

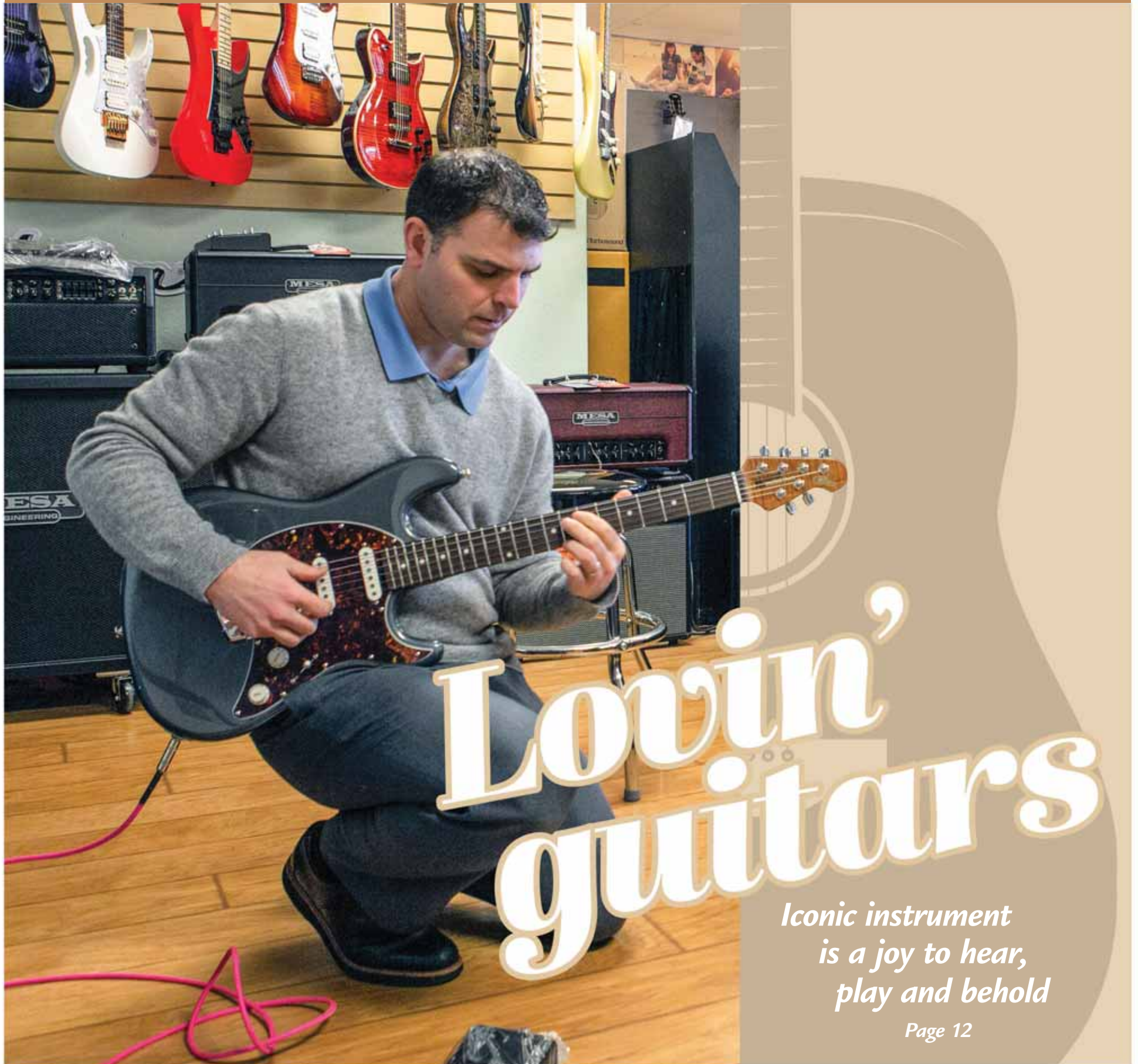
Pleasanton Weekly

Camp Connection

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

VOL. XX, NUMBER 4 • FEBRUARY 15, 2019

WWW.PLEASANTONWEEKLY.COM



Lovin' guitars

*Iconic instrument
is a joy to hear,
play and behold*

Page 12

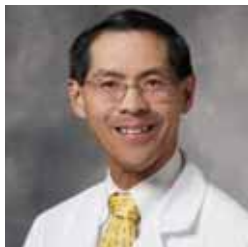
- 5 | **NEWS** Findings released in PUSD transcript probe
- 10 | **PULSE** Bank robbers escape after shooting at police
- 11 | **OPINION** Mayor reflects on advocacy trip to D.C.

Hybrid ablation and the minimally invasive Cox Maze procedures revolutionize the way we treat Atrial Fibrillation

Atrial fibrillation (AFib) is the most common irregular heart rhythm, affecting over two million Americans each year. Without detection and treatment, atrial fibrillation can cause stroke and heart failure.

Stanford Medicine experts are pioneering new treatments for AFib, through medications and groundbreaking new therapies like the hybrid ablation or the minimally invasive Cox Maze procedure. Join us for this free community talk to learn more about AFib's signs, symptoms, and all of the latest advances in treatment.

SPEAKERS



Paul J. Wang, MD

*Director, Stanford Arrhythmia Service
Co-Director, Stanford Center for
Arrhythmia Research Professor of
Medicine (Cardiovascular Medicine) and
Bioengineering (by courtesy), Stanford
University School of Medicine*



Anson M. Lee, MD

*Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic
Surgery (Adult Cardiac Surgery),
Stanford University School of Medicine*

FREE COMMUNITY TALK

February 23, 2019

9:30am – 11:30am

**Fremont Marriott
Silicon Valley**

46100 Landing Parkway
Fremont, CA 94538

This event is free and open to the public, though seating is limited. If you plan to attend, please register at stanfordhealthcare.org/events or by calling **650.736.6555**.



Stanford
HEALTH CARE

TIM TALK



By TIM HUNT

Being prepared saves a life



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Pleasanton Middle School assistant principal Mike O'Brien and student Landon Comerford.

Team members at Pleasanton Middle School were reminded of the importance of being trained and prepared for life-or-death situations.

During a lunch break in December, sixth-grader Landon Comerford was playing around with his empty water bottle and had it in his mouth. He gave it a big squeeze and the bottle cap flew off and lodged deep in his throat. He was choking.

Fortunately, his friends ran immediately to the nearby office, telling the secretary, Cheryl Ways, what had happened. That sent assistant principal Mike O'Brien and health clerk Paige Austin-Camastro sprinting out the door to treat Landon, who was walking toward the office.

Mike described the boy as "ashen" in his face. Paige ran behind Landon and squeezed with the Heimlich maneuver. The cap remained lodged so she and Mike switched places and Mike applied two powerful squeezes that dislodged the cap into Landon's mouth where the nurse could remove it.

While they were tending to Landon, Cheryl called 9-1-1 to summon the firefighters. Once Landon's throat was clear, everyone worked to calm him down, his mother came to the school and Mike said he and the office staff went about their business the rest of the day.

It wasn't until the next morning when they all compared notes that they realized they had not slept well and the enormity of what could have happened settled in.

"It was over in about 30 seconds, but it was the longest 30 seconds," Mike said when we visited about it.

For Mike, who said he compartmentalizes school away from his family life, he received a reminder at dinner that evening when his daughter, Morgan, started to choke on a piece of chicken. Fortunately,

she was able to cough it out. After that incident, he shared what had happened that day.

At school, they have been warning students about chewing on empty water bottles and this served as a timely reminder.

Mike also said that the incident has sparked a renewed commitment for the staff to be well-trained in CPR and the Heimlich maneuver and up-to-date on first aid training.

"It made us realize that we need to stay on it, set aside days to teach our staff including trauma pressure points," he said, adding that reviews of tragic school shootings have shown that some victims survive the initial shooting, but then die from loss of blood because nobody treating them by applying pressure to their wounds.

"Reality in this day and age, we need to train teachers to be sure that our kids and our schools are safe," Mike said.

Personally, he has used the maneuver four times to save choking people. He has a bottle cap on his key chain to "remind him how precious life is." He said "live life to the fullest because the slightest little thing can change everything."

The message also was not lost on Landon's parent, Kevin Comerford, the founder of Service Champions (you may have seen him on TV ads for his company). Kevin personally stopped by Pleasanton Middle School to thank Mike and others who had saved 11-year-old Landon. He calls the vice principal's actions "heroic."

He then decided that his entire team at Service Champions needed to be trained in CPR and the Heimlich maneuver.

"I took that experience with my son and made the decision to offer training to everybody in my company," Kevin said. "It's a life-shaking experience to see someone choking and not be able to help them."

"If you're choking, don't look to hide — look for help," he said. "And hope someone knows the abdominal-thrust technique."

"Things happen where somebody will start choking and walk away from the table because they're embarrassed, and the next thing you know they've collapsed and are found dead around the corner," added Kevin, who speaks from experience, having been involved with using the abdominal thrust five times. ■

About the Cover

John Kibildis, owner of JAMS Music in Dublin, notes that the guitar expresses feelings and emotions, and is relaxing to play. Photo by Mike Sedlak. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu. Vol. XX, Number 4

NEW LISTING - OPEN SAT & SUN 1 - 4



1544 Oak Vista Way, Pleasanton
Beautiful 3 bedroom (plus loft), 2.5 bathroom, 2,780 sq ft home featuring a separate 767 sq ft in-law unit! Excellent location overlooking the Bernal Community Park.

Coming Soon to Pleasanton:

4465 Clovewood Lane - Gorgeous and updated 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 1,810 sq ft home backing to Muirwood Park. Featuring 1 bedroom and full bathroom downstairs.



Gina Piper
925.200.0202



2011 - 2018

www.PleasantonRealEstate.com

Better Homes & Gardens Tri-Valley Realty / BRE#: 01201349

More top-rate pediatricians
than you can shake a rattle at.



Stanford pediatricians, now in your neighborhood
at Bayside Medical Group



Access to Excellence.



genpeds.stanfordchildrens.org

In terms of smartphones, do you prefer the iPhone or an Android?



Jared Bloom
College student

I have, and prefer, the iPhone. I think it's just a better product all the way around, and it certainly looks better. It's also easier to charge, it's more user-friendly, and less likely to break due to wear and tear.



Rae Verona
Administrative assistant

I prefer Androids. Right now I have a Samsung. It does everything I need it to do, and at a fraction of the price of an iPhone. Maybe someday I'll graduate up to an iPhone, but at least for now, I'm good.



Andrea Turriciani
Engineer

I like the iPhones because they update their operating system more often and also always get the best apps first. With the Androids, you always have to wait for stuff. And I like instant gratification.



Grace DiMarino
Optician

I love my iPhone. I'm big into gaming and the iPhone has so many more choices and options game-wise than the Androids. I mean, there's Reckless Racing, Dark Echo, Florence, Civilization VI. Oh, my god, I could go on all day.



Jordan Baez
Graduate student

I prefer the iPhone. It's much cooler to have, status-wise, than an Android. But the Android is what I can afford, and still have some money left over at the end of the month to save or spend on something else. And I guess my Android is good enough. At least that's what my parents tell me.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

Have a Streetwise question? Email editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

The Pleasanton Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840. Mailed at Periodicals Postage Rate, USPS 020407. The Weekly is mailed upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. Print subscriptions for businesses or residents of other communities are \$60 per year or \$100 for two years. Go to PleasantonWeekly.com to sign up and for more information. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566. ©2019 by Embarcadero Media. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.



**Helpful addition
to any playbook:
Making a game
plan for sports
injuries.**

ATTEND A FREE INFORMATION SEMINAR

“Updates and Innovations in the Treatment of Sports Injuries”
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 6:00 PM

San Ramon Regional Medical Center
Blackhawk Conference Room
6001 Norris Canyon Rd.
San Ramon, CA 94583

To register - call (844) 712-8315 or
visit SanRamonMedCtr.com

A COMMUNITY BUILT ON **COLLABORATION**

One of our goals is keeping athletes healthy or getting them back in the game. Whether you're a weekend athlete or want to bring your whole team, Dr. Elrashidy's perspective on joint overuse and innovations in sports medicine may give you a competitive advantage over injuries. You'll also learn about our Sports Performance Institute with onsite personal trainers.



A COMMUNITY BUILT ON CARE

DIGEST

Bubbles & Bacon

The Pleasanton Downtown Association is hosting its inaugural Bubbles & Bacon event on and around Main Street next weekend.

The event will feature bacon-inspired food paired with a sparkling adult beverage at 15 downtown shops and restaurants. Tickets will include the tastings and commemorative champagne flute.

Set to occur rain or shine, Bubbles & Bacon will run from 4-7 p.m. next Saturday (Feb. 23). Tickets cost \$45 and are available for purchase on the PDA website, www.pleasantondowntown.net. If not sold out, remaining tickets will be offered for \$50 cash on event day at the check-in point, the Museum on Main.

Bubbles & Bacon ticket proceeds will benefit the PDA, a nonprofit focused on promoting the economic vitality and hometown character of downtown Pleasanton.

Count those birds

East Bay birding enthusiasts are joining peers worldwide this holiday weekend in participating in the annual Great Backyard Bird Count.

The program calls on people to count the birds they see for 15 minutes on one or more days of the project, and then enter their checklists at birdcount.org. Its an annual effort by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society in partnership with Bird Studies Canada.

Shadow Cliffs Regional Recreation Area in Pleasanton is one of two East Bay Parks sites taking part in this year's count. Naturalist Ashley Adams will coordinate the Shadow Cliffs bird count from 9-11 a.m. this Sunday (Feb. 17).

Another count will be coordinated from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley, with naturalist Cat Taylor.

Swalwell named chair

Local U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) has been elevated to a new leadership position, being named chair of the Intelligence Modernization and Readiness Subcommittee.

The subcommittee oversees overall management of the intelligence community, including policies and programs focused on making sure that all 17 U.S. intelligence agencies have the workforce, infrastructure and services they need. Key focus areas include personnel management, security clearance reform and information technology modernization.

Swalwell, 38, is serving his fourth term representing California's 15th Congressional District, which includes Pleasanton. In addition to serving on the House's Intelligence and Judiciary committees, Swalwell also sits as co-chair of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. ■

PUSD transcripts: Investigator finds two improper alterations, no systemic problem

Superintendent confident in integrity of district's records despite 'isolated' incidents

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Unified School District had two incidents of administrators improperly removing a course from a high school student transcript — one inadvertent, one intentional, but both impermissible, according to the findings from the law firm investigating the integrity of district transcripts.

The memorandum, released to the Weekly last Friday, stated the two situations were isolated and did not indicate systemic problems with the district's management of student transcripts.

"After interviewing the aforementioned individuals and reviewing the written documents, I have concluded that the alleged improper removal of/changes to information from transcripts and records is not a systemic practice in the district," Melissa Phung, from the firm Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, wrote in her summary of findings.

"In the course of the investigation, I could only validate two incidents of improper removals of courses from a high school transcript. In these isolated cases, the administrators involved had authorized the changes to the student transcripts

and directed subordinates to remove the information from (PUSD's student information management system)," Phung said.

In each situation, the district restored the course back to the student's transcript immediately upon learning of the improper removal, according to Phung, whose three-page memorandum also urged the district to review its policies and procedures regarding transcripts as well as counsel the involved administrators on the correct protocol.

Employees involved were not identified in the memo, and it is unclear whether any administrators

were disciplined in the case.

Superintendent David Haglund said he is confident that the investigator's report confirms no systemic problems with the integrity of PUSD transcripts.

"Absolutely," Haglund told the Weekly during an interview Friday afternoon.

"They did identify two instances of where student records had been altered, so that's the first big issue," Haglund said. "Both of those incidences have been corrected, so that's not an ongoing issue. They were

See **TRANSCRIPTS** on Page 9



COURTESY OF PUSD

Students from Amador Valley High School are headed to the We the People national finals on April 26-29. They'll be joined in Washington, D.C. by their cross-town rivals from Foothill High, who also booked a spot in nationals after finishing second at the state competition.

We the People success

Amador, Foothill to face off again at nationals

By JULIA BAUM

An old-fashioned Pleasanton rivalry will play out on a national stage when students from Amador Valley and Foothill high schools head to Washington, D.C. in April for the We the People national finals.

The long-running civics competition pits students' knowledge of the U.S. Constitution and American government against each other in mock congressional hearings, testing their critical-thinking skills during the process as well.

Both schools finished strong at the state competition on Feb.

2 in Sacramento, where Amador won and Foothill placed second. The victory automatically qualified Amador for nationals while second-place Foothill was selected as the wild-card team to advance to D.C.

"This year's Amador team worked so hard and so well together — I am glad that they will have the opportunity to compete at a national level. Their performance this weekend was excellent," Stacey Sklar, Amador's competitive civics coach, said in a statement.

The neck and neck finish mirrored last year's state competition,

when Amador won and Foothill earned a wild-card entry into nationals — the first time both Pleasanton teams qualified for D.C. in the same year. At nationals last year, Foothill finished in second place and Amador took fourth among 52 teams and more than 1,100 students.

This will be Amador's 17th time going to nationals, and the third consecutive trip for Foothill.

Speaking on behalf of himself and the Board of Trustees, Pleasanton Unified School District Superintendent David Haglund

See **WE THE PEOPLE** on Page 8

Community Service Award winners

Chamber's 56th annual ceremony set for next month at Firehouse

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has announced the recipients of its 2019 Community Service Awards ahead of the award ceremony taking place next month at the Firehouse Arts Center.

The awards serve to honor "deserving individuals, groups and businesses who have demonstrated excellence and community leadership in business, volunteer activities and achievement within the Pleasanton community," according to chamber officials.

This year's winners will receive their awards during a presentation at the downtown Pleasanton theater on March 25. That night, the chamber will also hand out its inaugural Chevron Fuel Your School Teacher Award — the recipient of which has not been revealed.

The 56th annual Community Services Awards are going to the following recipients:

- **Business Philanthropy: Black Tie Transportation and Omni Fight Club.** "For businesses that have provided philanthropic service beyond the scope of normal business activity."

- **Excellence in Business: Ogden Costa Creative Group.** "For

See **WINNERS** on Page 8

Board reviews highs and lows of math placement numbers

Ninth-graders improve the most, sophomores' passage rates dip for algebra 1

By JULIA BAUM

The numbers are in from Pleasanton Unified School District's ninth-grade math placement program and are mostly satisfactory, but results do show some areas for improvement.

The school board pored over the findings during their Tuesday night meeting, where an annual report and update were presented by district staff. A related update on the secondary level mathematics cohort for teachers and administrators was also given that evening, including a two-minute video featuring classroom interviews with district faculty about their experiences with the cohort.

The objective of the math placement program is to "establish a fair, objective and transparent protocol that serves students entering grades 6-12", and ensure students are placed in the appropriate math classes.

Ninth-graders improved the most last year at passing algebra 1 on their first attempt, compared to all students from grades seven to 12, according to the district program report. Freshman students experienced an 8% increase at successfully completing the course compared to other grade levels. Overall, more students are enrolled in honors mathematics courses this year than last and most went on to either geometry or algebra 2 after passing algebra 1.

All grades increased in passage rates to 91% for the 2017-18 school

year, up 4% from the 87% threshold in 2016-17. Intervention specialists, tutoring support and summer school blended math learning classes were cited as helping factors in schools' success.

But 10th-graders had a 32% decrease in passing algebra 1, which became a focal point of discussion among trustees. African-American, Hispanic and American-Indian students experienced the greatest disproportionality of passage rates compared to Asian, Filipino and white students as well, along with students identified as English learners, disabled or socioeconomically disadvantaged.

Ken Rocha, director of secondary education, said "that's an area we want to dive deeper into" for figuring out solutions to serve those students. Trustee Jamie Yee Hintzke asked if there was also a correlation with students struggling to read or if any attempts were made to identify them among those who failed algebra.

"We're looking at multiple measures," Rocha said, including a "more systemic approach" to evaluating students' overall academic profiles to discern any need for early education intervention.

Trustee Steve Maher wondered whether classroom sizes played a part in the decreased passage numbers, which Rocha replied they are "in the range of 30" students in each.

"Maybe we can offer smaller class sizes," Maher said.

Odie Douglas, assistant superintendent of educational services, said those plans are already being tested.

"What we're experimenting with this semester is students ... have smaller class sizes" in courses they must retake, Douglas said.

District officials said they will continue conversations with teachers, counselors, administrators and parents about student math placement and academic performance. They also plan to push for more classroom time with intervention specialists in the 2019-20 school year and have teachers continue to pursue professional development.

In other business

- Trustees unanimously approved \$350,000 to buy new instructional materials for AP Macroeconomics, AP Psychology and AP U.S. History. The one-time cost covers hardbound textbooks and online access to digital curriculum until 2026.

- Board members mulled the potential purchase of new furniture

for classrooms at Lydiksen Elementary School, where a pilot furniture program was implemented this past summer, but did not to make a final decision Tuesday.

If approved, more furniture will be ordered throughout the district for all "newly opened elementary classrooms only." The fixtures would

be paid for by Measure II bond revenue and delivered just before the 2019-20 school year. Outfitting each classroom will cost \$16,500 to \$21,000.

Maier noted the school's older furniture in the report costs about a third of the new

pieces, while Hintzke questioned what type of material was used and whether it would hold up to a student stabbing one of the chairs with a pencil. The board will vote on the purchase at its Feb. 26 meeting.

- Pleasanton Middle School will receive a face lift this year after the board authorized a contract for \$653,213 to replace the aging HVAC system in eight buildings on campus. Most of the work will be paid for using \$553,733 of Measure II revenue, and deferred maintenance

funds will cover the rest.

- Trustees considered how to spend a \$456,462 grant from the California Department of Education. The one-time fund must be used by Nov. 1, 2021, and serve "pupils identified as low-performing on state English language arts or mathematics assessments."

"I assume we're adding services because we're not shifting the budget to this," Trustee Mark Miller said, adding that "we'd potentially see additional reading and intervention specialists" like those for the math placement program.

The board has until the end of the month to develop and submit a plan to the state for how the money will be used to improve the students' academic success.

- The formation of a Board Budget Subcommittee is one step closer to finalization; the group will have oversight of the district's budget, financial priorities and give policy guidance and make recommendations to the school board. The subcommittee will include trustees Miller and Joan Laursen, with Maher serving as an alternate. Administrators will draft committee bylaws and present them to the board for approval at its next meeting.

- Five of the six Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee members were unanimously approved to serve another two-year term. ■

Winning words will fly at upcoming spelling bee

Local students among competitors at Scripps regionals at Amador Theater

By JULIA BAUM

There's plenty of buzz swirling around the 2019 Scripps Bay Area Regional Spelling Bee competition on Sunday at the Amador Theater, the final hurdle before advancing to the national championship.

Three Pleasanton students — from Hart Middle, Pleasanton Middle and Stratford schools — are among the Bay Area's top spellers competing this weekend. Students from more than 230 schools throughout the region's 10 counties

duked it out with the dictionary and local peers before those now remaining made it to Sunday's last round of elimination.

Students officially start their journey on campus, where grade-level winners advance to their schoolwide bee before taking an online exam, but Scripps National Spelling Bee communications manager Valerie Miller said in an interview that the real groundwork is laid long before they reach the classroom.

"Kids who are involved and interested in spelling bees are more

likely to be early readers," Miller said. "The knowledge of words and understanding of vocabulary helps them moving forward" later in other areas of life as well, like public speaking and writing college applications and job resumes.

"Another intangible (benefit) is that idea of having a goal and being able to dedicate a lot of time and effort to achieving that," she added.

Some uncommon past winning words that national competitors have memorized include last year's "koinonia" (defined by Merriam-Webster, Scripps' official

competition dictionary, as an "intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a common religious commitment and spiritual community"), and "appoggiatura" in 2005 (a musical grace note).

Although the Bay Area has generated several of the country's best spellers so far, several whom are serving at this weekend's bee in official capacity, organizers struggled at first to find a sponsor for this year's regionals event.

Visit Tri-Valley recently stepped in with financial assistance and support, bringing the competition to Pleasanton.

"The Bay Area holds great interest in our spelling program and we wanted to ensure the tradition of a regional competition would continue," Miller said, thanking the organization for helping put on the Bee. "We see this as a temporary solution for this year and look forward to solidifying plans for a new regional sponsor."

The champion of the regional bee will win a paid trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee on May 27-30 in National Harbor, Md.

The Bay Area regional competition is on Sunday at the Amador Theater, 1155 Santa Rita Road. The free competition starts at 9 a.m. and is open to the public. ■

Pub show — with beer

The Choir of Man is bringing its unique singing dancing pub show to the Bankhead Theater at 3 p.m. this Sunday (Feb. 17), with pub tunes, folk music, Broadway songs, classic rock and contemporary hits, all while dancing, stomping — and pulling pints of Livermore craft beers for members of the audience. The Choir of Man, with a cast of world-class tap dancers, acrobats, singer, musicians and poets, has toured extensively in the U.K. and Australia, and the Tri-Valley is part of its inaugural North American Tour. Tickets range from \$20-\$125. Visit lvac.org; go to the Bankhead Theater box office, 2400 First St., Livermore; or call 373-6800.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



SCOTT HEIN/EBRPD

East Bay Parks is now the proud owner of a nearly 160-acre area of open space between Dublin and Livermore that serves to expand its Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve.

EBRPD buys 160 acres to expand Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve

Board eyes public access, habitat protection for property between Dublin and Livermore

By JEREMY WALSH

The Tri-Valley's Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve has nearly 160 acres of new publicly owned open space.

The East Bay Regional Park District has taken possession of the so-called "Grove property" between Dublin and Livermore after closing escrow on the nearly \$1.3 million acquisition paid for largely by district Measure WW open space bond funds.

"The purchase will serve to protect the upper reaches of Doolan Canyon for future recreational opportunities, habitat protection, and open space preservation," EBRPD Board President Ayn Wieskamp, whose district includes parts of the Tri-Valley, said in a statement last week. "The property will also protect and preserve forever the headwaters of Cottonwood Creek."

The Grove property is now placed in land-bank status until the district completes its land-use plan for the regional preserve, according to Dave Mason, EBRPD's public information supervisor.

"Park planning is expected to take many years and will require substantial environmental evaluation and community engagement," Mason told the Weekly. "However, acquiring the property is a giant step toward opening up Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve to public access."

The new property, located off Doolan Road about four miles north of Interstate 580, is adjacent to the district's existing Doolan Canyon Regional Preserve, directly to the north of it — and surrounded by privately owned agricultural parcels on the other sides.

EBRPD officials began negotiations with the Grove family last June before reaching agreement on a purchase price last fall. The EBRPD Board of Directors approved the acquisition Nov. 6 and the deal closed escrow later that month.

Acquisition costs totaled \$1.27 million, of which about \$1.23 million was allocated by the board in November from Measure WW — the \$500 million bond extension approved by

voters in 2008. There had been another \$32,300 previously appropriated for the project.

"The Grove family property is in the East Bay Regional Park District Master Plan and has been a longtime goal of the districts," EBRPD General Manager Robert Doyle said in a statement. "The district is pleased acquisition of the property has come to fruition."

Located between Tassajara and Collier Canyon roads and technically in far-southern Contra Costa County, the Grove property is part of land that helps provide habitat corridors for wildlife between Morgan Territory and Doolan Canyon regional preserves, including endangered species such as the Alameda whipsnake and red-legged frog according to EBRPD officials.

Acquiring the property will also help the district protect riparian and wetland habitats that support a variety of special status species, including rare alkali soil plant species, officials said. ■

City seeks residents for committee, commission seats

Applications due March 22; interviews with mayor to follow

Pleasanton city officials are looking for volunteers interested in serving the community on one of the city commissions and committees that oversee specific topic areas and make recommendations to the City Council.

Seats are available on seven groups, including positions on the Planning Commission (one seat), Human Services Commission (two regular seats and one youth seat), Housing Commission (two seats), Committee on

Energy and the Environment (two seats) and Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee (one seat).

The city is also recruiting for various positions on the Youth Commission as well as representatives from commercial real estate development, commercial real estate broker and financial services for the Economic Vitality Committee.

Terms vary for each of the commissions and committees, but they are typically four-year terms with

a two-term maximum. Applicants should look at the individual commission or committee for which they are applying to get specific details.

All applicants must live within the Pleasanton city limits.

Applications are due March 22 at 5 p.m. Mayor Jerry Thorne will interview candidates on March 27 and March 29. The mayor will make recommendations for all available posts, and his colleagues on the City Council will be asked to ratify Thorne's list, typically on the consent calendar.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 931-5027. Applications are available online on the city website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

A NON-ATTORNEY ALTERNATIVE

Competitive Rates,
Excellent Service

- Divorce
- Probate, Trust Admin.
- Living Trusts, Updates
- Deeds



By appointment at 925-577-4736 or www.atlasdp.com

Atlas Document Preparation Services

120 Spring Street, Suite L, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Charlotte R Hargrave LDA CP NP Registered Alameda County LDA #96
I am not an attorney. I can provide self-help service at your specific direction.

Missing your
trusted, reliable
Automotive
& Light truck
repair shop?



We at Ed's Automotive & Light Truck Repair Inc., the former employees of Scott's Automotive will provide the same level of expertise, honesty and customer service

Come in for any service and receive
10% off with this ad Expires 12/31/2019

- Engine Repair • Air Conditioning Services • Vehicle Inspections
- Transmission Repair • Vehicle Electrical Repair • Diesel Engine Repair
- Battery Services • Headlight & Taillight Services • Brake Services
- Muffler & Exhaust Services • Suspension Services • Oil Change

Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

Ed's Automotive & Light Truck Repair Inc.

26 California Ave., Ste E., Pleasanton
925.417.0223 • edsautorepairpleasanton.com



DRUG-FREE | SURGERY-FREE | PAIN RELIEF

LASER THERAPY RELIEVES
PAIN AND INFLAMMATION
ASSOCIATED WITH:

- SPRAINS & STRAINS
- LOW BACK PAIN
- SHOULDER & KNEE
- SPORTS INJURIES
- NECK PAIN
- DISC ISSUES
- SCIATICA
- TENDONITIS & TENDONOSIS
- FOOT & ANKLE CONDITIONS
- AND MUCH MORE!



CALL TODAY TO SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT

New Patient Special:
\$29/session

CHIROSportsUSA
CHIROPRACTIC • MASSAGE • FITNESS • NUTRITION

4439 Stoneridge Drive, Ste. 200
Pleasanton, CA 94588
925.462.BACK

www.ChiroSportsUSA.com

Sandia Livermore continues growing

Lab plans to add 200 new employees during 2019

By TIM HUNT

The welcome mat is out at Sandia National Laboratories' Livermore campus, where the lab is continuing a hiring binge.

Traci Ryan, one of the hiring managers at Sandia, said during an interview that Sandia has been in an expansion mode in Livermore throughout the 6-1/2 years she's worked there. The plans for 2019 call for adding 200 employees across all job categories, ranging from Ph.D. scientists and engineers to skilled technicians to site support services.

Traditionally, Sandia Livermore has employed about 1,000 people. It opened in 1956 to support the much-larger Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, which is located across East Avenue. Sandia, an engineering lab, is headquartered in Albuquerque, N.M. and is the largest of the national labs with 13,000 employees.

"We're hiring research and development post-docs in cybersecurity, computer science, electrical and mechanical engineering (for professionals)," Ryan said. "We're also hiring for site operations and technicians. The mission is the same — we've gotten orders to do a lot more work."

The lab needs lots of talented post-docs in the biosciences,

materials sciences, chemistry and chemical engineering, she said.

Given the red-hot Bay Area job market for technical talent, Ryan described how Sandia is working to recruit against the private sector and more prominent locations — both Livermore labs are located at the foot of the Altamont Pass, well removed from the heart of the Bay Area.

"We have some of the brightest minds in the country here. There's a mix of people working with purpose and attention to diversity and inclusion. Lots of people come to Sandia and spend their career here because there's an amount of security," she said. "It's about doing great work. People deep down are quite dedicated to the mission," she said.

Lawrence Livermore also reports being in a growth mode.

Lawrence has about 6,500 career employees with another 1,000 contract and post-docs working there. The growth centers on program needs in high-speed computing, additive manufacturing and national security, according to Lynda Seaver, public affairs director. The lab anticipates hiring between 570 and 690 employees annually through 2024 to cover attrition and the additional workload. ■

TAKE US ALONG



Hiking in Hawaii: Steve, Michelle, Toby and Ashley Glock hiked Na Ala Hele Hawaii Trail and Access System near Puako, Hawaii on the Big Island. They accessed the 7.7-mile trail from Waikoloa Resort at coastal level. Green sea turtles come to feed on algae and crawl out on the rocks to "bask" during daylight hours. This basking is a natural behavior unique to Hawaiian green turtles. Beach going, camping and fishing activities are also available along with the fantastic coastal views.

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

WE THE PEOPLE

Continued from Page 5

congratulated both teams on their "incredible efforts."

"I am incredibly proud of our young people, and their teachers and coaches, and wish them great success as they move on," Haglund said in a statement.

Students spend "thousands of hours preparing and rehearsing" for the nationals, according to district officials, and try out each year for the teams, which are open only to seniors. Being selected means undergoing an intense year-long program where team members are

placed in one of six units to take a deep dive into different constitutional topics, like the historical and theoretical roots of America's political system.

During competition, students are judged on their constitutional knowledge and understanding of American government, as well as their ability to support arguments with relevant facts and evidence. The simulated congressional hearings require team members to apply their proficiency to both historical and modern-day matters.

There might even be a chance to see the teams in action at some prep events leading up to the nationals.

"I hope people will have the

opportunity to come out sometime this spring to see these teams at their fundraisers and dress rehearsals," Sklar said. "They have such a depth of knowledge about the Constitution that it infuses one with hope for the future."

Teacher Jeremy Detamore, one of two instructors who helped lead Foothill's team to nationals again this year, said he is "extremely proud of this year's class."

"I look forward to the next phase of this journey," Detamore said in a statement. "I know they're going to make Pleasanton proud."

The We the People national finals will be held on April 26-29 in Washington, D.C. ■

WINNERS

Continued from Page 5

businesses that have made a positive impact in the Pleasanton community through their achievement within the scope of normal business activity."

• **Distinguished Individual Service: Joe Carlucci and Susan Hayes.** "For individuals who have contributed to Pleasanton through exceptional service to the community or philanthropic efforts." Carlucci is a longtime leader with the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation and Stanford-ValleyCare's auxiliary program. Hayes has been a non-profit supporter and community volunteer for many years, including now on the city's Human Services Commission.

• **Excellence in Service: Sunflower Hill.** "For organizations that have

contributed to Pleasanton." Sunflower Hill is a Tri-Valley organization focused on residential and vocational opportunities for local adults with special needs.

• **Green Business: Sabio on Main.** "For businesses that promote sustainable environmental business practices throughout their organization for the benefit of employees, customers or the community."

• **Lifetime Achievement: Ted C. Fairfield.** "For individuals who have contributed to Pleasanton through exceptional service to the community or philanthropic efforts over the whole of a career." Formerly managing partner at civil engineering firm MacKay & Soms, Fairfield worked in Pleasanton for a number of years and served the community as interim city engineer, on ValleyCare board and as a charter member of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

The chamber is also going to present its inaugural Chevron Fuel Your School Teacher Award, a partnership with Chevron Corp. aiming to honor a Pleasanton Unified School District teacher. Chevron's Fuel Your School program helps fund classroom projects posted by K-12 public school teachers. The recipient has not been announced.

The award ceremony will kick off at 6 p.m. March 25 at the Firehouse and will also feature a hosted bar, heavy appetizers and a silent auction. The event costs \$35 per person to attend, with tickets available at www.pleasanton.org.

Event sponsors are the Alameda County Fair, Chevron, Golden 1 Credit Union and Stanford-Valley Care. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities remain available. For more information, contact the chamber at 846-5858. ■



KE LIU

Celebrating Lunar New Year

Parents joined together to create an authentic display of Asian culture and traditions at this month's Lunar New Year celebration at Vintage Hills Elementary School. The event ushering in the Year of the Pig included a lion dance, kungfu performance, paper crafting and other activities.

TRANSCRIPTS

Continued from Page 5

corrected some time ago when we found out about them.”

“The second thing is that she indicated through her 30 interviews of people across the district that it wasn’t a systemic problem. And that’s what was important to me when the first question was raised,” the superintendent added.

The investigation, for which the district enlisted one of the four law firms it has under retainer this year, was launched after Haglund received an email from an employee in October raising concerns about high school transcript inconsistencies.

Phung’s memorandum, issued to the district Jan. 31 to mark the conclusion of her investigation, described two confirmed improper transcript alterations in seemingly separate categories — intentional and accidental.

One incident involved administrators removing a completed high school course, for which the student received a final grade, entirely from the student’s high school transcript and record, according to Phung.

“Though the administrators who directed the removal did so out of a compassionate reason due to the life circumstances of the student, California law strictly limits when and how a grade can be changed or removed from a student’s transcript,” Phung stated.

Because none of the limited exceptions under state law were applicable, the administrators’ decision was impermissible, according to the investigator.

The other situation surrounded a middle school course being “mistakenly removed from the student’s record entirely instead of being suppressed from the high school transcript,” Phung said.

“Though middle school courses are not required to be on high school transcripts, the complete removal of a grade from a student’s record, including grades given in middle school, is impermissible,” she said.

Both incidents involved administrators improperly altering student records. Phung did not cite any cases of teachers changing grades.

Haglund declined to identify which schools were involved in the course-removal incidents, but Association of Pleasanton Teachers president Janice Clark, when asked about the investigator’s report Friday, offered a strong defense of Amador Valley High School teachers amid the transcript probe.

“Teachers at Amador Valley High School uphold integrity as an essential character trait. Amador’s teachers, both academically and professionally, work tirelessly to support and enrich the experience of all students,” Clark wrote in an email to the Weekly.

Haglund also defended teacher integrity and said he regretted “an

unfortunate choice of words” used in the district’s statement to the Weekly two weeks ago confirming the ongoing transcript investigation — which described the probe as “around potentially inconsistent high school grading and/or transcript practices.”

“It’s important to me that we clarify that statement and ensure that everybody understands that at no point in time was the grading practices of teachers at issue in this investigation. It’s never been questioned,” Haglund said. “We have fantastic teachers in this district who work incredibly hard with the kids,

‘None of the witnesses interviewed reported any systemic or routine issues with improper grade or course changes to transcripts.’

Melissa Phung,
Investigator

and they are professionals and their integrity is intact.”

The superintendent declined to identify the administrators deemed to have improperly changed student records, citing personnel confidentiality. Grading and transcript oversight falls under multiple departments at the district level, as well as at individual school sites, according to the district.

Phung’s memorandum stated that while all school administrators technically have access to change grades and remove courses, “only a select few staff members have the actual knowledge and ability to do so.”

Haglund said he could not comment on whether any disciplinary action had been or would be taken against administrators involved.

“I’m not at liberty to talk about processes involved in the human resources, what we call, progressive disciplinary practice,” he said.

It is unclear what other reports and documents, beyond the summary of findings, district officials have received or reviewed from its legal consultant related to the investigation.

Phung’s memorandum confirmed that the complaint was first raised to district leaders from an employee allegedly made aware of “requests to remove middle school courses from high school transcripts and possible grade modification of a high school course by someone other than the course’s assigned teacher.”

District officials said they enlisted the law firm to investigate the complaint because the concerns involved student records and potential Education Code violations.

Phung said she conducted interviews with more than 30 witnesses, including administrators, counselors and registrars from Amador Valley, Foothill and Village high schools

as well as district office personnel. She said all participants were advised about the district’s anti-retaliation policy and privacy rights.

She said she also reviewed a wide variety of documents, including emails, letters and student transcripts.

“Aside from a few isolated concerns, none of the witnesses interviewed reported any systemic or routine issues with improper grade or course changes to transcripts,” Phung wrote.

In the memo, she tried to quell concerns about rampant transcript alterations in the future, saying the possibility is minimal since only a select few administrators have the access and the necessary knowledge of the operating system.

Phung’s report also recommends three corrective actions:

“1. Immediately restore the grades/courses that were improperly removed from the students’ records, and inform the students and their families of such actions and the basis for the corrective measures.” (Haglund said this has already been accomplished.)

“2. Clarify, and if necessary revise, board policies, administrative regulations, and procedures with regard to requests for changes to grades and general transcript maintenance. Relevant staff should also be trained on such policies and procedures in order to ameliorate any confusion in the future as to the appropriate and legal framework of when grades or courses may be removed from a student’s transcript.”

“3. The administrators directly involved in the decision-making process of the identified incidents should be counseled regarding these errors and be given direction on how to proceed in the future should any similar request be made. Progressive discipline is warranted when a district employee engages in conduct inconsistent with federal and state law, or board policy.”

All school board members have received the investigator’s memorandum, but they will not be discussing the two cases in open session, according to Haglund. PUSD’s Board Policy Subcommittee is reviewing district-wide transcript and grading policies, and any proposed revisions would return to the full board for consideration and adoption — though no timeline is set.

Some changes to transcript practices at the school site level have been implemented or are in the process of being updated, according to Haglund.

The superintendent pointed out that reviewing the transcript and grading policies is part of a district overarching objective to respond to feedback from stakeholders in the community. The district has reportedly received a lot of public input the implementation of district policies and procedures and how some might be being applied differently at different school sites. ■

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON



UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Consider appeals of Michael and Darlene Miller and Chabad of the Tri-Valley of the Planning Commissions’ approval of a conditional use permit and design review for the operation of a religious institution with a childcare facility/preschool and for site modifications including a playground and terrace for outdoor activities for Chabad of the Tri-Valley located at 3370 Hopyard Road
- Introduce a review and discussion of housing laws and emerging state legislation

Planning Commission - Special Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **Tract 8483, Berlogar** - Application for a Vesting Tentative Map to subdivide an approximately 15.81-acre site at 88 Silver Oaks Terrace into two lots measuring approximately 4.46 acres and 11.35 acres. Zoning for the property is PUD-HR/OS (Planned Unit Development – Hillside Residential/Open Space) District.
- **City of Pleasanton** - City-initiated application to consider and make recommendations regarding: (1) amending Chapter 18.110 (Personal Wireless Service Facilities) of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to add a new section 18.110.010.B., Special Provisions for Small Wireless Facilities, and making them subject to a permit as specified in a new City Council Policy; and (2) adoption of a citywide City Council Policy; Small Wireless Facilities, regulating the permitting, design, and location of such facilities.

Economic Vitality Committee

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:30 a.m.
Operation Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Discussion and Recommendation Regarding City Council 2019-2020 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization Process

Housing Commission

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm
Council Chambers, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Review the Annual Progress Report on Implementation of the General Plan Housing Element for Calendar Year 2018
- Update on City Council 2019-2020 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization Process
- Review of Semi-Annual Progress Reports for FY 2018/19 Housing and Human Services Grant (HHS) Sub recipients
- Update Regarding the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHS) Review Process for FY2019/20

Committee on Energy and Environment – Special Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
Operations Services Center, 3333 Busch Road

- Update on City Council 2019-2020 Two Year Work Plan Prioritization Process

BE A PART OF THE PUBLIC PROCESS
VOLUNTEER FOR A CITY COMMISSION

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

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee
One vacancy

Committee on Energy and the Environment
Two vacancies

Economic Vitality Committee
Three vacancies: Commercial Real Estate Broker, Commercial Real Estate Development, and Financial Services

Housing Commission
Two vacancies

Human Services Commission
Two vacancies, One youth vacancy

Planning Commission
One vacancy

Youth Commission
Four vacancies

For more information or to apply,
please visit cityofpleasantonca.gov/boards

Applicants must reside within the Pleasanton city limits
Applications are due March 22, 2019.

Interviews with the Mayor will be held March 27 and March 29, 2019

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

To explore more about Pleasanton,
visit us at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov

Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Bank robbed, suspects escape after shooting at PPD officer

Pleasanton police are still searching for the culprits behind a takeover-style robbery of the Wells Fargo on Hopyard Road that led to a police chase with shots fired at an officer and a carjacking before the robbers escaped town last Friday.

The suspects — described by police as three or four males in dark hoodies and masks — were considered armed and dangerous on Friday. They remained at-large as of press time Wednesday afternoon.

"This is the first time a takeover-style robbery like this has happened in a long time," Pleasanton police Capt. Larry Cox said. "It's a pretty rare thing for our community ... We are very fortunate no one was injured."

The robbery occurred around 10:40 a.m. last Friday at the Wells Fargo bank branch in Hacienda Business Park, at 4967 Hopyard Road. According to Cox, police received an alarm alert from the bank that preceded a number of calls saying armed men had burst into the bank, yelling at patrons and employees to get on the ground.

The robbers then fled from the

bank in their GMC Yukon and opened fire on a pursuing police patrol vehicle, according to Cox.

The gunshots did not hit the officer but did strike the hood and front windshield, disabling the police vehicle, according to Lt. Maria Munayer. Cox said the officer was treated for minor wounds resulting from glass shards splintering off the windshield but was quickly released from the hospital.

The robbers then crashed their Yukon and carjacked a brown Honda CRV, according to police. The Yukon is now in police possession, according to Munayer.

They were last spotted on Muirwood Drive, heading toward Springdale Avenue, in the Honda CRV.

Police closed four nearby intersections as they searched for the Honda CRV (Stoneridge and Hopyard, Hopyard and Inglewood Drive, Muirwood and Hillview Court, and Muirwood and Olive Drive), but the roadways reopened around 5 p.m. Friday. The East Bay Regional Park District Police Department conducted an aerial search from its helicopter.

The robbers had not been located as of Wednesday afternoon, but Munayer confirmed the Honda CRV was found abandoned in a neighborhood near the Marilyn Murphy Kane Trail later on the day of the robbery.

"Public safety is our main goal, and I think the public needs to know that these guys are dangerous. They are armed, they are dangerous and they are still outstanding," Cox said last Friday. "We are working on it. We are going to continue to work on it, but if anybody sees the vehicle, if anybody sees these suspects, we are asking the public not to approach them. Just call 9-1-1 and let us do our job."

He also praised the "overwhelming" support received from local police agencies throughout the region that offered their assistance, and he commended the officer who faced gunfire while pursuing the robbers.

"It's really important for me, as a leader of this organization, to be able to thank the officer that really put himself in harm's way and really put himself between these dangerous people and our community," Cox said praising the officer, who has not been identified publicly. "And I want to thank them for that and for what they do everyday."

Anyone with any additional information on the suspects or the robbery are encouraged to call 9-1-1 or the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100. Cox added that information will be released to the public via social media as it becomes available.

In other news

• Dublin police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred near the center of town amid wintry conditions last weekend.

A man in his 70s was behind the wheel around 4 p.m. Saturday when his vehicle crashed in the area of Stagecoach Drive and Amador Valley Boulevard, according to Dublin police Capt. Nate Schmidt.

The man, who was found dead inside the vehicle, may have suffered from medical issues right before the crash, which would have been a contributing factor, according to Schmidt. The driver's name has not yet been released.

Officially, the cause of the solo-vehicle crash remains under investigation. Drugs or alcohol do not appear to be factors, Schmidt said.

• The pilot who died in last Friday night's single-engine plane crash on Mount Diablo has been identified on

a Facebook tribute page and via other sources as 49-year-old Chris de Bar of Granite Bay, outside Sacramento.

The Facebook page for Julian Rock Memorial, which claims as its mission to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Tennessee, features a post made early Sunday morning mourning the death of de Bar, and called him a supporter of their cause and "a huge personality."

de Bar's own Facebook page shows him racing motorcycles and describes him as a former skydiver.

The single-engine Mooney M20 aircraft crashed sometime Friday night into a hillside two miles southwest of the peak of Mount Diablo near Summit Road. The plane, with the pilot the only person aboard, was flying from Hayward Executive Airport to Lincoln, in Placer County. On Saturday, a family member reported the aircraft as overdue after it had not landed as scheduled in Lincoln.

The wreckage wasn't spotted until around 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The National Transportation Safety Board will lead the subsequent investigation as to why the plane crashed. ■

—Pleasanton Weekly staff and Bay City News Service

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb 10

Theft

- 4:45 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting
- 4:49 p.m., 7000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto
- 4:52 p.m., 4400 block of Hacienda Drive; auto theft

Vandalism

- 12:20 a.m. on the 4300 block of Bristolwood Drive

Feb. 9

Theft from auto

- 12:03 a.m. on the 1300 block of Brookline Loop
- 7:01 a.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive
- 7:34 a.m. on the 2100 block of Rheem Drive
- 3:50 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Shoplifting

- 12:07 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 1:03 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:35 p.m. on the 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 6:03 p.m. on the 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Alcohol violation

- 9:22 p.m. on the 1600 block of Holly Circle

Burglary

- 11:40 a.m. on the 6700 block of Santa Rita Road
- 3:52 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Vandalism

- 4:34 a.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive
- 8:24 a.m. on the 5200 block of Johnson Drive
- 8:52 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

Feb. 8

Robbery

- 10:41 a.m. on the 4700 block of Hopyard Road

Theft

- 5:59 p.m. on the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue
- 9:57 p.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Alcohol violation

- 9:30 p.m. on the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

DUI

- 9:38 p.m. at Hopyard Road and Inglewood Drive

Feb. 7

Burglary

- 8:02 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road
- 8:29 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive
- 9:35 p.m. on the 3000 block of Bernal Avenue

Theft

- 12:13 p.m. on the 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road
- 5:41 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 8:58 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Fraud

- 12:19 p.m. on the 800 block of Sunny Brook Way

Feb. 6

Theft

- 1:02 p.m., 2100 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 7:18 p.m., 2300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting
- 9:03 p.m., 5100 block of Hopyard Road; theft from auto
- 10:56 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive; theft from auto

Burglary

- 9:26 p.m. on the 4800 block of Hopyard Road

- 10:41 p.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

Alcohol violation

- 9:13 p.m. on the 6300 block of Shorewood Court

Drug violation

- 1:26 a.m. on the 2200 block of Camino Brazos

- 6:46 p.m. on the 3500 block of Brent Court

Vandalism

- 9:22 a.m. on the 4700 block of Willow Road

Feb. 5

Theft

- 7:09 a.m. on the 6200 block of Clubhouse Drive

- 2:45 p.m. on the 1400 block of Santa Rita Road

- 8:31 p.m. on the 3600 block of Andrews Drive

Burglary

- 8:40 a.m. on the 4400 block of Hacienda Drive

Alcohol violation

- 4:12 p.m. on the 4400 block of Railroad Avenue

Missing person report

- 8:53 p.m. on Valley View Court

Fraud

- 4:45 p.m. on the 2200 block of Oakland Avenue

Feb. 4

Theft from auto

- 4:22 a.m. on the 5600 block of Owens Drive

- 8:06 a.m. on the 2700 block of Stoneridge Drive

- 10:53 a.m. on the 5700 block of Gibraltar Drive

- 3:25 p.m. on the 7000 block of Johnson Drive

- 7:17 p.m. on the 5500 block of Johnson Drive

Burglary

- 2:22 p.m. on the 3700 block of Old Santa Rita Road

BEHIND EVERY PROJECT IS A True Value.

READERS CHOICE 2019

We Now Sell Dog Food

Chip Car Key \$69.99 (Some Restrictions Apply)

Ask Us About: Rescreening Or New Window Screens, Sharpening Knives, Scissors, Chainsaws, Mower Blades and Many Garden Tools.

WORKBENCH TRUE VALUE HARDWARE

Two Locations to serve you:
1807 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton
Phone (925) 846-0660

652 Main Street, Pleasanton
Phone (925) 846-0727

www.truevalue.com/pleasanton

Engagement Announcement

Silva-Shotwell

Joseph and Susan Silva of Pleasanton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Brooke Silva, to Tyler Shotwell, son of Dean and Debbie Shotwell of Pleasanton.

Brooke earned a B.A. in Theater Arts from CSU Long Beach, and is a yoga instructor and administrative assistant in Portland Oregon. Tyler earned a B.S. in Social Studies Education from Brigham Young University, and is a real estate agent in Portland.

The couple attended Pleasanton schools before graduating from Amador Valley High School in 2007.

A wedding is planned for the summer of 2020.



PUBLISHER

Gina Channell, Ext. 119

EDITORIAL

Editor

Jeremy Walsh, Ext. 118

Tri Valley Life Editor

Dolores Fox Ciardelli

Editor Emeritus

Jeb Bing

Staff Reporter

Julia Baum, Ext. 111

Ryan J. Degan, Ext. 121

Contributors

Tim Hunt, Dennis Miller,
Mike Sedlak, Jenny Lyness,
Nancy Lewis

ART & PRODUCTION

Design and Production Manager

Kristin Brown

Designers

Linda Atilano, Amy Levine,
Paul Llewellyn, Doug Young

ADVERTISING

Account Executive

Karen Klein, Ext. 122

Real Estate Sales

Carol Cano, Ext. 226

BUSINESS

Administrative Associates

Regina Nestor, Ext. 124

Carolyn Chan, Ext. 124

Circulation Department

Ext. 141

HOW TO REACH THE WEEKLY

Phone: (925) 600-0840

Fax: (925) 600-9559

Editorial email:

editor@PleasantonWeekly.com

calendar@PleasantonWeekly.com

Display Sales email:

sales@PleasantonWeekly.com

Classifieds Sales email:

ads@PleasantonWeekly.com

Circulation email: circulation@

PleasantonWeekly.com

The Pleasanton Weekly is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566; (925) 600-0840.

Mailed at Periodicals Postage Rate, USPS 020407.

The Pleasanton Weekly is mailed upon request to homes and apartments in Pleasanton. Community support of the Pleasanton Weekly is welcomed and encouraged through memberships at levels of \$5, \$8 or \$10 per month through automatic credit card charges. Print subscriptions for businesses or residents of other communities are \$60 per year or \$100 for two years. Go to www.PleasantonWeekly.com to sign up and for more information.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Pleasanton Weekly, 5506 Sunol Blvd., Suite 100, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

© 2019 by Embarcadero Media. All rights reserved. Reproduction without permission is strictly prohibited.

GUEST OPINION

BY MAYOR JERRY THORNE

Reflections on our mayors' trip to Washington

In my role as Pleasanton's mayor, I recently traveled with the other Tri-Valley mayors for our annual trip to Washington, D.C. for the U.S. Conference of Mayors. I'm pleased to report that despite the government shutdown, we had a successful trip advocating for our region.

During our visit, we met with senior staff representing Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, and we met directly with Congressional members Eric Swalwell, Mark DeSaulnier and Josh Harder.

We also met with senior staff for the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, where we learned of new possible funding sources for projects in the Tri-Valley.

Our focus for these meetings was on two areas of great importance to our communities — local control and transportation.

Regarding local control, we strongly opposed the new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules on local telecommunications infrastructure. Our objection stems from the FCC's limitation of a city's ability to regulate small cell sites such as those attached to street lights and utility poles needed for the deployment of 5G technology.

The FCC's regulations sharply limit the revenues cities may collect from for-profit companies for installation of cells on public property, forcing cities to subsidize development at the cost of other critical local services. The regulations also impose a one-size-fits-all pre-emption of existing local policies and unrealistically reduces the time a city is allowed to review applications, no matter how many sites are included in a single application.

The FCC allowed the industry to write these regulations without sufficient input from local governments or citizens. This new technology is needed, but the FCC's limits are an extreme overreach by the federal government.

To overturn these unfair rules, Rep. Anna Eshoo has submitted HR 530, and Rep. Swalwell has agreed to co-sponsor this bill. It is my hope that a number of House and Senate representatives will hear from our citizens in support of this legislation.

Regarding transportation, I know I don't need to explain to any of our residents the impact of congestion on our daily lives. As mayors, we advocated for continued federal funding of improved circulation



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

In this week's Guest Opinion, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne (second from right) shares his key takeaways from the Tri-Valley mayors' trip to Washington, D.C. Here, Thorne is pictured with (from left) mayors Robert Storer (Danville), John Marchand (Livermore) and David Haubert (Dublin). San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson did not attend due to illness.

and expansion of our transportation network.

We promoted three priorities: improving highway traffic flow such as widening State Route 84 and adding express lanes on interstates 580 and 680; building a light rail connection from BART to the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) through the Valley Link rail project; and completing the Iron Horse Trail from Danville to Livermore including improved pedestrian overcrossings.

While in Washington, we also advocated to protect funding for affordable housing programs such

as Community Development Block Grant funds that support senior housing projects like Kottinger Gardens.

The primary objective of our annual trips to Washington is to ensure that our Congress members and key federal departments are informed about issues important to the Tri-Valley and to lay the groundwork for future requests for funding and support.

Each year it has been my honor to represent the voices of Pleasanton residents and businesses during our annual trips to Washington D.C. Advocacy for federal funding

through collaboration with the five Tri-Valley mayors is essential to maintaining the excellent quality of life we enjoy in our region.

For more information about our legislative advocacy efforts, visit www.cityofpleasantonca.gov and click on the "City Council & Mayor" page. ■

Editor's note: Jerry Thorne just began his fourth and final two-year term as mayor of Pleasanton after serving seven years on the City Council. A retired corporate executive with more than 40 years in the private sector, he also served for 10 years on the city's Parks and Recreation Commission.

RENDEZ-VOUS WITH FRIENDS AT THIS CHIC PARISIAN GALA!



Friday, March 1st
6 to 11 p.m.

Palm Event Center,
Pleasanton

Benefits
Valley Humane Society

Tickets available at
valleyhumane.org

Presented by: Livermore Subaru, Heritage Bank & Jean King





MIKE SEDLAK

JAMS Music in Dublin has 130 guitars in stock and helps customers pick out the best instrument for them.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Top to bottom: San Francisco String Trio, featuring guitar, violin and bass, will perform at the Bankhead Theater on May 12. Chris Carter (right), director of Development and Communications for Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center, performs last year with the LK Project at Inklings in a fundraiser for the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance with guest singer Courtney Lohmann. "Will Ackerman: The Gathering 4 Guitars" will perform at the Bankhead Theater on March 28, one of many guitar shows this year.

Lowin' guitars

*Iconic instrument
is a joy to hear,
play and behold*

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pick up a guitar. With your left fingers hold down a string or two. Strum with your right hand. Sound! Music? Magic.

John Kibildis, owner of JAMS Music in Dublin, said his favorite instrument has always been the guitar.

"It is such an expressive instrument that can do many different things, whether electric or acoustic," he said. "The electric can add textures and colors and modulations to be expressive, hard and heavy, or light and delicate. Acoustic can get all different types of sounds as well — feelings and emotions. It's a very relaxing instrument to play and very enjoyable."

"The guitar is relatively easy to learn," noted Chris Carter, a Pleasanton enthusiast who started playing in high school and continues almost three decades later. "You don't need to learn how to read music. You can pick up a guitar and in an hour can play a song."

The piano, of course, can be similarly satisfying but is not so easy to tote. And the guitar is special in that it can stand alone.

"The trumpet is portable, too, but you don't just go and play the trumpet for somebody," Carter said with a laugh. "The guitar is fun and it's easy."

And then there is the versatility of guitar music — from Spanish classical to folk ballads, from lullabies to hard rock.

Carter performs in a small group called the LK Project.

"I've played the guitar since I was a teenager and started performing in college," he said. "I'm not super-serious; I do it for fun. It's one of those great things — if you love it, you don't ever stop doing it."

Fans of the guitar include those who don't play but love to listen. Carter's wife Katie is such a person, and a recent remodel of their home includes a room for his 12 guitars.

"She doesn't play but she lets me run with it," Carter said. "I like to write songs, too — she tells me if a song is good or not."

Carter became director of development and communications for Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center four years ago, partly drawn by the Bankhead Theater.

"I have a love for live music and especially the guitar, and the Bankhead is the place to go if you really want to see and hear incredible acoustic guitar," he explained. "The acoustics in the room reverberate in a special way. The guitar shows here are my favorites."

One of his favorite performers came to town a few years ago, Leo Kottke, the famous 12-string guitarist known for his unique style of finger picking.

"I own a 12-string guitar signed by him," Carter said.

International Guitar Night will be returning to the Bankhead on Feb. 28.

"It is typically in four different styles," Carter said. "They are all virtuosos. They come out one at a time, there are a couple of duets, and at the end of the show they play together and blow everyone away."

The Bankhead is also offering "Will Ackerman: The Gathering 4 Guitars" on March 28; and "San Francisco String Trio" with guitar, violin and bass on May 12. They draw big audiences, Carter said, because for many folks around here, the guitar is a part of their lives.

Electric guitar shows are also in the lineup: blues guitarist Robert Cray was on the bill last week; rock 'n' roller Don Felder from the Eagles will perform March 18; and blues artist Keb' Mo' is May 14.

Pleasanton's Firehouse Arts Center is hosting the Oshima Brothers, who play contemporary folk and acoustic pop, on April 19.

"We try to book one or two 'guitar gigs' each season," Pleasanton recreation supervisor Rob Vogt said. "We know that we have audiences that really appreciate guitar, both acoustic and electric."

In October, the Firehouse presented Raul Midon, who is known for his guitar virtuosity in addition to his songwriting and singing.

"The Oshima Brothers are more known for their songwriting abilities," Vogt said. "They just happen to both be wonderful guitarists."

The brothers will also hold a masterclass for musicians in the Pleasanton High School Music Collaborative, all part of the Spring Youth Music Festival.

Another Tri-Valley guitar enthusiast is Michael Ferrucci, who owned Fretted Friends Music on First Street in Livermore for 30 years and is one of the founders of Two Day Town, a music festival held at Lake Del Valle each April since 2001.

"I've always been a guitar player — my grandfather from Italy played the mandolin and the guitar," Ferrucci said. "My mother and father were jitter-buggers. He was a World War II vet and that's what they did."

They also introduced him to a range of music while he was growing up in San Francisco, where he saw the Beatles twice, at the Cow Palace in 1964 and at Candlestick Park in 1966. Ferrucci studied botany and biology at Cal Poly and became a specialist and salesman of laboratory instruments, but he kept pursuing music and opened a recording studio in his home.

"It was called Little People Studio," he said. "I recorded kids when they played instruments in their early life because they

*'It is such an
expressive instrument
that can do many
different things.'*

John Kibildis,
Music shop owner



Guitar concerts

Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton
 • 8 p.m., Friday, April 19 — Oshima Brothers: Magnetic Sibling Sound

Bankhead Theater in Livermore
 • 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28 — International Guitar Night featuring Luca Sticagnoli, Antoine Boyer, Samuelito, Cenk Erdogan; \$20-\$30
 • 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 18 — Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer Don Felder
 • 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28 — Will Ackerman: The Gathering 4 Guitars
 • 3 p.m., Sunday, May 12 — San Francisco String Trio; The Sgt. Pepper Project
 • 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 14 — Keb' Mo'



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Left: International Guitar Night on Feb. 28 will feature four virtuosos playing alone and in duets, ending the show together in a performance that will “blow everyone away.” Right: Chris Carter (right) and Mike Lickiss perform as a duo called the LK Project, an acoustic based musical blend of strong vocal melodies and heartfelt lyrics.

may not do so in later life.” This led to opening Audio Voyage Recording on Research Drive, where Ferrucci kept a variety of instruments that overflowed into his home.

“My wife Pam said, ‘Enough with the instruments, go open a music store,’” Ferrucci recalled with a laugh.

He revels in memories of youngsters who learned music thanks to his store, as well as the Rotary Music Scholarship, which can be used to help buy a good instrument.

“It is horrible when a kid plays an instrument that is substandard,” Ferrucci said.

Quality is also important when learning to play the guitar, he added.

“There are a lot of variables and it might be difficult to play or might not stay in tune, which is discouraging,” he said. “You can buy a decent guitar in the \$200 range.”

Kibildis agrees and said he often helps people buy their first guitar at his JAMS Music shop.

“I have people all the time inquiring about starting on the guitar and they need guidance with lessons,” he said. “I ask them, ‘How committed are you wanting to do this?’

“We’re here to help people make an educated

decision,” he continued. “Two hundred dollars is my starting point, for electric guitars around \$150. Anything lower than that, I do shy away from.”

“At our store, we want to make sure we are giving you the best situation to be successful. A \$300 guitar will stay in tune better, be the right shape, have structural integrity, and hopefully provide an enjoyable playing experience.”

Kibildis earned a master’s degree from Cal Poly in city planning in 2008 so he graduated at a time when nobody was doing any building, he recalled. He always found jobs in retail — and enjoyed music.

“I started at 4 on the piano and picked up a guitar around age 12 and haven’t stopped playing,” he said. “I played with a number of teachers and have a good theory background.”

He eventually worked at a music store in Fremont and worked out a business plan to buy it since the owner of 50 years seemed near retirement but she was not interested. Then he looked into the space in Dublin.

“It was an outstanding location, close to the 580-680 interchange,” Kibildis said. “And there is money out here, and more people interested in music.”

He opened in a 1,200-square-foot space seven years ago but has expanded to just under 5,000 square feet with a full range of instruments, classrooms and two full-time repair technicians.

“I have 130 guitars in stock at any given time, from all the quality name brand manufacturers,” he said.

“I think the guitar scene here is a little under the radar.”

John Kibildis,
 Music shop owner

art piece unto itself. I have customers who have large collections — they love to look at them.”

Kibildis said a number of professional and big name musicians live in the area and tour.

“I think the guitar scene here is a little under the radar because there’s a lot of players but

not a lot of places for the players to go play,” he said.

Kibildis observed that all kinds of people — men and women, young and old, experienced and beginners — like either or both acoustic and electric guitars, so one cannot generalize.

“I had a gal come in playing for a number of years who had three nice electric guitars but now wanted a nice acoustic,” he said.

He urges new guitar players not to get discouraged.

“If you are interested in the guitar, keep practicing, don’t put it down, you will reach a different plateau of accomplishment,” he said. “Stay with it and you will see results, you will see success. Rome wasn’t built in a day.”

Carter also mentioned that time is required for proficiency.

“I took my son to a show two years ago and introduced him to a guitarist and asked him for advice,” Carter recalled. “He said, ‘Every day wake up at 5 a.m. and practice for 12 hours.’”

But for most folks, playing can be pursued as time permits for a lifetime of pleasure. The same is true for listening and learning to appreciate the nuances of the instrument.

If you haven’t heard guitar music featured onstage, check it out. You might get hooked. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Michael Ferrucci plays the 1 millionth Martin guitar made, which was on loan to his store, Fretted Friends Music, in Livermore. Photo at left shows Michael with his first electric guitar, in 1963.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Ferrucci keeps his guitars ready to play at his home in Livermore. Although his degrees are in botany and biology, music (and the guitar) has always been his passion.

Camp adventures beckon

Explore what type of camp is best for your child



GETTY IMAGES

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Summer is quickly approaching, which means a long vacation when schools let out. How can parents make these months stimulating, productive and fun?

Camps offer wonderful chances for children to explore interests, learn new things and discover their capacity for independence. There are many types of day camps as well as overnight camps, from music to

sports camps or outdoor camps that include hiking and swimming and even horseback riding.

Perhaps the first thing to consider is whether you want a day camp or an overnight camp — for a safe and happy experience for your child with minimum worry for you.

Overnight camps seem to provide the best memories — and the best movies. They give children a taste of freedom and independence while parents know they are with responsible adults. They provide a break for everyone.

For an overnight camp, ask what kind of training the staff receives, the ratio of campers to staff members, about discipline policies, what a typical day is like, and how often the child will be able to contact home.

Ask yourself: Does your child feel comfortable sleeping away from home with friends or relatives? If a camp has a lot of water activities, is your child a good swimmer and comfortable in the water?

Day camps include academic offerings on every subject, from astronomy to robotics, arts, dance and drama. Adventure camps might include backpacking, biking and rock climbing. Check out the offerings in and around Pleasanton.

Technology camps include animation,



GETTY IMAGES

computer programming, digital photograph, film production, and graphic, video game and website design.

There are also camps for children with special needs, a chance for them to be with their peers and enjoy activities geared just for them.

Involve your children when choosing a camp. Have a conversation with them about their interests and what they would like to explore. You might want to search online together for options, which should give you an idea of what they like and their level of enthusiasm.

If you're looking for more of a family experience this summer, put together an experience from the free things that are offered in and around Pleasanton, such as different park and museums. You can tour some places just by asking — try contacting a veterinarian hospital, a grocery store or

See CAMPS on Page 15

www.KidzKraftz.com

Kidz Kraftz!
Fashion Design ♦ Sewing ♦ Jewelry-Making

NOW ENROLLING

in our Dublin

Sewing Summer Camp!

Ages: 6 to 12 and Teens

Also available:

- Adult Lessons
- After-School Programs
- School Break Camps
- Mommy & Me Classes
- Sewing Clubs
- Parties & Special Events!

DISCOUNTS Available!

We offer:

- Flexible Scheduling
- Personalized Instructions
- Small Class Sizes
- Sewing Machines, Tools, Beads
- FREE Fabric for 1st day!
- PIZZA Party on last day!

Early Bird Registration Special!

(925) 271-0015



Camp Begins June 2019

EXPLORE!
Stay Curious.

Summer
@Stratford

EXCEL!
Stay Sharp.

ENGAGE!
Keep Discovering.

Stratford School infuses its STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) curriculum into an innovative and enriching summer camp experience for children in Preschool through Middle School.

Sign-up Today!
StratfordSchools.com/summer-camp



STRATFORD SCHOOL

- Danville Blackhawk**
3201 Camino Tassajara | (925) 648-4900
- Danville Sycamore Valley**
2615 Camino Tassajara | (925) 648-0500
- Pleasanton**
4576 Willow Road | (925) 737-0001

Preschool State License Numbers: 073402482, 073406680, 013420939. Copyright © 2019 Stratford Schools, Inc.

4-H members attend agri-science summit

Teens form action plan to cut down on waste, at D.C. event

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

For three dynamic days last month, local 4-H members — Anika and Austin Nicolas of Pleasanton, Cara Rubin of Danville, and Lilliana Wheeler of Livermore — participated in workshops focused on precision agriculture, food and health, animal science, wildlife biology, biobased products and bioenergy.

They were attending the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science held in Washington, D.C., to address the increasing challenges in the industry.

With support from industry leaders, youths had the opportunity not only to build skills and knowledge, but also to explore careers in the agri-science industry.

“I attended a variety of workshops focusing on food waste and food loss,” Anika Nicolas said. “What upset me the most was a startling statistic: Every 10 seconds, a child dies from hunger.”

“I learned that North America has 5% of the population yet 25% of the world’s food, and I learned that we currently produce enough food to feed the world, yet because of food waste and loss, so many people struggle to eat a meal,” she continued.

The four were on a team tagged Zero Waste, which focused on reducing single-use plastic items — straws, utensils and coffee



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

4-H members (from left) Anika Nicolas, Austin Nicolas, Lilliana Wheeler and Cara Rubin with their team poster at the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science held in Washington, D.C.

cups — from going to the landfill.

“With the skills we learned at the summit, we plan to educate our community about this issue,” Anika Nicolas said. ■

TV30 offering summer camp

Focus is on video, television production at studio

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Students can get the edge in video production at this year’s TV30 Summer Camp, being held for the 11th year.

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

The camp is held at the TV30 studio and is aimed at students in grades six to 12 who are thinking of a career in video or television production, giving them an overall picture of the process. The two camp sessions, each 20 hours long, include an introduction to studio production, field production, writing, producing and digital video editing.

“The campers work with our staff and learn to use the professional equipment,” Tench-Stevens said. “The campers produce a TV program that will be broadcast on TV30 and can be seen via Comcast, AT&T U-Verse and all over the world on our website.”

The camp sessions run June 10-14 and



TV30

Carolijn Steele interviews Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O’Malley for a television broadcast as part of last year’s TV30 Summer Camp.

June 24-28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The fee is \$558 per camper, and registration is limited. For more information, visit tv30.org or call the station at 462-3030. ■

CAMPS

Continued from Page 14

a baseball stadium for a behind-the-scenes tour.

The Pleasanton library is an excellent stop in the summer with its free programs for young readers. Libraries in nearby cities also offer educational and fun activities in

the summertime.

Once your children are signed up for a camp, talk to them as it approaches about what they are feeling and what they expect. If it is an overnight camp, tell them you are confident they will do well away from home. And whether they are going off for a week or a day, be sure to label jackets, backpacks and anything you don’t want them to lose. ■

Discover why kids **LOVE** us and parents **TRUST** us!



Our passion is to make kids feel comfortable during their dental visit.

Infant Oral Care | Kids, Teens, Young Adults | Sedation
Dental Emergencies | Special Needs Children



Pleasanton Pediatric Dentistry
1443 Cedarwood Ln, Suite D, Pleasanton
925-846-KIDS (5437)
www.PleasantonPediatricDentistry.com
Other locations in Alameda & Oakland

WRITE NOW! 2019

Summer Writing Camps

NOW ENROLLING

* **Presentation Skills**
7/15-7/19

* **Expository Writing**
7/22-7/26

* **Creative Writing**
7/29-8/2



Grades: 2-8

Hours:

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Free extended care available

Cost:

1 week: \$500;

2 weeks: \$950;

3 weeks: \$1,350.



Hacienda School

3800 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton
(925) 485-5750



For applications and information:
writenow@headsup.org www.headsup.org



"Fibers — Railroad Siding."

FIREHOUSE

'Fragments, Edges & Ambiguities'

New exhibit opening at Harrington Gallery

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The next major art installation at the Harrington Gallery in the Firehouse Arts Center, titled "Fragments, Edges & Ambiguities," will roam the boundaries between realistic and abstract with the works of five Bay Area artists:

- Taryn Curiel (watercolor)
- Dan Lythcott-Haims (photography)
- Jane Peterman (ceramic sculpture)
- Yucali Seki (mixed media)
- Cindy Stokes (photography).

The exhibit "celebrates both the imperfection and surprise of nature and man-made forms," staff member Alena Sauzade noted.

The exhibit kicks off with an artists' reception from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 28, which is free and open to the public to explore the works, meet the artists and enjoy light

refreshments. A donation of \$5 is requested.

The works will be on display March 1 to April 6 during regular gallery hours, as well as during theater intermissions.

Through its Young@Art program, the arts center is offering a special class connected to the exhibit for ages 5-11, from 4:30-5:45 p.m. March 28. Participants will have a guided exploration of the exhibit, then create their own works of art in the upstairs studio workshop. Register at www.pleasantonfun.com, code No. 12012. The fees are \$18 for Pleasanton residents, \$21 for non-residents.

Regular hours for the gallery, 4444 Railroad Ave., are 12-5 p.m. Wednesdays to Fridays; and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, visit www.firehousearts.org/gallery or call 931-4849. ■

Symphony presents 'Colorful Characters'

Concert to feature winners of young musicians competition

BY PATRICIA BOYLE

Livermore-Amador Symphony continues its 56th regular season with "Colorful Characters" next Saturday (Feb. 23) at the Bankhead Theater, with music director Lara Webber conducting.

The concert will present Gioachino Rossini's "William Tell" Overture, Benjamin Britten's "Soirée Musicales," and Aaron Copland's "Billy the Kid" Suite.

In addition, winners of the Symphony's 2018-19 Competition for Young Musicians will be featured: pianist Daniel Mah of Pleasanton, and cellist Alexander Canicosa-Miles of Alameda. They will perform music of Franz Liszt and Joseph Haydn, respectively.

Mah, 17, a junior at Amador Valley High School, will perform Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major.

"Sitting down at the piano opens up a whole new world for me," Mah said, "allowing me to briefly escape realities, a process which enriches my life and provides relief from daily stresses. I also love how each person can draw out their own unique sound from the piano, communicating their own ideas without the barrier of language."

Mah was born in Perth, Australia, and moved to Pleasanton with his parents Mimi and Eric Mah in 2017. He started piano lessons at age 5 and has won numerous competitions, such as the West Australian Pianists' Competition and Fremantle Eisteddfod and has received titles such as "Best in Performance of an Australian Work" and "Highest Overall Score in

the Competition."

He has led music fundraising events and was a regular performer at hospitals, nursing homes and St. George's Cathedral in Perth. In addition to music, Mah loves to travel and enjoys outdoor activities, including swimming, sailing, table tennis and hiking.

The other featured young musician will be 15-year-old Canicosa-Miles, performing the first movement of Haydn's Cello Concerto No. 1 in C Major.

"In times of chaos, music takes me to a place of solace and freedom of expression," Canicosa-Miles said. "It has taught me to always choose kindness, practice patience, love abundantly, and appreciate the beauty that comes with every consonance and dissonance in life."

The concert's "William Tell" Overture is the opening to Rossini's opera of the same name.

"This iconic, action-packed overture has four distinct scenes containing some of the most familiar tunes of all time," Webber said. "Following a beautiful opening cello solo, the winds pick up and a storm is suddenly upon us. The clouds part, and the woodwinds sing out their famous bucolic melodies, which in turn are abruptly interrupted by the trumpets, who carry us away in a famous heroic gallop to the exciting finish. Hi ho silver!"

Britten based his "Soirée Musicales" on Rossini themes.

"Britten, inspired by the music of Rossini, gives us five miniature masterpieces each with its own unique



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Young Musician Competition winner pianist Daniel Mah from Pleasanton.

character," Webber said. "The opening march is a nod to the famous finale from Rossini's 'William Tell' Overture. Each movement that follows is based on a Rossini melody — by turns elegant, sentimental, whimsical and fun."

"Billy the Kid" is the first of Copland's three ballets.

"Through the use of real cowboy songs from the era, an arsenal of percussion for the big gun battle, piano music that has us all sidling up to the dusty bar at the saloon — we are transported into the world of this legendary outlaw," Webber said.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. Feb. 23, preceded by a prelude talk from 7-7:30 p.m. At intermission, the teen jazz band, Element 116, will perform, directed by Matt Finders, and the Symphony Guild will host a post-concert reception in the lobby.

Tickets are \$26-\$36. Visit www.bankheadtheater.org; go to the Bankhead ticket office, 2400 First St., Livermore; or call 373-6800. ■

Patricia Boyle, immediate past president of the California Writers Club Tri-Valley branch, has been writing about the Livermore-Amador Symphony for seven years.

Frolicking fundraiser

Royal Jelly Jive concert benefits arts in the schools

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council is presenting Royal Jelly Jive at 8 p.m. March 1 at the Firehouse Arts Center to raise money for art in the schools, a departure from classical music fundraising concerts in the past.

This band combines high-energy swing soul, rock and hip-hop elements for jazzy, cabaret sounds. It features sultry-voiced lead singer Lauren Bjelde, swinging horns, gritty piano keys and retro horns.

"We were very excited the RJJ group will bring its talents and name recognition to this fundraiser concert for the 'Arts in the Schools Grant Program,'" PCAC president Kelly Cousins said.

Proceeds will be used to help the schools with supplies and services

that enhance creative and cultural arts, Cousins noted. Grants over the years have provided wireless microphones for a drama program, potter's wheels, computer and cameras for media classes, piano dollies and

technical support.

Tickets for the concert are \$35. Go to www.firehousearts.org, visit the Firehouse box office at 4444 Railroad Ave., or call 931-4848.

Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council has been devoted to supporting arts in the schools and the community since its founding in 1979. For more information, go to www.pleasantonarts.org. ■



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Music mash-up

The high-energy, global music mash-up band known as Banda Magda hits the Firehouse Arts Center at 7 p.m. next Sunday (Feb. 24). Led by Greek-born composer, singer and accordionist Magda Giannikou, the five-person Banda Magda glides from samba to French chansons, from Greek folk tunes to Colombian cumbia and Afro-Peruvian lando with consummate pizzazz. Tickets are \$27-\$37. Go to www.firehousearts.org.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Royal Jelly jive will perform to benefit the Pleasanton Cultural Arts Council.



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Both Amador basketball teams sweep season series from Foothill

Also: Golf Ball Drop fundraiser to benefit BUSC

The Amador Valley boys and girls varsity basketball teams completed their season sweeps of cross-town rival Foothill last week.

On the boys side, the Dons pulled away in the fourth quarter to win 58-40. Jaden Sheppard led the way with 18 points and controlled the boards on both offense and defense.

Brad Couture added 12 points and Jules Bellosguardo had 10 to round out the Amador offensive attack. Noah Lewis had 9 points and Josh Valentine added 7 for Foothill.

Earlier in the week, the Dons trailed by only one heading into the fourth quarter before De La Salle pulled away for the 52-44 win. Sheppard had 14, Tyler Nannery 11 and Bellosguardo 10 to pace Amador.

The Amador girls ended their regular season with a 52-30 win over Foothill.

Julia Balestreri and Lauren Slaton had 10 points each to lead the Dons. Emily Tincher added 7 and Kelsey Guidice had 6 to round out the top scorers for Amador.

Reese Lombardi had 10 points for Foothill, with Hope Alley adding 7 and Abby Miller 6 for the Falcons.

Earlier in the week, the Falcons cruised to a 61-23 win over Granada on their Senior Night. Alley had 16 points to lead the way with Lombardi, Gianna Lyng and Mariah Gragg scoring 10 each in the win.

Golf Ball Drop

Ballistic United Soccer Club will host its first Helicopter Golf Ball Drop fundraiser on March 16 at the Pleasanton Golf Center and Patelco Sports Complex.

The Golf Ball Drop will feature a \$3,000 prize for closest to the pin. Prices are as follows: \$10 for one ball, \$45 for five balls, \$100 for 12 balls and \$200 for 30 balls.

There will also be cash prizes for second and third closest, as well as a prize for the furthest away. Entrants do not need to be present to win.

There will be a food truck at Patelco, as well as live stream of the drop. At 5 p.m. there will be an Under-17 USSDA match



JEFF GUIDICE

The captains for the Amador Valley and Foothill girls varsity teams meet before the start of their rivalry game last week. The Dons won 52-30.

between Ballistic United and the San Jose Earthquakes. For more information, go to www.busc.org/fundraisers/golf-ball-drop.

Spring sports underway

The busy spring sports season has gotten underway — that is, the sports that can be played when there isn't a downpour.

That means it is time to get your results in so we can write about the hard work the student-athletes are turning in at Amador and Foothill! It will take a volunteer all of 15 minutes maximum a week to shoot me an email by Sunday with the results for your son's or daughter's team from the week.

You don't have to be a writer — that's my job — so just send me the results, as well as top performers each week and I will put

it together! Send your email to me at acesmag@aol.com by noon each Sunday and see the result in print the following Friday. Of course, we are always looking for photos as well, so send those along with the identification for the players, as well as who gets the credit for taking the picture.

I'd like to thank the boys and girls basketball teams at Amador and Foothill for consistently turning in their results throughout the winter season. On the flip side, the soccer and wrestling programs at both Amador and Foothill were missing in action. Unfortunately that meant the kids on those six programs missed out on credit they deserved.

Let's see if we can avoid that from happening in the spring. Best of luck to all the teams. ■

Marketplace

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR

- Kitchen Cabinets
- Sheetrock & Texture Repair
- Deck Restoration
- Small Jobs OK

Brian Ward
Custom Painting

925 323 7833

LIC 731462

To place an ad
or get a quote,
contact
Nico Navarrete
at 650.223.6582
or email
digitalads@
paweekly.com.

Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

Araali Networks, Inc.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553855

The following person doing business as: Araali Networks, Inc., 39812 Mission Blvd. #224, Fremont, CA 94539, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Araali Networks, Inc., 39812 Mission Blvd. #224, Fremont, CA 94539. This business is conducted by Araali Networks, Inc., a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Nov. 1, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Abhishek Singh, Chief Executive Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jan. 9, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2019).

DnE Productions
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554053

The following persons doing business as: DnE Productions, 3209 Madden Way, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owners: Donald N. Meyer; Eri Y. Meyer, 3209 Madden Way, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Donald N. Meyer and Eri Y. Meyer, a General Partnership. Registrants began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Dec. 30, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Eri Y. Meyer, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jan. 14, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2019.)

345 Technical Services
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553689

The following person doing business as: 345 Technical Services, 14 Fairway Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Damon Williams, 14 Fairway Lane, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by Damon Williams, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Dec. 7, 2018. Signature of Registrant: Damon Williams, owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Jan. 7, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2019.)

WestoverWinery.com Inc., Westover, Westover Vineyards, Westover Winery, Palomares Vineyards
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554355-554359

The following person(s) doing business as: WestoverWinery.com Inc., Westover, Westover Vineyards, Westover Winery and Palomares Vineyards, 34329 Palomares Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552 County of Alameda is hereby registered by the following owner(s): William Westover Smyth, 34329 Palomares Road, Castro Valley, CA 94552. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein in 2000. Signature of Registrant: William Westover Smyth, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.)

Visa SF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554317

The following person(s) doing business as: Visa SF, 5211 DeMarcus Blvd., #257, Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Elvira Akhmadullina, 5211 DeMarcus Blvd., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant, Elvira Akhmadullina, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 23, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.)

Casemine, Case Mine
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554547-554548

The following person(s) doing business as: Casemine, and Case Mine, 7011 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 160, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mark Francis, 7011 Koll Center Parkway, Suite 160, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of registrant, Mark Francis, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 28, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.)

DBC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 553935

The following persons doing business as: DBC, 5360 Doolan Road, Livermore, CA 94551, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owners: Yue Zu; Yijie Sui, 5360 Doolan Road, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by Yue Zu; Yijie Sui, Co-partners. Registrants have not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Yue Xu, General Partner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 11, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.)

Joans on Mane
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554531

The following person(s) doing business as: Joans on Mane, 616a Main Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Joani LeClaire, 4169 Amberwood Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant, Joani LeClaire, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on January 28, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, February 8, 15, 22, March 1, 2019.)

Saili Music
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 554906

The following person doing business as: Saili Music, 8797 Edenberry St., Dublin, CA 94568, County of Alameda, is hereby registered by the following owner: Saili Suryakant Oak, 8797 Edenberry St., Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by Saili Suryakant Oak, an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name listed herein Jan. 1, 2014. Signature of Registrant: Saili Oak, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on Feb. 5, 2019. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8, 2019.)

997 All Other Legals

SUMMONS Case Number: 18-CV-234
Case Code: 30405 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: Patrick J. Kopish. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons is served on you to file a typewritten response at this court. A letter or phone call will not protect you; your typewritten response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book). The name of the court is: Circuit Court of the State of Wisconsin, Marinette County. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, is: Johnson & Wilson Law, S.C., 1745 Stephenson Street, Marinette, WI 54143; (715) 735-6671. Date: January 11, 2019. Clerk of the Court, Marinette County. (Pleasanton Weekly Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 2019.)

Call (925) 600-0840 for assistance
with your legal advertising needs.
E-mail: gchannell@pleasantonweekly.com

Theatre

THE SECOND CITY AT BANKHEAD THEATER At 8 p.m. on Feb. 15, The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, presents The Second City comedy show. The Second City has been laughing at love and its infinite side effects for decades. Go to visitrivalley.com for tickets and more information.

FROG PRINCE MARIONETTE SHOW AT THE LIVERMORE LIBRARY Saturday, March 23, at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 1188 S. Livermore Ave., Livermore, the Library will host a free puppet performance of The Frog Prince. Fratello Marionettes will perform the story of the spoiled princess Ofelia, whose life is changed by a chance meeting with a frog, who we know to be a handsome prince, transformed by a witch. This free event is designed for ages 4 and up. For further information, check livermorelibrary.net or call 373-5504.

Concerts

THE CHOIR OF MAN AT THE BANKHEAD THEATER At 3 p.m. on Feb. 17 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore, the nine members of the Choir of Man sing and dance their way through everything from favorite sing-along classics to classic rock, all while pulling pints and inviting

the audience to get up close and personal with the show. Go to visitrivalley.com/events for tickets.

THE TRI-VALLEY JAZZ TRIO - JAZZ AT INKLINGS From 7 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 22 at Inklings, 530 Main St., the trio of James Hall (piano), Matt Finders (bass), and Leon Joyce (drums), will be performing another concert of live jazz in the event room.

Talks & Lectures

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS FEBRUARY MEETING At 2 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road, author Nora Profit will discuss "How to Achieve Emotional Impact in Writing." Check-in is at 1:30 p.m. Cost for CWC adult members, \$14; adult non-members, \$18. Send an e-mail to reservations@trivalleywriters.org to register.

Fundraisers

POLENTA AND CHICKEN CACCIATORE DINNER At 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Augustine Church Hall, 3999 Bernal Ave., join the Italian Catholic Federation for a Polenta and Chicken Cacciatore Dinner. Proceeds to benefit the Tri-Valley Scholarship Program. Tickets are \$30 per person; children 10 and under, \$10. Reservations are

required. Contact Christine at 462-3704.

DONATIONS NEEDED The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Pleasanton is holding its Semi-Annual Jewelry Event from April 26 through 28. The Discovery Shop is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets, rings and watches. Please take a moment to peek in your jewelry box and donate some of your unused vintage, designer, costume and precious jewelry. Help make a difference in the fight against cancer. Donations are accepted at the shop Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 4 p.m. The Discovery Shop is located in the Mission Plaza at 1989 Santa Rita Road, Suite E. Please contact Kelley Meno at 462-7374 for more information.

LIVERMORE LIONS CLUB CRAB FEED From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 Eighth St., Livermore, the Lions will hold an all you can eat Crab Feed. Go to eventbrite.com for tickets and more information.

Lessons & Classes

CITIZENSHIP AND NATURALIZATION INFORMATION SESSION AT THE LIVERMORE LIBRARY From 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 1188 S. Livermore Ave, the Civic Center Library is hosting a free Citizenship and Naturalization Information Session, presented by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The session will cover questions about the process of applying for U.S. Citizenship. Free naturalization test preparation materials will be provided. No registration is required. To learn more about U.S. Citizenship, visit uscis.gov/citizenship.

Support Groups

LUPUS AND FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP The group meets at 12 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month, at the Weekes Library, 217300

PET OF THE WEEK



VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY/D. ALBERTS

Calling all Heroes

This little rock star needs a forever home. Bowie is Under Pressure to find a place of his own; he's not looking for Life On Mars, but a cozy abode with a family to love him right here in the East Bay. At 5 years old, Bowie has many Golden Years left to bring spunk and fun to your household. If you can help him make some Changes, meet Bowie at Valley Humane Society, 3670 Nevada St. Visit valleyhumane.org or call 426-8656.

Patrick Ave., Hayward, (off Tennyson Road). Contact janetip510@yahoo.com for more information.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (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, or contact Kelley Thorpe Baker, at (714) 296-3444.

GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS The death of a loved one is a shattering experience. It leaves us in a state of shock, confusion, pain and sadness, but you do not have to suffer alone. We invite you to participate in our grief support meetings. We will be meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, 4001 Stoneridge Drive, on Feb. 28, March 14 and 28. Please call Eleanor at 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome, regardless of religious affiliation.

Government Meetings

PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council is set to hold a regular meeting on Tuesday (Feb. 5) in the council chamber at the Pleasanton Civic Center, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING At 7:30 a.m., on the third Thursday of the month in the Remillard Conference Room, 3333 Busch Road, The Committee meets to promote Pleasanton for its competitive advantages as highlighted in our Pleasanton Economic Assets Report.

Food and Drink

BUBBLES & BACON From 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 enjoy the inaugural Bubbles & Bacon event in downtown Pleasanton. Event guests will enjoy bubbles and bacon at 15 downtown locations. All food pairings will be bacon inspired and highlighted by a sparkling adult beverage. Check in will take place at the Museum on Main located at 603 Main St. from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$40 and are also available at Beer Baron, 336 St. Mary St.

Community Groups

PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY From 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. every Friday at Haps Original Steaks and Seafood at 122 West Neal St., we meet for lunch. Learn more about us online at pnr-rotary.org. Public Relations Contact Stacey Blaney, 872-4036, email stacey@denalidatasystems.com.

Employment

LEAD S/W ENGR

Pleasanton, CA. Mail resume: MH Sub I LLC/Attn: HR, 909 N. Sepulveda Blvd, 11th Fl, El Segundo, CA 90245, Ref #PLEASH.

To place an ad or get a quote, call 650.223.6582 or email digitalads@pawebly.com.

Engineer Svcs RF

Ericsson Inc. Engineer Svcs RF, Pleasanton, CA. Design, optimize, and audit RAN, BBA, Transmission, Core, OM & Services networks to meet customer requirements. Travel Required. Mail resume: Ericsson Inc. 6300 Legacy Dr., R1-C12, Plano, TX 75024. Job #18-CA-5271.

Platform Architect

Platform Architect, Saba Software Inc., Dublin, CA. Req: Bachelor's in Comp. Sci, Info Tech., or r/td + 5 yrs exp. Apply: https://sabalife-jobs.sabacloud.com/Saba/Web_spf/NA7P1PRD008/jobs-jobs/career (Job ID: 3260)

AWS CLOUD ENGINEER

AWS Cloud Engineer sought by Zenfair Solutions Inc for San Ramon, CA office: Design, develop and manage AWS Cloud Services like EC2 Instance, Container Services, Cloud Formation, S3, SQS and SNS. Develop automation tools/scripting BASH, PERL, POWERSHELL, PYTHON and building required automation (using standard technologies such as Puppet, Ansible and Chef) and tools. May travel and relocate to various unanticipated sites throughout the US. Must have Bachelor's in Comp Sci, Engg, Info Systems or related & 5 yrs of exp. Send resume to hr@zenfair-solutions.com. No calls. EOE.

OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS

5503 Apex Drive \$859,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 Stacy Gilbert 487.4883

Livermore

3 BEDROOMS

544 Selby Lane \$750,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Elizabeth Hall 250.0730

Pleasanton

2 BEDROOMS

1666 Calle Santa Anna \$678,888
Sat/Sun 12-3 Brian Wright 580.4524

3 BEDROOMS

6350 Alisal Street \$1,699,000
Sat/Sun 2-4 Doug Buenz 463.2000

1544 Oak Vista Way Call for pricing
Sat/Sun 1-4 Gina Piper 200.0202

724 Saint John Circle \$1,399,000
Fri 10-1-Sat/Sun 1-4 Susie Steele 413.9306

7975 Spyglass Court \$1,310,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Joan Sakyo 989.4123

4 BEDROOMS

1279 Vintner Way Call for pricing
Sat/Sun 1-4 Susan Schall/Donna Garrison 519.8226/980.0273

2996 West Ruby Hill Drive \$2,750,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Susan Schall/Donna Garrison 519.8226/980.0273

5 BEDROOMS

1057 Via Di Salerno \$2,875,000
Sun 1-4 Debby Johnson Abarta 989.6844

1725 Via Di Salerno \$2,600,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Susan Schall/Donna Garrison 519.8226/980.0273

7 BEDROOMS

4187 Crisfield Lane \$1,399,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462.7653

Find more real estate information at pleasantonweekly.com/real_estate

JuliaMurtagh

PLEASANTON LUXURY AGENT



◀ 5245 NORTHWAY ROAD PLEASANTON



Beautiful Pleasanton single story home with elegant upgrades inside and outside. Located in Pleasanton Valley and walking distance to Top Rated Schools, this 4 Bedroom/2 Bath home is a gem, not to be missed. Enjoy a gourmet kitchen for the avid cook, stunning hardwood floors throughout the home, upgraded bathrooms and a park like back yard. There is great natural light in this home and a nice floor plan for everyday living.

Visit www.5245northwayrd.com for more.

Just Listed for \$1,249,000

By Appointment Only

JULIA'S COMING SOONS

WEST PLEASANTON
FOREST HILLS ESTATES
PLEASANTON HILLS
OLDE TOWN
NORTHWAY DOWNS
KILDARA



Get in touch

JULIAMURTAGH.COM
(925) 997-2411
JMURTAGH@APR.COM
DRE#0175154

INTEGRITY
AT YOUR
FRONT
DOOR



Square footage, acreage, and other information herein, has been received from one or more of a variety of different sources. Such information has not been verified by Alain Pinel Realtors®. If important to buyers, buyers should conduct their own investigation.

SUSIE STEELE

EXCEEDING MY CLIENTS EXPECTATIONS FOR OVER 20 YEARS IN THE TRI-VALLEY



PLEASANTON
3786 Hawaii Court North

Pending in less than a week with 4 offers

This charming and updated 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1,626 +/- SqFt. Nantucket-feel home is ideally located on a court with no rear neighbors. Close to everything Pleasanton has to offer!

COMING SOON IN PLEASANTON HEIGHTS!

Charming, beautifully updated 1 story, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom home a few blocks from Downtown!

Square footage, acreage, and other information herein, has been received from one or more of a variety of different sources. Such information has not been verified by Alain Pinel Realtors®. If important to buyers, buyers should conduct their own investigation.



OPEN FRIDAY 10:00-1:00, SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00

PLEASANTON
724 Saint John Circle

Offered at \$1,399,000

Gorgeous and elegantly updated 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 1,904 +/- SqFt. home nestled in the sought after neighborhood of Saint John Place. An absolute must see.

Whether you are buying or selling; Integrity, Experience and Relationships matter. Don't hesitate to contact me so that I can put my assets to work for you!



SUSIE STEELE
License # 01290566

925.413.9306
susiesteele@apr.com
susiesteele.apr.com



THE EXPERIENCE IS ALAIN PINEL

Throughout the Bay Area and Northern California - from San Francisco to Lake Tahoe, Carmel to Wine Country - our level of service is second to none.

- | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| <p>LESLIE FAUGHT
925.784.7979
leslie@apr.com
lesliefaught.com
License # 01027778</p> | <p>LINDA FUTRAL
925.980.3561
linda@apr.com
lindafutral.com
License # 01257605</p> | <p>KAT GASKINS
925.963.7940
kgaskins@apr.com
katgaskins.com
License # 01137199</p> | <p>JANICE HABLUTZEL
925.699.3122
jhabluetzel@apr.com
janicetherealtor.com
License # 01385523</p> | <p>JESSICA JOHNSON
408.455.1697
jjohnson@apr.com
realtbyjessica.com
License # 01723385</p> |
| <p>SEAN JOLLEY
925.621.4063
sjolley@apr.com
seanpjolley.com
License # 01981029</p> | <p>SUSAN KURAMOTO
408.316.0278
skuramoto@apr.com
skuramoto.apr.com
License # 01199727</p> | <p>JO ANN LUISI
925.321.6104
jluisi@apr.com
joannluisi.com
License # 01399250</p> | <p>LILY MCCLANAHAN
925.209.9328
lilym@apr.com
lilym.apr.com
License # 01975835</p> | <p>ESTHER MCCLAY
925.519.5025
emcclay@apr.com
emcclay.apr.com
License # 01872528</p> |
| <p>KRIS MOXLEY
925.519.9080
kmoxley@apr.com
moxleyrealestate.com
License # 00790463</p> | <p>MAUREEN NOKES
925.577.2700
mnokes@apr.com
mnokes.apr.com
License # 00589126</p> | <p>CESAR ALEJANDRO ORTIZ
925.398.3077
cortiz@apr.com
cesar.page
License # 01399250</p> | <p>CHRISTINA SPAULDING
925.548.6534
cspaulding@apr.com
cspaulding.apr.com
License # 02033139</p> | <p>LINDA TRAURIG
925.382.9746
ltraurig@apr.com
ltraurig.apr.com
License # 01078773</p> |



YOUR APR PLEASANTON SUPPORT TEAM

Alain Pinel Realtors® attracts the industry's most experienced and forward-thinking agents. We prepare our agents to make things happen. To set goals and reach them. Because your success is our success.

Contact us today so we can discuss your future with Alain Pinel Realtors®.

APR.COM

Over 30 Real Estate Offices Serving
The San Francisco Bay Area Including the Tri-Valley 925.251.1111





A Team That Speaks Your Language

- 40+** Years of Experience
- 600+** Properties Listed & Sold
- 650M+** In Closed Transactions
- 100+** Homes Sold in Ruby Hill



Uwe Maercz

Broker Associate
925.360.8758
uwe.maercz@compass.com
DRE 01390383

Sonali Sethna

Broker Associate
925.525.2569
sonali.sethna@compass.com
DRE 01194792

Coming Soon



1841 Spumante Place, Ruby Hill
6 Bed 6 Bath 5,450 Sq Ft 0.54 Ac Call for Pricing

New Price



203 Vallecitos Road, Ruby Hill Vineyard Estates
22 Ac with 2 acre building pad \$1,850,000

New Price



7287 Royal Oaks Court, Pleasanton
5 Bed 4.5 Bath 4,791 Sq Ft 0.34 Ac \$2,328,888

Pending



1695 Germano Way, Ruby Hill
5 Bed 6.5 Bath 7,330 Sq Ft 0.65 Ac \$2,999,000

Active



301 Kalthoff Common, Ruby Hill Vineyard Estates
5 Bed 6 Bath 8,626 Sq Ft 17.42 Ac \$3,788,000

Sold



463 Montori Court, Ruby Hill
\$1,642,000 Represented Seller

Sold



480 Montori Court, Ruby Hill
\$1,569,000 Represented Buyer

Sold



491 Trebbiano Place, Ruby Hill
\$1,551,500 Represented Seller

Listed & Sold



701 Hollyview Court, San Ramon
\$1,200,000 Represented Buyer & Seller

6701 Koll Center Parkway, Ste. 250, Pleasanton, CA 94566

usfineliving.com

Valley Brokers On Main

PLEASANTON NEW LISTING!!!!



1666 CALLE SANTA ANNA

OPEN HOUSES THIS SAT/SUN 12-3PM!

DARLING SINGLE STORY PARK VILLA. BEST LOCATION! NEXT TO THE CREEK.

2 Bedroom | Approx. 941 Sq. Ft.
Gorgeous Plank Hardwood Flooring.
Updates Throughout Including Modern Kitchen.
A Short Walk to Charming Downtown Pleasanton.



For More Information & Photos Please Go To:
www.1666CalleSantaAnna.com Or Call Brian Wright at: 925-580-4524.



BRIAN WRIGHT

925-580-4524

DRE #00887067
LOCAL REALTOR SINCE 1985
LOCAL RESIDENT SINCE 1967

**OFFERED AT
\$668,888**

**LOCATED UPSTAIRS IN THE HISTORIC PLEASANTON HOTEL
UP ON THE WORLD FAMOUS ED KINNEY BALCONY**

ANGELO AGUILAR

THE EXPERIENCE IS ALAIN PINEL



Alain Pinel Realtors® is proud to announce our association with Angelo Aguilar the newest Realtor in our Tri-Valley office. In keeping with the tradition of APR, Angelo brings with him the spirit and poise for which our firm is known.

ANGELO AGUILAR

Serving The Tri-Valley Areas
209-941-9031 | aaguilar@apr.com | License # 02083218



**RE/MAX
ACCORD
925.838.4100**



THE
**RE/MAX
COLLECTION**

**LOCAL EXPERTS.
GLOBAL CONNECTIONS.**

With over 400 Associates in 11 offices throughout the East Bay, RE/MAX Accord is your first choice for home buying and selling.

Office Locations:
Castro Valley, Danville, Fremont, Lafayette, Livermore, Oakland, Pleasant Hill, Pleasanton, San Ramon, Walnut Creek

www.remmaxaccord.com

DRE #01491373

BEAUTIFULLY UPGRADED!



LIVERMORE | 692 ADELLE STREET | \$650,000

With gorgeous upgrades throughout, this 3 bedroom, 1-story charmer is situated on a corner lot. You'll love the remodeled kitchen w/granite counters & stainless appliances, the modern flooring & contemporary color scheme, the updated bath & the wonderful back yard w/custom built-in BBQ!

BOB & DEB CILK | 925.487.8734
Bob.Cilk@remax.net DRE#0097133

PENDING WITH 6 OFFERS!!!



PLEASANTON | 2094 HARVEST ROAD | \$949,888

Bring your vision! This popular 3-bedroom, 1-story Country model on a corner lot has eat-in kitchen, formal living room, family room w/fireplace & 1724 sq.ft. Walking distance to all 3 levels of award-winning schools, restaurants & shopping.

To be sold in 'As-Is' condition.
BOB & DEB CILK | 925.487.8734
Bob.Cilk@remax.net DRE#0097133

PENDING!



PLEASANTON | 4623 FALL COURT | \$1,348,000

Enjoy living in this lovingly maintained and updated home. Open floor plan offers 4 bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths, approx. 2194 interior sqft. Situated on a large lot with side yard access. Located in desirable "Creeks Bend" neighborhood close to downtown and all school and shopping.

EVA DEAGEN | 925.699.2133 | DRE#01291142
homes@EvaDeagen.com | www.EvaDeagen.com

BAFG BAY AREA FUNDING GROUP

CALL US FOR
A CURRENT LENDING
QUOTE



CARRIE SANFORD
Senior Loan Advisor
(925) 788-1029
NMLS/CA #286517
CalBRE# 01097832



BERNICE "CASEY" CHAN
Senior Loan Officer
(415) 412-5363
NMLS/CA #245002
CalBRE #01300642



TED HILL
Senior Loan Officer
(925) 360-1131
NMLS #251071
CalBRE# 00971524



THERESA PHILLIPS
Mortgage Advisor
(925) 584-9850
NMLS/CA #25531
CalBRE# 01845893



BRITTNEY FAKOURY
Mortgage Advisor
(707) 287-3604
NMLS/CA #1154885
CalBRE #02033922



DeAnna Liz
ARMARIO & VENEMA

The Difference Between Ordinary and Extraordinary



JUST LISTED



9539 Davona Drive, San Ramon
4BR, 2BA, 2190+/- Sq. Ft.
Offered at \$969,000

FOR SALE



1673 Orvieto Court, Ruby Hill
5 BR, 3.5 BA, 4635+/- Sq. Ft.
Offered at \$2,299,000

FOR SALE



4326 Campinia Place, Ruby Hill
5BR, 4BA, 4291+/- Sq. Ft.
Offered at \$2,149,000

PENDING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS



1519 Loganberry Way, Pleasanton
5BR, 3BA, 2246+/- Sq. Ft.
Offered at \$1,250,000

PENDING WITH MULTIPLE OFFERS



7502 Villareal Drive, Castro Valley
4BR, 3BA, 2690+/- Sq. Ft.
Offered at \$1,199,888

SOLD



3606 Capoterra Way, Dublin
3BR, 3BA, 2383+/- Sq. Ft.
\$894,000

SOLD ~ MULTIPLE OFFERS



2842 W. Ruby Hill Drive, Ruby Hill
4BR, 4.5BA, 6905+/- Sq. Ft.
\$2,775,000

SOLD



3839 Antonini Way, Ruby Hill
5BR, 5.5BA, 5877+/- Sq. Ft.
\$2,740,000

COMING SOON



3504 Mercato Court, Ruby Hill
5BR, 4.5BA, 4765+/- Sq. Ft. w/In Law Unit
Call For Pricing



DeAnna Armario
Team Leader/Realtor



Liz Venema
Team Leader/Realtor



Kim Hunt
Team Manager/Realtor



Lisa Desmond
Realtor



Kevin Johnson
Realtor



Amanda Davlin
Transaction Coordinator
Team Assistant

DeAnna 925.260.2220
DeAnna@ArmarioHomes.com
DRE#01363180
ArmarioVenemaHomes.com

Luxury Living & Real Estate Specialists in the Tri-Valley

**PLEASANTON LIVERMORE DUBLIN SAN RAMON
DANVILLE BLACKHAWK ALAMO WALNUT CREEK**

Liz 925.413.6544
Liz@VenemaHomes.com
DRE#01922957
ArmarioVenemaHomes.com

BEYOND FULL SERVICE | A CONCIERGE APPROACH TO REAL ESTATE



Tim McGuire
Broker
License # 01349446



Erika Vieler
Realtor®
License # 01944712



Eva Ti'a
Realtor®
License # 02072764



Mark James
Realtor®
License # 00697341



Lori Olson
Realtor®
License # 02004247



Karen Carmichael
Client Services

925-462-SOLD (7653) | TIMMCGUIRETEAM.COM

The market may have slowed down recently, but it's not too late to get top dollar for your home this Spring. Call us today to help develop a strategy and put our proven techniques to work for you.

4187 CRISFIELD LANE, PLEASANTON

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4



7 bd/4ba, 2,855+/-sqft, 7,178+/-sqft lot
OFFERED AT \$1,399,000

2686 CALLE ALEGRE, PLEASANTON



4 bd/3ba, 2,854+/-sqft, 12,968+/-sqft lot
OFFERED AT \$1,699,000

4457 SUTTER GATE AVE., PLEASANTON

COMING SOON



4 bd/2.5 ba, 2,125+/-sqft, 6,984+/-sqft lot
CALL FOR DETAILS

4583 GATETREE CIRCLE, PLEASANTON

COMING SOON



4 bd/2 ba, 1,808+/-sqft, 7,461+/-sqft lot
CALL FOR DETAILS

2115 TANGER COURT, PLEASANTON

COMING SOON



7 bd/4 ba, 3,456+/-sqft, 9,966+/-sqft lot
CALL FOR DETAILS

2776 HARTLEY GATE COURT, PLEASANTON

COMING SOON



4 bd/3 ba, 2,179+/-sqft, 11,757+/-sqft lot
CALL FOR DETAILS

38289 FORD LANE, FREMONT

PENDING



3 bd/2.5 ba, 2,472+/-sqft, 59,500+/-sqft lot
OFFERED AT \$1,489,000

39 SILVER OAKS COURT, PLEASANTON

PENDING



5 bd/6.5 ba, 6,486+/-sqft, 49,316+/-sqft lot
OFFERED AT \$3,850,000

3657 OLYMPIC COURT N., PLEASANTON

SOLD



4 bd/2.5 ba, 1,834+/-sqft, 6,067+/-sqft lot
SOLD FOR \$1,125,000 – REPRESENTED BUYER

“Tim and his team could not have been more helpful and professional in assisting us with our move from Birdland this last spring. We bought a house out of state with the contingency that we needed to put our house on the market in 10 days. Within a week, Tim brought in stagers, boxes to pack, house cleaners, and photographers in order to meet that looming deadline. By the following weekend, we had a successful brokers open and open house. The house looked wonderful and the marketing materials emphasized the unique features of the house. When we received an offer shortly after the first open house, Tim and his team guided us through each step, assuring that no loopholes existed and no issues arose during the process. Tim's very confident demeanor and experience made this move virtually seamless. We would recommend him to any other home seller or buyer.

Sue and Gary Bartolotti, Turnstone Drive, Pleasanton



Square footage, acreage, and other information herein, has been received from one or more of a variety of different sources. Such information has not been verified by Alain Pinel Realtors®. If important to buyers, buyers should conduct their own investigation.