes admissions for eight to the main Livermore Valley Uncorked event. General admission tickets for wine-tasting are \$50 each.

For more information about the Tri-Valley Conservancy program or to purchase tickets, visit TriValleyConservancy.org or call 449-8706. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

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MORE THAN A MORNING RUN

Community event raises big bucks for Pleasanton schools

STORY BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

PHOTOS BY CHUCK DECKERT

On your mark, get set — Run for Education. Or stroll. Or just turn out for a great community event, hosted by the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) to benefit all 15 schools in the district, with more than 14,500 students.

“This amazing event draws over 3,000 people throughout the community to help raise funds for school staffing, technology and student support,” PPIE executive director Steve McCoy-Thompson said.

The run, the morning of April 15, features three flat courses, for serious runners and casual strollers alike — 5K, 10K and 15K. They each start and end at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. This year the 10K and 15K routes go through the new phase of Bernal Community Park.

“We are excited that the 10K and 15K routes will take advantage of the beautiful Oak Woodland trails within Bernal Community Park,” said PPIE board vice president Kelly French, who founded the race in 2012.

The 5K course will go under the Pleasanton Arch, through downtown, and back to the fairgrounds; the 15K will be the 5K followed by the 10K route. Plenty of aid stations and bathrooms will be along the courses.

“Lots of people don’t even run, they just get together and stroll,” McCoy-Thompson said. “They literally have strollers, and it’s a casual morning of fun.”

The event includes a quarter-mile Kids’ Challenge, with everyone receiving a T-shirt and medal for finishing.

“It’s super-cute, and people bring cameras,” McCoy-Thompson said.

Runners end up back at the fairgrounds for the Awards Ceremony and Expo, with vendors’ booths and activities for children.

“It’s like a mini fair for the Pleasanton community,” McCoy-Thompson said. “It’s really become this signature event. It’s the only run where the community can get together and raise money for all the Pleasanton schools — 100% of the funds go back to PPIE programs and school staff support.”

“We sincerely appreciate Veeva and ClubSport Pleasanton’s commitment both to this event and to quality education in Pleasanton,” events manager Tanya Ludden said, in addition to thanking sponsors Workday Foundation, Walker Family Trust and others listed at ppierun.com.

Sponsors are equally enthused about the race.

“Veeva is committed to giving back and playing an active role in the communities where our employees live and work,” Veeva Systems CEO Tim Cabral said. “We’re proud to continue our hometown sponsorship of the Pleasanton Run for Education to help enrich kids’ lives and support the

The sixth annual Run for Education on April 15 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds will benefit Pleasanton Partnerships in Education (PPIE).

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Managing nutrition

Company connects fitness enthusiasts with proper meals

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton entrepreneur Meeta Vengapally — founder of Garnysh, a platform connecting athletes and fitness fans with meals that fit their training — says the inspiration for her company came from her own life.

Vengapally had two babies 18 months apart when she was attending graduate school at St. Mary's College, studying psychology. After graduation she was striving to get back into shape with CrossFit and proper diet when she discovered, to her surprise, that the hardest part was maintaining proper nutrition.

"I had to make big changes, and I was spending hours in the kitchen just to figure out my diet," she recalled. "It was like a full-time job."

Part of the challenge was maintaining her "macros" — macronutrients are the protein, fat and carbohydrates the body uses to produce and store energy, including for exercise. For CrossFit athletes, macros each must be consumed in the right amount.

"It is all about eating, cooking the right foods and staying on track with your macros," Vengapally said. "In the fitness industry, 80% is diet and 20% is going to the gym."

Vengapally talked to other CrossFit veterans and found many of them had the same frustration. Then the thought came to her:

Why not create a business to help others in the same situation by finding them meals already made that fit their training plans?

Thus was born Garnysh, a Pleasanton-based company that connects athletes and fitness enthusiasts to food preparation companies that provide meals which are portion-controlled as well as tailored to specialty diets, including paleo, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and balanced. The meals also contain the correct macros.

Garnysh's algorithm uses a mapping process between the user and the meal provider to arrive at a perfectly curated meal plan, Vengapally explained. The company provides technology to track the macronutrients and provide real-time feedback. They are also testing technology to offer fitness goal management in real time, she added.

Vengapally has lived in Pleasanton for eight years and launched her business here. Some gyms serve as pickup points for the Garnysh meals, which also are available at Gene's Fine Foods and Meadowlark Dairy.

She partnered with local gyms to find her first customers and they began to refer Garnysh

to others. As she responded to customers' feedback, they became more loyal. And she viewed the feedback as a gift, noting that critical feedback is what shapes a product and a business.

"Right now we are servicing Pleasanton up to Walnut Creek, including San Ramon, Danville and Blackhawk," she said. "We are also testing in San Francisco and Silicon Valley."

Her customers consume an average of three to four meals a day, she said, although athletes who strive to add muscle may eat six to eight. To learn more about meals and meal plans, visit www.garnysh.com.

Vengapally also recognizes the importance of variety in a meal plan, and mixes and matches the vendors. Subscribers can choose an option called "Garnysh It," and be surprised by the delivered meals, which are based on their preferences.

The company, which has five employees, is working on adding a goal management tool to its platform that will allow users

to also log, track and maintain their daily intake of macros.

"This system will create a unique database exclusive to the Garnysh platform," Vengapally said.

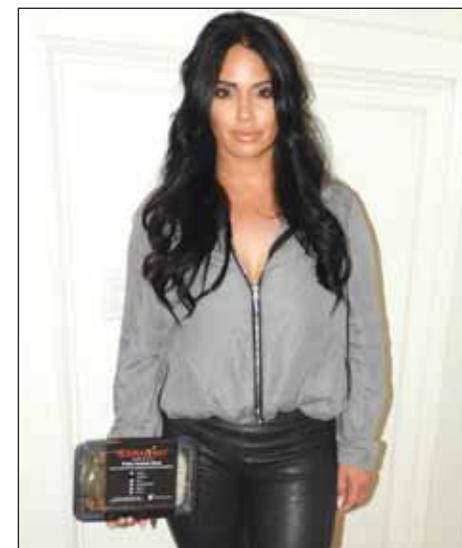
And she always is searching for more healthy eateries to provide the nutritious meals.

"Garnysh partners with local verified healthy eateries," she said.

Vengapally says her biggest strength in

'It is all about eating, cooking the right foods and staying on track with your macros.'

Meeta Vengapally,
Garnysh founder



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Garnysh founder Meeta Vengapally holds the type of meal her Pleasanton company would deliver to a fitness enthusiast with specialty diet.

business is refusing to take no for an answer. She knew before launching Garnysh how to be tough and resilient, pursuing her graduate degree in psychology at St. Mary's College even while having two babies. This also taught her creative problem-solving, she said, and dealing with her children, now 8 and 9 years old, has helped her master the skills of negotiating and closing deals.

And the Garnysh concept has gained some attention in business circles. Vengapally has been profiled this year by All-Business.com and Forbes, and she has been approached by Entrepreneur magazine for a potential feature story. ■



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Fire district: 'The need will always exist for citizen heroes'

BY ERIKA ALVERO

When Harold Ng's heart stopped beating on a San Ramon basketball court, that could have been the end for the 67-year-old engineer.

But thanks to a speedy team effort by fellow players that morning in late January, he is still alive and well, and will be able to return to the court in a year's time.

"There were a lot of heroes," said Ng, who lives in Concord.

At a board meeting on Feb. 28, the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District recognized four of the rescuers who intervened in Ng's sudden cardiac arrest, a medical emergency with a survival rate of only 10%.

"No matter how quickly your emergency first responders arrive, the need will always exist for citizen heroes," said John Duggan, a battalion chief for the fire district.

Ng had been playing basketball every Saturday morning in San Ramon for about 20 years, since the pickup games first began. Players came and went over time, and court needs had tripled — when they first started playing at the end of the 1990s, the crew played at the city's Central Park, but those courts soon became too small (and were eventually torn down to make way for City Hall), so the players had migrated to the more expansive court space at nearby Iron Horse Middle School.

Generally their group had anywhere between 25 and 35 people playing standard five-on-five, Ng said, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

As casual games go, variables fluctuated from week to week, but that Jan. 27 morning, a series of happy coincidences converged in his favor, Ng said.

"Everything seemed aligned for people to save me," he said.

This wasn't the first time Ng had collapsed on the court. Five months earlier, he was taken to the hospital after passing out, though in that instance he came to on his own. Medical professionals checked his circulation and had him wear a monitor for about seven days, but couldn't find any problems. So on Jan. 27, Ng assumed he was back to his normal healthy state.

"That day I felt fine," Ng said.

By 11:30 a.m. the crew had trickled down to about 15 players, all on one court, when suddenly, Ng collapsed. At first, some of his teammates thought the collapse was in jest, he said.

"They thought I was pulling their leg," Ng laughed.

"He was breathing but his eyes were closed," said Rudy Torres, an Oakland resident who has been playing with the Saturday crew in San Ramon for about a year. "Then immediately he stopped breathing."

But after realizing that the emergency was real, the players sprang into action. Patrick Murphy called 9-1-1. Torres ran into the nearby middle school, and grabbed one of the AEDs (automated external defibrillators) in the gym. Alex Harris performed CPR on Ng. Mike Richard applied the AED.

Within three minutes, San Ramon Valley Fire personnel arrived on-site. They administered an electric shock to Ng using the AED



Harold Ng (left) poses with Alex Harris, one of the players who helped save his life two months earlier.

that had already been set up and brought him to the San Ramon Regional Medical Center down Alcosta Boulevard.

He woke up after being shocked, but only remembers the ambulance ride, talking to technicians in the vehicle. Doctors ended up finding two artery blockages, which they opened by inserting tubes called stents, and in three days, Ng was home.

He still shoots hoops on Saturdays, where he is able to see his rescuers, though he won't be able to play in basketball games for another year — he's on blood thinner right now to prevent blood clots around the stents and a minor bump or cut could lead to internal bleeding.

The experience has made him a huge advocate for AEDs in all locations.

He's working on getting them installed throughout his office and wants to get one for his car, so that he could perhaps "pay it forward" and save someone else, should the need arise.

Duggan echoed Ng's sentiments regarding the value of AEDs, adding that he believes people should be taught how to use them in CPR training, especially as speed is often of the essence in situations where defibrillators are needed.

"That dialogue should also include AED training," he said.

Ng also points to the fortuitous confluence of circumstances that day.

If the gym at Iron Horse Middle School had been locked, as it sometimes is on Saturday mornings, Torres couldn't have grabbed the AED. And the courts' proximity to Fire Station 34 and San Ramon Regional Medical Center expedited his rush to recovery.

But mostly, he said he's thankful — thankful for the city's investment in emergency resources, thankful for the school's AEDs, and thankful to his rescuers, ball players and first responders alike.

"I'm very thankful to all the right people in the right places, who had the right equipment," Ng said. ■

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health and education of local families.”

Ralph Rajs, senior vice president at Leisure Sports, parent company of ClubSport, noted that ClubSport has supported the Run for Education since its inception.

“We’re happy to be a legacy sponsor of this great, heart-healthy event for the community,” he said.

PPIE was founded 30 years ago, noted McCoy-Thompson.

“Up until 2008, it was relatively small, then when the economic crisis hit, the district asked PPIE to really step up and try to raise funds to lower class sizes,” he recalled. “PPIE did that and ever since then, we have tried to raise money for needed staff.”

“Overall our income has been going up,” he added. “This year we’re hoping to have our best year ever. Last year we netted, from the run itself, over \$100,000.”

PPIE also has a gala in the fall at Castlewood Country Club. This year it will be held Oct. 12 with the theme, “Night of the Stars.” ■



Top: The PPIE fun run/walk offers courses for residents of all skill levels.

Bottom: PPIE executive director Steve McCoy-Thompson speaks to last year’s crowd.

Top: The five Pleasanton Unified School District board trustees gather for a photo during last year’s PPIE Run for Education, which raised more than \$100,000 to benefit PUSD schools.

Bottom: The Kids’ Challenge is a popular draw for youngsters each year at the Run for Education.

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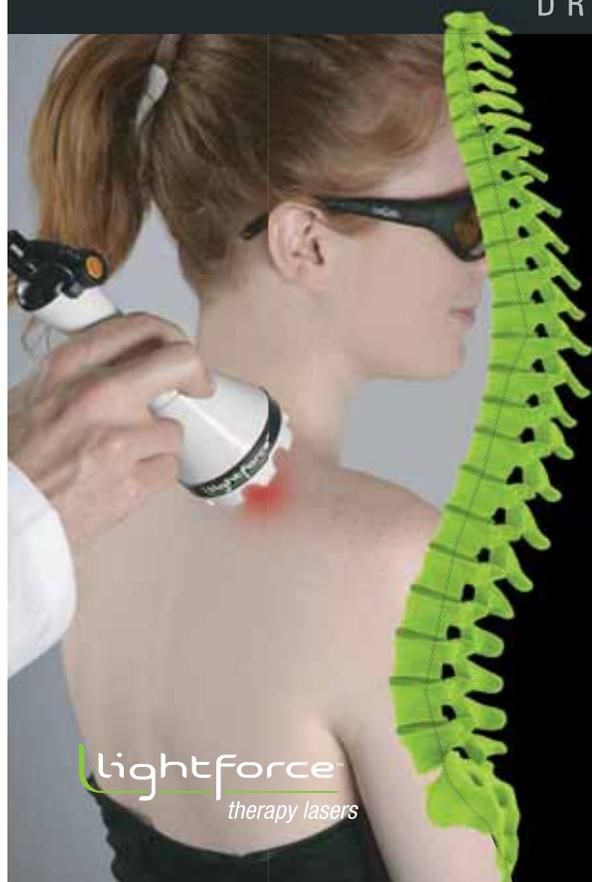
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BY DENNIS MILLER

Another strong week for Amador softball

Also: Highlights for baseball, tennis and lacrosse

The Amador Valley girls softball team kept its winning ways going last week, as the Dons came away with a pair of victories.

In their first game of the week, the Dons beat Granada 3-0 behind yet another big performance from pitcher Danielle Williams: a no-hitter while striking out 18 Granada hitters.

Maude Fouque had two hits to pace the Amador attack. Halle Uhl, Chloe Engel, Mia Hildebrand and Julia Camelo all had singles, with Valeria Torres-Colon adding a double.

In their second game of the week, the Dons pulled out a 1-0 win over Elk Grove, despite being out-hit 6-2. Maddie Hildebrand and Allyson Kim had the two hits for Amador. Williams struck out 11 in the circle.

Foothill baseball

The Foothill varsity suffered its first loss of the season last week, 1-0 against Heritage, despite great pitching performances from Brett Hansen and James Kroll.

Both Heritage and Foothill fought hard all day March 28, threatening with bases loaded and less than two outs on several occasions but coming up short on opportunities.

Heritage was able to tally an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth

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losing to San Ramon Valley and beating Piedmont.

The Dons started the week dropping a tough 11-8 decision to San Ramon Valley. Trailing 4-0 after just eight minutes, the Dons rallied back but couldn't overcome the early deficit. Bella Mayo, Sophia Shiblaq, Kalena Johnson, Lily Manos, Mady Sweeney and Isa Clark played well for the Dons.

In the win over Piedmont, it was the Dons who got out quick, taking an early 2-0 lead. Manos, Shiblaq, Sam Nimmo, Sweeney, Clark, Mayo, Johnson, Catherine Murphy and Alexis Bayani turned in strong efforts for Amador.

Amador tennis

The Dons scored a pair of wins last week, beating San Ramon Valley 7-2 and Dougherty Valley 5-4.

In the win over San Ramon Valley, the Dons dropped the first two singles matches, but then ran the table to get the win. Eswar Ramineni, Vedhant Kaliyur, Pranav Praveen and Manas Aavula all won their matches, as did the doubles teams of Robert Heeter/Dario Tommasini, Nithilan Muruganandham/Vishesh Pithadiya and Sankalp Sharma/Jae-wook Lee.

In the battle with Dougherty, Ramineni, Rohan Kota, Kaliyur and Praveen won their singles matches. In doubles, Heeter and Tommasini won their match, clinching the win for the Dons.

inning for the only score of the day.

Highlights from the offensive side included a three-hit performance from Corey Steinhauer and two doubles off the fence by Jeremy Lea.

Two days later, Foothill improved its record to 8-1 with an 8-0 win over Livermore.

The Falcons started the scoring early with a two-out, two-run double by Colin Dixon in the first inning. From there it was a team contribution all the way, with six players putting up hits and six more runs including multiple hits by Owen Camp, Hansen, Dixon and Steinhauer.

The pitching staff for Foothill continued to shine allowing just one hit on the day. Dylan Pottgeiser, Jason Dorman and Seungmin Shin combined to allow just the one runner all day.

Amador girls lacrosse

Amador split games last week,

Wrestling

Last week, we reported that the Pleasanton Middle School wrestling teams came through with league titles in both seventh and eighth grades.

Connor Bailey, Julius Ramos, Gracie Cairo, Ray Byrd and Nico Guerrero also won individual titles.

Best teams/athletes

One question I always get is, "Who was the best player or team you covered?"

When you spend almost 30 years covering high school sports, you are fortunate enough to see some amazing athletes and some

incredible teams. It's not always the most physically gifted ones that you remember — although there are certainly those that fit the bill — but the ones with great stories that provide some great memories.

Starting next week, I will remember in print a team or an athlete from Amador and Foothill and continue to do so throughout the year! ■

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.

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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, Alameda County, 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. 542034

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)

JZ SUPPLIES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542998
The following person doing business as: JZ SUPPLIES, 4695 CHABOT DRIVE, STE 200, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: JEROME ZAMORA, 3810 VINEYARD AVE, APT. F, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. 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: JEROME ZAMORA,

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BEAR POWER CLEAN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 543050
The following person(s) doing business as: BEAR POWER CLEAN, 4096 CID WAY, PLEASANTON, CA, 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: DIRTY BEAR POWER WASH, LLC, 4096 CID WAY, PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein MARCH 1, 2018. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: EDWIN H. LIVINGSTON, OWNER, MANAGING MEMBER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH 27, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018)

GALS BY DESIGN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 542098
The following person doing business as: GALS BY DESIGN, 3608 VINE ST., PLEASANTON, CA 94566, ALAMEDA COUNTY, is hereby registered by the following owner: LORI WREDEEN, 3608 VINE ST., PLEASANTON, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein IN JANUARY 2013. SIGNATURE OF THE REGISTRANT: LORI WREDEEN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH 6, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018)

997 All Other Legals

SUMMONS (Citacion Judicial) Case Number: 30-2017-00939887-CU-PACJC (Numero del Caso). NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (Aviso al Demandado): Alejandro Hernandez Gomez, an individual and DOES 1 TO 100. YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Lucrecia Jackson, an individual; Vincent Jackson, an individual. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court. A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book). Despues de que le entreguen esta citacion judicial usted tiene un plazo de 30 DIAS CALENDARIOS para presentar una respuesta escrita a maquina en esta corte. Una carta o una llamada telefonica no le ofrecera proteccion; su respuesta escrita a maquina tiene que cumplir con las formalidades legales apropiadas si usted quiere que la corte escuche su caso. Si usted no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso, y le pueden quitar su salario, su dinero y otras cosas de su propiedad sin aviso adicional port parte de la corte. Existen otros requisitos legales. Puede que usted quiera llamar a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de referencia de abogados o a una oficina de ayuda legal (vea el directorio telefonico). The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y direccion de las corte es) Superior Court of the State of California, County of Orange, Central Justice Center, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado es): Adam Shea, Ryan Casey, Patrick Gunning; Panish Shea & Boyle, LLC, 11111 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90025; 310-477-1700 or 310-477-1699. Date (Fecha): March 19, 2018, David H. Yamasaki, Clerk of the Court. (Pleasanton Weekly April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018).



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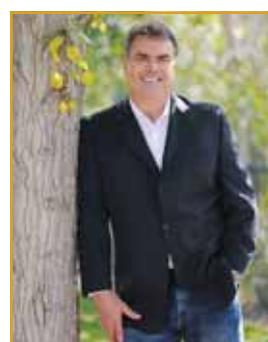
Q: We wrote an offer on a property last week. It was a very strong offer in our opinion, and we came in below the asking price since it seemed to be priced a bit high. The seller sent us back a counter offer above the asking price, even though ours was the only offer. Needless to say, we were taken aback by this, and feel somewhat insulted. Is this legal?



A: That is a great question. Without knowing the details on the property, it would appear the seller has an overly optimistic opinion of their home. As you know, the market has been very strong for the last several months. However, it has cooled a bit, and sellers are often the last to get the memo when market conditions change. And your reaction is a logical one. As I see it, there are 2 questions here. Is it legal, and is it smart?

For the first question, it is legal for the seller to counter your offer ...

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