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“I am completely taken care of at Stanford by a team, all working together for my overall benefit.”

— Jessica

## Breast Cancer Diagnosis Saves More Than One Life

When Jessica chose Stanford for her breast cancer treatment and surgery, she didn't just save her own life. The medical team at Stanford discovered that her cancer was caused by a genetic mutation and they found the same genetic risk for early cancer in Jessica's brother.

For Jessica, getting a breast cancer diagnosis in her thirties came as a shock. Her doctor recommended a local surgeon, but Jessica chose Stanford. She did extensive research, looking at the background and education of multiple breast cancer surgeons in the Bay Area.

“I initially decided I was going to Stanford because of Dr. Frederick Dirbas, a breast cancer surgeon,” she said. “But I knew that it wasn't just a surgeon, but a team of doctors.” So she extended her research to all of the doctors in Stanford's breast cancer program. “I wanted to make sure that I was in good hands for all of my care.”



Her first appointment at the Stanford Cancer Center confirmed her choice. “It felt like I was home,” she said. “They made it very warm and welcoming, everyone was very kind. They just go above and beyond to take care of their patients.”

### A Team of Care

Like all patients who are seen in the Stanford Cancer Center, Jessica was treated by a multidisciplinary team of specialists that included a breast cancer surgeon, an oncologist, a radiation oncologist, a radiologist, and a licensed therapist for emotional support. In Jessica's case, a genetic

counselor also became an integral part of her medical team.

Because of her young age and the nature of her cancer, her medical team suspected she might have an inherited form of the disease. They referred her to the Stanford Cancer Genetics Program for specialized testing and counseling. There, she met with a genetic counselor, who explained which tests were recommended and what the outcomes would mean for Jessica and her extended family.

“Genetic counselors are interpreters of genetic information,” said Kerry Kingham, MS, a licensed genetic counselor. “We draw a three-generation family history, because these things are usually inherited from a parent. That means it's more than just your children and siblings and parents who could be at risk. It's grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and even more-distant relatives.”

After Jessica tested positive for the BRCA gene mutation, which is a known cause for breast cancer, Kingham supported her in reaching out to her extended family to be tested. While she was most worried about her sisters, and other female relatives, her brother was found to carry the same mutation. Having this knowledge allowed Jessica's medical team to develop a plan to help prevent him from developing cancer.

“Knowing has been a blessing, because it's not just for me, it's for my family as well,” said Jessica. “It gives everyone a better sense of awareness of what they need to look out for in their own health. It will affect generations to come.”

Her oncologist agrees. “It's wonderful that Jessica sees it as an opportunity to save a life,”

said Allison Kurian, MD, who specializes in identifying patients at higher risk of developing breast and gynecologic cancers. “It's an opportunity to protect your relatives from something that otherwise could be a problem. Ultimately, it can give tremendous meaning to a person's own diagnosis when they use it to learn something that protects their family.”

### Cancer Genetics are a Family Affair

“Testing family members who haven't had cancer is the key to saving lives on a large scale,” said Kurian, Director of the Stanford Women's Clinical Cancer Genetics Program. “Cancer genetics is one of the few areas of medicine that really treats the entire family, not just the patient.”

Genetic testing is initially conducted to provide valuable information to help guide the treatment of the patient with cancer and prevent secondary cancers in the future. But its untapped potential lies in its ability to test unaffected family members. Patients seen in the Stanford Cancer Genetics Program benefit from a team of scientists who home in on risk factors to determine the presence of a genetic link to cancers.

“More and more, we're able to apply this genetic test to personalize and understand the genetic makeup of an individual's cancer,” Kurian adds. “Sometimes, that leads to very specific treatments, sometimes treatments we never would have even considered for that kind of cancer, but are relevant for that person.”

“I always felt I was completely taken care of at Stanford by a team, all working together for my overall benefit,” said Jessica. “Stanford definitely helped guide me through every single step of the way.”

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# TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

## Tri-Valley's first venture capital fund set to close

The closing of the Tri-Valley's first home-grown venture capital fund is imminent.

Tri-Valley Ventures, founded by six partners including Greg Hitchan and Don Garman, publicly launched the fund last December with a goal of \$10 million.

In an interview, Garman said they had been pleasantly surprised by the response and the size of the fund. They will have about 45 limited partners when the fund closes. He noted that the money was invested without hard-core fundraising.

Last week, Tri-Valley Ventures was honored by the Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group with its Activator Award. Their goal is to fill the venture gap in the valley, which has plenty of entrepreneurs building businesses by tapping into the great talent base here.

One of the six companies they have invested in — Unchained Labs — was honored last week with a Game Changer Award for Pleasanton. Unchained CEO Tim Harkness is one of the five founding partners of Tri-Valley Ventures and arranged for the fund to participate in its fourth round of financing. Typically, Tri-Valley Ventures would invest in the first round.

Garman said the first investments were all companies they knew or knew the partners. Three of the firms were announced publicly in December.

- AEYE combines the light detection and ranging (LIDAR) technology for autonomous vehicles with deep learning algorithms to provide a more reliable vision system for vehicles. It has attracted the attention of major automakers.

- Deep Sentinel uses cameras, other sensors, computer vision, deep learning and artificial intelligence to take security systems for homes and neighborhoods to a new level.

- Swarm Sales provides sales as a service to connect businesses with sales specialists to close deals more quickly. It is designed to complement or replace an employee or contractor sales group.

In addition to Unchained Labs, the fund invested in Startup Genius and Actionable Science.

Startup is a platform that guides entrepreneurs through the process of building their company step-by-step.

Actionable Science uses artificial intelligence to automate business processes such as IT, human resources and customer service requests. It is designed to handle the routine actions and inquiries to free up employees to focus on requests that need human interaction.

As Garman, Hitchan and their partners have worked through the presentations and due diligence around the first-round investments, they have been impressed by how many startups are finding them.

Hitch said they had passed on some opportunities because the firms were not ready, but he will continue to help some of them. He shared about a 3D printing firm that he'd met with four times and decided they were not ready for Tri-Valley Ventures yet, but he introduced them to people at Lawrence Livermore who are experts in 3D manufacturing.

The lab has been working on 3D processing with the goal of a ship or submarine at sea with the capability of manufacturing a replacement part while deployed.

Hitch believes that hands-on effort will help the venture ecosystem to grow in the valley. They are staying busy vetting potential additional companies — “the pipeline is full,” Hitch said. That process will likely run through the second and third quarters. They have a goal of placing the initial investment by the end of this year or the first quarter of 2019.

When Hitch and Garman formed Tri-Valley Ventures, they had a social goal in addition to a financial one. Typically, venture firms make a few people very happy financially. Their goal was to broaden that so there are 10 times as many happy folks.

“We want to see lots of paddles go up at the benefit auctions for our schools, not just a few,” Garman said. They believe that will result in a much healthier community.

“The mission of Tri-Valley Ventures is a broad, wide tent that makes 60-70 families money, not just a few,” Garman said. “We want to create an ecosystem here for startups. We see the Tri-Valley as the way Silicon Valley was 50 years ago.” ■

*Editor's note: Journalist Tim Hunt has written columns on the Tri-Valley community for more than 40 years. His "Tim Talk" blog appears twice a week at PleasantonWeekly.com.*

### About the Cover

The Valley Children's Museum, which has been housed in a mobile trailer currently parked at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin, is working to develop a permanent home in the new Dublin Crossing Park. Photos courtesy of Dahlin Group. Cover design by Doug Young.

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## What are your first couple of thoughts when you wake up every morning?



**Kailey Conrad**  
*High school student*

The moment I wake up I think about whether I've finished all of my homework that I need to hand in for the day. Once I've said "Yes!" to myself about that question, my mind races on to the next question about what I'm going to have for breakfast before I head off to school.



**Lauren Meltzer**  
*Legal assistant*

My first thought is usually about what I'm going to make my son for breakfast, and what I'm going to send him to school with for lunch. After that, I check the traffic situation and wonder whether I'm going to be late for work.



**Kelly McNeil**  
*Sales*

Usually my first thought is that I need to feed the cat so that she'll get off of my head. After that, I think about how much I love the new Castleridge Trail at the Pleasanton Ridge. And then of course I think, "Oh my God, what has Trump done now?!"



**Larry McNeil**  
*Cloud manager*

I wake up thinking that the city of Pleasanton should bring back the public parklet it had erected on the corner of Main Street and West Angela, as well as First Wednesdays. Both the parklet and First Wednesdays provided such excellent opportunities for people to congregate and engage with one another.



**Dick Edwards**  
*Retired*

I think about where I want to take my dog Demi for her morning walk. After that, I also think about the things I want to accomplish. I enjoy having an agenda, a to-do list, and goals every single day.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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Pleasanton Library  
400 Old Bernal Ave.

- 1:00 p.m. • Go Green Initiative
- 1:35 p.m. • Plant Doctor
- 2:20 p.m. • Home Energy Upgrades
- 3:25 p.m. • Screening of documentary film STRAWS

200 Old Bernal Ave.  
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1-4:00 p.m.  
Pleasanton Library  
400 Old Bernal Ave.

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## DIGEST

### Earth Day

The city of Pleasanton is commemorating Earth Day on Sunday with a daylong celebration at the Civic Center complex at 200 Old Bernal Ave.

The event, aimed at promoting green living, will begin with a creek and park cleanup at various locations across the city, open to anyone 7 years old or older. Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com) (code 6303).

Then several educational presentations and workshops will run at the Pleasanton Public Library from 1-4 p.m., including talks on the Go Green Initiative, home energy upgrades and gardening as well as a screening of the documentary "Straws." Recycling resources and kids' activities will be held on the library outdoor patios.

There will also be free onsite document shredding at City Hall (up to three banker boxes per car), a bike commuting basics workshop by Bike East Bay from 1-2 p.m. (register at <https://bit.ly/2f1V4Gx>) and a pedestrian safety course by Alameda County Safe Routes to School.

### Vote on lookalikes

The entries are in for the 2017 Mother-Daughter Lookalike Contest, and the Pleasanton Weekly staff has whittled them down to eight pairs of finalists. Go to [www.PleasantonWeekly.com](http://www.PleasantonWeekly.com) to vote for the mother and daughter that you think most closely resemble each other.

Voting runs through next Wednesday. First-place prize is four tickets to the Alameda County Fair and \$50 cash; second-place prize is two fair tickets and \$25 cash. The winners will be featured in the May 11 print edition.

### Art, wine and songs

Singer-songwriter James Bacon will perform at "Art & Wine Intertwined" from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday inside the Gallery at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore.

Bacon, a former staff writer for 20th Century Fox, United Artists and CBS, now performs as Another Ideaman. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., he will perform an afternoon concert of songs, stories and sharing his wry observations on life.

The event will include casual wine-tasting with offerings from Murrietta's Well, Elliston Vineyards and Wood Family Vineyards. Admission to the event is free, but tastings are \$2 each or three tastes for \$5.

The art on display is Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's "The Art of Science," which demonstrates the artistic beauty to be found in images taken at the atomic level. ■

## City Council supports proposed rates for JDEDZ transportation fee

Councilwoman Brown steps down from discussion after announcing she owns Costco stock

**BY JEREMY WALSH**  
Developers wanting to build in Pleasanton's new Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone near the I-580/I-680 interchange now know what extra transportation fee they'll have to pay.

The City Council on Tuesday endorsed the rate schedule for the new JDEDZ transportation fee, which will be charged to developers of the JDEDZ to help the city recoup up to \$8.4 million for road improvements on track to be paid in advance by the city and retail giant Costco, which is expected to anchor the area's new commercial center.

Council members all agreed with the staff-recommended fee structure, which represents the final major policy decision related to the new JDEDZ — but their discussion Tuesday occurred with one fewer member than expected after Councilwoman Karla Brown's surprise recusal, announcing she owns Costco stock in a retirement fund.

It was a moment of *deja vu* for the city in its years-long discussion over the JDEDZ and a potential Costco in Pleasanton. Mayor Jerry Thorne stepped down from the JDEDZ consideration process months into the debate in July

2016 after revealing his retirement fund included Costco stock.

Thorne soon sold the stock but has continued to recuse himself from all JDEDZ discussions, saying he wanted to avoid the perception of conflict — despite advice from the city attorney and the Fair Political Practices Commission that he could legally participate after selling the Costco stock. The mayor did not take part in Tuesday night's fee debate.

As for Brown, she said she learned two months ago that her 401(k) account acquired \$2,900 worth of Costco stock in October,

a discovery she made while filling out her annual financial disclosure forms for the FPPC back in February.

"It was acquired through a third-party investment firm that I hold, and I did not ask to acquire the Costco stock," the second-term councilwoman announced during Tuesday's meeting. "I also will follow the FPPC guidelines and our city attorney and step out of the room for all decisions for the year 2018 regarding Costco."

"Welcome to the club," Thorne

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## 'Rock of Ages' at Firehouse

Pacific Coast Rep to deliver energetic tribute to classic rock

**BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI**

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre will be rockin' the Firehouse Arts Center with its latest production, "Rock of Ages," opening April 28 and running through May 13.

The jukebox musical by Chris D'Arienzo takes place at the end of the big, bad 1980s in Hollywood, built around the classic rock songs from the famous metal bands of the decade. The show features songs from Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Steve Perry, Poison and Europe among others.

There is a storyline, too, with rock star Stacey Jax (played by Equity actor James Royce Edwards) performing at Sunset Strip's last legendary venue, where scantily clad groupies line up in admiration. Aspiring rock star Drew (Kamren Mahaney) longs to take the stage to win the heart of small-town girl Sherrie (Lizzie Moss), but it is all interrupted by German developers who want to turn the Strip into yet another strip mall.

"Rock of Ages," first performed in 2005 and nominated for a Tony Award for Best Musical, is a big, brash tribute to classic rock, gritty glamour and the rough energy of the Sunset Strip. Professional director Jasen Jeffrey is directing, teaming up with music director Pat Parr and choreographer Nicole Helfer.

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ERIKA ALVERO

Longtime Pleasanton schools groundskeeper Juan Castro Jr., fresh off winning PUSD Classified Employee of the Year, recently advances to the state competition after being named an Alameda County Classified Employee of the Year.

## Classified Employee of the Year

PUSD groundskeeper Castro among Alameda County winners

**BY ERIKA ALVERO**

Juan Castro Jr. likes to say he's part of the furniture at Pleasanton Unified. After all, the 48-year-old groundskeeper has been in the district for 40 years altogether — both as an employee and as a student.

"Anything I'm going to get into, I'm usually going to be in it for the long haul," Castro said during a recent interview. "I laughed just the other day thinking about this — the only thing I've been doing longer than coming here, is going to the same place to get my hair cut."

This dedication is one reason he was selected as the district's Classified Employee of the Year this spring. And Castro recently found out that he is one of five winners

of the Alameda County Office of Education's Classified Employee of the Year contest, earning him a spot in the statewide competition as well.

"Juan Castro is an extremely positive person — always upbeat and eager to help," said Myla Grasso, the district's director of operations, who nominated him this year for the award. "He brings solutions to issues and has the safety and security of students and staff at the heart of all the work he does."

Castro's PUSD journey began at Pleasanton Elementary School, a K-8 school that once stood at the current site of the district office.

His parents were also longtime district employees, with his mother putting in 30 years and his

father 24 — at the times of each of their respective retirements, his mother was a campus monitor at Pleasanton Middle School and his father was head custodian at Harvest Park.

After kindergarten at Pleasanton Elementary, he then transferred to Valley View Elementary, before returning to Pleasanton Elementary for sixth and seventh grade. At that point, the school closed, and he and his fellow classmates were "shipped" — as he said — to Harvest Park to conclude their middle school years. He graduated from Amador Valley High School in 1988.

While a student at Amador, he participated in the regional

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## Downtown parklet damaged in hit-and-run

Seating area removed after crash; driver remains at-large

By JEREMY WALSH

The city's pilot program to try out a parklet downtown came to an early end this month thanks to a hit-and-run driver.

The parklet — a prefabricated deck to provide an outdoor seating area open to the public — had been in place since last July, installed by the city atop two street-side parking spots on the north side of West Angela Street next to the former Cafe Main building.

The idea was to leave the parklet in place for one year while city officials studied how much it was used and whether residents, visitors and businesses enjoyed having it there.

But they had to remove it several months early after a pickup truck struck the parklet and damaged its railing April 5. The parklet unit was placed in storage while the furniture and planters were undamaged and moved for use at other city facilities, according to city planning manager Ellen Clark.

City staff plans to hold a discussion with the City Council this

summer about whether the parklet should be repaired and reinstalled downtown, Clark said.

The parklet, along with a bicycle parking corral across West Angela Street next to Peet's, were envisioned as a year-long pilot program to gauge the effectiveness of adding such public amenities downtown. Their combined price-tag was \$31,850.

In the meantime, Pleasanton police are looking into the crash, which occurred around 10:15 p.m. April 5, according to Shannon Revel-Whitaker, community services officer.

The driver of a pickup truck turning right from Main Street onto West Angela Street crashed into the parklet, and then while speeding away, the driver hit another vehicle in the area, Revel-Whitaker said. The driver remains at-large.

The truck was described as a full-size, four-door truck — either white or silver, possibly Ford or Toyota. Anyone with information about the incident can call police at 931-5100. ■

## Dublin sophomore creates bus-tracking app

'Tri-Valley Buses' helps riders watch Wheels, Rapid bus times

By ERIKA ALVERO

Anyone who has taken a school bus — or any bus for that matter — is well-acquainted with the unpredictable schedules of that mode of transportation.

This unpredictability served as the inspiration for Dublin High sophomore Liam O'Flynn's bus tracking app. The "Tri-Valley Buses" app allows local residents to track the progress of Wheels and Rapid buses on their smartphones.

"There would be times when the bus would show up late," O'Flynn said, leading to "obviously negative repercussions."

"Then I'd have to contact my parents or grab my bike and quickly bike to school."

So the coding enthusiast decided it would become his next project.

O'Flynn started coding in earnest in fourth grade, when he wrote his first program in Java — an address book. He took some foundational coding classes and his father's own technological career helped spur his interest, but he was mostly self-taught, the teen said.

What continues to draw him to coding is how it allows him to tackle



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Liam O'Flynn, teen developer of "Tri-Valley Buses" app.

problems he confronts in everyday life.

"One thing that really appealed to me about coding is that everybody has the ability to solve everyday problems with applications," he said. Everyday problems such as bus arrival times and scheduling.

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) already has a bus-tracking website, but O'Flynn said it was difficult to use on mobile devices, particularly when considering that many bus-riders would need to access it via their phones while in-transit.

"A website in this day and age isn't the most accessible," O'Flynn said.

So to craft the app, he reverse-engineered the website's code. Using LAVTA's "General Transit Feed Specification Realtime data" (data gathered from transit systems that is also used by Google Maps), he converted the information into language readable by mobile devices.

He began working on it as a freshman late October 2016 and ironed out a few glitches the following month — the last Android update was made on Nov. 21, 2016.

In order to use the app, a user can choose a specific Wheels or Rapid route, and a map will display every bus stop on the route and the location of every bus traveling on the route. After tapping a particular bus icon, the app will give the viewer the vehicle number, direction of travel and on-time status.

The free-to-download app now has almost 200 downloads by Android users, and nearly 300 by iOS users (75 this month after Wheels put out a press release about the app, his dad Paul O'Flynn said). He himself uses it every day as he heads out to school, and his friends that use it have reported timely success. ■

## ValleyCare Auxiliary

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# Weekly earns high marks in statewide contest

Finalist in General Excellence for first time; judges single out 'Your Muslim Neighbor' feature

## BY PLEASANTON WEEKLY STAFF

The Pleasanton Weekly earned two awards and four more recognitions for its coverage during 2017 when the California News Publishers Association handed out its annual California Journalism Awards last Saturday in Sonoma.

CNPA judges awarded the Weekly second place for the "Your Muslim Neighbor" cover story and third place for ongoing coverage of the Verona Reach creek erosion, plus named the paper among the top-five finalists statewide in four other categories — including for the first time ever, General Excellence.

Journalists from states outside of California selected the winners of the annual competition from among daily, weekly and school newspapers out of thousands of entries. The Pleasanton Weekly competed in the "Weeklies 11,001-25,000" circulation division — except for the Online General Excellence category, which was 11,001 and over.

Leading the way for the Weekly was "Your Muslim Neighbor," which earned second-place in the Feature Story category.

The Sept. 8, 2017 cover story by first-year reporter Erika Alvero spotlighted the Pleasanton Muslim Community Center's "Your Muslim Neighbor" panels that aim to debunk misconceptions about Islam and to allow nearby fellow residents to get to know the local Muslim community.

One CNPA judge described the article as "a vital story for communities, well-told and with an outstanding print layout."

The Weekly earned third place in Coverage of Local Government for reporter Julia (Reis) Brown's 2017 coverage of the Verona Reach creek erosion, damage to residential properties and the Zone 7 Water Agency's response.

One CNPA judge lauded the Verona Reach series, saying "(it) shows how bureaucratic red tape

literally leaves homeowners hanging for solutions as the bank behind their homes crumbles. Good job showing the growing frustration."

In a first for the paper, the Pleasanton Weekly was a top-5 finalist across the state for the top prize: General Excellence. The Weekly's entry featured five print editions for the award, highlighted by the Oct. 6, 2017 edition with the comprehensive "BART to Livermore" cover story by editor Jeremy Walsh.

The judges' comments for that award included, "The Pleasanton Weekly is a very good read with a nice mix of stories (news, entertainment, sports and a well-reported, in-depth cover story)."

Claiming the General Excellence award was the Weekly's sister paper, the Mountain View Voice.

The Weekly was also named a finalist for Online General Excellence for continuous coverage on PleasantonWeekly.com.

The CNPA judges singled out the Weekly again for Coverage of Local Government, this time as a finalist for reporting by Brown and Walsh

on the Pleasanton Unified School District's superintendent situation in 2017.

The year started with the abrupt, unexplained firing of then-Superintendent Rick Rubino, followed by revelations about Rubino's termination, and then continued into the school board's search for a new leader and ultimately the hiring of current Superintendent David Haglund from Santa Ana.

Lastly, the Weekly earned a finalist placement in Profile Story for Brown's June 9, 2017 cover story "An American classic" highlighting Pleasanton resident Miguel Jara, owner of San Francisco's famed La Taqueria restaurant who won a James Beard Award earlier in the year.

"The CNPA awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Weekly's editorial team, as well as our design and production staffs, to provide high-quality newspaper coverage for our community," said Gina Channell, publisher of the Pleasanton Weekly and president of Embarcadero Media Group's East Bay Division. ■



AARON HELMERS

## Classic English comedy

Amador Valley High drama students will present "The Importance of Being Earnest" in their production of the Oscar Wilde classic next weekend in the school's multipurpose room. Exploring what is important in Victorian society are (left to right) Natalya Ribovich as Cecily, Donovan Napoli as Jack and Summer Andrea as Gwendolen. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. April 27-28. Donations will be accepted at the door.

## The City of Pleasanton and Zone 7 are Hosting DIY WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING WORKSHOP

Sunday, April 29, 2018

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## THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



### WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

#### Planning Commission

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

#### • PUD-125, Carpenter's Training Center

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

#### • P16-0883 and P16-0288, Chabad of the Tri-Valley

Applications for Conditional Use Permit and Design Review approvals to operate a religious institution with a childcare facility/preschool and for site modifications including a playground and outdoor terrace at 3370 Hopyard Road. Zoning for the property is RM-2,500 (Multi-Family Residential) District.

#### Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:45 pm  
Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd

- Draft Trails Master Plan Review

#### Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Task Force is scheduled to review draft modifications to chapters of the existing Downtown Specific Plan.

For more information, please visit [PTownDTown.org](http://PTownDTown.org). If you have any questions, please contact Shweta Bonn, Senior Planner, via phone at (925) 931-5611 or via email at [SBonn@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:SBonn@cityofpleasantonca.gov).

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## 'ROCK OF AGES'

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Artistic director is David Judson.

Shows are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; at 2 p.m. Sundays; with a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m., May 12. A special presentation, "Inside the Show," with the actors onstage talking with the audience, will take place following the Sunday matinee on April 29.

Tickets are \$19-\$41, available at [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), by calling 931-4848 or at the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave. ■



## Marjorie Carol Edney

October 27, 1932 – March 30, 2018

Mrs. John W. Edney Jr. of Pleasanton Ca, surrounded by her family passed away on March 30, 2018.

M. Carol Edney was born in Needham, Ma. to Elizabeth and Scott Fader. Carol's achievements in life were numerous, but she will be forever remembered as loving wife of 62 years, a fierce mother of 6, and a stern and respected elementary school teacher. Carol was preceded in death by her 5 siblings, her eldest son David, and her grandson J. Casey Mack.

She is survived by her beloved husband and of 62 years John "Jack" W. Edney and her 5 courageous children, 10 amazing grandchildren and 2 energetic great grandchildren.

A memorial service is to be held at the Veterans Hall of Pleasanton, CA on April 29th at 1 PM.

In place of flowers please make donations to the ARNOLD RIM TRAIL ASSOCIATION or Marilyn Avenue School STEAM LAB of Livermore, CA or First Candle and CJ Foundation for SIDS.



PAID OBITUARY

## Mary Chilton "Chilli" Potts Barlow

October 2, 1929 – January 17, 2018

Long time Pleasanton resident, Mary Chilton Potts Barlow, made The Inevitable Transition on January 17, 2018. "Chilli," as she was known to friends and acquaintances, made the transition peacefully and gracefully, surrounded by the love and presence of her children and two generations of family.

Chilli was born in Harlingen, Texas and graduated from Texas State College for Women. She taught school in Fort Worth TX, Boulder CO and then settled at James Madison in San Leandro, where she met her future husband, Bud. She was blessed with stepdaughters Belinda and Vivian. In 1965, they settled in rural Pleasanton with the births of Keith and Craig.

There, Chilli taught cooking and sewing for 4-H, she raised chickens and geese and she was a substitute teacher.

She was a founding member of the Tri-Valley chapter of the National Organization for Women, served on the board at Planned Parenthood and marched in various protests in support of social justice. She was the campaign manager for candidates in several local and county elections.

Over the years, Chilli and Bud hosted exchange students and they were involved with the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City activities. They traveled to Mexico several times. Later, they took a tour of Chinese railroads.

Chilli was a Booklegger and did library outreach in the schools. She was also a book consultant at Goodenough Books in Livermore.

She was a long-time member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore. She sat on committees, taught Sunday School classes, led the church board as president and sang in the choir.

Chilli was preceded in death by her husband, Bud, and her sister, Judith. She is survived by her children, Belinda (Kevin Burns) of Sonoma and Vivian of Sacramento, Keith (Michele Davis) of Pleasanton and Craig of Vallejo, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial services are scheduled for April 21 at 2pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Unitarian Universalist Church in Livermore, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore, CA 94550 or Hope Hospice, 6377 Clark Avenue, Suite 100, Dublin, CA 94568-3024 or to a social cause of your choice.



PAID OBITUARY

## COUNCIL

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quipped before both walked out of the council chamber, allowing their three colleagues to begin the JDEDZ fee discussion.

Before discovering her Costco stock, Brown took part in several council votes and discussions on the JDEDZ, including the 4-0 decision in December to approve rezoning 12 parcels along Johnson Drive and Commerce Circle to formally establish the JDEDZ.

In the nearly five months since the JDEDZ was approved, no project applications have been filed with the city to develop there, although city officials expect Costco and the two hotels will be built first.

Central to the JDEDZ proposal was an agreement between Costco and the city to pay for an estimated \$21.47 million roadwork needed to accommodate traffic increases from the new warehouse store,

plus hotels and other retail uses expected to arrive.

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

The third piece sees Costco front the city \$6,785,000 in cash for the infrastructure work and the city repay the money with 40% of the sales tax revenue generated by the Costco until the debt is repaid, with the balance subject to 1.5% annual interest.

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

Those developers will have to pay fees of \$28.28 per square foot for retail, \$13.70 per square foot

for hotels and \$13.46 per square foot for office uses for all new development within JDEDZ, which includes vacant and occupied land, according to the fee schedule supported by the council Tuesday.

The fee would not be charged to Costco nor to current businesses in the JDEDZ or to owners who redevelop their JDEDZ parcel in line with its existing land-use. Businesses already operating on the land rezoned into the JDEDZ are protected by grandfathering provisions.

The JDEDZ transportation fee approval includes an ordinance to amend the municipal code to establish the JDEDZ fee and a resolution amending the city's master fee schedule to add the new fee.

The resolution was approved Tuesday, but the proposed ordinance needs to return for a second reading, likely May 1. The fee would then take effect 60 days later. ■

## AWARD

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occupational program (ROP), where he learned, among other things, to climb trees using a harness, a skill that serves him well to this day.

After graduating from Amador, Castro went to Ohlone College for a year, and then went to work full-time for a local grocery store he had worked for through middle and high school. For a year and a half, he was one of the store's owners.

"I had a partner who wasn't playing fair, so I got out, took a few months off," Castro said. "Started working here in the summer of '91 as a sub, and quickly just got into it and ran with it."

He's been with PUSD ever since.

There is no such thing as an average day on the job, he said. Of the total five men in the grounds department, two are permanently stationed at Amador and Foothill high schools, respectively, while the other three are floating as part of the mobile crew, including Castro.

("Every campus is my campus," he says.)

As the senior member of his department, his primary focus is mowing the district's large fields, but when a grounds-related emergency arises, he's the first call. Some days, he might be chopping the limbs off a downed tree, other days he's confronting a water main leak.

Animals feature prominently in Castro's work too. He's dealt with deer, rabbit infestations, snakes and skunks — several years ago he was sent out to search for a mountain lion after a sighting near Vintage Hills Elementary.

Castro does get to interact with students from time to time, from casual banter to helping out with class garden projects.

He remembers once being called in to Walnut Grove Elementary to deal with some "widowmakers" — precariously poised dead tree limbs, so-dubbed for their dangerous potentials should they fall. He shimmed up the tree using a harness, and when he looked down, two classes

of students were gathered below, watching him operate.

He gave them a show, flipping upside down in his harness — along with a safety talk and cross-section disks from the branches so the teachers could count tree rings with their students.

His job is at times necessarily messy, but he laughs when he's fixing a water main break and passersby wrinkle their noses at the muddy process.

"I'm playing in the mud," he said. "Who would've thought, I can grow up and get a job playing in the mud?"

Further cementing his place in the district, in 2009 he married a seventh-grade teacher from Harvest Park Middle School. They met after 65 pine trees had been removed from Pleasanton Middle School, and Castro was bringing firewood from the downed trees to those who wanted it, including Laura Heston.

A year and a half later, they started dating, and three years after that they got married — their wedding's theme was "a match made in firewood."

The announcement of the PUSD award was a complete surprise, Castro said — he was fixing a water main break when Grasso called him and the other groundskeepers in for a special meeting. This year, the nominations had been kept under wraps, and he had had no inkling of his selection. He was officially honored at the March 13 school board meeting.

And in early April, the Alameda County Office of Education announced that Castro was one of its five Classified Employees of the Year who will now move on to the statewide competition. The California winners will be named sometime this month.

"I'm dedicated," Castro said. "I've been here a long time, I'm always looking at the best interests for the school district, and I'm always trying to figure out whatever I can do, and make it better." ■



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## Cultural identity and faith

The Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center has two complex, large-format paintings by Brazilian-American artist Talita Suassuna on display through May 9 in the Grand Atrium Lobby. Thematic elements include relationships between cultural identity and faith. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at 4444 Railroad Ave.



**POLICE REPORT**

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

**April 11**

**Burglary**

- 5:18 p.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop
- 7:30 p.m. on the 1000 block of Rutledge Place
- 10:34 p.m. on the 6600 block of Koll Center Parkway

**Theft**

- 1:22 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; shoplifting
- 2:27 p.m. on the 3600 block of Valenza Way
- 3:29 p.m., 5200 block of Hopyard Road; shoplifting

**April 10**

**Theft**

- 5:01 a.m., 4000 block of Rockingham Drive; auto theft
- 6:57 a.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 8:25 a.m., 3000 block of Tonopah Circle; auto theft
- 1:11 p.m. on the 4500 block of Hopyard Road
- 6:45 p.m., 3500 block of Ballantyne Drive; theft from auto
- 7:38 p.m., 1500 block of East Gate Way; theft from auto

**Burglary**

- 12:12 p.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

**Drug violation**

- 9:01 a.m. on the 4100 block of Crisfield Lane

**April 9**

**Assault/battery**

- 8:11 p.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

**Theft**

- 6:17 a.m., 4300 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft
- 11:16 a.m., 5900 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto
- 4:21 p.m., 4500 block of Chabot Drive; auto theft
- 6:33 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:38 p.m., 2000 block of Eilene Drive; auto theft

**Domestic battery**

- 7:12 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

**Graffiti**

- 3:25 p.m. on the 200 block of Birch Creek Drive

**DUI**

- 2:01 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Stoneridge Mall Road

**Vandalism**

- 1:54 p.m. on the 3200 block of West Lagoon Road

**Drug violation**

- 10:16 a.m. on the 2500 block of Stanley Boulevard

**Robbery**

- 1:16 a.m. on the 4300 block of Valley Avenue

**April 8**

**Assault/battery**

- 9:42 a.m. on the 6100 block of Alvard Way

- 8:25 p.m. on the 4200 block of First Street

**Burglary**

- 5:17 p.m. on the 6600 block of Via San Blas

**Fraud**

- 3:49 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

**Shoplifting**

- 1:35 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

**Drug violation**

- 6:10 a.m. on the 4100 block of Stanley Boulevard

- 9:08 a.m. at Moller Ranch Drive and Highcrest Court

**Trespass/prowlng**

- 8:55 a.m. on the 4100 block of Mohr Avenue



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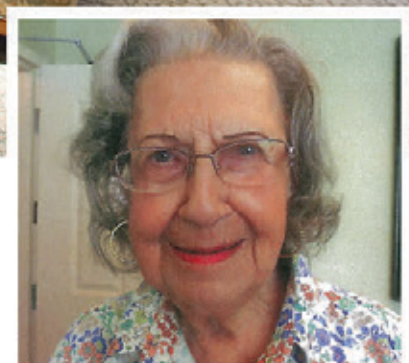
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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

## Pleasanton Weekly

### Readers' Choice 2018

Contest raises awareness, importance of local businesses

It's time once again to vote for your favorite spots to eat, drink, shop and play in Pleasanton. We have hundreds of Pleasanton places and businesses listed in dozens of categories on the online ballot at [PleasantonWeekly.com/readers\\_choice](http://PleasantonWeekly.com/readers_choice).

The 2018 contest, which opened Monday, is fun for readers and businesses, but it is also a good opportunity to raise awareness of the variety of locally owned businesses that

operate here in Pleasanton. As we have written many times before, support of local businesses and our neighbors who own and manage them is crucial to keep our community thriving.

Since we are also a local business, please take note of the businesses that support us, particularly those asking you to vote for them on the online ballot page and in the paper.

Winning a Pleasanton Weekly Readers' Choice award is not only a boost to the merchant's

ego but to the business as well; many people look to our winners list to find the crowd favorites in food and restaurants, most respected professionals and service providers, and the best place to hang out, have fun, see and be seen. That's why competition can get fierce.

In 2016, the 10th anniversary of the contest, we started a Hall of Fame for businesses that won in a category for five consecutive years. This took them out of the competition for two years and gave them a special place of honor in the winners' edition, as well as other perks reserved only for these well-loved businesses. The inaugural Hall of Famers

are now back in competition, but look for the current Hall of Fame businesses highlighted at the top of their categories.

As in the past 12 contests, you need to vote in at least five categories. If your favorite is not on the ballot, please write in your choice. After enough write-ins, the business will be added to the list.

The contest runs through midnight Sunday, May 20. The most important step in the voting process is to verify the ballot by responding to the confirmation email. There is only one vote allowed per person and we only count verified ballots.

We'll announce the winners in print and online June 29. ■

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## LETTERS

### Vote Gambs for Zone 7

A recent survey concluded 55% of residents don't know the physical source their water source. When asked what most concerns Tri-Valley residents, their water worries were only surpassed by traffic in magnitude of concern.

It seems clear Zone 7's attempts at "outreach" are failing miserably and cities perform only marginally better.

The June 5 ballot allows residents to choose four of seven board members. While continuity is an important factor to a smooth operations, our current board members have become complacent. Key decisions are made by the general manager and staff, rather than set by the board directing them. That must be corrected.

A challenger starts off with a \$4,000 disadvantage, as the ballot statement is required for voters to become familiar, but incumbents often waive the statement.

Of the five people vying for seats, two are non-incumbents. One has lifetime experience in the water industry as an engineer. He has faced the complex issues of fulfilling the dual mission of Zone 7: furnishing reliable supplies of water to the 240,000 valley residents, and protecting people and properties from flood damage in times of winter storms.

I'll be voting for Dennis Gambs on June 5, and I urge you to follow Zone 7 closely. Subscribe to their newsletter at [www.zone7.com](http://www.zone7.com). Learn how rates are determined, and how sensible rates can be maintained. Demand timely communications from Zone 7. Only then will we be able to keep our heads above water — bad pun intended.

—Linda Kelly,  
Citizens for Sensible Water Rates Zone 7





VCM

The Valley Children's Museum portable site sees an average of 4,000 visitors a year, but it sometimes needs to put exhibits outside to accommodate guests. Finding a permanent home in Dublin Crossing Park would help solve those issues and more.

## Valley Children's Museum

Mobile learning center's long road to permanent home hits critical juncture

By RYAN J. DEGAN

After nearly 20 years of moving from location to location, the Valley Children's Museum is looking to leave its nomadic ways behind and establish a permanent, non-mobile home in Dublin.

The museum's Board of Directors is currently campaigning to raise enough funds to help build the museum, and organizers need to collect at least \$1.5 million by July in order to keep the project alive.

"2018 marks a critical year for this endeavor: to build a children's museum that brings together today's young learners and the many cultural attributes of the Tri-Valley," said San Ramon City Councilman Harry Sachs, who sits on the museum board.

The Valley Children's Museum (VCM) was founded in 1999 when a group of parents and educators introduced it as an exhibit at a local children's fair in Livermore.

By 2006, VCM volunteers were able to purchase their current educational trailer, but it wasn't until 2011 that the portable museum found its home at Emerald Glen Park in Dublin. Since then, an estimated 4,000 schoolchildren have visited the museum every year, according to VCM board president Ed Duarte.

In line with the mission of its parent organization, the Association of Children's Museums, the goal of the VCM is to help foster the healthy social, emotional and cognitive development of children, through play and interactive education.

Tri-Valley children might best remember the VCM for its California Missions exhibits, where students would learn about the Spanish missionaries of early America, as well as Native American culture.

"In our early days, we gathered up a bunch of relics and replicated artifacts of the California Mission experience ... and we drove (the portable museum) all around California," Duarte said.

Historically a part of the fourth-grade curriculum, study of the California Missions has begun to phase out as schools focus on other subjects. Duarte said that state educators are de-emphasizing education on the missions in order to "focus on what some would call more politically correct (studies). You see the Native Americans were terribly taken advantage of."

Exhibits at the VCM are following suit with this statewide shift, and in the coming season, the museum will have exhibits focusing on

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energy and water conservation, as well as interactive displays geared toward science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) studies.

Currently the VCM's mobile location is open Saturdays from May through September in conjunction with the city of Dublin Farmers Market from 4-8 p.m. at Emerald Glen Park. The mobile museum, newly renovated for 2018, is set to open its doors for the season this Saturday.

The trailer may not be the only source for children's interactive education in the Tri-Valley for long, however, as the VCM board is closer than ever to potentially building a permanent museum.

The Dublin City Council last August approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the VCM, reserving a spot for a permanent museum in the future 30-acre Dublin Crossing Park near Dublin Boulevard, on a portion of Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (Camp Parks) property.

The piece of land is reserved for the VCM under the MOU as long as the nonprofit provides the council with proof of adequate funding by July 1 — \$1.5 million in fundraising dollars toward the estimated \$34 million project. Other key contract stipulations include that the museum does not exceed a footprint of 25,000 square feet or a building size of 50,000 square feet, it provides a minimum 167 parking spaces, and it abides by all city rules, processes and procedures.

"I am very supportive of the Valley Children's Museum, I think they can be a very

strong regional draw and a regional asset. I am happy to devote city public land for the site that they can develop," Dublin Mayor David Haubert said. "They will need all the help that they can get and I am also willing to help them. But I can't do it for them; they need to take the leadership role on (fundraising)."

The MOU only saves the land until July 1 if VCM board doesn't reach its fundraising total, unless the Dublin council grants a deadline extension.

"It is going to be tough. We are not business heavyweights. We need to build a network of people who can write six-figure checks (and) that's an uphill battle we are facing," Duarte said last week. "For 17 years we've really been a mom-and-pop operation, only working with volunteers. A lot of people still don't know about us. We've got a long ways to go."

If the VCM is unable to reach its fundraising goal, the council could revoke the land guarantee, and a design concept is available that would see the museum site replaced with a plaza that would hold events or local programs.

"If they cannot raise the money, then we will have to do something with the land eventually," Haubert said.

VCM supporters do say, however, that signing the MOU has greatly increased their chances of finding funding. According to board vice president Patrick Constanzo, donors will be much more receptive toward funding the permanent location now that there is an actual location identified.

Concept art for the proposed permanent museum, created by the architecture firm Dahlin Group, shows what the Valley



Children check out the interior of the VCM mobile museum during a past exhibit. The inside of the trailer has been renovated and is set to reopen this Saturday in Dublin.

VCM

Children's Museum may one day be. The envisioned brick-and-mortar museum is a 46,000-square-foot facility within the future Dublin Crossing Park.

"This project has always been about inspiration and education and we want the building to (depict) just that," said Mario Aiello, senior principal of Pleasanton-based Dahlin.

According to the architects, the conceptual design features a modern distinctive building that will create a focal point at the entry to the park.

The museum will be built to host both permanent and traveling exhibits as well as several revenue generating amenities such as a museum cafe, an event facility room designed to hold visiting speakers, lectures and other events as well as private party rentals, and an outdoor courtyard for activities and party rentals. Designs include the latest in green technology.

Due to its location near the Pleasanton/Dublin BART station, the museum will be within easy walking distance of public transportation, making it more accessible to the Tri-Valley community.

"We already have an agreement with the city to go build the park...and we would like to commence construction by the end of the year," said Joe Guerra, Dublin Crossing LLC representative.

Guerra also said that his group is under contractual obligation to finish construction on the park project in 13 months — making it possible for the museum to be open by the end of 2019, if funding goes through.

The VCM does not plan to stop educating the region's children while it waits for its permanent location. In January, Sandia National Laboratories donated \$25,000 to help renovate and upgrade the mobile site.

"Sandia is honored to be a partner in bringing the world of engineering to San Francisco Bay Area youth and adults," said Madeline Burchard, community relations officer at Sandia's California site in Livermore. "We believe science and engineering is fun and we are excited to inspire children to believe so too. This grant is one of many ways Sandia is supporting our local communities."

Not only is the grant being used to upgrade the facilities and lighting of the mobile site, but also to create more exhibits geared toward STEM.

"We hope to have an energy conservation exhibit and one on water conservation," Duarte said. "STEM is very important when it comes to educating kids...We need builders and engineers."

In addition to the financial support, Sandia will offer the VCM access to its staff of scientific minds. Rachel Wallace, an executive strategy specialist at Sandia and VCM board member, said that the scientists and engineers from Sandia have been invited to join the museum's advisory committee to assist with the museums exhibit makeover.

"The access to STEM is such a tremendous benefit to everyone in our region," Wallace said. "I hope this will inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers in our community to change the world." ■

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## Thinking of a career in TV production?

TV30 offering two summer camp sessions for teens

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Community station TV30 is offering its Tri-Valley TV Summer Camp again this summer, a chance for middle and high school students to learn about video and TV production.

"This is the only video camp available locally that provides students with a real life experience in a working television station," said Melissa Tench-Stevens, executive director at TV30.

This hands-on TV camp will give participants an overall picture of the production process, help them prepare for related courses in video and provide an edge for a future in the broadcasting industry, TV30 officials said.

Now in its 10th year, Tri-Valley TV Summer Camp includes an introduction to studio production, field production, writing, producing and digital video-editing.

The day camp is 20 hours, open to grades 6-12. The students will work within a group to produce a TV program that will air on TV30.

"The campers' edited program will be broadcast on television via Comcast and AT&T U-Verse and may also be viewed all over the world on our website," Tench-Stevens said.

TV30 is offering two 20-hour camps this summer, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day, from June



Each session of Tri-Valley TV Summer Camp produces a program that is aired on TV30.

11-15 and from July 9-13. The camp fee is \$558 per camp, and registration is limited.

For more information and to register, go to [www.tv30.org](http://www.tv30.org) or call the station at 462-3030.

Organized by the nonprofit Tri-Valley Community Television, the camp will take place at the Television Broadcasting Studios of TV28, TV29 and TV30, 663 Bernal Ave. in Pleasanton. ■

## Children's Theatre offering new camp

Intensive two-week program ends with musical at Bankhead

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Bay Area Children's Theatre, which partners with the Pleasanton Civic Arts Stage Company for its youth productions, is holding a two-week intensive musical theater camp this summer at Bothwell Arts Center in Livermore for the first time.

This camp, with professional instructors and designed for students entering second through eighth grade, begins July 30 and will end with a production of "Madagascar, A Musical Adventure Jr." onstage at the Bankhead Theater at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 and 10.

The students in BACT's fun and fast-paced program will work with a director, choreographer and music director to learn vocal technique, basic dance vocabulary and storytelling skills as they prepare for the production, BACT officials said. Instruction will focus on teaching students how to support each other on stage and off, to strengthen their empathy and self-confidence as well as acting, musical, creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 30 to Aug. 10. Tuition is \$715. Special prices are available for Livermore residents

and a limited number of scholarships are available through the LVPAC Education Fund; contact education program manager Kiran Guleria at 583-2312 or [kguleria@lvpac.org](mailto:kguleria@lvpac.org).

The program plays to the company's particular strengths at ensemble building and engages students in the exhilarating process of putting on a show, noted Annie Clark, director of education for BACT, which was founded in 2004. Since then, its programs have reached more than 110,000 children and adults throughout the Bay Area with a variety of programs, production and performances.

This is just one of the summer enrichment programs for students in grades 3-12 at the Bothwell Arts Center and Bankhead Theater in Livermore, which include "Some Have Greatness Thrust Upon Them" summer theater camp, presented by teaching artists from Livermore Shakespeare Festival.

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## Pleasanton teen pianist to perform solo

Youth symphony orchestra featuring two concerto competition winners

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pianist Elizabeth Gurevich, a senior at Amador Valley High School, will be one of two featured soloists in the Young People's Symphony Orchestra spring concert in Berkeley on Saturday night, along with cellist Christopher Lu, a freshman at Dublin High. They are two of the six winners of the 2017-18 Concerto Competition.

Gurevich will perform the first movement of Poulenc's Piano Concerto, which was commissioned by the Boston Symphony and premiered in 1950.

"The best part about the piece, I think, is that the piano alternates between playing the melody and accompaniment, whether it be

32nd notes that mimic water flowing or broken chords to add movement and shape," Gurevich said.

"I also especially like that the piano part plays in unison with each of the sections of the orchestra. The most challenging aspect of the piece is being able to listen to the orchestra and handing off the melody while receiving the accompaniment, and vice versa," she added.

She has studied piano for 13 years and oboe for eight years. This is her fourth and final year in YPSO; she was a member during its 2016 United Kingdom tour and will also join its June 2018 Pacific Northwest Tour. Gurevich is also in her second season with

the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Lu began studying the cello at age 8, and was principal cellist at Young People's Chamber Orchestra before joining YPSO where he is in his second season.

He will perform the first movement of Elgar's Cello Concerto, which Elgar composed in the wake of World War I and during the final months of his wife Alice's life.

The concert begins at 8 p.m., Saturday at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$10 for students and seniors. Children under 10 are free. Call 510-849-9776, email

ypso@ypsomusic.org or visit [www.ypsomusic.org](http://www.ypsomusic.org).

The program will also include Jeremy Cavaterra's the Peninsula: Overture and the Path of History from "Monterey Suite." And the finale will be Leonard Bernstein's "Symphonic Dances from West Side Story," programmed by music director/conductor David Ramadanoff, who was a student of Bernstein's.

Each season, YPSO offers members who have been in the orchestra for at least one full season the opportunity to enter the Concerto Competition to compete for the opportunity to play one movement of a concerto with the orchestra at a regular concert. ■



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Amador Valley pianist Elizabeth Gurevich.

## Garden tour focuses on native plants

Homeowners share how to develop inviting natural habitats

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The joy of native plants used in personal gardens will be celebrated May 6 in the annual Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour.

Gardens will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Alameda and Contra Costa county homeowners to share how they have developed beautiful, pesticide-free, water-conserving native plant gardens that provide habitat for native birds, bees and butterflies.

The tour is free but people must register at [www.Bringing-BacktheNatives.net](http://www.Bringing-BacktheNatives.net) to receive a garden guide for \$10, which lists the homes for a self-guided tour. Fifty talks, also listed in the guide, will be offered during the weekend.

The guide, which was mailed mid-April, contains 20 tickets for admission to gardens. Although this year's tour has 35 homes, people generally see four to five gardens so a guidebook has enough tickets for four people. No

registration fee is required, but the suggested contribution is \$15 per person.

This year the theme is "Art and Music in the Gardens." Artwork will be for sale at 11 gardens; and bluegrass, baroque and renaissance music will be performed at seven of the venues. Children's activities will also be offered.

Volunteers are needed to spend a morning or an afternoon greeting tour participants and answering questions about native plants. Volunteers receive invitations to two garden soirees and private tours of the gardens they will be staffing, plus T-shirts. The online registration form has a section on volunteering.

A free Garden Art and Native Plant Extravaganza fundraiser will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 28 at East Bay Wilds Native Plant Nursery in Oakland, which is not normally open to the public.

There will also be sustainable



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Cindy and David Angers' garden in Livermore, which was installed in 2009 and is 90% native plants, is on the tour. Much to Cindy's delight, neighbors recently asked to take graduation photos in her frontyard.

gardening workshops in a Walnut Creek garden, but reservations should be made early. ■

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# Sports



## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

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### Foothill baseball shuts out Amador

Also: Dons hockey honors Canadian junior team struck by tragedy

The Foothill baseball team took the first crosstown battle of the season, beating Amador Valley 2-0 last week.

The Falcons got both their runs in the bottom of the fourth. Singles from Brett Hansen, Corey Steinhauer and Jeremy Lea loaded the bases. Two scored when Jake Simons then doubled to left field.

Hansen, James Kroll and Dylan Pottgeiser combined to get it done on the mound.

#### Amador softball

The Dons got an RBI single from Maddie Hildebrand in the sixth inning to beat Pleasanton rival Foothill 1-0 on April 10.

Hildebrand's hit scored Chloe Engel for what turned out to be the game-winner.

Danielle Williams went the distance in the circle for the Dons, striking out 13 while allowing only two hits.

The Dons came back two days later and avoided a letdown after the big win, blanking San Ramon Valley 3-0.

Williams showed her usual stuff, striking out 13 in the circle and driving in two runs at the plate. Maude Fouque, Halle Uhl, Valeria Torres-Colon and Bridget Aguilar added hits for Amador.

#### Top athletes/teams

It's time for another top athlete or team I had the chance to cover in my 30 years of covering prep sports! Please remember, these are athletes or teams I covered, so there are sure to be some great performers left out.

This week, it's the 1999-2000 boys basketball team from Foothill.

The Falcons advanced all the way to the CIF State title game, falling to a loaded Bishop Montgomery team from Southern California.

Coach Randy Isaacs had a dynamic,

top six players that won an East Bay Athletic League co-title with Berkeley, then claimed the North Coast Section title in dramatic fashion over Del Norte. The Falcons were down 10 with five minutes left in the game but went on an incredible run and won by 10 points.

Next up was the NorCal tournament where the Falcons upset Natomas in the finals to advance to the state title game.

It was a load of fun to cover the team and players Matt Burkholder, E.J. Costello, Jay Chess, Steve Stewart, Evan Patak and Mike Hoefs as they defied the odds to make the run to the title game.

#### Amador tennis

The Dons rolled to a pair of easy wins last week.

They started the week with a 9-0 sweep of Dublin. Ben Deriquito, Casey Guan, Eswar Ramineni,



JOHN KROLL

Jake Simons doubles in two runs for Foothill in the Falcons' win over rival Amador Valley last week.

Vedhant Kaliyur, Pranav Praveen and David Alber all won their matches, as did the doubles teams of Robert Heeter-Dario Tommasini, Manas Aavula-Vishesh Pithadiya, and Sankalp Sharma-Kellen Sabhlok.

Amador ended the week with a 7-2 thumping of California.

Wins in the singles matches came from Guan, Ramineni, Praveen and Jaewook Lee. In doubles, the Dons got wins from the teams of Heeter-Tommasini, Aavula-Pithadiya and Sharma-Sabhlok.

#### Foothill tennis

Foothill had two more victories, defeating De La Salle 9-0 and Livermore 8-1 before dropping a hard-fought, 5-4 match to San Ramon Valley.

Foothill has been led this season by seniors Kyle Thompson and Jerod Tay, juniors Akash Patel, Shreekar

Eedara, Alex Wang, Dylan Weiglein, Matt Haskell and Mark Mouch, sophomores Adam Linette and Andrew Kwon, Brendan Hwang and Genghe Zhu, and freshman Ani Poruri and Abhi Eedara.

#### Honoring Humboldt hockey

On April 9, the hockey teams from Amador and Dublin honored the Humboldt Broncos, the junior hockey team from Canada that lost 16 members of their organization in a horrific bus crash three days earlier.

Amador and Dublin wore green ribbons and patches made as a tribute to the Broncos, and each team took a moment of silence to remember them.

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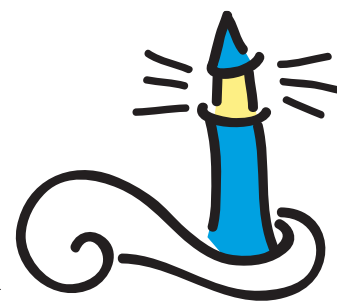




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PACIFIC COAST WINDOW COMPANY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 542935

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)

### 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, BUSINESS OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH 26, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, MARCH 30, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 2018)

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 WREDEN, 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 WREDEN, OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on MARCH 6, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018)

Intersect Insight FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 543354

The following person doing business as: Intersect Insight, 7011 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 170, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner:

Intersect LLC, 7011 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 170, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Intersect LLC, a Limited Liability Company. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein April 5, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Mark Francis, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 5, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2018).

M Design & Construction FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 543453

The following person doing business as: M Design & Construction, 253 Tomas Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Jill A. Copeland, 253 Tomas Way, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Jill A. Copeland, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein June 1, 2003. Signature of Registrant: Jill A. Copeland, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on April 6, 2018. (Pleasanton Weekly, April 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 2018).

### 997 All Other Legals

**SUMMONS (Citacion Judicial)** Case Number: 30-2017-00939887-CU-PA-CJC (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).

## Public Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Cello Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to build a 65-foot monopole Telecommunications Tower in the vicinity of Rd 14 Center/Alameda Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA 94566 (approximately 620 feet northeast of the intersection of Road 14 and Road 12). Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Project 6118002218-MI c/o EBI Consulting, [mihle@ebiconsulting.com](mailto:mihle@ebiconsulting.com), 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, or via telephone at 443-866-1410.

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## OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

### Brentwood

#### 2 BEDROOMS

**705 Richardson Drive** Call for price  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Jo Ann Luisi 583-1106

### Castro Valley

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**35600 Palomares Road** \$1,275,000  
Sun 1-4 Kristy Peixoto 251-2536

### Danville

#### 2 BEDROOMS

**830 Bali Court** Call for price  
Sun 2-5 Sally Martin 998-4311/Kelsy Martin 698-5713

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**319 Deepcreek Court** \$1,225,000  
Sat 2-5 Sally Martin 998-4311/Kelsy Martin 698-5713

**305 Zagora Drive** \$1,288,888  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Brigitte Huntemann 260-2508

### Livermore

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**1367 El Dorado Drive** \$899,900  
Sat/Sun 1:30-4:30 Robin Young 510-757-5901

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**2355 Lennox Court** Call for price  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

### Pleasanton

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**4380 Entrada Drive** \$899,000  
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**3003 East Ruby Hill Drive** Call for price  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**5506 Legendary Court** \$2,388,000  
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

**420 Pine Hill Lane** \$1,999,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Rosanne Hoffman 890-4416

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**4218 Casterson Court** \$2,495,000  
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 785-7777

**1081 Heinz Ranch Court** \$2,195,000  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

**1132 Paladin Way** \$2,830,000  
Sun 1-4 Lisa Sterling-Sanchez 980-9265

**3720 Raboli Street** \$2,399,000  
Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

**1912 Toyon Court** \$2,228,000  
Sat/Sun 2-4 Stacy Gilbert/Doug Buenz 487-4883/785-7777

### San Ramon

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**509 Morning Glory Court** \$1,290,000  
Sun 1-4 Jo Ann Luisi 583-1106

## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Feb. 23-27)

Total sales reported: 7  
Lowest sale reported: \$550,000  
Highest sale reported: \$3,110,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,425,286

### Dublin (Feb. 23-27)

Total sales reported: 8  
Lowest sale reported: \$638,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,100,000  
Average sales reported: \$841,750

### Livermore (Feb. 23-27)

Total sales reported: 11  
Lowest sale reported: \$300,000

Highest sale reported: \$980,000  
Average sales reported: \$735,591

### Sunol (Feb. 23-27)

Total sales reported: 1  
Lowest sale reported: \$996,000  
Highest sale reported: \$996,000  
Average sales reported: \$996,000

### San Ramon (Mar. 2-8)

Total sales reported: 15  
Lowest sale reported: \$421,000  
Highest sale reported: \$1,488,000  
Average sales reported: \$1,040,767

Source: California REsource

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Feb. 23-27.

### Pleasanton

**411 Amaral Circle** J. & L. May to J. Wen for \$988,000  
**450 Amaral Circle** Sawatzky Trust to R. Ford for \$930,000  
**3835 Belmont Way** H. Durrie to A. Maddula for \$550,000  
**340 East Angela Street** Cacia Trust to S. Stroot for \$799,000  
**1546 Poppybank Court** X. You to H. You for \$675,000  
**6056 Sycamore Terrace** Sycamore Limited to R. Panigrahi for \$2,925,000  
**4264 West Ruby Hill Drive** S. & D. Paull to W. Guo for \$3,110,000

### Dublin

**5332 Campus Drive** H. Wang to B. Nie for \$836,000  
**10758 McKay Lane** X. He to M. Zaleski for \$638,000  
**8382 Mulberry Place** Cameron Trust to S. Maru for \$765,000  
**7491 Oxford Circle** J. Lakhani to K. Cheun for \$675,000  
**4795 Perugia Street** Qudus Trust to C. Scott for \$735,000  
**6645 Spruce Lane** S. Aluri to C. Lam for \$885,000  
**7755 Squirrel Creek Circle** Cohen Trust to B. Weist for \$1,100,000  
**3231 Vittoria Loop** W. Ni to S. Damodaran for \$1,100,000

Source: California REsource

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SOLD!

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SOLD FOR \$1,325,000

## MOLLER RANCH



SOLD!

### 5751 ATHENOUR COURT, PLEASANTON

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## TAPESTRY



SOLD!

### 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!

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**1912 Toyon Court**

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OPEN SAT & SUN 2-4

**5506 Legendary Court**

Fabulous 4 BR plus office home with pool, spa, and large private 3/4 Acre creekside lot Offered at \$2,388,000



JUST LISTED

**Happy Valley Estate**

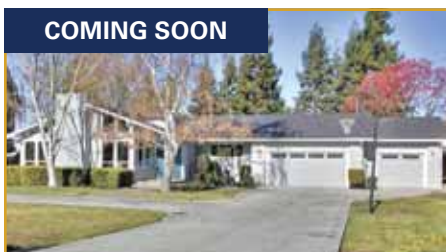
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Modern 4 BR, 2.5 BTH on huge flat .92 Acre lot with pool, sports court, loggia, & more! Offered at \$2,195,000

# Market Update - Hot Spring Market in Full Bloom

So basically right now as everybody knows the market's super hot. If we look at the Pleasanton market overall the numbers certainly reflect that. For homes in Pleasanton under \$1,000,000 there are three active listings right now. And believe it or not, that's up 62% from last month at this time. So pretty slim pickings under a million dollars in Pleasanton. For pending sales there are eight of them. That's unchanged from last month-to-date. And there are four closed sales so far this month, unchanged again from last month-to-date. So the story in the under \$1 million market is very constrained inventory, lots of demand, and it remains hot!

If we look at the \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 bracket well, we've seen a lot of activity in that bracket. Right now there are 29 active listings at this point in April. That's up 81% from this same period in March. So you can see starting to see more inventory come on the market now. Clearly sellers are "making hay while the sun shines". There are 16 pending sales in the \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 range moth to date. That's down 27%, so pending sales are a little bit slower this month compared to last month. For Sold properties, they are up 83% month to date over March to date. So again last month was very active in this price range, and that's reflected in the sold properties. Average days on market for sold properties in this price segment is 9, which again...

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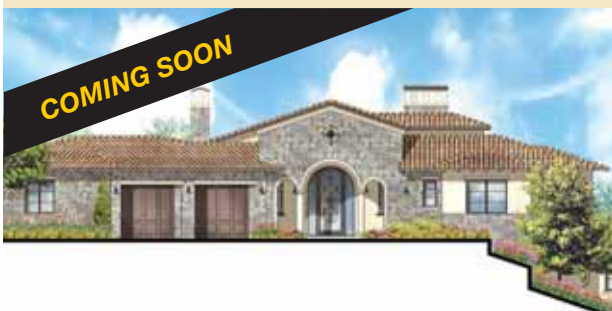
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