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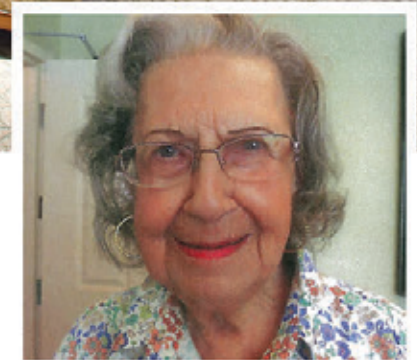
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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Police chief touts captain for 21st century leadership



JEB BING

Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller (right) with Capt. Larry Cox.

If anyone doubts who's a front-runner to succeed Pleasanton Police Chief Dave Spiller, look no further than Capt. Larry Cox, a 22-year police veteran who currently heads Spiller's investigations unit.

In long, glowing remarks at last week's meeting of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, Spiller introduced Cox, who was the luncheon speaker.

"When it comes to talking about Larry Cox," Spiller said, "three things will be apparent: family, team and leadership. He can talk about leading law enforcement in the 21st century."

Spiller continued, "Since 2001, Larry has made a significant impression in the department — from a leadership commitment to being on the line to positions of authority, and he continues to rise in the organization."

Spiller added that Cox has held a variety of assignments in Pleasanton, including patrol and field training officer, detective, personnel and training officer, and force options instructor specializing in firearms, defensive tactics and active shooter instruction.

He said that Cox, born in Portland, Maine, moved to Tracy at a young age, graduated from Tracy High School and married his "high school sweetheart" before deciding on a law enforcement career and earning bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration.

"Let me add to the chief's introduction," Cox said. "Yes, I did get married right of high school at age 18. Of our three children, one is now a Livermore police officer, another's in college and a third, our youngest who just turned 18,

will join the Army when he graduates from high school."

"So, at the age of 44, we're about to become empty-nesters" he added, to the cheers of the envious Rotarians.

Cox said that in his last 22 years in police work, he's seen many changes that have affected law enforcement. These include the use of computers in police stations to now having them in patrol cars, body-worn cameras, ever-changing policing policies and cultural changes in the community. While technology has enhanced and improved the profession, it also comes with challenges.

"Today, police are more engaged with the community we serve, participate in more community meetings, with our operations becoming more transparent," Cox said. "In Pleasanton, especially, we are fortunate to have a community and police department that worked together for as many years as we have, building a strong relationship."

Even so, Cox said the Pleasanton Police Department faces an ongoing recruitment challenge.

While historically, there would be far more applicants than positions to fill, that has changed. Few of those who might make good cops apply when an opening occurs. Police work that once was seen as a prestigious, positive, well-respected career is no longer viewed in those terms.

Nationally, often because of confrontational-focused media reports, the profession appears to be too dangerous, somewhat corrupt and certainly less glamorous.

In reality, he countered, police work is more routine, investigative, community-focused and personally rewarding. ■

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## What is a cause you really believe in, and how do you support it?



**Abbie Greene**  
*Retired teacher*

I think literacy is so important. If a child hasn't learned to read by the third grade, he will be permanently disadvantaged for the rest of his life. So I volunteer at a local school, helping teach children who are below grade-level with their reading skills, so that they'll get up to speed. When they make progress, it is so gratifying for me.



**Steve Duncan**  
*Attorney*

I believe very strongly in conservation of natural resources, because they are finite. I talk to everyone I know, to give them tips on how to generate less waste, and to be resourceful in using and reusing/recycling things they already have. I'd like to think I'm not just wasting my breath, because at my age, my breath is a limited resource.



**Josiah Frans**  
*High school student*

I feel strongly about the lack of education in certain places like India, where not everyone is given the same opportunity to go to school and to learn. So during the last winter break, I went to India and built a computer lab in a school for mentally and physically challenged students.



**Karen Rasmullen**  
*Retired*

Animal over-population is a huge issue. There are so many cats and dogs euthanized each year in shelters. So I do a lot of volunteer work to promote spay/neuter programs, and also to ban the sale of cats and dogs at pet stores who purchase their animals from puppy mills.



**David Arkinson**  
*Accountant*

I am a fierce proponent of donating blood in order to save lives. I donate a pint of blood at every opportunity, which is once every three months. I try to bring a friend with me so that we become what I like to call "blood buddies."

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### State of the City

Registration is underway for Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne's State of the City address, being presented by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pleasanton at the Club on Feb. 26.

Thorne, who just started his fourth and final term in office, typically updates attendees about the city's fiscal situation, public safety, and key public and private projects from the past year, as well as a look at initiatives for the year ahead.

The event opens with networking at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the State of the City address from noon to 1:30 p.m. Individual tickets cost \$40. Sponsorships are also available. To learn more, visit [www.pleasanton.org](http://www.pleasanton.org).

### Jurassic Tour

Dinosaurs abound at the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend as the Jurassic Tour makes its return to Pleasanton.

Billed as the ultimate family dinosaur adventure, the traveling show features more than 50 moving, breathing and walking dinosaurs (the "most realistic" replicas available, organizers say), in addition to hands-on educational activities, virtual reality experiences and the chance to ride a 12-foot-tall T-Rex.

The dinosaur showcase is open this weekend only, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$28 for kids 3-12 years old and \$23 for people 13 and older, with \$3 discounts available for seniors and military IDs. Visit [www.jurassicstour.com](http://www.jurassicstour.com).

### Lions crab feed

The Pleasanton Lions Club is hosting its annual crab feed fundraiser next Saturday (Feb. 2) in the Young California Building at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

Tickets, which include the full crab dinner, cost \$70 per person (or \$65 per with purchase of 16 tickets or more). The event will also feature a casino night, dessert roulette wheel, cornhole, photo booth, silent auction and no-host bar. Proceeds will benefit charities and people in need served by the Lions Club.

For more information, contact Steve Grimes at 484-3524 or Greg Aynesworth at 336-6069, or visit <https://pleasantonlionsclub.org>. ■

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## Castlewood board recommends sale to Bay Club; member vote next month

### Acquisition aims to address costly ADA concerns for country club

**By TIM HUNT**  
Members of the Pleasanton's Castlewood Country Club will be voting next month on whether to sell the club and its two golf courses to the Bay Club.

The club's Board of Directors recommended accepting the Bay Club's offer at the annual membership meeting last Saturday.

For two years, the board and member committees have been evaluating options for the clubhouse that was built in the mid-1970s. Many areas available to the public for special events do not meet the Americans

with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards that was signed by President George H.W. Bush in 1991.

In addition to the Bay Club option, the board evaluated the costs and benefits of just doing the ADA work, doing the ADA improvements plus enhancing the swimming pool area and others within the clubhouse, or building an entirely new clubhouse. Costs for members would range from \$100 per month for 10 years to \$200/mo. for 20 years and finally \$600/mo. for 20 years.

The board's recommended offer would give Castlewood's equity

members the top tier Sapphire Membership in the Bay Club that includes access to any of the four Bay Area campuses. For Castlewood members, that would include access to ClubSport in Pleasanton that was acquired by Bay Club last November.

The current terms call for the Bay Club to purchase the club's assets on a cash-free, debt-free basis. The Bay Club will spend at least \$15 million in the first two years to update the clubhouse, locker rooms and address all ADA compliance issues. The Bay Club, which was purchased last year by KKR, an international

investment firm, has been owned by investment firms since 1990.

The agreement calls for Bay Club to keep both the Hill and Valley courses open for at least 10 years. Earlier, Castlewood explored the potential of selling the Valley Course for development in partnership with Pleasanton-based Ponderosa Homes, but that option faced major challenges to win government approval with no guarantee of success.

Castlewood and Bay Club will create a holding company that will

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ANDREW SHOTLAND

From left: Lily Mobraaten, Lylah Schmedel, Angela Vasquez and Alisha Shaik were among the youth leaders at the Tri-Valley Women's March in downtown Pleasanton last Saturday.

## Tri-Valley Women's March

### Hundreds take to streets downtown in support of equality, inclusion

**By RYAN J. DEGAN**

On the second anniversary of the 2017 international Women's March, hundreds of Tri-Valley residents gathered in Pleasanton to participate in the city's first Women's March last weekend, celebrating diversity, inclusion and the success of women locally and nationally.

Joining numerous other women's marches throughout the country last Saturday, approximately 800 residents gathered at Amador Valley High School for the rally and march through downtown to celebrate the many accomplishments for women over the past two years, while still pointing out that the country has a long way to go in terms of achieving total equality and inclusion.

"What a great year 2018 was. We did that together. Every phone call we made, every door we knocked,

every text we sent ... We were the change we needed to be in this country," Assemblywoman Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-Orinda) said at a rally that preceded the march. "It was great to watch it all come together, but as we look towards 2020, I want to urge you to continue to march, to continue to speak, to continue to fight, for all of our values ... When we vote our values we win."

At the rally, a series of speakers acknowledged the trials of women nationally and locally, but did not neglect the many hard-earned achievements made by women in a relatively short amount of time.

After the Nov. 6 election, women currently make up nearly a quarter of the 116th Congress voting membership, the highest percentage in U.S. history, according

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## Candlelight walk for Ilene

### Wednesday marks 30th anniversary of Dublin teen's disappearance

**By JEREMY WALSH**

The Dublin community is set to come together next week to commemorate a somber anniversary.

Wednesday will mark 30 years since Ilene Misheloff disappeared while walking home from middle school, a case that sent shockwaves through what was then a much smaller suburban city.

The impact of Ilene's disappearance continues to resonate with the community to this day. Each year on Jan. 30, dozens of residents — some friends of the Misheloffs, others total strangers — join the family for a candlelight walk and vigil to remember Ilene and rekindle awareness about her abduction.

Next week will be no different. "Thirty extremely long years," Ilene's mother, Maddi Misheloff, said looking ahead to the anniversary. There are still many days, she said, that "the thing that gets me out of bed in the morning is thinking today is the day she's coming home."

"Getting her back is what we live for," Maddi Misheloff said. "The support is what keeps us going."

"The community support is still there," added Mike Misheloff, Ilene's father. "It's been there for 30 years, which I find amazing — that people still remember and still want to help find Ilene."

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# Pleasanton trustee steps down from Chabot-Las Positas board

Community college district plans to appoint Vecchiarelli's successor soon

By JEREMY WALSH

Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Trustee Carlo Vecchiarelli, a longtime Pleasanton resident, resigned from the Board of Trustees last week to retire from district service after more than 50 years, district leaders announced Tuesday.

Vecchiarelli was in the middle of his fourth term on the board representing Trustee Area 5, which includes most of Pleasanton, as well as Dublin and Sunol. His tenure with Chabot-Las Positas also included decades as a faculty member and dean of admissions.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank Carlo for his dedication and leadership to our students and community," said Board President Edralin "Ed" Maduli, whose district includes the rest of Pleasanton and Livermore.

The reasons for the timing of

Vecchiarelli's retirement mid-term are unclear. He had not responded to requests for comment as of Wednesday afternoon.

District leaders plan to appoint a provisional trustee to fill the remainder of Vecchiarelli's term, which runs through fall 2020, rather than call a special election now, according to Guisselle Nuñez, the district's public relations director.

The six remaining board members will solicit applications from residents in Trustee Area 5, once the appointment process is finalized in the weeks ahead, according to Nuñez. The appointed trustee will serve through November 2020, when the next regularly scheduled board election will be held.

Vecchiarelli had held the board seat since winning election in 2004. Earning re-election in 2008, 2012 and 2016, he served as board

president three times during his tenure.

He first joined the district in 1968 as a faculty member in the Science Department at Chabot College, where he taught life sciences and authored three books. Vecchiarelli became Chabot's dean of admissions in 1975, a position he held for 23 years. He also served as dean for the Math and Computer Science Department.

Vecchiarelli is also a member of the Chabot Sports Hall of Fame, inducted in recognition of meritorious services to student-athletes. His other service highlights include several accreditation teams and the Board of Regents for Oakland's

Bishop O'Dowd High School, where he was an alumnus.

In Pleasanton, Vecchiarelli and his wife Geri owned the Dolls and Ducks retail store in downtown for many years until its closing.

The Chabot-Las Positas board and district administration expect to formally recognize Vecchiarelli for his decades of service in the near future, Nuñez said.

Vecchiarelli's unscheduled vacancy represents the latest leadership turnover for the district that serves over 29,000 East Bay community college students across Las Positas College in Livermore and Chabot College in Hayward.

The Board of Trustees last week, with Vecchiarelli absent from the meeting, voted to appoint a third interim chancellor as the district looks to restart the hiring process after an unsuccessful first round of

recruitment that saw the board not select any of the three finalists for appointment as the new permanent chancellor.

Ronald P. Gerhard, promoted from vice chancellor of business services, started his run as interim chancellor on Tuesday.

He succeeded Thomas Fallo, a retired California community colleges administrator who served as interim chancellor since mid-September, but couldn't continue going forward because of state retirement benefits laws. Before Fallo, Chancellor Emeritus Susan Cota worked briefly as interim chancellor in the immediate aftermath of chancellor Jannett Jackson resigning in August after five years at the helm.

Las Positas College also has an interim leader, with former vice president Roanna Bennie serving as interim president since last April. ■



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to the Pew Research Center. That's approximately a 5% uptick from 2016 figures.

Even regionally, women have taken a larger role in civic governance winning a plethora of elections throughout the East Bay, said Kyoko Takayama, event organizer and OFA East Bay Central representative.

"Even in the Tri-Valley we have had more women in the city councils and local government (than ever before), and we are pushing that to be continued. It's a sign 'OK we got this we can do this even better,'" Takayama said.

"We are trying to be more inclusive

and diverse, which is a little more difficult because the minority community may not be coming out, but that's kind of what we are aiming for. We have diverse speakers (and) we hope that will be reflected with the marchers," Takayama added prior to the event.

Public speakers at the rally boasted a cast of women from across the Tri-Valley who looked to exemplify the mission to promote diversity and inclusion.

"We will not be silent because we know that our own liberation is tied to the liberation of all others and that no one is truly free while another person remains oppressed," said speaker Jessica Trubowitch, the public policy and community building director for the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Another speaker was Angela Vasquez, Las Positas College Inter Students Club chair, who spoke from her experiences as a self-described dreamer and advocated for the support of undocumented students.

"My ultimate goal is to ensure that I have a voice for undocumented students all around campus because I've felt alone at some point... and I want to make sure that nobody else at Las Positas College thinks that they are alone just because of their status," she said. "No person should ever feel like an outcast just because of where they came from."

Other speakers featured at the rally included:

- Libby Galt: Co-founder, Tri-Valley Women's March Action Group.
- Mary Puthoff: Lakota Tribe representing the local Ohlone, Yokuts and Miwok people.
- Alisha Shaik: Women's March Youth Empower 2019 Cohort, Las Positas College student and the rally's emcee.
- Christine Dillman: Sexual assault

and counseling services director, Tri-Valley Haven.

• Marsha McInnis: Co-founder, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Tri-Valley Chapter.

• Lylah Schmedel: Las Positas Student Government president, Black Student Union representative.

The event had a variety of sponsors and organizations come together to make the march a reality including the Tri-Valley Women's March Action Group, Livermore Indivisible, Students for Social Change and OFA East Bay Central.

During the march, organizers also promoted the Women's Expo being held in front of the Amador football field, where a series of stands were placed providing women with resources and information on how to get involved politically.

The Tri-Valley Women's March also stressed the importance of including a younger generation of women in the process as early as possible. Trying to ensure just that, organizers were aided greatly by the efforts of Foothill High freshman Lily Mobraaten, who led the event's social media accounts and engaged in public outreach.

"There are so many important stories to be heard from people of different cultures and backgrounds and I really want people to unite because we are stronger together," said Mobraaten, who also represents the youth advocacy group Students for Social Change.

"I think it's really important to get more youth involved. It's our future and I want us to get involved early so we can start making change and learning," she continued, adding that she was very impressed with the number of her peers participating in the march. ■

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# Tri-Valley nonprofits provide aid to families affected by government shutdown

## CalFresh benefits issued early; may be unavailable come March

By RYAN J. DEGAN

As the federal government's longest partial shutdown in history continues, local nonprofits Open Heart Kitchen and Tri-Valley Haven have increased their services to help feed the thousands of Alameda County families affected by employment furloughs and the potential loss of government aid.

In Alameda County, approximately 110,000 residents rely on CalFresh or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to buy groceries for their families, and with the recent announcement by the California Department of Social

Services that CalFresh benefits were being issued early, those families could go 40 days or longer before receiving benefits again.

"We are happy to assist families with groceries," said Ann King, Tri-Valley Haven's executive director. "That way, they can use their limited cash for medication, rent and gas, or other necessary items."

According to the California Department of Social Services, most participants received their CalFresh benefits for the month of February early, between Jan. 15 and 20.

If the shutdown holds, these recipients may not receive any

benefits for the month of March, according to state officials. If the shutdown is resolved, there could still be a delay in issuing the next round of benefits for March.

To help these families, Tri-Valley Haven has opened its food pantry to federal workers or current CalFresh recipients and will offer assistance every week instead of the usual once per month. Open Heart Kitchen is also encouraging cash-strapped families to take advantage of its hot meal program and visit one of its Tri-Valley locations, which are open seven days a week.

"We don't want families to turn to

us long after they should have. We want families to know that help is available before they start skipping meals," said Heather Greaux, executive director of Open Heart Kitchen.

CalFresh recipients in Alameda County may direct questions about their benefits to the customer service call center at 510-263-2420.

Open Heart Kitchen provides hot meals in Pleasanton at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Fridays 4 to 6 p.m., and Lynnewood United Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave., Sundays 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. A full list of Tri-Valley locations is available at [www.openheartkitchen.org](http://www.openheartkitchen.org).

The Tri-Valley Haven food pantry is located at 418 Junction Ave. Livermore, Mondays through Wednesdays 1 to 5 p.m., Thursdays 1 to 7 p.m. and Fridays 1 to 5 p.m. More information is available at [www.tri-valleyhaven.org](http://www.tri-valleyhaven.org). Families are asked to bring proof of federal employment or CalFresh enrollment. ■

## MISHELOFF

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Ilene's disappearance is a story many longtime Tri-Valley residents know well.

The 13-year-old girl was last seen walking home the afternoon of Jan. 30, 1989.

A student at Wells Intermediate School (now called T.D. Wells Middle School), Ilene was excused early from her physical education class toward the end of the school day, receiving permission to go home and change into her ice-skating clothes.

She was spotted walking on San Ramon Road and Amador Valley Boulevard that afternoon. A teen with curly brown hair, freckled cheeks and braces, Ilene wore a charcoal gray pullover, striped skirt and low-top sneakers to school that day.

Her key fob was later found near the entrance to John Mape Memorial Park, along the route she typically took home.

Ilene's whereabouts remain unknown.

The case has been highlighted across the Bay Area and the United States over the past three decades, from local TV news broadcasts to regional and national articles on cold-case kidnappings.

The FBI maintains a webpage on Ilene, as do some private websites devoted to awareness of missing children and teenagers. Some have age-progressed photos attempting to project what Ilene would look like during her adult years — the most recent being mid-30s. There's been a \$95,000 reward offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of those responsible.

"There's got to be somebody out there who knows what happened," Dublin police Capt. Nate Schmidt said. "We ask those people to come



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**Left:** A photograph of Ilene Misheloff from her time at Wells Middle School before her abduction. **Right:** An age-progressed photo that attempted to predict what Ilene would look like in her early 30s.

forward to help us one day solve this mystery."

Ilene's investigation remains "near and dear to our heart," according to Schmidt, who said the department hopes to be able to help bring closure for the family.

"Dublin police have been awesome; they've been behind us all the way," Maddi Misheloff said, noting that the department always has a dedicated detective assigned to Ilene's case. "It's an open case until it's resolved."

The Misheloffs live in the same house in Dublin that Ilene called home.

Their other children — Ilene's twin brother Brian, and their older brother Rob — are long-grown and out on their own. Brian still lives in the area.

Mike Misheloff is retired now after an engineering career, mainly in Silicon Valley. Maddi Misheloff has also stopped working after years as an office manager, but she thinks she could go back if the right part-time opportunity presents itself. She serves her community as well, on the Dublin San Ramon Services District Board of Directors, a publicly elected position.

They both are looking ahead to

next Wednesday night's candlelight walk, which retraces the two-mile route Ilene took that ill-fated afternoon, to make sure Ilene will always be remembered and to keep hope alive that she will return safely. She would turn 44 in March.

The annual Ilene Misheloff Candlelight Walk and Prayer Service is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Wells Middle School (6800 Penn Drive in Dublin). The procession will end at St. Raymond Catholic Church (11555 Shannon Ave.), where a non-denominational service will be held in Ilene's honor.

In announcing the 30th anniversary walk, Dublin police officials also urged anyone who knows anything about Ilene's disappearance to contact Sgt. Daniel McNaughton at 925-833-6682. Tips can remain anonymous.

"Anyone that has any information that they have kept to themselves, call the police," Maddi Misheloff said. "It doesn't matter ... Getting her back is what matters."

And the family's message to Ilene?

"We love you. Can't wait to have you back. Not a day goes by, not a second, that I don't think about you," Maddi Misheloff said. ■

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## Wedding Announcement



## Wardrip – Smith

Jaelyn Rachel Wardrip and Jacob Holzman Smith were married Oct. 13, 2018, at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center in Santa Cruz.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Claudia Wardrip from Pleasanton. She graduated from Foothill High School in Pleasanton in 2010 and from UC Santa Cruz in 2014 with a degree in molecular and developmental biology. She works as a high school math teacher in San Jose.

The groom is the son of David Smith and Barbara Holzman-Smith from San Mateo. He graduated from Hillsdale High School in San Mateo in 2010 and from UC Santa Cruz in 2014 with a degree in ecology and evolution. He works for Johnson & Johnson in south San Francisco.

The couple resides in San Mateo.

# Cities confirm new contract with firefighters

Local 1974 members to receive series of raises, cover more pension costs

By JEREMY WALSH

Livermore-Pleasanton union firefighters have a new contract in place with the two cities, as both city councils have given final approval to a memorandum of understanding highlighted by four salary increases over the next 3-1/2 years, along with some union members covering an extra 0.5% of their pension costs starting in mid-2020.

Pleasanton, which partners with Livermore for firefighting services under the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department, saw its City Council sign off on the contract last week after voicing initial support one month earlier.

Pleasanton's approval occurred without comment as part of a 4-0 vote on its consent calendar on Jan. 15, with Vice Mayor Karla Brown absent. The Livermore City Council approved the MOU one night earlier, also as part of the consent calendar.

The new MOU, which runs through December 2021, was ratified in November by the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 1974, which represents 104 LPPD

employees in all — 99 in fire suppression and five in fire prevention.

A successor agreement to the MOU that expired June 30, the new contract includes a series of raises for union members starting with a 3% increase this month, followed by another 3% increase in July, a 3.5% increase in July 2020 and a 1% increase in July 2021.

Another key provision sees IAFF Local 1974 members classified as "classic members" for pension purposes (those already in the California Public Employees' Retirement System as of January 2013), contribute an additional 0.5% toward their pension costs for a total of 12.5% overall, starting in July 2020.

In other benefit changes, all active union employees will pay a minimum contribution of \$50 per month for family medical coverage starting in January 2020.

The agreement also creates extra compensation of \$100 per month for employees who voluntarily keep and maintain their paramedic licenses when promoted to the ranks of fire engineer or fire captain — higher positions for which paramedicine is not considered a core function.

There's new education incentives too, an extra \$25 (for \$75 total per month) for union members with an associate's degree and an extra \$50 (\$150 total per month) for those with a bachelor's degree.

Additionally, the MOU includes a variety of language changes considered operational in nature and without cost implications, according to Pleasanton city staff.

In all, the new agreement is estimated to cost an extra \$5.5 million across the entire 3-1/2-year term, with Pleasanton's share estimated at \$2.8 million for the full term. Pleasanton's additional costs for the current budget year is

about \$411,000, to be paid from general fund contingencies.

## Seasonal wages

In other consent business Jan. 15, the Pleasanton City Council adopted new hourly salary ranges for seasonal and part-time employees in positions that are not represented by unions and typically work only eight to 30 hours per week.

According to city staff, seasonal wage overhaul was two-fold: to update salaries with California's minimum wage increasing to \$12 per hour (up from \$11) and to make sure the city remains competitive with neighboring jurisdictions.

The jobs with new hourly wages include lifeguard (\$13.55 to \$16.55), recreation leader (\$12.16 to \$14.08), apprentice or intern (\$12.24 to \$14.17), preschool aide (\$12.47 to \$14.44), program assistant (\$12 to \$40) and clerical assistant (\$12 to \$20).

The total costs of the increases are estimated at \$71,091 per year, of which \$18,275 is due to the minimum wage increases mandated by the state. ■

## CASTLEWOOD

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hold title to the land for 30 years when it will revert to the Bay Club. Any sale within the first 10 years will return 75% of the proceeds to club members.

There are also provisions to allow members to receive at least \$10,000 for their equity memberships if they convert to the Bay Club's Sapphire level. There's potential for more than that — up to 70% if a membership is "sold" for the \$30,000 Bay Club list price. Monthly dues are comparable to what Castlewood members are paying currently (when dues, plus capital replacement fund are considered) and are capped at no more than a 5% increase annually. There's also no minimum food and beverage expense.

The Bay Club also has agreed to cap Sapphire memberships at 800 and golf rounds at 100,000 per year. Currently, the club sees between 60,000 and 70,000 rounds annually. There also will be prime tee times reserved for Castlewood members.

If club members reject the board's recommendation, then they will vote on the other three options. One key goal for the board is to address the long-term sustainability of the club. The discussion of pros and cons for each option note the less expensive options do not address sustainability. ■



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## TAKE US ALONG



**Meeting with the Congressman:** Ben Aguilar (right) visited with local U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell while on a trip to Washington, D.C. for the American College of Emergency Physicians Conference.

## Wine and Valentines to benefit Museum on Main

Castlewood gala features dinner, fast-paced auction

Love is in the air as Museum on Main prepares for its 12th annual Wines & Valentines fundraiser at Castlewood Country Club at 6 p.m. on Feb. 8.

The night begins with a cocktail hour featuring sparkling wine, a no-host bar, and a chance to bid on the famous silent auction baskets prepared by board members. At 7 p.m., guests will enjoy a three-course dinner of either filet mignon, Covina sea bass or vegetable risotto, with appropriate wines.

Between each course, there will be the traditional 2-bit auction, with guests betting quarters on a wide variety of small prizes. A

special game of Heads or Tails will lead into a spirited live auction with a chance for unique opportunities. The evening concludes with a drawing.

"Many guests return year after year for the great food and wine," museum director Jim DeMersman said. "But they also love the 2-bit auction."

Tickets to the event are \$95 per person and may be purchased at [www.museumonmain.org](http://www.museumonmain.org); at Museum on Main, 603 Main St.; or by calling 462-2766. This year's Sweetheart Sponsor is the Republic Family of Companies. ■

—Dolores Fox Ciardelli

## Tuxes & Tails gala supporting TVAR

Proceeds benefit nonprofit's work with animals

The red carpet will be out at Castlewood Country Club next month as Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is hosting a new benefit gala to raise funds for its ongoing animal-support efforts.

Complete with an Oscars theme, Tuxes & Tails on Feb. 9 will feature dinner and wine, along with live and silent auctions, with proceeds benefiting the local nonprofit that relies solely on public support to fund its lifesaving programs for animals in the Tri-Valley.

"This event allows us to continue our important work of giving animals a second chance," TVAR board chair Brian Joyce said in a statement.

TVAR has been working to save homeless animals from euthanasia for the past 25 years. Its marquee programs include the East County Animal Shelter Program where volunteers are trained to make a difference in the lives of animals at the shelter, the Teen and Junior Program for local youth and fostering opportunities to help pets socialize before adoption.

The nonprofit's new Tuxes & Tails

fundraiser will run from 6-10 p.m. Feb. 9 at Castlewood. Tickets include dinner duet of herb roasted chicken breast with basil-thyme sauce and macadamia-crust mahi mahi with pineapple burre Bbanc, served with red or white wine.

Live and silent auctions will feature a wide variety of trips and other experiences, including a tour of the U.S. Capitol for two with U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (airfare included), a night out in San Francisco for two with dinner at One Market, "Beach Blanket Babylon" tickets and a deluxe room at the Omni Hotel, an overnight stay for two at Hotel Yountville Resort & Spa, golf outings, sailing charter, wine tastings, whitewater rafting trip, casino stay and more.

Tickets are on sale now at \$100 per person or \$700 per table of eight. Tuxes are optional, with dress code as country club casual otherwise (no denim). To purchase tickets or learn more about supporting TVAR, visit [www.tvar.org](http://www.tvar.org). ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Bail reform law put on hold as referendum qualifies for 2020 ballot

Trade association challenges legislation that replaces cash bail system

A historic California law that would replace cash bail with a risk assessment system has been put on hold because a referendum challenging it qualified for the November 2020 ballot.

Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced last week that the referendum sponsored by the American Bail Coalition, a bail bond agents' trade association, had enough signatures for the ballot.

The qualification automatically suspends the new law until the election is held. The California Money Bail Reform Act had previously been scheduled to go into effect on Oct. 1 of this year.

Bail coalition executive director Jeff Clayton said in a statement, "Now we can move on toward defeating this reckless law."

In opposition, the directors of the California branches of the American Civil Liberties Union said, "We must reject the wealth-based, two-tiered system of justice that the bail industry seeks to preserve."

Separately, two challenges to the money bail system are pending in the California Supreme Court and in federal court in Oakland.

A ruling by one or both of those courts could potentially result in a modification of the money bail system before 2020.

In the cash bail system, people who are arrested and awaiting a criminal trial are released if they post a cash bond in an amount specified in

a bail schedule set by the local superior court. People can pay the bond either with their own money or through commercial bail agents, who typically charge a 10% fee for putting up the cash.

The new law would use a risk assessment tool to determine whether arrestees are a low, medium or high risk of failing to appear in court or endangering the public. People accused of violent crimes or threats of violence would usually be denied release, subject to review by a judge.

Opponents of the system contend it is unfair to low-income people and favors well-to-do defendants who can afford to pay.

The ACLU directors said the system "is antithetical to our values of justice, fairness, and racial equity."

"By charging people nonrefundable fees for pretrial release, the bail industry has made billions of dollars off the backs of individuals and families in dire circumstances, especially people most affected by racial and economic inequities in our society and the criminal justice system," they said.

The bail industry coalition claims that assessment tools are inaccurate and could result in dangerous people being released.

The referendum needed 365,880 signatures, or 5% of the total votes cast for governor in the November 2014 election, to qualify for the ballot. ■

—Bay City News Service

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Pedestrian dies after being hit in Livermore

Livermore police are continuing to investigate the circumstances around a pedestrian being fatally struck by a car near the intersection of First Street and Portola Avenue last week, according to a department spokesman.

The victim, who died at the scene,

has been identified as Anthony Hinojoza, 51, of Livermore, according to the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau.

The collision took place amid stormy conditions around 7:10 p.m. Jan. 16, according to Livermore police Lt. John Hurd. The driver remained at the scene and is cooperating with police.

The circumstances of what caused the crash, including whether Hinojoza was in the crosswalk, remain unclear at this point. Detectives were

at the scene continuing the investigation the next afternoon, Hurd said. There were no updates on the investigation as of press deadline Wednesday afternoon.

Hinojoza was a member of Livermore's homeless community, one who'd interacted with Tri-Valley Haven staff around town but never followed through on offers for services, according to Ann King, executive director of the nonprofit.

"It is heartbreaking that we lose another person who is homeless simply

because we don't have enough resources readily available," King told the Weekly. "There are so many good folks who want to impact change for people who are homeless but we just aren't there yet. Still working at it."

Police closed lanes at First and Portola, a major intersection between downtown and the freeway, for around three hours in the aftermath of the fatal crash.

### In other news

- The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office has identified a man who died in a collision in unincorporated Sonoma County last week as Malachi Hussain, 25, of Livermore.

Hussain was driving a 2014 Nissan at an unsafe speed during heavy rain around 2:50 p.m. Jan. 16 south on Highway 121 north of Napa Road, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Hussain lost control of the Nissan and crossed solid double-yellow lines directly into the path of a northbound 1996 Dodge truck driven by a Fairfield man, CHP officials said.

Hussain was pronounced dead at the scene and the Dodge driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to Queen of the Valley Medical Center. Two passengers in the truck were not injured, according to the CHP.

The occupants of both vehicles were wearing seat belts and the CHP is investigating whether drugs or alcohol were factors in the collision.

- The undocumented Mexican citizen who was convicted of possessing the gun that killed Kate Steinle on a San Francisco pier in 2015 has appealed his conviction, claiming that the trial judge failed to give a key

jury instruction.

Jose Ines Garcia Zarate was convicted in San Francisco Superior Court in 2017 of being an ex-felon in possession of a gun. The jury acquitted him of the murder of Steinle, who was killed on July 1, 2015, by a ricocheting bullet from a gun held by Zarate.

Zarate was sentenced in January 2018 to three years in prison.

In an appeal filed last week with the state Court of Appeal in San Francisco, Zarate argues that his rights were violated when trial Judge Samuel Feng failed to give the jury an instruction on the theory of momentary possession.

That instruction advises jurors that gun possession is not illegal if the possession was for only "a momentary or transitory period" and for the purpose of disposing of the firearm.

Zarate contends that he picked up a package wrapped in rags under a swivel chair he was sitting on at the pier, did not know he had a gun until it fired accidentally, and then immediately threw the gun into the bay to stop it from firing. The gun held by Zarate had been stolen from the car of a U.S. Bureau of Land Management law enforcement officer.

Zarate's appeal attorney, Cliff Gardner, wrote that because that claim "was the central theory of defense, the trial court was required to instruct on the defense of transitory possession."

The appeal asks for reversal of his conviction and a new trial. A hearing on the appeal has not yet been set. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

## Richard Lee Sharp

June 27, 1946 – January 5, 2019

Richard Lee Sharp passed into eternal life at his home in Pleasanton, California on Saturday, January 5th, 2019. He was born in Glendale, California on June 27th, 1946 to the late Joseph and Lorene Sharp. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Jane Sharp and is survived by his son David (Christine) and granddaughter Natalie, as well as his son, Steven and granddaughters Sierra and Jorga. He is predeceased by his in-laws Jim Nielsen and Catherine Nielsen Trieman and is survived by his sister Nancy Hull (Tom) and their children Jennifer Doherty (PJ) and Stefanie Hull, as well as his brother-in-law Ray Nielsen (Rose) and their children Michael Nielsen and Amy Nielsen (Vinnie Silay) and Great Uncle to Katie Nielsen, James and Josh Doherty and Dante Silay. Richard passed away after many years from his battle with Pulmonary Hypertension. Numerous family and friends have loved, supported and helped Richard throughout his battle.



would bring his family along on these trips, most memorably to Hawaii, or find time to fit in a fishing excursion. Rich was dedicated to his family, always supporting his sons at every sporting event and helped coach his sons in soccer for Ballistic United Soccer Club where they played throughout the western half of the United States, as well as in baseball for Pleasanton American Little League.

Rich was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed boar and deer hunting at the Nielsen Family Heaven Hill Ranch, as well as duck hunting at the Salinas Gun Club in Gustine, California, where he was a member for 20 years. He enjoyed the comradery of everyone there and loved when he had the opportunity to cook for everyone. Rich's favorite activity was fishing. He loved to take his Boston Whaler boat out past the Golden

Gate Bridge into the Pacific Ocean to fish for salmon and crab. He cherished his multiple fishing trips with his father to Alaska and Canada and was recently able to go back to Alaska to fish with his son.

After Rich and Jane's boys grew up, Rich and Jane became members of the Pleasanton Tulancingo Sister City Association, where they travelled to Mexico on an exchange visit and enjoyed hosting their friends from Mexico when they visited Pleasanton. Rich was extremely generous, outgoing, full of optimism and had a passion for life. He loved maintaining his vegetable garden, often using the vegetables he grew for home cooked meals he cooked for his family and friends. He loved entertaining at his home and everyone was always welcome.

Celebration of Life is scheduled for Thursday, February 21st, 2019 at 4:30pm at Faz Restaurant in Pleasanton (5121 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA). Burial services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances can be made to Pulmonary Hypertension disease through the PAN Foundation ([panfoundation.org](http://panfoundation.org)), California Waterfowl Association ([calwaterfowl.org](http://calwaterfowl.org)) and Golden Gate Salmon Association ([goldengatesalmon.org](http://goldengatesalmon.org)).

After Rich was born in Glendale, his family moved to Cupertino, California where he grew up and graduated from Cupertino High School. While growing up Rich played multiple sports, went boating and camping with his family and helped his dad build a house in Lake Tahoe, which the family enjoyed throughout the years. Rich was drafted into the Army and served in Vietnam as a Field Medic. After he served, Rich came back to the Bay Area and graduated from San Jose State University. Rich met Jane while they were employed at the Ford Motor Company and they married in 1970. They lived throughout the Bay Area for several years, then settled in Pleasanton in 1974, where they resided and raised their children. Before raising a family, Rich and Jane travelled extensively throughout the United States and Europe, as well as were actively involved in multiple community organizations, especially the Pleasanton Jaycees, where he served as President.

Rich worked as a successful Regional Medical Device Sales Representative for over 30 years, traveling throughout the United States for meetings and conferences. Often, he

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Jan. 19

#### Domestic battery

■ 5:12 a.m. on Division Street

■ 4:01 p.m. on Bernal Avenue

#### Theft from auto

■ 11:05 p.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Drug violation

■ 2:07 a.m. on the 5200 block of Hopyard Road

■ 5:12 p.m. at Stanley Boulevard and Bernal Avenue

■ 10:48 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Stoneridge Mall Road

#### DUI

■ 1:03 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Owens Drive

### Jan. 18

#### Domestic battery

■ 7:37 p.m. on West Las Positas Boulevard

■ 9:19 p.m. on Merlot Court

#### Theft

■ 8:22 a.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto

■ 10:27 a.m. on the 4300 block of Foothill Road

■ 12:43 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 6:08 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Robbery

■ 3:07 p.m. on the 1100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Vandalism

■ 9:42 a.m. on the 7100 block of Valley Trails Drive

### Jan 17

#### Alcohol violation

■ 9:56 p.m. at Rose Lane and Rose Avenue

#### Theft

■ 8:56 a.m., 5500 block of Springhouse Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:03 a.m., 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; theft from auto

■ 1:19 p.m., 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

■ 4:20 p.m. on the 5500 block of San Antonio Street

■ 4:33 p.m. on the 5500 block of San Antonio Street

■ 4:45 p.m., 4200 block of Rosewood Drive; theft from auto

■ 9:27 p.m., 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; theft from auto

#### Fraud

■ 2:24 p.m. on the 5500 block of Sunol Boulevard

#### Vandalism

■ 11:13 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

PAID OBITUARY

# Staying Healthy

## WINTER 2019

# Getting back on the field

Sports Performance Institute helps Pleasanton student-athlete recover after brain tumor

BY RYAN J. DEGAN



NANCY ANDRE

After six months of strength and conditioning, Joseph now trains at a normal level.



NANCY ANDRE

Joseph attends training sessions twice a week and will be trying out for baseball in the spring.

When Joseph Andre was diagnosed with a large mass of medulloblastoma — more commonly known as a brain tumor — on his brain stem at 13 years old, he was forced to place his budding baseball career on hold while he underwent treatment

But after six weeks of radiation, 13 months of chemo and a nearly daylong surgery, the now 15-year-old athlete is ready to pick up where he left off and return to the mound, thanks in part to tremendous personal effort and a diligent training regiment provided by San Ramon Regional Medical Center's Sports Performance Institute (SPI).

"I know I'm gaining in strength because each session I gain a little more weight to lift," he said after taking personal training and conditioning sessions with SPI for about six months.

A Pleasanton resident, Joseph is a freshman at De La Salle in Concord and an avid Bay Area sports fan. He's also currently playing as a center in the Pleasanton Youth Basketball League through the city's Recreation Department, and he plans to try out for his high school baseball team in the spring.

"The first couple weeks of training he went he could hardly do anything, and now (his trainer) tells him 'You're up to a normal work out and we're going to start pushing beyond,'" his mother Nancy Andre told the Weekly.

Joseph's current physical condition is quite the accomplishment considering where he was just two years ago.

Nancy first noticed something may have been wrong in September 2016, when Joseph, usually a coordinated young athlete, started to lose his balance and experience dizzy spells. These symptoms, along with Joseph's headaches and sudden vomiting without warning, convinced her to take him to the doctor where the tumor was found.

Joseph and his mother temporarily relocated to San Diego where he underwent



NANCY ANDRE

Joseph Andre (left) was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 13. Two years later, he continues to rebuild his strength with the assistance of his trainer Tony Carrera (right).

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proton radiation, a rare type of treatment only available in select places in the country.

His prognosis took a more positive turn after a successful 18-hour surgery just six months ago, but his body had lost all muscle tone and stamina as all of his strength was dedicated to fighting for his life.

Around that same time, last June, Joseph began training sessions at San Ramon Regional at the recommendation of a family friend, an experience that has greatly improved not just his physical strength but his overall outlook as well.

"Joseph's posture has come up, his chest is pushed out and his self-confidence has increased, that's all on him. I just give him a program to follow and he does it all. He's such a good kid and hard-worker. It's been an honor to train Joseph," said Tony Carrera, a personal trainer for the Sports

Performance Institute.

Now Joseph attends two hourlong sessions a week, where he works on strength and conditioning, with Carrera's guidance and positive reinforcement helping push him along the whole way.

"I think what makes this experience special is Tony, and the personal relationship that Joseph and I have developed with this guy who is so positive and just down to earth and encouraging," Nancy said.

A certified Titleist Performance Institute trainer and a NESTA personal trainer, Carrera has more than 20 years of experience in training and coaching youth and adult athletes. He primarily works with golfers but represents a huge range of athletes that he says vary in age from 7 to 78.

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# Losing 75 pounds feels 'great'

Facebook photo prompts lifestyle change for teacher

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Lisa Vela, 49, wasn't bothered by gaining a few pounds each year — until she saw a photo of herself posted by a friend on Facebook.

"I really saw myself for the first time," said Vela, a fourth-grade teacher who lives in San Ramon with her husband and two children. "I didn't think I looked as horrible as I did."

She also noted that she didn't feel healthy. "Walking from my classroom to the office I was out of breath," she recalled. "I knew I didn't feel good but I made every excuse possible."

Vela said she'd been thin all her life so never thought about her weight. But when she started her career, the change in lifestyle began to result in the weight gain.

"I was sitting a lot and not planning good meals," she said. "I grabbed something easy."

As she became older, the pounds stayed on. "I kept saying that I could do it on my own, and that I was fine with my weight gain, which was averaging about 10 to 15 pounds per year," Vela said.



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Before: When Lisa Vela saw this photo of herself on Facebook she decided she must lose weight. After: She now weighs a healthier 134 pounds and feels energetic.



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Then she saw the photo.

“It was just sort of the last straw,” she said. “I was not getting any younger, I knew this is it, my health is at risk. And I am a mother, I want to be here to take care of my kids.”

Her nurse practitioner, who is also a friend, had been suggesting she try a program called LeanMD for years. Vela contacted her to say she was ready.

She began the program in August 2017 — by March 2018 she had lost 75 pounds. Now she wears between sizes 4 and 8, depending on the brand, and is happy to say she can share clothes with her teenage daughter.

With LeanMD, Vela’s calorie total for the day was cut to 1,000, then down to 800, she said, and she was provided an appetite suppressant.

“I was nervous at first seeing how little I was going to have to eat ... and whether I could handle it,” she said. “But after losing 2 to 3 pounds a week, it was pretty easy.”

The program is flexible, with guides to eating healthy fresh foods rather than prepackaged or processed.

“I would buy a ton of produce every week and get everything ready the night before,” Vela said. “I quickly started to see how much better I felt after eating. I was energized. I had become accustomed to overeating and feeling terrible and lethargic.”

“I realized that bowl of pasta weights me down in more ways than one,” she added.

Vela said she did not feel like the new diet was too limiting.

“We still went out once a week for Mexican food, but I didn’t have chips or tortillas, just steak fajitas with vegetables,” she said. “I have learned to choose better options.”

Now Vela is in maintenance mode and weighs herself every morning to keep on track. She makes adjustments to her diet as needed.

“I feel great and I definitely know that it’s a lifestyle change,” she said. “I have to make smart choices for the rest of my life.”

Sometimes she will negotiate with herself — going out to dinner on Friday night might mean cutting some carbs the next day.

“But I don’t feel like I’m depriving myself,” she said. “I feel great.” ■

### Lisa’s tips for losing weight

- Stick with it. When you see the change, you will realize it’s not as hard or impossible as you thought it was. In fact, it will be a lot easier than you think.
- You have to consider it a lifestyle change, not a diet. You have to change how you look at food.
- Reach for good snacks when you are hungry — string cheese, nuts, etc., things under 100 calories.
- Be prepared. You can’t be successful without preparing, doing meal prep, and without having healthy things in the house.



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# Teen publishes book on chronic fatigue syndrome

Guide for adolescents gives overview of little-understood disease

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

When Vidhima Shetty was brainstorming story ideas with the staff of the California High School newspaper a few years ago, she thought about a neighbor who had graduated from Cal High in 2012.

“He was a college student at Stanford, and I had heard he was severely ill with a disease,” Shetty, now 17, recalled. “I thought maybe I should go over and find out what’s going on.”

His parents, Mark and Dotty Camenzind, who are both doctors, welcomed her and explained that their son Tom was suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome.

“These were two parents in pain,” Shetty recalled. “Their son was doing so well, and then his entire future unraveled before their eyes. Tom was getting progressively worse.”

The disease is also known as myalgic encephalomyelitis, which means a neuro inflammation of the brain and the spine, Shetty explained. Referred to as ME/CFS,

it strikes people of all ages, ethnicities and genders, causing profound fatigue after even walking, talking or concentrating.

“This disease affects 1.5 million to 2 million people in the United States, but it is not very well-known,” she said.

Compounding the suffering, she noted, they have to deal with people who do not understand it.

Shetty is on a mission to spread awareness about the disease, and recently published a book on the subject, “An Adolescent’s Guide to ME/CFS.” She donates proceeds to the Open Medicine Foundation, which is doing research to find a cure.

The 122-page book covers possible causes, the lack of understanding from the outside world and coping strategies.

“There is no cure and no FDA-approved treatment but there are interventions people can take,” Shetty said. “Every patient reacts differently.”

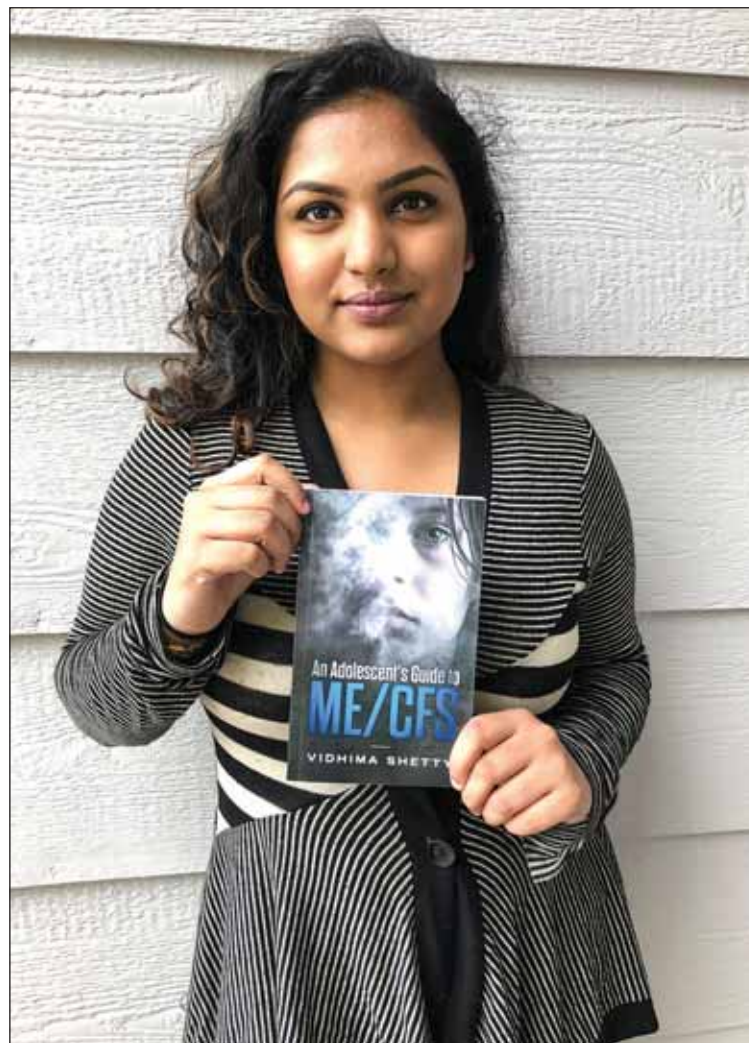
Shetty targets young people with her book because ME/CFS is the

most common reason adolescents are out of school for long periods of time, according to Linda Tannenbaum, CEO of Open Medicine Foundation.

“It’s not diagnosed easily so most parents and kids don’t know they have it,” Tannenbaum told Shetty. “And a lot of people think that the kids are lazy, that they don’t want to study, or have a hard time concentrating because they don’t try hard enough.”

Mark and Dotty Camenzind told Shetty that Tom had been thriving — he loved Stanford, his friends, and his classes. Then in January 2014 he came down with the flu and did not seem to recover. He soon caught a cold, fell behind in his classes, and worked hard to catch up. The disease consequently jeopardized his immune system, his parents explained to Shetty.

Some patients may be wiped out for a day or two after even the slightest activity, Shetty said. But Tom’s



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Vidhima Shetty saw the need for her informational book on chronic fatigue syndrome.

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# Say shoo to the flu

East Bay health officials encourage vaccinations as virus infects state

By RYAN J. DEGAN

As many readers can guess by the coughing and sneezing of their neighbors and sick days taken by their coworkers, Alameda County — along with the rest of the country — is deep in the throes of flu season.

Flu season runs through the fall and winter months, and while it so far has not been as deadly as previous years, it is still widespread throughout California. As a result, health experts are strongly encouraging residents to receive a vaccination if they have not already done so.

According to the Alameda County Public Health Department, the flu spreads through tiny wet droplets produced and distributed when an infected person coughs, sneezes or just so much as talks.

A highly contagious virus, carriers can spread the flu to others anywhere from one day before getting sick to a week after, but the highest risk of spreading the infection typically comes within the first three days of feeling sick.

“This means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Almost half of the people with the flu virus do not know that they have the flu and continue with their daily activities,” county officials said in their annual flu season information update.

Signs and symptoms exhibited by the infected typically include a fever, cough, headache, muscle aches and fatigue. A sore throat and runny nose can also be common.

If someone does become infected, the county recommends that the carrier isolate themselves from others until 24 hours after

their fever is gone. Children and people with weak immune systems are not only more vulnerable to the flu but tend to have a longer period of time which they are at risk of infecting others, county officials said.

Infected persons should be on the lookout for more serious symptoms and visit a doctor if they have developed shortness of breath, severe rash, abdominal pain and sudden dizziness or confusion.

According to the California Department of Public Health, as of Jan. 5, the 2018-19 flu season has claimed 52 lives, approximately half of which were over the age of 65. Last year’s flu season saw one of the most deadly seasons in decades, with an estimated 80,000 flu coded deaths nationwide, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nationally, as of Jan. 5, it is estimated that between 6.15 million and 7.28 million people in the United States have been infected, and an estimated 69,300 to 83,500 people have been hospitalized, according to the CDC’s midseason flu report.

Health officials maintain that a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to avoid getting sick, highly recommending it for everyone 6 months of age and older. The nasal spray vaccine is also available in Alameda County this season, but may be more difficult to find because it was approved for use after most providers had already placed their vaccine orders for the 2018-19 season.

To find the nearest location administering flu vaccines, visit [vaccinefinder.org](http://vaccinefinder.org). For more information on this flu season, visit the Alameda County Public Health Department website at [www.acphd.org](http://www.acphd.org). ■

## FATIGUE

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case is much more severe; he is bedridden and cannot tolerate light or noise.

“Tom has to wear soundproof earmuffs and eye covers because he is extremely sensitive,” Shetty said.

Her story was published in The Californian in September 2016, and the reaction was immediate.

“I started getting comments from all over the world, thankful that someone who doesn’t have the disease went out of the way to write about it,” Shetty said. “My desire to write the book came after the article came out.”

She researched the subject and found medical professionals to look over her findings.

She then emailed her manuscript to literary agents, who noted either that she was too young or didn’t have a medical degree.

“I then sent the manuscript to Tri-Valley Writers and someone with a publishing house reached out to me,” she said.

Russian Hill Press published the book in August, and it sells on Amazon for \$7.49 in paperback, \$6.99 Kindle. She has sold about 200 books and distributed another 250 herself to hospitals, schools, libraries and other organizations.

Shetty, now a senior and editor of The Californian, is undecided about where she will be heading to college in the fall but she wants to continue with journalism.

“I want to use my voice to help other people,” she said. ■

## RECOVER

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“I enjoy working with Tony. He has become a friend and family member,” Joseph said, adding that his trainer’s positive reinforcement and attitude have helped push him to find his higher potential.

“Joseph has taught me to not take life for granted, because you just don’t know what’s going to happen tomorrow,” Carrera said of his young trainee. “Joseph is a great kid, with a good attitude and (has) a lot of determination and his family is very strong. What

they have gone through, they are very loving and a very strong family.”

Drawing from one of the most iconic players on his favorite teams, Buster Posey of the San Francisco Giants, Joseph told people who may be going through a similar situation to, “Just take it one day at a time.”

“I met (Buster) during treatment and that was his advice from when he broke his ankle,” Joseph said, adding that a local organization called Sunshine Kids facilitated the meeting. “Just keep persevering and just keep fighting until it’s done because there is a light at the end of the tunnel.” ■

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# Sports



## PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

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## Dons win first round of crosstown basketball matchups

Also: Ballistic United recreation director retiring from soccer club

Round one of the Amador Valley-Foothill varsity basketball rivalry has gone to the Dons, on both the boys and girls sides of the ledger.

In the girls varsity game, the Dons picked up a 45-35 victory that went back and forth before the Dons pulled away late for the win. It was an entertaining contest between the crosstown rivals.

Julia Balestreri had 13 points to lead Amador and controlled the lane on both offense and defense. Mary Tincher added 9 points with Jennie Yang and Emily Tincher chipping in 8 points each. Hope Alley had 16 points for Foothill, with Reese Lombardi adding 13 points for the Falcons.

In the boys game, the Dons cruised to a 48-22 win.

Jaden Sheppard had 13 points to lead the offense. Tyler Nanney had 9 and Jules Bellosguardo had 8, including a monster dunk in the third quarter that electrified the packed gym.

Earlier in the week the Amador boys lost 83-59 to Dublin. Brad Couture had 18 points for Amador, hitting six 3-pointers.

The Foothill program found success earlier in the week when both teams beat Granada on Jan. 15.

Noah Lewis had 20 points and Dylan D'Amico had 12 to pace the boys to a 48-38 win over the Matadors. Lewis was also a star on the defensive side of the floor.

In the girls win, a 49-27 thumping of Granada, Alley had 16 points to lead the way. Gianna Lyng (11 points), Kendall Harris (11) and Lombardi (9) all had good games.



DENNIS MILLER

Reese Lombardi of Foothill defends against Jennie Yang of Amador Valley.

### BUSC to honor coach

Tony Chavarria, Ballistic United Soccer Club's director of recreation as well as a former BUSC player, is retiring from the club.

But before Chavarria leaves, BUSC will be having a goodbye ceremony to honor him on Feb. 7 at McKay's on Main Street in Pleasanton. The event starts at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

I have known Chavarria for years, and I can honestly say he will be missed by all associated with the club. Being involved in the recreational level can be daunting at times; as is the case with just about every sport, you have a lot of kids who are playing because their parents signed them up, not necessarily because they want to play.

That makes it tough to go out each week with enthusiasm, but

that's exactly what Chavarria did. He worked with the kids and coaches to make the recreation side of Ballistic a top-flight program.

Additionally, in a day where many coach youth sports for the money, Chavarria did it for the pure love of the game.

Cheers Tony and enjoy your retirement! ■

*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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## Castlettes support Hope Hospice

Members of the Castlettes, Castlewood Country Club's women's nine-hole golf group, presents a ceremonial donation check worth \$5,000 to Hope Hospice at the nonprofit's headquarters in Dublin. The money was raised during the Castlettes' charity holiday luncheon, themed "Mistletoe and Mimosas" — an event that also provided 42 Secret Santa gifts to Tri-Valley seniors and donated several bins filled with toys to Toys for Tots. Shown (from left) are Castlettes Nicole Murray, Kala Swaminathan, Connie Cannella, Sue Anderson, Maureen Shevlin and Julie Blau, with Hope Hospice CEO Jennifer Hansen.



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## Theatre

**YOUNG & LITTLE PERFORMERS PRESENT: "SEUSSICAL KIDS"** At 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave., Young and Little Performers presents "Seussical KIDS". For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [firehousearts.org](http://firehousearts.org).

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**JAZZ AT INKLINGS WITH ERIK JEKABSON** From 7-9 p.m. on Feb. 8, jazz trumpeter Erik Jekabson will return to Inklings Event Room, 530 Main St. The drummer will be Jeff Marrs, Matt Finders will be on bass and James Hall will be on piano and vibraphone.

## Dance

**LIVERMORE SCHOOL OF DANCE JAZZ COMPANY** At 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, The Livermore School Of Dance Jazz Company presents "Come Fly With Me", a dance performance that takes you on a virtual trip around the world, through music and dance. A variety of dance styles will be performed, along with a diversified selection of music from the old classics to new contemporary songs of today. This is a family performance for all to enjoy. Tickets are available now at [lvpac.org](http://lvpac.org).

## Talks & Lectures

**ROBOTICS FAIR** At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26, The Livermore Public Library Civic Center, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, will host a free Student Robotics Fair. The event will begin in the Community Rooms, with a special presentation on remotely operated underwater vehicles (ROVs) by Dr. George Matsumoto from the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, and Jill Zande from the Marine Advanced Technology Education Center. They will demonstrate how ROVs are used to explore deep water habitats and more. From 2 to 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room, local students will showcase various robotics projects.

**ARCHAEOLOGIST TO DISCUSS HANNIBAL AT LIVERMORE LIBRARY** At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, Stanford University archaeologist Patrick Hunt will bring to life the story of Hannibal Barca, in a presentation entitled "Hannibal's Secret Weapon". For more information, see [hannibalpatrickhunt.com](http://hannibalpatrickhunt.com). Individual tickets are \$16 for students and vary from \$32 to \$40 for adults. Tickets are now available online at [raedoroughspeakerseries.org/](http://raedoroughspeakerseries.org/) tickets or may be purchased at the Bankhead Theater box office, from Tuesday through Saturday, from noon to 6 p.m., or by calling 373-6800.

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**LOVE IS THE ANSWER CONCERT** At 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin, the performing artists will be Clay Foor, Nancy Iskander, Rev. David Deerfeeder and Rev. Dinah Chapman. This is a love-offering fundraiser for Unity of Tri-Valley Church and their music program. Call 829-2733 or visit [unityoftrivalley.org](http://unityoftrivalley.org) for more information.

## Family

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**DR. WENDY MOGEL TO SPEAK IN PLEASANTON** The City of Pleasanton will host the Community Education Series, 3rd Annual Parenting Forum from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on

Saturday, Feb. 9, at Harvest Park Middle School, 4900 Valley Ave. Dr. Mogel unravels the paradox of well-intentioned, devoted parenting gone astray. Learn how to adopt a kinder, firmer, and ultimately more effective approach to the stress of daily family life. This is a free event, but registration is preferred at [pleasantonfun.com](http://pleasantonfun.com), Course # 12411. For more information, email [amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov](mailto:amcgovern@cityofpleasantonca.gov) or call 931-5359.

## Support Groups

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**NAMI TRI-VALLEY CONNECTION SUPPORT GROUP** From 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Tri-Valley Connection Support Group meets for education and support for those experiencing a mental illness. Visit [nami-trivalley.org](http://nami-trivalley.org), or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, at (714) 296-3444.

## Government Meetings

**PUSD BOARD MEETING** The PUSD Board of Trustees meeting will be held beginning at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29, in the District Office Board Room at 4665 Bernal Ave. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend.

## Business

**DEVINE SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP ON WEB DESIGN** There will be a new, free program from 4 to 5 p.m.

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on Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6 and June 3 at the Pleasanton Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave., designed to help small business owners learn about web design and digital marketing to help grow their business. We'll be focusing on using basic technology to gain a more well rounded understanding of marketing your business using the internet. We are limited to just 20 spots at the moment so please RSVP at [devinesolutionsgroup.com](http://devinesolutionsgroup.com) and we'll lock in your registration.

## Religion & Spirituality

**JEWISH APPROACH TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO BE STUDIED AT CHABAD** "Crime and Consequence" is a six-part series that will be offered beginning Feb. 5, at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 3370 Hopyard Road. The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI), the world's largest adult Jewish education network, is launching a course that

explores the Jewish approach to the challenging questions of crime, punishment and justice. To register, visit [JewishTriValley.com](http://JewishTriValley.com).

## Home & Garden

**TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY HARVEST** From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jan. 26, at 5800 Parkside Drive, Lot 2, we will meet up to harvest fresh backyard fruit for donation to local soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and the food bank. Typical harvests take about 3 hours and travel no more than 25 miles from the starting location. We will have all the necessary equipment with us. Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothing appropriate for the expected weather conditions of the day. You must register ahead of time to participate. You can register and learn more about The Urban Farmers at [theurbanfarmers.org](http://theurbanfarmers.org).

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## Home buying and selling will change during 2019

Buyers may have more time to shop; sellers may need to be more patient

By **DAVID STARK**

Following years of stable market conditions, changes are coming for home buyers and sellers.

Historically high sales prices typically attract the most attention in stories about real estate. Meanwhile, in Pleasanton, the number of homes for sale and the actual number of homes sold gets less notice because, during the last five years, those amounts haven't changed much.



Even with astronomical sales prices, many current Pleasanton homeowners have not put their homes on the market. And most of the new residential construction in Pleasanton has been either apartments, condominiums or townhomes. These factors contributed to the limited, but stable, supply of single-family detached homes.

Meanwhile, job growth throughout the Bay Area coupled with low mortgage interest rates has kept demand for home ownership high. This demand showed up in the median sales price for single-family

homes in Pleasanton during 2018 topping more than \$1.2 million. Even at these prices, home sales have remained steady during the last five years.

Questions about the sustainability of these conditions were answered in surprising ways during 2018. During the second half of the year, prices did drop on a month-to-month basis from a high of \$1.32 million during May to \$1.24 million during September. However, the 2018 median of \$1.2 million represented a 10% increase from the 2017 median sales price.

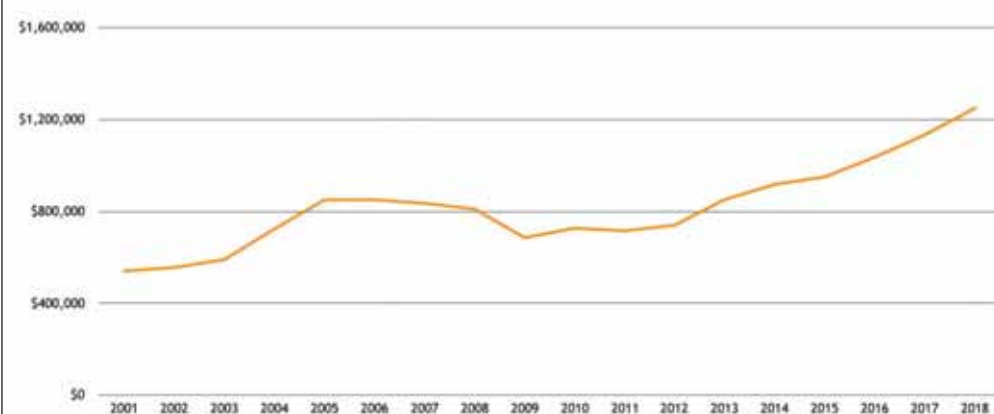
"If you're looking in Pleasanton and if you're a savvy buyer, you're going to be starting in the three-quarter of a million-dollar range and that's going to be a bargain for Pleasanton," said Nancie Allen, 2019 president of the Bay East Association of Realtors.

Homeowners responded to these record-breaking prices by putting more homes on the market. Inventory increased from 774 homes for sale during 2017 to 873 in 2018.

"We're definitely seeing an increase in inventory and homes are staying on

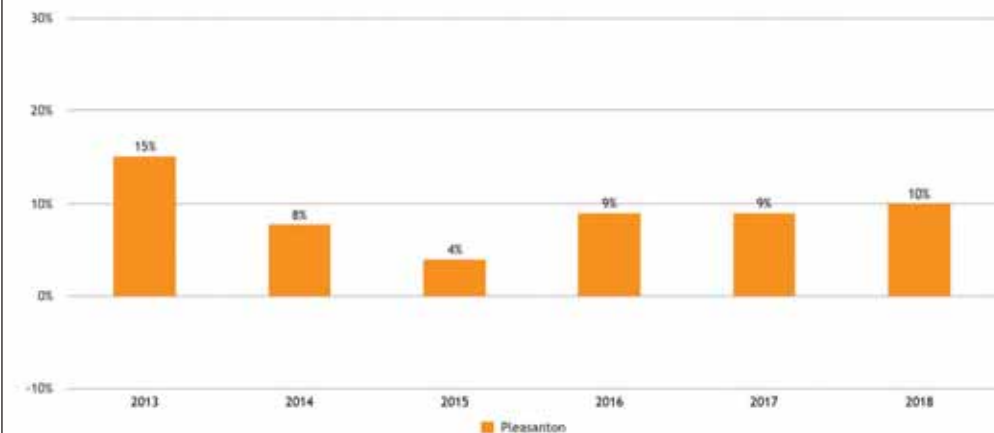
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**Pleasanton Median Sales Prices – 2001 to 2018**



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**Sales Price Percentage Change – Pleasanton**



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# Weeding out the bad

Rainy winter days are perfect for ousting plants you don't want

By ELIZABETH LORENZ

The good news is that in winter, your yard tends to look greener from far away, even if up close that low-growing green carpet is really a patch of weed sprouts.

The bad news, according to master gardener Rebecca Schoenenberger, is if you don't deal with those weeds now, you will see the 3-foot feisty deep-rooted version in your lawn in spring.

Schoenenberger, who also owns landscape design company California Nativescapes, teaches a workshop on weeds and weeding through the UC Extension's master gardener program.

That green mist in your yard, she said, is actually sending you some warnings: Controlling us is an ongoing gardening activity (pencil us in on your calendar); a single weed produces 223,200 to 250,000 seeds per plant each season; we have uneven germination of our seeds. In other words, not all seeds will germinate when conditions are favorable (some will remain dormant until the next season).

Schoenenberger teaches her students to slowly ratchet up their battle plans as the need progresses. Stop the seed cycle by pulling or removing weeds as soon as possible. Don't move weeds around from unknown places. Plant beneficial plants densely to suppress weeds. Use mulch on blank spots to prevent weed growth.

Every garden is different and so are gardeners. Some swear by one thing and

others another.

"I find weed cloth can be more effective in rock or cactus gardens, where you don't necessarily care about building up healthy soil," she said. She generally warns against using the black or gray fabric in a traditional garden because the sun still shines through it.

With a lawn, she said, "It kind of depends on what's coming up." Annual grasses in a lawn will just die off. Most lawns usually come in a blend of fescue and rye (90-10), she said. "What often happens, most people let everything grow, and the landscapers mow it down."

One approach to killing weeds if you have a larger area to work with, she said, is "sheet mulching," which can be done any time of year, but right now is the easiest time to see the weeds because they are green and small.

She recommends taking something solid, like cardboard, newspaper, clothing, or even "a bunch of junky T-shirts," and laying them out over the patch of weeds, overlapping the material a bit on each edge.

If you can get cardboard rolls, they are the easiest to lay out, she said. The solid material will prevent photosynthesis. Put about 2 inches of mulch on top of the cardboard.

Why should you remove weeds? Mainly because they will compete with your more valued plants for nutrients, water and space, she said.

"Weeding now is best because the ground is super soft," Schoenenberger said, boasting



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Crabgrass

that just that day, she pulled out a huge dandelion by hand.

"Think of weeding as therapy," she said, and take out your aggressions on the weeds. "It's actually really rewarding to see the difference after. Take a before and after picture to make yourself feel better and see what a good job you did."

If she needs a tool to pull weeds, she uses a "hori hori," also known as a soil knife, to do the job.

She agrees that sometimes one person's weed is another's native plant. She cites an old book called "Weeds of the West," which is actually full of what today's gardeners would call beneficial native plants.

If you consider fungi, such as mushrooms, to be weeds, Schoenenberger said to pick

them as soon as you see them and as fresh as possible before they have a chance to drop spores, especially if you have pets. But if you don't mind leaving them, mushrooms do serve as your garden's "decomposers," eating old tree stumps and roots.

The critical thing, she said, is catching weeds as they start to grow. As the days start warming, it's important to take out particularly aggressive weeds like foxtails (also called foxtail barley) early to stop the weed-to-seed cycle.

While Schoenenberger, the master gardener program, and UC's Integrated Pest Management program all advocate for gradual levels of removal, she said in some cases, a pre-emergent spray (which prevents weeds from growing) or a post-emergent one may be called for. She cautions gardeners to read chemical labels very carefully, cover skin and wear respiratory protection. All of the chemicals sold in nurseries, she points out, are "legally safe."

If you can clear out the seeds, or even go ahead and "whack" tall weeds down with a tool, those should be done first.

Once that's done, the easiest thing is to add a good layer of mulch. Mulch can be anything from bags from a nursery to tree chippings. Some local garbage companies also make chips from old wood pallets and other wood products and offer them as mulch. ■

*Editor's note: Elizabeth Lorenz is the Home and Real Estate editor at the Palo Alto Weekly.*

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## SALES AT A GLANCE

### Pleasanton (Dec. 10-21)

**Total sales reported:** 24  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$525,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,150,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$1,230,000

### Dublin (Dec. 10-21)

**Total sales reported:** 18  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$640,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,100,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$859,888

### Livermore (Dec. 10-21)

**Total sales reported:** 46  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$200,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$1,965,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$773,695

### San Ramon (Dec. 10-21)

**Total sales reported:** 29  
**Lowest sale reported:** \$380,000  
**Highest sale reported:** \$2,100,000  
**Average sales reported:** \$895,644

Source: California REsource

## HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 10-21.

### Pleasanton

- 3118 Ascot Court** J. & R. Groza to J. & S. Padture for \$1,150,000
- 1022 Deer Creek Court** King Family Trust to A. & L. Reddy for \$1,749,000
- 2245 Doccia Court** D. & J. Costa to S. & T. Xu for \$1,725,000
- 3229 Flemington Court** E. & T. Sleek to K. & B. Patel for \$1,135,000
- 7402 Foothill Road** A. Batute to F. Ruzich for \$2,150,000
- 3737 Marlboro Way** A. Afra to M. Wentzel for \$525,000
- 900 Sunset Creek Lane** D. & J. Mirr to M. & S. Lee for \$1,968,000
- 3969 Alma Court** R. & M. Babcock to Y. Zhang for \$938,000
- 219 Birch Creek Drive** Palmer Cheryl A Living Trust to A. & V. Chaphekar for \$825,000.00
- 2274 Camino Brazos** Perko Robert Trust to A. & T. Dutta for \$1,130,000
- 6195 Corte Altamira** K. & P. Dejoy to A. & N. Ybarrolaza for \$1,064,000
- 12 Deer Oaks Drive** A. & H. Green to M. & N. Biuckaghari for \$1,600,000
- 4954 Forest Hill Drive** Kaufman Sally R Trust to Sea Paim LLC for \$1,050,000

- 4117 Graham Street** Greville R V & F 2003 Trust to Alberts Lon & Debra Family Trust for \$932,500
- 495 Junipero Street** Alvernaz Partners to P. & M. Devalapalli for \$1,165,000
- 7950 Kemper Court** Hansen J T Separate Pr Trust to Bx Trust for \$1,350,000
- 3822 West Las Positas Boulevard** J. Foust to A. & L. Avigad for \$1,027,000
- 3233 Monmouth Court** R. Lynch to J. & J. Shi for \$900,000
- 7961 Paragon Circle** Mccants 1998 Family Trust to A. & A. Vinnakota for \$2,040,000
- 4879 Pipit Court** D. Brugge to Huen J J & T S Joint Living Trust for \$940,000
- 3735 Reflections Drive** Golden E C & L C Trust to L. & Y. Sun for \$968,000
- 229 Tomas Way** Byrd Kaaren L 1988 Trust to V. & H. Karanam for \$910,000
- 6518 Via San Blas** J. Allen to H. & C. Lee for \$1,120,000
- 3920 Vineyard Avenue** Williams G & T Living Trust to C. & M. Barukzai for \$805,000

### Dublin

- 3322 Araldi Lane** R. Talamudupula to R. & R. Shang for \$921,000
- 2378 Carbondale Way** Brookfield Wilshire LLC to T. & J. Ryan for \$884,000
- 3319 Central Parkway** L. & A. Effandi to Y. & W. Yan for \$905,000
- 3271 Giovanni Way** L. & G. Woo to X. Su for \$1,100,000
- 3240 Maguire Way #204** D. Ramos to C. Tran for \$249,000
- 3378 Monaghan Street** B. Ward to M. & A. Balmes for \$685,000
- 8327 Mulberry Place** Moxley T & K 2015 Living Trust to T. & V. Amirthasanjeevi for \$770,000
- 7541 Oxford Circle #126** S. Alves to F. & A. Murari for \$685,000
- 8142 Peppertree Road** O. Manea to S. & V. Lanke for \$974,000
- 11479 Silvergate Drive** T. & S. Kenney to E. & I. Taranov for \$975,000

- 7461 Starward Drive** L. Camara to W. & Y. Wu for \$880,000
- 4098 Barnsley Place** Kerr to R. & R. Gujja for \$970,000
- 3413 Bramante Lane** J. Zhou to T. Madappa for \$910,000
- 6848 Brighton Drive** B. & J. Key to F. Saeyang for \$822,000
- 5501 De Marcus Boulevard #217** Okong LLC to Mcevilly Susan N Living Trust for \$710,000.00
- 3465 Dublin Boulevard #420** C. & L. Hao to S. & D. Amiri for \$640,000
- 6638 Hemlock Street** Cornerstone Cap Invs LLC to R. & A. Gill for \$975,000
- 7425 Rolling Hills Circle** Sharp Paul Living Trust to K. & N. Lim for \$689,000.00
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### Livermore

- 307 Basswood Common** H. Shea to J. & S. Lew for \$927,000
- 4767 Bel Roma Road** Rekart D A & L M Trust to N. & G. Howe for \$1,965,000.00
- 1030 Bluebell Drive** Marsh Mary J 1987 Trust to S. & C. Roche for \$605,000
- 2474 Broadmoor Street** V. De to B. Cox for \$665,000
- 364 Clarke Avenue** N. & R. Marcotte to N. Marcotte for \$200,000
- 432 Curlew Road** N. Gibson to R. & E. Kempanowski for \$675,000
- 945 Dana Circle** L. Mclemore to R. & J. Hess for \$980,000
- 675 Enos Way** M. & B. Spring to V. & I. Olson for \$760,000
- 644 Heligan Lane #3** Glauser Hank Trust to P. & P. Patel for \$800,000
- 6985 Hillstone Court** P. & K. Carroll to M. & D. Noble-Tolla for \$1,220,000
- 427 North K Street** J. Stevenson to C. & R. Wevill for \$675,000
- 2585 Kelly Street** A. Frock to K. & J. Worley for \$690,000
- 2046 Lawson Circle** Shiu Jane 2012 Trust to R. Mau for \$1,260,000
- 1083 South Livermore Avenue** D. Amaral to V. & L. Ferguson for \$594,000
- 1066 Madison Avenue** Selden Tania H 2003 Trust to B. & T. Zanetti for \$675,000
- 2680 Marina Avenue** Parks Sharon L Trust to Dutra Family Living Trust for \$1,750,000
- 1085 Murrieta Boulevard #120** Tarasula 2016 Family Trust to A. Mirabadi for \$390,000
- 264 Nimbus Common** A. Lui to V. & H. Gonzalez for \$750,000
- 4242 Oleander Street** Shannon K N & C A 2005 Trust to T. & E. Sleek for \$720,000
- 1131 Sapphire Drive** Mendez Family Trust Living Trust to D. & E. Salminen for \$775,000
- 1899 Smoke Bellew Road** M. & F. Lourenco to K. & P. Ramachandran for \$1,350,000
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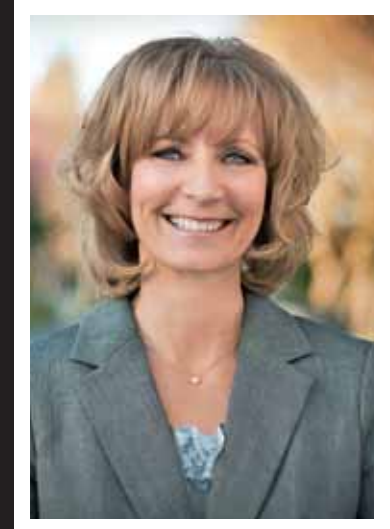


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The Request for Repair is a form where buyers may request the seller complete repairs on the subject property. This usually occurs after the buyer has completed their inspections and investigations. The contract allows the buyer to submit a request for repair to the seller that details the repairs they feel should be completed by the seller as condition of closing escrow.

What can the buyer request? A buyer can request any repairs they deem reasonable, or unreasonable for that matter. They can request any repairs they want. The good news for the seller is they do not have to agree to any of them. It is an "as is" contract (except for a couple of items, the smoke detectors, carbon monoxide, water heater strapping, and sometimes a gas shut off valve). But otherwise, seller is not obligated to do any repairs. So, the buyer has the right to ask. And the seller has the right to say no. So, it is typically a negotiation. And it depends on the market conditions, the price, and the motivations involved as to how it gets resolved.

Often buyers will want to request everything, and present a 35 or 40 point list of items they would like the seller to repair. However, this is not always the best strategy. It tends to upset most sellers, as you can imagine. So generally what I recommend with buyers is to pick the most important items. If you are ...

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## MARKET

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the market longer,” Allen said. “For buyers, you’re going to see more options available to you and less competition for those options.”

Buyers may have more time to shop, and sellers may need to be more patient during 2019. A home was on the market during the last half of 2018 an average of 32 days compared with 30 days during the same period in 2017.

“For sellers in Pleasanton, even though it’s such a desirable city to live in, we’re seeing much longer average days on market,” Allen said. “Longer days on market mean a healthier, stable market for buyers and sellers.”

Asked about the impact new home construction is having on the Pleasanton real

estate market, Allen said, “People do love new construction, but Pleasanton is the kind of town where the new construction is going to draw certain buyers, but the tried-and-true older homes in Pleasanton are still going to be a huge draw. You’re going to see two different kinds of buyers — the kind that like the new and the kind that still love older homes.”

While the Tri-Valley and Pleasanton continue to change, Allen said home ownership remains desirable: “Buyers love the small-town feel of a place that has a ton of businesses, easy transportation with BART in and out, and a good school system. And that’s why people love Pleasanton.” ■

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

## SALES

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- 187 Topaz Way** R. Long to A. Hill for \$630,000
- 1625 Vetta Drive** Lee 1994 Trust Of to K. & P. Carlino for \$1,275,000
- 1636 Whipoorwill Street** Jackson S & L Living Trust to S. & T. Chinnappa for \$930,000
- 122 Wildrose Common #1** Gomez Teresa G 2018 Trust to Y. & B. Lew for \$535,000
- 1579 5th Street** M. Maisel to Colzani Family Trust for \$719,000
- 5414 Arrowhead Court** J. & L. Luttrell to M. & M. Garcia for \$900,000
- 1633 Broadmoor Court** W. Mclean to E. & M. Vangent for \$730,000
- 3276 Caldeira Drive** C. Zeigler to Kirby-Cahill Living Trust for \$1,300,000
- 1745 Darwin Avenue** Ham 2001 Trust to M. & G. Morales for \$810,000

- 791 El Rancho Drive** F. & M. Ortiz to M. & A. Ceballos for \$530,000
- 1951 Elm Street** T. Marti to A. & B. Casses for \$655,000
- 1011 Geneva Street** S. & R. Vavak to W. & T. Uhrinak for \$1,158,500
- 1907 Mars Road** P. & J. Cox to Sri & Surya Living Trust for \$950,000
- 755 North N Street** Coizani Family Trust to B. & C. McCallum for \$665,000
- 2677 Pillsbury Court** Orson Family Trust to J. & S. Copeman for \$1,230,000
- 5922 Running Hills Avenue** S. & B. Streets to A. & C. Gonzalez for \$635,000
- 1204 Saint Mary Drive** S. Schwarz to Jacoli Investments LLC for \$673,000
- 2744 Silverado Court** A. & A. Eddy to A. & T. Eaton for \$1,400,000

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- 469 Yelland Way** **\$823,000**  
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### Castro Valley

- 3 BEDROOMS**
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- 22377 North 4th Street** **\$679,000**  
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- 5503 Apex Drive** **\$859,000**  
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### Livermore

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- 1341 Rincon Ave.** **\$869,000**  
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- 1393 Spring Valley Common** **\$449,500**  
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**John Manos and Jennifer Pringle**

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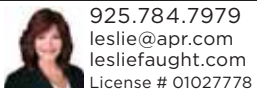
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