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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Vets Day tribute comes early, but we'll be there



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Pleasanton veterans (left) who served in Vietnam fill an Army truck in last year's Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade, while just ahead (right) Marine color guard marches on Main Street. This year's parade starts at 1 p.m. Sunday, again on Main Street.

Once again, I've been asked by members of the American Legion Post 237 and VFW Post 6298 in Pleasanton to serve as the public announcer for Sunday's 19th Tri-Valley Veterans Day Parade. I'll be joined again by Tracey Buescher, co-chair of the Pleasanton Military Families (PMF) organization.

For me, it's a special honor. As an Army veteran, I know many of those who'll be passing by the reviewing stand on Main Street and actually served with a number of them in Korea and Japan.

Tracey and her husband, retired Marine Col. Chris Buescher, are also familiar faces among the Pleasanton military community. The PMF sponsors community homecomings for the men and women returning from harm's way, particularly from Afghanistan. These homecomings are a special tribute that PMF began as a community salute to our returning veterans, a tribute that now has been adopted by a number of other American cities. In the coming year, as our country's commitment in Afghanistan winds down, more of our troops will be coming home and deserving of widespread salutes of gratitude for the job they've done.

Some may remember that we used to call this Armistice Day, a federal holiday that was started to mark the anniversary of the end of World War I. Major hostilities of that war were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the armistice with Germany went into effect.

Since 1954, the name has been changed and its significance expanded to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in battle. And what a celebration it will be with Sunday's annual Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade putting Pleasanton's patriotism on display. More than 100 marching, walking and motorized units will fill Main Street starting at 1 p.m., making this the largest observance in Northern California.

The VFW and American Legion posts host these parades, always holding them ahead of the actual holiday so that our veterans and civic leaders can represent our city in other celebrations on Nov. 11.

This year's event will feature military and veteran color guards, marching bands, horses, Jeeps, Humvees and other military vehicles. Marching along the way also will be Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations, Scottish pipe and drum units, the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, elected officials from Tri-Valley cities, and veterans who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, Korea and even World War II.

Patriotic and marching music will be provided by the Army's 191st band as well as the Dublin High School band and by Scottish bagpipe players and the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps.

With me on the reviewing stand will be Maj. Gen. Nickolas Tooliatos, the 63rd Regional Support commander, and Lt. Col. Drew Jones, Camp Parks Garrison commander.

The parade will start next to the Veterans Memorial Building on Old Bernal Avenue and then continue north on Main Street to St. Mary Street. Immediately following, the veterans groups will host a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main St., which will feature the Pleasanton Community Band and remarks by General Tooliatos.

Even though the parade will be held on Nov. 1, there also will be celebrations marking the holiday on Nov. 11. Las Positas College will observe Veterans Day with a public tribute featuring two speakers.

One of these is John Shirley, who served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II and was a prisoner of war. The other speaker, Mickey Ganitch, was in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Pennsylvania at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. These two honored veterans will tell of their experiences during this pivotal time in American history. ■



By Robert Rosas

IF YOU suffer from lower back pain and sciatica, you are among four out of five Americans who will suffer with this crippling spinal condition.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

How do you typically make new friends?



Vivien Silber
Retired

Well, I'm very much an extrovert, so I usually meet people while I'm out and about in town. I'll strike up a conversation wherever I happen to be, like while standing on line at the supermarket. I'll usually start chatting with the person ahead of or behind me, and if we discover we have a common interest, we often will exchange contact information and make a plan to get together.



Amber Huk
High school student

I make friends by finding people who have things in common with me. Most of my best friends are on my tennis team because we all share the love of tennis. Also, at school, it is easy to make friends with the people I sit around and communicate with every day during lunch.



Howard Smith
Retired

I usually look for some kind of an organized group meeting, venue or forum that deals with a subject I have a very great interest in. Initially that opens a big door in terms of coming into contact with people I share a common interest with. Once I meet these people and we get to talking and learning about one another, friendships just develop and evolve from there.



Zach O'Malley, with Petie
Musician

I tend to make friends with the people I spend the most time with, like my band members who I travel with. You really get to know people when you are with them for hours at a time in close quarters.



Elaine Lafferty
Retired

I tend to make friends wherever I happen to be. For example, many of my friends are the people I see every day at the dog park. What's funny is that while I've had these friends for many years and know all of their dogs' names, I don't even know their last names or what they do for a living. It's all about the dogs.

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Decorating contest

Downtown Pleasanton visitors are invited to vote for their favorite storefront in the inaugural Downtown Pleasanton Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Pleasanton Downtown Association and the Pleasanton Weekly.

Voting will be between Nov. 9 and Dec. 7. Only one vote is allowed per email address. Two voters will be randomly selected to win a \$50 Downtown Pleasanton Gift Card. The winning business and the gift card recipients will be announced on the Pleasanton Weekly website Dec. 14.

The ballot will be available at PleasantonWeekly.com/decorating_contest on Nov. 9.

Youth exchange

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association is looking for 10th- and 11th-graders interested in participating in its 30th annual youth exchange program with Tulancingo, Mexico.

Applicants from any local high school can apply, and the exchange program is reciprocal so families who send a child to Mexico are expected to host a student from Tulancingo, organizers said.

Mexican students visit Pleasanton from June 12 to July 3, and local students head to Tulancingo July 3-24. Two years of Spanish education or equivalent Spanish ability is required. Application deadline is March 15.

Interested applicants can attend informational meetings, set for 7-8 p.m. Nov. 9, Dec. 7, Jan. 18 and Feb. 16 at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce office, 777 Peters Ave. To RSVP for info sessions or to learn more about the program, email exchange@ptsca.org.

Seahawks swim meet

Pleasanton city officials have issued a traffic advisory in advance of next weekend's Pleasanton Seahawks swim meet at the Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center, 4445 Black Ave.

Traffic along Santa Rita Road and Black Avenue may be impacted throughout Nov. 6-8, according to city officials, who said they've made arrangements with Amador Valley High and Alisal Elementary to offer additional overflow parking at the schools to mitigate congestion along area streets and neighborhoods.

Regular programs offered through the aquatic center will not be available during the weekend. For more information, call 931-3420. ■

Tri-Valley leaders unified on regional issues

5 communities share concerns, opportunities in year ahead

By JEB BING

The leaders of the five communities comprising the greater Tri-Valley showed continued unity last week as they agreed to work together on pressing water conservation, transportation and affordable- and workforce-housing issues.

At a Tri-Valley Mayors Forum hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, the emphasis was on addressing regional needs together.

State Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) chaired the forum, which attracted 296 luncheon guests at the Casa Real at

Ruby Hill Winery in Pleasanton.

The city leaders were Mayors Bill Clarkson, San Ramon; David Haurbert, Dublin; John Marchand, Livermore, and Jerry Thorne, Pleasanton. Danville was represented by Karen Stepper, the town's vice mayor.

California's drought led off the discussion, with Baker praising the five cities for their efforts to reduce the use of potable (drinking) water.

"The Tri-Valley deserves great accolades for conservation," Baker said.

Thorne agreed, pointing out that Pleasanton led the way two years ago with mandatory conservation

and expects to achieve an overall reduction in consumption of nearly 40% by year's end over the base year of 2013. He said the city's water department staff also boosted its on-site visits to help homeowners find ways to curb water use.

Marchand said Livermore has achieved a 50% savings in water consumption, relying heavily on recycled water for parks and street median irrigation.

"We're now considering using recycled water as a drinking water resource, an idea that was rejected in the 1990s," Marchand said. "That

conversation has started up again."

Stepper said 100 acres of parks are now irrigated with recycled water and that the town has reduced its costs for new underground water pipes by 40-60% using plant-based pipes.

Clarkson said San Ramon now has the second-lowest water consumption rates in the region. He cautioned, however, that some vegetation, particularly redwood trees, is threatened by an overuse of recycled water, so the city may have to pipe treated potable water to those trees.

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Members of Pleasanton Military Families march on Main Street in last year's Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade. The organization, which provides support for the military serving in harm's way in Afghanistan and the Middle East and their families back home, will march on Main Street again Sunday for this year's salute to veterans.

Veterans Day parade set downtown Sunday

Area's largest salute to veterans paying tribute to K9s, 'Dogs that serve'

This year's Tri-Valley Veterans Day parade Sunday on Pleasanton's Main Street is going to the dogs, literally.

With a theme of "Dogs that serve," the parade will honor veteran K9s, including Coal, an improvised explosive device (IED) detector dog that served three tours in Afghanistan with Marine units. "Sgt." Coal and his handler, retired Marine Cpl. Patrick (Gus) Steuber, will lead the parade as grand marshals.

The 19th Tri-Valley parade will feature more than 100 marching, walking and motorized units to make it the largest observance in Northern California.

Pleasanton's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and American Legion Post 237 will host the

parade that will start at 1 p.m. with a patriotic program of music and messages following at the Veterans Memorial Building.

The event is being held ahead of the actual Nov. 11 holiday, a tradition for the Pleasanton observance so that veterans can join in other celebrations on Nov. 11. Other cities, including San Francisco and San Jose, will hold parades on Nov. 11.

The Pleasanton parade will feature military and veteran color guards, horses, Jeeps, Humvees and other military vehicles. Marching along the way also will be Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations, the Alameda County Sheriff's Posse, Golden Gate Garrison Star Wars Storm Troopers, elected officials from Tri-Valley cities and veterans

who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, Korea and even World War II.

The U.S. Army's 191st band and the Dublin High School band will march in the parade, along with the Scottish Bagpipe Band and the Young American Patriots Fife and Drum Corps.

Immediately following the parade, the veterans groups will host a Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building at 301 Main St. with patriotic music to be provided by the Pleasanton Community Band.

After service in Afghanistan, Coal's K9 handler Steuber learned the dog also was going to be retired. He was successful in adopting the work dog, who has been with Steuber ever since.

Steuber met Coal in June 2010 during training with the Second Battalion 1st Marine Regiment to become an IED detector dog handler. They were deployed together to Afghanistan four months later, where Coal worked out in front of Marine patrols sniffing for IEDs. ■

—Jeb Bing

PUSD's technology director resigns

Among several resignations, retirements, leaves in district admin

By MEREDITH BAUER

The Pleasanton Unified School District's director of technology services is planning to leave the district to return to the New Haven Unified School District in Union City.

Chris Hobbs will leave Pleasanton Unified as of Nov. 6. His resignation was accepted by the school board at Tuesday night's meeting.

Hobbs previously worked at the New Haven School District, interim Pleasanton schools superintendent Jim Hansen said.

Pleasanton Unified has seen a series of resignations, retirements and temporary leaves that have left its upper management with mostly interim positions.

The post of superintendent is being filled by Hansen on an interim basis after former superintendent Parvin Ahmadi left in May to become Castro Valley's superintendent.

Assistant superintendent of human resources Dianne Howell is filling the position after Bill Faraghan retired from that job in June. Substitute assistant superintendent of business services Micaela Ochoa is working at that post while Luz Cazares is away on medical leave.

District director of human resources Mark McCoy announced

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School board moves forward in superintendent search

Four consultant firms selected as finalists, interviews set for next week

By MEREDITH BAUER

At its public meeting Tuesday night, the Pleasanton Unified School District board chose four firms to advance to the interview process as the district works to hire an outside consultant to aid in the search for a new superintendent.

The board selected Atlantic Research Partners of Chicago, McPherson & Jacobson LLC of Omaha, Neb., Dave Long & Associates of Laguna Beach and Leadership Associates of La Quinta — all of whom are vying for a district contract to be the mediators for its ongoing superintendent search.

The district is looking for a superintendent after former superintendent Parvin Ahmadi left in May to become Castro Valley's superintendent. Jim Hansen, a retired Amador Valley High principal, has been filling the superintendent post on an interim basis since this summer and will continue until June.

The board was initially planning to choose three consultant firms to interview, but board members' votes were close between Atlantic Research Partners and Dave Long & Associates as the third choice, so they decided to interview both.

The four firms will be inter-

viewed publicly at a special board meeting this Tuesday, and the board plans to award a contract to the top firm on Nov. 10.

Board members recommended vetting each firm on their views about whether to allow community access to the superintendent candidates in the name of transparency or whether discretion is required to attract the best candidates.

Atlantic Research Partners put in a contract bid of \$23,000, McPherson & Jacobson LLC bid \$28,000, Dave Long & Associates bid \$25,950 and Leadership Associates bid \$27,950.

In other business Tuesday:

- The board heard a presentation on plans to restart the district's adult education program, starting with English as a second language (ESL) courses in the spring.

Pleasanton Unified shut down its adult education program in 2012 when the impact of the recession required money to be moved around to other more-pressing needs. However, a change in state funding opportunities opened the door for the district to bring back adult education classes, which could include computer classes,

resume classes and courses for adults with disabilities, said Glen Sparks, the district's coordinator of career technical education.

The district has received approval for a state grant of \$256,789 in one-time funds through a local consortium, which is expected to cover the cost of the program implementation, said Odie Douglas, assistant superintendent of educational services.

The money comes via Assembly Bill 104, a recent piece of legislation that allocates money for adult education programs and filters those funds through local consortia. The Mid-Alameda County Consortium is in charge of adult education dollars for this area and approved Pleasanton Unified's funding request, Douglas said.

The board will vote whether to restart adult education courses at its Nov. 10 meeting.

- The board also heard a presentation from a district committee dedicated to researching the idea of changing the district's instructional calendar.

The committee is working on a survey to send out to parents, teachers, staff, students and other stakeholders, which is planned to be released Nov. 30. ■

'There ought to be a law'

Assemblywoman asks high school students to propose legislation through video contest

By JEREMY WALSH

In an effort to engage Tri-Valley teenagers, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) has launched a video contest for high school students in her district to propose a bill idea to address a problem impacting California that they think requires a legislative solution.

The winner of the "There Ought to be a Law" competition will have the chance to join Baker at the State Capitol to introduce their bill for the State Assembly in committee and receive special recognition from the Assembly, according to Baker's office.

"This contest will be a great opportunity for high school students to learn about the legislative process and the importance of civic participation," the first-term assemblywoman, whose district includes Pleasanton, said in a statement. "I'm hopeful many students will find the task of creating their own short video to be both a fun and educational experience."

Participating students are asked to create a two- to six-minute video explaining the problem their bill idea would address, details of what their bill would do to solve the

problem and evidence to support the need for the legislation.

Contestants can also submit an optional, but recommended, essay of up to 1,000 words detailing the bill idea, according to Baker's office.

In the video or essay, students must address why the state government should solve their problem — rather than the local or federal government, the private sector or nonprofits — and they must explain how the proposed legislation would be funded.

The bill idea doesn't need to create a new program or regulation; the student's concept could be to repeal, replace or modify existing law.

Contestants must upload their video to YouTube and send the link to Baker's office by visiting <https://ad16.asmr.org> and clicking on "There Ought To Be A Law" on the right-hand side of the page. Submissions are due Nov. 27.

Baker's office will then review all submissions and select the top three videos. On Dec. 3, the three finalists will be added to the "Catharine Baker" YouTube channel. The public can vote by "liking" the video, and the video with the most "likes" by Dec. 17 will win.

"I'm eager to receive many quality video submissions into our contest and hear students' valuable insight into the problems that require a legislative fix," Baker added. ■



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Water wholesaler OKs 3-year rate increase

Zone 7 raises retailers' rates 28% for next year; votes to videotape meetings

BY MEREDITH BAUER

A Tri-Valley water wholesale board has decided to raise rates for retailers, a move that will likely mean an increase in ratepayers' water bills in 2016 and beyond.

The Zone 7 Water Agency board voted 6-1 last week to raise treated wholesale water rates about 28% for 2016 and at least 10% for 2017 and 2018 for its retailers, which are currently the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, Dublin San Ramon Services District and Cal Water.

The Oct. 21 public meeting, which was held at the agency's headquarters in Livermore, drew about 45 people to discuss topics on the agenda — but about 19 of them were local Boy Scouts observing to earn their "Citizenship in the Community" badge.

Pleasanton City Councilwoman Kathy Narum, speaking on behalf of individuals who spoke out against the rate increase as proposed. She said rainfall and residential water-

use estimates are difficult to predict, thus making revenue projections debatable.

"We cannot support a rate increase after the first year at this point, given the uncertainty," she said.

The new wholesale rate will be \$3.15 per 100 cubic feet (CCF) of water for 2016, \$2.93 per CCF for 2017 and \$3.32 per CCF for 2018. Previous rates were based on amount of water used, but the most common billed rate for its retailers was \$2.36 per CCF.

One CCF is equivalent to just over 748 gallons.

The change is expected to be passed through by retailers to ratepayers' bills, which means residential monthly bills may increase by \$7.90 a month for 2016, according to Zone 7 estimates.

The new rate includes a 10% rate increase for three years, as well as an additional drought surcharge of 57 cents per CCF — an increase of 18% based on the current rate — that will end in December 2016 but can be reinstated for future years by a board vote. The new rate is also uniform regardless of consumption.

The agency has been discussing raising its rates since this summer, and August and September board meetings included presentations by Sanjay Guar, vice president of Raftelis Financial Consultants, which was paid to evaluate Zone 7's rate and financial viability.

Agency staff and board members again stressed the need to raise rates due to declining water sales because of water conservation prompted by the drought, a historic unwillingness to raise rates significantly since the recession and substantial upcoming capital improvement costs that hover around \$20 million a year.

Without a change in the district's rate, the agency would have a deficit of \$7 million for operational and maintenance expenses by 2017.

The new rate sets the agency to be in good financial standing to take out about \$43 million in debt in the 2017-18 budget year — a plan that staff is steering the agency toward in order to pay for large upcoming projects while spreading

out the impact over a few decades.

Board member Angela Ramirez Holmes voted against the measure. She said her vote wasn't because she opposed a rate increase in general, but rather she felt the current rate increase went beyond what was necessary to set the agency up for a positive financial future.

She said she opposed the fact that "90% of the rate increase" was going into capital improvement reserves. She said she could have supported a one-year, 10% rate increase with the one-year drought surcharge, but she couldn't support a three-year increase with the surcharge.

Given the current plan, the agency's capital improvement reserves would jump from \$18 million this budget year to \$47 million in the 2017-18 financial year.

In general, the agency is set to spend about \$13 million on capital improvement projects next financial year, \$23 million in 2017-18 and \$22 million in 2018-19. Zone 7 general manager Jill Duerig said at several board meetings the projects are necessary because they've been delayed for years due to budget issues.

Some projects include building a new ozone water treatment plant, as well as replacing old pipes and old pumps that are threatening to fail, especially if an earthquake comes along, Duerig said.

The 10% rate increase will stay in effect until June 30, 2018 unless the board decides to bring up a measure to change it, which board members can do at any time. However, board members acknowledged passing a one-year rate or changing course before debt is issued could hurt the agency's chance at getting an appropriate interest rate down the line.

At previous meetings, residents came before the board to ask the agency to consider cutting costs before it raises rates.

Staff presented information Oct. 21 about cost-cutting measures

that have been ongoing for years, including deferring \$200 million in expansion projects, deferring \$14.7 million in replacement and upgrade construction projects and implementing a soft hiring freeze, among other strategies.

However, several board members said last week and at their September meeting that the agency is in bad financial shape due to the board's unwillingness to raise rates over the years, partially because they didn't want to add to retailers' financial pressures after the recession.

"I'm rather frustrated and embarrassed that we as a board rolled over and didn't raise rates the way we should have," board member Dick Quigley said.

In other business:

The board also voted 5-1 to pay about \$23,000 to record its public meetings for a year, stream them online and play them on Tri-Valley Community Television, also known as TV30, after the meetings have finished.

The measure is meant to increase the board's transparency by providing greater access to its constituents, who will be able to access the television broadcasts and online videos for free.

Marshall Kamena, president of the Tri-Valley Community Television Foundation and former Livermore mayor, said adding video recordings help residents better understand the context of decisions that are made.

Board member John Greci abstained, and board member Bill Stevens voted against, saying the agency didn't need to spend more money on transparency since audio recordings and written minutes were already taken.

The agency has faced criticism related to transparency in recent months. An Alameda County civil grand jury released a report in June concluding the agency wasn't fully transparent during its deliberations to buy land surrounding Lake Del Valle for \$18.6 million.

Zone 7 rebutted the allegations, saying it is allowed to discuss sale and purchase of property in closed session as long as the final decision is reported in open session. ■



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Amador Valley High student advances in Siemens competition

Bommakanti selected as regional finalist

An Amador Valley High student has advanced to be a regional finalist in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, a nationally known STEM event.

Sidharth Bommakanti is among 97 students nationwide who will move on to the next round. Students will compete in one of six competitions located at universities across the country, including one at Caltech, the Siemens

Foundation announced earlier this month.

"Today's regional finalists represent an outstanding group of students whose remarkable projects not only demonstrate a very advanced aptitude in STEM research but represent ideas that address some of today's most challenging issues," said David Etwiler, CEO of the Siemens Foundation, in a statement. "We congratulate the

regional finalists on their accomplishments and wish them luck in the next phase of the competition."

Winners of the regional competitions will compete in the finals at The George Washington University in December. A total of \$500,000 in scholarships will be awarded at the finals, including two top awards of \$100,000. ■

—Meredith Bauer

Honoring Sister City Association founder, historian

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association recently held a dinner recognizing founder Bob Athenour and Corrine Mavridis, who has served as historian since the beginning and manages the Tulancingo Room at City Hall.

As a surprise, four members of the Tulancingo Sister City

traveled from Mexico for the special occasion. Shown from left: Abel Gayoso (past president), Arturo Gómez (president-elect), Alfredo Pérez-Tagle (past president), Athenour, Mavridis and Gerardo Hernández (president).

Also attending the Oct. 13 dinner were Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and wife Sandy, Councilwoman Karla Brown and husband Tim Belcher, and past councilman Frank Brandes.



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Schoolyard swing

Students dance in an annual swing dance competition held at Hart Middle School from Oct. 12-23. The contest, a 16-year school tradition, was judged by a panel of 11 teachers.

Throughout the competition, students danced each day and couples were eliminated in rounds. On the final day, 20 teams were narrowed down to the top three.

This year's winning team was Isabella Sanchez and Scott Drummond. Kylie Maeda and Cooper Smith finished second, and Lauren Lennox-Swenson and Noah Powell were third.

Museum on Main exhibit about 1970s to open Wednesday

8-track tapes, 'Jaws' posters, even '70s hair styles on display

By JEB BING

The Museum on Main will open a new exhibit Wednesday featuring interactive displays, clothes including bell bottoms and plenty of boogie music from the 1970s.

The exhibit, originally developed by the Hayward Area Historical Society, revisits the fads and fashions of the "Me" decade, from the hits of TV, radio and movie theaters to the toys and games that shaped childhoods.

Visitors will find themselves surrounded by iconic images and ob-

jects from the era, such as 8-track tapes, posters for "Jaws" and "Saturday Night Fever," first-generation "Star Wars" merchandise, Tiger Beat pinups of David Cassidy and Erik Estrada, an Atari 2600 video game console and classic TV commercials.

The exhibit will also feature interactive displays in which visitors can "Feel the '70s" with such textures as shag carpet and Naugahyde. They will also have the opportunity to try on the great hairstyles of the '70s with cutout posters of Farrah Fawcett, Burt Reynolds

and other style icons of the decade.

The exhibit will open with a public reception from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the museum. Light refreshments will be served.

The Museum on Main is located at 603 Main St. Museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. There is no admission fee, but donations are always appreciated.

For more information, call 462-2766 or email curator@museumonmain.org. ■



JEB BING

Local community leaders at the Tri-Valley Mayors Forum last week (from left): Mayor David Haubert, Dublin; Vice Mayor Karen Stepper, Danville; Assemblywoman Catharine Baker; Mayor Jerry Thorne, Pleasanton; Mayor Bill Clarkson, San Ramon; and Mayor John Marchand, Livermore.

New STEAM preschool to hold four open houses in November

Pleasanton Unified science and technology preschool to open in January

A science and technology preschool will open through Pleasanton Unified School District in January, and the preschool will host four open house events to provide parents with more information.

The Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture and Math (STEAM) preschool will open Jan. 4, the district announced this week. Enrollment will open on Monday.

The informational events will be Nov. 12 from 4-6 p.m., Nov. 14 from 1-3 p.m., Nov. 17 from 5-7 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 4667 Bernal Ave.

The program is run through Pleasanton Unified but not funded through the district. Tuition is \$1,350 a month and there is an \$85 registration fee.

The preschool will focus its cur-

riculum on subjects students show an interest in pursuing, while still covering the important cognitive, social and emotional aspects of preschool, preschool lead Shannon Colacchia said.

"This type of preschool is really a progressive, innovative idea behind preschool," she said. "We're teaching children how to think outside the box, how to problem-solve and how to seek out their own answers for things."

She said this preschool won't have age-old lessons of memorizing the alphabet but will expose them to literacy subjects by incorporating object names and written sentences into the curriculum, such as labeling tables with "table."

Students will have a big hand in choosing what subjects they pursue. If children go on a nature walk and find a bug or leaf they have a lot of

questions about, the teacher might spend time answering those questions and following up with more lessons about nature, Colacchia said.

She said teachers will also focus on getting students to socialize and work together in groups to learn how to cooperate, manage conflict and compromise.

"A big part of our school will be the teachers and the language they use with the children," Colacchia said, including "how to speak to children to ignite their curiosity."

The preschool can enroll 48 children, and the school is open to all families, not just Pleasanton residents.

For more information, visit steampreschool.pleasantonusd.net or call 462-4700. Enrollment forms can be found on the website. ■

—Meredith Bauer

HOBBS

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his resignation earlier this month and will leave his job today for a position as Dublin Unified's as-

sistant superintendent of human resources. His resignation was also formally accepted Tuesday night.

In addition, the district is searching for an official spokesperson after Nicole Steward resigned

from her post as coordinator of communication and community engagement for a job as Milpitas Unified School District's family and community engagement manager. ■

MAYORS

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Dublin's Haubert, whose city now irrigates 85% of all public areas with water from its nearby recycling plant, also acknowledged that the city recently opened its new water park, using half a million gallons of potable water to fill the main pool.

Transportation

Stepper and the mayors agreed that new toll lanes in operation or planned for freeways running through their communities will help alleviate rush hour congestion and make it easier for commuters — and shoppers — to reach their workplaces and retail centers.

They also said they support extending BART rail to Livermore.

"We've made more progress in the past four months than in the last 40 years in bringing BART to Livermore," Marchand said.

Thorne said that the five cities' mayors, by speaking in unity about transportation needs, are making more progress and have been more effective than "the alphabet soup of agencies that run our transportation system."

"The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, for one, is run by the state with no accountability to

local governments," he said.

Housing

The mayors also agreed that more workforce housing that is affordable to employees in their cities could help reduce the volume of commute traffic that snarls freeways.

"We need a mix of housing that provides for our workforces," Marchand said. "We need a wider range of housing."

New construction

Construction projects dominated the region this year and could be larger in 2016.

Clarkson said major renovations are underway in Bishop Ranch with a new city hall and new library scheduled to open in May.

A new civic center and library are also under consideration in Pleasanton, with a task force now studying possible locations.

In Livermore, Marchand said the opening of the Bankhead Theater marked the successful end of 17 years of effort. He's hoping to see a hotel built in the downtown district.

With a new aquatic center and sports park, Haubert said 2016 will be "a Dublin year."

Danville, Stepper said, is considering plans for more housing units to be built over retail stores. ■

Community Pulse

Margaret Mary Perri

February 22, 1924 - October 22, 2015

Margaret Perri passed away in Walnut Creek, CA at the age of 91. Born in Detroit, Michigan on February 22, 1924, later migrating to California. She received her AA Degree from DeAnza College in 1973 and became a Student Teacher, Administrator for Alpine Travel in Saratoga and worked as a Concierge at Nordstrom in San Jose. She is survived by her Brother, Harvey Passanisi (Beverly Passanisi) of San Mateo, Son, Daniel Perri of Brattleboro, VT, Daughter-in-Law Candace Perri of Pleasanton, Grandsons, Scott Perri (Jennie Perri) of Castro Valley, CA, Matthew Perri (Danielle Stolman) of San Jose, CA and Granddaughter, RaeAnne Caires (Mike Caires) of Charlottesville, VA, Preceded in death by late Husband, Rinaldo Perri, Sister, Anne Pombo, and Brother, Sam Passanisi. She will be dearly missed by extended family and friends.



November 2nd, 2015 Rosary/Vigil 7pm
St. Augustines Catholic Church, Pleasanton Ca
November 3rd 2015 Funeral/Mass 10am
St. Augustines Catholic Church, Pleasanton Ca
Internment following Mass 12:30pm
Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos Ca
In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Judes Childrens Research Hospital.

PAID OBITUARY

Chris Harold Hokanson, Ph.D.

November 23, 1972 - August 15, 2015

Chris Harold Hokanson, Ph.D., a resident of Marion, Alabama and former Pleasanton resident, passed away August 15 at age 42 from amyloidosis stemming from multiple myeloma.



Born in Castro Valley, California, Chris grew up in Pleasanton, graduating as Co-Valedictorian of Amador Valley High School in 1991. He graduated with honors in English from Stanford University and also studied at Magdalen College at Oxford University. Chris earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English Literature at Indiana University, as well as a Masters in Education from the Harvard University School of Education.

Following postdoctoral fellowships at Stanford University, the University of Illinois-Chicago, and the University of Alabama, Chris spent the past five years as Assistant Professor and Chairman of the English Department at Judson College in Marion, Alabama. He also served as Division Head for the Humanities, overseeing multiple departments. A much-beloved professor and colleague, Chris received both college-wide teaching awards, one from the faculty and administration in 2014 and one from the graduating students of the class of 2015.

Chris was a member and elected deacon of Siloam Baptist Church in Marion. He loved planning and taking domestic road trips and international travel vacations, cooking and baking for his family and friends, reading mystery fiction, and going to the movies. He will be remembered as a kindhearted and loving son, brother, and friend, a brilliant scholar and teacher, and a fun-loving, quick wit.

Predeceased by his father, Charles Hokanson, Sr., Chris is survived by his mother, Janet Hokanson of Pleasanton, and brothers Charles Hokanson Jr. of Tampa, Florida, and Craig Hokanson of Pleasanton.

Christian funeral and burial services were held August 21 at the Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park and Funeral Home in Hayward, California. Charitable donations may be made in his memory to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or to Judson College, Attn: Development Office, 302 Bibb Street, Marion, AL 36756 (designate The Dr. Chris Hokanson Memorial Fund).

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POLICE BULLETIN

One dead, one seriously injured in Livermore shooting

One man died and another suffered critical injuries during a shooting in Livermore last Saturday evening, according to Livermore police.

Authorities have identified the 32-year-old man fatally shot as Jose A. Mendoza, of Turlock.

Ulizes Benitez was also wounded in the shooting, which occurred in the CVS Pharmacy parking lot at 1500 First St. around 6:05 p.m. Saturday, according to police. Benitez, a 22-year-old resident of Turlock, survived the incident but was still listed in critical condition as of press time Wednesday.

Investigators have identified Oakland resident Jason Alexander Brown, 18, as a suspect in the shooting, according to police. As of press time Wednesday, police said Brown was still at large and may be armed with a large-caliber assault rifle.

Another suspect described only as a male has yet to be identified and also remains at large as of Wednesday afternoon, police said.

The suspects were seen leaving the scene of the shooting in a black 2006 BMW 325i with two red racing stripes on the hood and license plate number 5PLR682, according to police, who have not released a potential motive for the fatal shooting.

The suspects reportedly drove out of the parking lot onto Railroad Avenue and California Highway Patrol officers last saw the vehicle in Oakland, police said.

Officers reportedly searched a home in the vicinity of Center and Eighth streets in Oakland looking for Brown, but he was not there at the time.

Brown is also accused of killing a 27-year-old man inside a Fresno Thai restaurant on Sept. 12, Fresno police Lt. Burke Farrah said Monday.



Jason Alexander Brown

Albert Thao was killed and another man was wounded by gunfire as they were eating in the MeK-hong Restaurant, Farrah said. A man, later identified as Brown, was seen leaving the scene in a gray Dodge Charger, the lieutenant added.

Fresno police investigators identified Brown as a suspect and obtained a warrant for his arrest. They connected him to the Bay Area and have been in touch with Livermore police investigators, Farrah said.

Authorities also allege Brown is a suspect in a Sept. 28 drug-related shooting in Sacramento that killed a 53-year-old man.

Anyone with information about the Livermore shooting is asked to contact the Livermore Police Department at (925) 371-4777. Anyone who sees Brown is asked to call 9-1-1 immediately.

In other police news:

- An unknown person broke into a Pleasanton home last Friday while the homeowners were away, taking electronics and jewelry.

The culprit got inside the home, which is in the 6000 block of Inglewood Drive, by removing the screen from an open back-bedroom window, according to Pleasanton police.

The burglary happened between 10 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

About \$2,500 in items was stolen from the home, including a MacBook Pro, an iPad Air, and iPad 4 and an Xbox 360.

- Police are investigating after an unidentified person lit a trash can on fire outside Harvest Park Middle School on Valley Avenue.

The fire happened between 4 p.m. Oct. 16 and noon on Oct. 17, and there were no reports of injuries or structural damage, according to police.

No witnesses have come forward, and police did not have any suspects as of Monday afternoon. ■

—Meredith Bauer

Editor's note: Information from the Bay City News Service was used in this report.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Oct. 16

Theft

- 9:26 a.m., 3700 block of Trener Drive

- 2:51 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto

- 3:46 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

- 4:47 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall; shoplifting

- 5:14 p.m., 1200 block of Concord Street

- 7:19 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall; auto theft

Oct. 17

Theft

- 6:09 p.m., 3400 block of Old Foothill Road; theft from auto

Assault

- 9:56 p.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

Oct. 18

Domestic battery

- 12:13 a.m. on Santa Rita Road

Found property

- 10:32 a.m. on Canyon Meadows Drive and Canyon Meadows Circle

Embezzlement

- 8:06 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Oct. 19

Theft

- 7:04 a.m., 2600 block of Laramie Gate Circle; theft from auto

- 7:38 a.m., 3400 block of Touriga Drive; bike theft

- 9:42 a.m., 4300 block of Columbine Drive; auto theft

- 6:31 p.m., 4700 block of Herrin Way; auto theft

Arson

- 9:47 a.m. in the 4900 block of Valley Avenue

Assault

- 11:24 a.m. in the 4800 block of Bernal Avenue

Residential burglary

- 10:49 a.m. in the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

- 1:26 p.m. in the 4600 block of Mason Street

- 5:06 p.m. in the 4100 block of Holland Drive

Fraud

- 3:28 p.m. in the 1700 block of Beachwood Way

- 5:49 p.m. in the 2400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Oct. 20

Fraud

- 11:55 a.m. in the 5300 block of Hopyard Road

Theft from structure

- 1:55 a.m., 600 block of Main Street

Found property

- 12:42 p.m. in the 6700 block of Bernal Avenue

Oct. 21

Theft from structure

- 8:47 a.m., 6200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Commercial burglary

- 4:41 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Assault

- 5:39 p.m. in the 400 block of Old Bernal Avenue

Oct. 22

Theft

- 7:29 a.m., 6300 block of Stoneridge Mall; theft from auto

- 1:30 p.m., 4400 block of Valley Avenue; auto theft

- 4:03 p.m., 2200 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 4:09 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Fraud

- 3:09 p.m. in the 5600 block of San Jose Drive

Oct. 23

Fraud

- 1:36 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Shoplifting

- 2:26 p.m. at Stoneridge Mall

- 3:44 p.m., 6000 block of Johnson Drive

Residential burglary

- 1:47 p.m. in the 6200 block of Inglewood Drive

Oct. 24

Shoplifting

- 10:42 a.m. at Stoneridge Mall

Auto theft recovery

- 11:07 p.m. in the 11900 block of Dublin Canyon Road

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Robust U.S. housing market projected for 2016

Steady employment and economic growth, pent-up demand, affordable home prices and attractive mortgage rates will keep the U.S. housing market on a gradual upward trend in 2016, according to economists at a Fall Construction Forecast meeting.

However, they also warned that persistent headwinds related to shortages and availability of lots and labor, along with rising materials prices, are impeding a more robust recovery, especially here in California. Since the recent recession and the economic effects of the housing bubble and its collapse, this recovery has been all about jobs. If people can get good jobs that pay decent incomes, the housing market will

continue to move forward.

With that in mind, the good news is that total U.S. employment of 142 million is now well above the previous peak of 138 million that occurred in 2008. The one caveat is that job growth has been heavy in the service sector, which tends to pay lower wages than Silicon Valley-related and goods-producing jobs. Still, home equity across the U.S. has nearly doubled since 2011 and now stands at \$12.5 trillion.

And while mortgage interest rates are expected to rise over the near-term, averaging 4.5% in 2016 and 5.5% in 2017, they are not expected to have an impact on the housing recovery. As the economy gets better,

job and wage growth should keep pace. So even though mortgage rates will rise, they will still be low by historical standards and very affordable.

Several factors may hinder a more robust recovery:

- Some 13% of builders reported the cost and availability of labor was a significant problem in 2011 and that concern jumped to 61% in 2014.
- About one-fifth of builders shared the same concerns regarding lots in 2011 and that ratio shot up to 58% in 2014.
- Concerns over building materials stood at 58% among builders in 2014, up from 33% in 2011.

Turning to the forecast, single-family home production is projected to increase an additional 27% in 2016 to 914,000 units. Multifamily starts are expected to rise 9% to 387,000 units this year and post a modest 3% decline to 378,000 units in 2016. Residential remodeling activity also is forecasted to increase 6.8% in 2015 over last year and rise an additional 6.1% in 2016.

Also, contrary to popular belief, millennials prefer to own a home in the suburbs rather than rent in the cities.

Trulia housing economist Ralph McLaughlin said surveys of millen-

nial renters show that almost 90% say they eventually want to purchase a home. That is significantly higher than Gen Xers, who were hurt by the recession, and quite a bit more than current baby boomer renters, who are at 40%. However, an overwhelming majority of millennials, who are still starting households and paying off college debt, say it will be at least two years before they are ready to buy.

Of interest locally, the survey showed that roughly half of all Americans prefer to live in suburban areas, which indicates that regions such as ours will continue growing faster than urban areas.

"That is a sign that the urbanization trend we saw start to happen at the beginning of the recovery was more of a blip rather than a new rule," McLaughlin said. "Moreover, the percentage of households living in urban neighborhoods in 2013 was lower among nearly all age groups compared to 2000. So again, this shows there really isn't an urbanization trend among households."

With continued broad-based improvement in employment, economic growth and housing, 2016 promises to be an outstanding year both in the Tri-Valley and across the country. ■



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LETTERS

Teen poet laureate program started in 2008

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton's teen poet laureate program was started earlier, not two years ago as stated in your column "Around Pleasanton" ("Bit of youthful culture at council meeting," Pleasanton Weekly, Oct. 23, 2015).

Martha Meltzer, poet laureate from 2007-09, started the teen program in the 2008-09 school year. I broadened the program from one teen laureate to two, one from each high school. I also changed the parameters for only juniors or seniors with more experience to be eligible.

As an example of previous experiences with the teen poet laureates, I took the teens during my tenure (as poet laureate 2009-11) to all the middle schools to read poems and talk about writing in addition to organizing one program for the public on their own. In my last year, we had three teen poet laureates to cover all the middle schools and help plan the program.

As background, Martha and I coordinated with the teens and mentored them with their programming. Cynthia Bryant was

appointed poet laureate for the second time in 2011, but did not continue the program. (Later) the city was in direct touch with the teens and basically coordinated the program.

—Deborah Grossman

Pleasanton moving forward


Dear Editor,

Two recent Letters to the Editor criticized a City Council vote to amend the General Plan rezoning land and our government's consideration of proposals from Costco and other unnamed "corporate interests" for the old Clorox site. I applaud these folks for sharing their concerns, but would they rather we do nothing while our two neighbors continue to grow and attract vibrant tenants?

We seem to have a very astute, open-minded, representative City Council now, who I believe considers the city's best interests with every vote.

By the way, Livermore has a Costco, a Wal-Mart and other big retailers, and also what appears to be a hopping downtown. How about that?

—Jim Garber



WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

City Council

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- **PUBLIC HEARING:** Adopt a resolution approving the Citizens' Options for Public Safety Program (COPS) Year 19 appropriation
- **Continued from October 20, 2015 - Public Hearing:** PUD-25, Greenbriar Homes/Lund Ranch II - Consider introduction of ordinances (1) approving a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Rezoning and Development Plan approval to construct 50 single-family, two story homes and related improvements on the approximately 194.7-acre Lund Ranch II property located at 1500 Lund Ranch Road at the end of Lund Ranch Road, and (2) Development Agreement to vest entitlements for the project; and approval of a resolution certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the project
- **Public Hearing:** P15-0384, City of Pleasanton (1) Consider an amendment to the Pleasanton Municipal Code to expand design review authority to include the exterior of historic homes in residential zoning districts within the Downtown Specific Plan Area; (2) discuss whether to pursue a separate Municipal Code Amendment to expand design review authority to the exterior of non-historic single-family homes in residential zoning districts in the Downtown Specific Plan Area; and (3) review the Historic Resource Survey of the residential structures Downtown that were built before 1942
- Consider the proposed Veterans' Memorial Design for the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery and an agreement with Keller Mitchell & Co. in providing landscape architectural design services not to exceed \$28,000
- Consider a resolution accepting and approving 2015 Annual Report and 2016 Budget of the Pleasanton Downtown Business Improvement District Advisory Board and intent to levy assessment for 2016, and introduction of an ordinance to amend Pleasanton Municipal Code Chapter 5.28 to clarify bid boundaries and eliminate new business exemption

Civic Arts Commission

Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Approve Funding Criteria for FY 2016/17 Community Grant Program - Civic Arts Category
- Approve the Proposed Changes to Pleasanton Municipal Code Chapter 2.39, Civic Arts Commission
- Review One (1) Design for "Project Paint Box" to be Placed on the Utility Box Located at Foothill High School

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

- Please visit our website at www.cityofpleasantonca.gov to view information regarding these meetings

Youth Commission

Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Operations Service Center, 3333 Busch Road

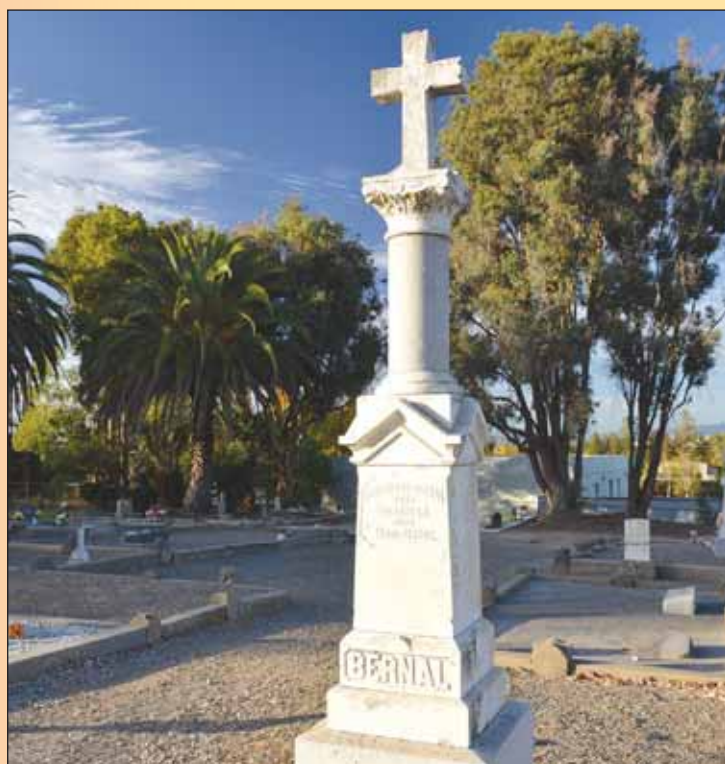
- Approve Funding Criteria for FY 2016/17 Community Grant Program - Youth Category
- Ptownlife.org Site Update
- Youth/Teen Survey Discussion and Subcommittee Selection

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HALLOWEEN TREATS

Pleasanton gets into the spooktacular spirit

STORY AND PHOTOS BY CATHY JETTER



Top: Travis and Kenzie Glenn brought friends Isabella Beatty and Claire Bedell to help explore the spooky side of Halloween at the Spirit Store in Rose Pavilion.

Above: A Halloween morning walk in the Pioneer Cemetery will include fun facts about the early residents buried there. (Photo by Michelle Suski).

Tomorrow night is Halloween, and neighborhoods from Ruby Hill to The Preserve will find their sidewalks filled with miniature ghosts and goblins running doorbell to doorbell, racing to fill their bags and plastic pumpkins with treats before mom and dad decide to head home and begin the time-honored tradition of raiding their kids' Halloween stash.

Those who manage to avoid the mind-numbing effects of sugar overload can remind the grownups they had their own chance to trick-or-treat last Saturday night when the Pleasanton Downtown Association and downtown merchants hosted the fifth annual Halloween Brew Crawl.

With 31 pouring stations featuring more than 50 craft beers and a variety of appetizers, the sold-out event gave the 21-and-older crowd a chance to relive the days of costumes and canvassing the streets for the best treats in the neighborhood.

Most everyone gets into the spirit of the event, as Pleasanton dentist Aldrin Adamos noted last weekend while watching the growing number of costumed revelers enjoying the evening as they waited outside his Division Street office to sample Pig Ol' Bitties

brew and treats from Sauced BBQ and Spirits.

"A few years ago, there were just a few people dressed up. Now," he said, gesturing at the crowd, "you can see it's part of the night."

Also interesting is what wasn't seen: political costumes. Not really a Trump, Clinton or Obama mask to be found. Traditional, often elaborate, costumes were clearly favored over the "ripped from the headlines" caricatures of celebrity figures.

Even the Spirit Halloween Store, housed this season at Rose Pavilion, has very limited space dedicated to the faces of the debate and social media stars. Far more popular, particularly with the young crowd, are the creepy and ghoulish looks inspired by the current zombie craze.

Seven-year-old Travis Glenn and his 9-year-old sister Kenzie spent an afternoon at Spirit trying to convince their mother, Carrie, that more is better when it comes to decor for scaring the neighbors.

"We need this," Travis insisted, holding hands with Lost Lizzy, a straight-from-the-horror-films, don't-sleep-with-her-in-your-bedroom doll moving blindly in listless, battery-driven circles. "She would scare everyone."

Not so scary was the Ghoul-

ish Good Time celebration at the Pleasanton Gateway shopping center on the corner of Bernal and Valley Avenue Oct. 22. Catering to the under-7 crowd, the two-hour event was a true party complete with music, dancing, balloon figures and face painting.

Local children's entertainer Andy Z persuaded several princesses, a few young firefighters and more than one Superman to sing familiar songs and laugh along with his corny jokes. "I saw you last week," shouted Batman to the audience — apparently Andy Z has groupies.

Plenty of fans also showed up when Sunflower Hill's Garden at Hagemann Ranch acknowledged its first fall harvest with a Pumpkin Festival last weekend. The one-acre site was filled with old-fashioned fun, completely in keeping with the property's historic atmosphere.

Pumpkin bowling, pumpkin painting and Poke-a-Pumpkin games all took advantage of the bountiful pumpkin crop produced through the efforts of many committed hands. Last April, in partnership with the city of Livermore, the not-for-profit organization enlisted the help of volunteers, local businesses and community organizations to build a garden benefiting individuals with special needs.

In addition to creating opportunities for people with special needs to develop skills that build independence, more than 5,000 pounds of produce has been harvested — 65% of which has been donated to low-income food banks including the Tri-Valley Haven and Marilyn Avenue Elementary School. Cindy Everson, a Sunflower Hill board member, said her son, Joe, thoroughly enjoys the garden and was happy to be a part of the festival.

"The garden continues to develop through the efforts of so many people," she said. "We can't wait to see what it will have grown into next year."

If you fear the best of the 2015 Halloween happenings have already passed you by, don't give up the ghost.

There are hours of fun and fright ahead, beginning this evening at Firehouse Arts Center — where Creatures of Impulse, the Bay Area's award-winning teen improv troupe, has been horrifying their audience for six Halloween seasons. Using storylines suggested by the audience prior to the start of the show, the cast develops a fully improvised, unique play for each performance.

Mark Duncanson, founder and



Clockwise from left: Star Wars was a popular costume theme last weekend at the Brew Crawl, along with pirates, vampires and zombies. Brandy Mendonca and Aileen Sores took a break from the Brew Crawl to do a little bit of Halloween shopping at downtown's Gourmet Works. The Cellar Door was a popular starting point for costumed Brew Crawlers. Valerie Csillag celebrates the fall harvest by painting one of the many pumpkins grown in the Sunflower Hill Garden at Hagemann Ranch. (Contributed photo).



director of Creatures of Impulse, remarked on the notable talent of these local youth, pointing out they create feelings of tension and terror by inspiring the imagination.

"We don't use props, sets, costumes or make-up," he said. "One year, two audience members had to leave the theater because they said 'it got too intense.'" The intensity becomes especially spooktacular during the 9 p.m. Halloween showing, which is recommended for those souls aged 14 and older.

The improv show also plays tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Halloween at 2 p.m.

Graveyards are best left to the ghosts at night, which makes Dolores Bengtson's morning tour of the Pioneer Cemetery the perfect way to greet the spirits on Halloween at 8:30 a.m.

The two-hour walk, hosted by Pleasanton's former head of Parks and Recreation, is full of what Bengtson calls "fun facts, suitable for Halloween." Featuring stories of murder, white-collar crime and a lady who took a gun to fend off outlaws, Bengtson said her research dug up quite an interesting bunch of early Pleasanton residents, though we assume they will all be back properly under their tombstones before the start

of the tour.

If all that exercise works up a killer appetite, there will be an optional stop at a local coffee house on the way back to the Senior Center on Sunol Boulevard, where the tour originates.

For those who are maybe a little too old to haunt the streets in search of the elusive king-sized candy bar, the Pirates of Emerson is an excellent Halloween alternative.

This is the horror fan's fantasy come to life, so if you're the one who hasn't slept in the dark since Freddy Krueger first appeared on screen in 1984, think twice and then again before entering the Pirates' domain. The event runs tonight and tomorrow night from 7:05 p.m. to midnight.

Now in its fifth frightful year at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, the Pirates of Emerson is a haunted theme park — an interactive experience with elaborate sets and cast members whose sole purpose is to scare you. Really, really scare you.

And no, there are no refunds for those who choose to leave before completing the experience.

Maybe they can use the extra time to ring a few more doorbells. ■





HARMONY FUSION CHORUS

Harmony Fusion Chorus, joined by other a cappella groups, will present songs through the decades that everyone loves although they may not admit it.

A cappella afternoon of catchy tunes

Harmony Fusion Chorus to present 'Brown Bag Radio Hour Show'

BY DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Ever have a song stuck in your head that you can't get rid of? And it's a song you're embarrassed to even admit liking?

Harmony Fusion Chorus, the local women's a cappella barbershop chorus, will be belting out these catchy tunes next weekend at its "Brown Bag Radio Hour Show," an afternoon of popular songs through the decades that "you hate to love."

"There is an old joke that if you loved a record album of schmaltzy music performed by singers such as Barry Manilow, John Denver, Abba, the Carpenters or Englebert Humperdink, you had to hide it in a brown bag for fear of total humiliation," explained chorus director Barbara Vander Putten. "Yet the songs were the kind you just can't not sing or listen to over and over again."

"Songs like 'It's My Party,' 'Coconut' and 'At the Hop' are not considered Grammy-

worthy, but we can't help sing them every time they come on the radio," she added.

Vander Putten put together a collection of "brown bag" songs for a performance in the form of a variety show for next weekend, being presented at the Lynnewood Methodist Church on Black Avenue.

The setting will be similar to the old radio studio shows of the 1940s, which evolved into the television variety shows of the '50s through the '80s, with audiences watching performers dance and sing the top songs of the day. The show's format mimics the famous DJ Casey Kasem's top 40 weekend countdown as the chorus performs songs representing each decade.

To help create the variety show theme, songs from each decade will also feature Pleasanton's Hart Middle School Swing Dancers, the Milpitas High School Midnight Jazz Vocal Ensemble, folk singer duo Kincheloe and Atkinson, as well as other a cappella quartets and ensembles.

"A main element of our mission statement is to reach out to the community," Vander Putten said. "For me, that is especially true with respect to young performers. Each year we try to include at least one youth group in our shows."

After the performance, Harmony Fusion Chorus will host a reception for all guests in the church fellowship hall.

The chorus performs all songs a cappella — without musical accompaniment — which has gained popularity in recent years.

"A cappella singing is so hot right now," Vander Putten said. "With the success of the 'Pitch Perfect' films, the television show 'The Sing Off' — the springboard for the incredibly popular group Pentatonix — and the evolving perception of barbershop singing as a cool thing to do, a cappella singing is experiencing a true renaissance."

"There is really nothing as satisfying as bringing four-part harmony together to create 'voices without bodies' or overtones that naturally occur with the unique chord struc-

ture," she added. "It's that harmony sound that audiences love."

Harmony Fusion Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barbershop harmony through education and performances.

For more information, visit www.harmonyfusion.org. ■

Variety show

What: "Brown Bag Radio Hour Show"
Who: Harmony Fusion Chorus and others
When: 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7
Where: Lynnewood Methodist Church, 4444 Black Ave.
Tickets: \$22 (seniors \$18) in advance; \$25 (\$20) at the door.
For tickets, call 846-1857 or visit www.harmonyfusion.org.

Enchanting 'South Pacific'

Musical classic opens next week at Firehouse



GARY CYR

Professional actors Brandy Collazo (left) as Nellie Forbush and Joshua Hollister as Emile de Becque head the cast of "South Pacific," playing at the Firehouse Arts Center through Nov. 22.

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre kicks off its sixth season next Saturday night at the Firehouse Arts Center with a sparkling new production of "South Pacific," the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical featuring classics such as "Younger Than Springtime" and "Some Enchanted Evening."

Set against the dramatic background of an idyllic South Pacific island during World War II, the story intertwines the themes of romance, duty and prejudice for a story that is hilarious, heartbreaking and thought-provoking.

"What draws me as a director to this musical is that the story being told is layered with a real moral conflict that audiences can relate to today," director Joy Sherratt said.

The musical is based on the anecdotes of a real-life U.S. Navy commander who was himself stationed on a remote island. It follows two intercultural love stories: Nellie, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with Emile, a French plantation owner on the island who has two children from his late Polynesian wife, while U.S. Lt. Cable falls for a beautiful island native named Liat.

Both Americans find themselves struggling to reconcile their cultural prejudices with their hearts' desires, all the while under the dark cloud of a war that is coming ever closer to their little paradise.

"To fall in love completely challenges and changes the way one thinks," Sherratt said. "And the Firehouse is the perfect intimate space to tell this tale."

Sherratt, who is co-founder of Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre, and directs and choreographs the production, said the lush musical score might just be Rodgers and Hammerstein's best.

Musical direction is by Rachel Robinson, scenic designs by Pat Brandon, lighting design by Mike Oesch and costumes by Margaret daSilva.

Starring in the leading roles of Emile de Becque and Nellie Forbush are professional actors Joshua Hollister and Brandy Collazo.

Hollister has studied at the Manhattan School of Music and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where he received a bachelor's degree in music with honors in opera performance.

Collazo was last seen on the Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre stage as Kathy Selden in "Singin' in the Rain."

After the Sunday matinee performance Nov. 8, the actors will participate in an "Inside the Show" discussion with the audience, free with the price of admission to the show. ■

Love in paradise

What: "South Pacific"
 Who: Pacific Coast Repertory Theatre
 When: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7-22
 Where: Firehouse Arts Center, 4444 Railroad Ave.
 Tickets: \$18-\$39; youth, senior and group discounts are available. Purchase online at www.firehousearts.org, by phone at 931-4848 or in person at the box office.



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COURTESY OF WAGNER FAMILY

Wagner celebrates 100th birthday

Pleasanton resident Margery Lovena Wagner celebrated her 100th birthday with an open house at her home Sunday.

Born Oct. 25, 1915, Wagner has been a Pleasanton resident since 1970, moving to the area from El Cerrito after her husband, John, retired from a 30-year career with the federal government. She and her husband, who has since died, were married April 14, 1934.

She and John were active with the Pleasanton Senior Center for many years.

COURTESY OF GUPTA FAMILY



Miss Jr. Pre Teen

Ritika Gupta, a 9-year-old from Pleasanton, won the title of regional Miss Jr. Pre Teen earlier this month in Sacramento.

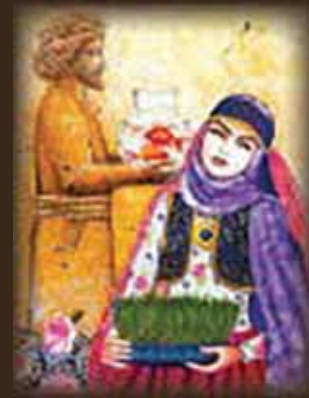
Gupta's response to the winning final-round question was "If I had a million dollars, I would save some, I would spend some to have fun with family and friends and donate some for the foundation to support poor kids."

The Donlon Elementary student enjoys cooking, dancing and painting, according to her family. Her long-range goal is to create a business called Yet Yummy, a franchise that will focus on healthy meals around 300 calories to be delivered to homes and also served at its restaurants. According to her, meals will be less in calories, less in fat and less in sugar, and "Yet Yummy."

Next up for Gupta is the national Miss Jr. Pre Teen competition set for December in Florida, organized by Pageantry With Purpose.

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Callippe Preserve turns 10

Golf course celebrating occasion with outing, party

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton's Callippe Preserve Golf Course is set to celebrate its 10-year anniversary Nov. 11, marking the occasion with a shotgun golf outing and party, including on-course food and beverages, an after-event cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres and prizes.

The course in southern Pleasanton, owned by the city and managed by CourseCo, opened to golfers Nov. 11, 2005.

Since then, it's hosted more than 600,000 rounds of golf, countless golf lessons and a variety of special events, according to city officials.

Designed by Brian Costello, Callippe Preserve has earned various awards and accolades over the past 10 years, including:

- Sixth-ranked public access golf course by Golf Week Magazine (March 2006).

- No. 9 "Best New Public Course Under \$75" by Golf Digest (January 2007).

- Three-time winner of the GreenKeeper.org "Best Value Award" in the East Bay.

- Golf Week Magazine's 47th "Best Municipal Course" (May 2010).

- Six Environmental in Golf Awards (ELGAs).

The anniversary golf outing and party Nov. 11 is open to the public. It costs \$55 for Pleasanton residents and \$65 for non-residents. Golf registration opens at 8:30 a.m. that day before the 10 a.m. shotgun start. For more information or to register, call 426-6666. ■



PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

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DANA DOTSON

USA Water Polo All-American Joe Schafer helps lead the Foothill Falcons to a 14-13 overtime win against crosstown rival Amador Valley.

Slamming pumpkins

Ellie Dutcher and Rylie Barber decorate a pumpkin with a resident at The Parkview Assisted Living and Memory Care community in Pleasanton during a visit last weekend with the rest of the girls on their softball team, the San Ramon Slammers.

The Slammers, a 14-and-under fast-pitch team, consists of girls from Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore and other Tri-Valley communities. The team focuses on helping the young players develop softball skills on the field and learn life lessons off it, according to coach Lea Cavestany.

The girls visited the Pleasanton facility on Sunday, initially helping the senior residents decorate pumpkins for Halloween and later reading books and hosting games with the seniors. The Slammers were invited back to The Parkview for another activity day in the future, Cavestany said.



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Falcons, Dons pull off big wins as football showdown nears

Amador Valley hosts Livermore tonight; Foothill has bye

For the second straight week, the Falcons and the Dons pulled off big wins in varsity football.

Foothill went to California and soured the Grizzlies' Homecoming game with a 24-7 win.

Amador Valley went into Danville and knocked off San Ramon Valley 21-17, once again relying on a defensive stand late in the contest.

The two wins mean all that stands between Foothill and Amador's Nov. 6 clash being for the East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) title is an Amador win over Livermore tonight.

In the Foothill win last week, Matt Gates, Ruben Mercado and Isaiah Floyd all scored touchdowns for the Falcons. Quarterback Ben Wooldridge had a pair of touchdown strikes, to Gates and Mercado.

The win moved Foothill to 9-0 overall and 5-0 in EBAL play.

For Amador (6-2, 3-1), the defense stepped up much as it did the week before in a thriller with Cal. This time San Ramon Valley got inside the Amador 10-yard line in the final minute of play, but the Wolves couldn't find the end zone on four consecutive plays.

On offense for the Dons, Ledra McCullough ran for almost 200 yards, including a 90-yard touchdown run. Quarterback Ronnie Jones had another good game for the Dons, scoring a pair of touchdowns.

Foothill is off this week with a bye, while Amador plays host to Livermore on Senior Night.

Barring a stunning upset by Livermore — an argument could be made that a Livermore win would be the biggest upset in EBAL history — Amador and Foothill will be at Foothill on Nov. 6 with league-title ramifications.

A Foothill win would give the Falcons the EBAL title outright (they have clinched at least a co-championship), while an Amador win would make it a co-title or perhaps even a three-way tie with Monte Vista depending on how the Mustangs fare against California and San Ramon Valley the next two weeks.

The Amador-Foothill "Battle for Pleasanton" always produces an overflow crowd and adding the lure of being able to hang a banner with a win, will make this one for the ages.

Water polo

In a thrilling crosstown rivalry last week, the Foothill boys beat Amador in overtime, 14-13.

The Falcons trailed at halftime 7-4 on Oct. 22, but rallied in the second half to leave it 11-11 at the end of regulation time.

In overtime, sophomore Matthew Dotson gave the Falcons their first lead with a backhand goal. Seniors Joe Schafer and Dominic Scalise added goals in overtime to help Foothill withstand Amador's final push.

Scalise led the Falcons' offense with five goals, with Schafer and Dotson getting three each. On defense, Fabio Salvioni led the team

with six steals, Aaron Li added four with Scalise and Dotson each getting three. Senior goalie Bryan Meyn capped off his final league game with six saves.

Volleyball

The Foothill girls' volleyball team capped in a big week by winning the Dougherty Valley tournament last Saturday.

In the championship match, Foothill beat Liberty in two straight to win the title.

On the way to the finals, Foothill knocked off Shasta, Acalanes, Mission San Jose, Berkeley and St. Joseph's.

In the finals, setter Kellie Hughes had 27 assists and four service points to lead the way. Kate Goto had 12 kills and Hana Okuhara added eight.

Andreea Paduraru, Taylor Campbell and Olivia Larsen also played well in the tournament.

In the week leading up to the tournament, the Falcons knocked Monte Vista from the unbeaten ranks in the EBAL in a four-set thriller and dumped California in three straight.

In the win over Monte Vista, Paduraru paced the attack with 16 digs, 15 kills and 12 service points. Okuhara added 13 kills, 10 digs and 13 service points, and Goto chipped in with 12 kills.

Against Cal, Hughes had 31 assists and 17 service points. Campbell had 20 digs and 12 service points, and Larsen added 11 kills and a pair of blocks. ■



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Dons win Delta Shootout

The Amador Valley junior varsity girls water polo team celebrate taking first place in the Delta Shootout Tournament in Brentwood last weekend, winning the championship game 13-4 over Carondelet.

Calendar

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PET OF THE WEEK



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Civic Meetings

CITY COUNCIL The Pleasanton City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION The Human Services Commission meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Ave.

Classes

COMPUTER TUTORING Need help with downloading E-books from the library to your E-Reader, sending e-mail attachments, social networking, blogging, general Internet questions? Drop-in classes are from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Call Mary Luskin at 931-3400, ext. 7. Free and open to all.

FREE MATH TUTORING Free high school level math help offered at the Pleasanton Library for students who cannot afford tuition. Contact 484-1073.

Clubs

GIRLS NIGHT OUT NETWORKING At GNON, bay area women can join in the fun with great food, great atmosphere and great networking, from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9 at State Farm Insurance, 312 St. Mary St., Suite A. Cost is \$10-\$15. Contact 487-4748 or gnoners@gmail.com. Go to <http://www.gnon.org/monthly-mixer.html>.

KIWANIS OF PLEASANTON Kiwanis of Pleasanton is celebrating the 100th anniversary of their organization this year. Those interested in making a difference in the community are invited to join for lunch from 11:50 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays at Vic's All Star Kitchen, 201 Main St. Call 425-9127 for more info.

LIONESS CLUB The Livermore Lioness Club welcomes new members at its regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. A \$2 to \$5 donation is requested. Participating in the many activities of the group is a great way to meet local people. Lioness is a service club which helps many worthy causes in our community. Call 443-4543.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS SUSAN GOSS JOHNSTON Learn about the science and art of citing your sources with Susan Goss Johnston, 2011 ProGen alumna and co-editor of recently published "Source Templates for the Master Genealogist," at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. All are welcome. Contact Marilyn Glass and Diane Wiedel, Program Chairs, at program@L-AGS.org.

MONTHLY GARDEN CLUB MEETING The Livermore Amador Valley Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12 at Alisal School, 1454 Santa Rita Road. Nicky Hughes, owner of Gold Rush Nursery, will speak on "Plants That Deserve More Limelight." Visitors welcome. Call 485-7812 or go to www.lavgc.org.

PLEASANTON NEWCOMERS CLUB This club is a great way for new and established residents to make new friends. It meets for coffee on the first Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the second Wednesday of every month. The group has activities like hiking, walking, Bunco and more. Visit www.pleasantonnewcomers.com. Contact Info@PleasantonNewcomers.com or 215-8405.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON The Rotary Club of Pleasanton since 1965 has been a leader in the community in helping make Pleasanton a great place to live. It has a luncheon meeting from 12:15-1:30 p.m. every Thursday, at Hap's Restaurant, 122 W. Neal St. Cost for lunch is \$17. For information, visit www.PleasantonRotary.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF PLEASANTON NORTH Pleasanton North Rotary invites anyone interested in making a difference. The membership includes 65 professionals, business owners, executives, managers and community leaders. The club meets from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Fridays at Handles Gastropub, 855 Main St. Call 556-2333 or visit www.pnr-rotary.org.

SENIOR MENS SOCIAL CLUB Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a social club for senior men. In addition to friendships, members can participate in interest groups like golf, bridge, travel, photography, etc. We meet for lunch first Thursday of the month at San Ramon Golf Club. Open to retirees in the Tri-Valley. Contact Rich Osborne at 785-3549 or trivalleysir@gmail.com.

gmail.com. Go to branch34.sirinc2.org.

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TRI-VALLEY EVENING ROTARY Tri-Valley Evening Rotary has been supporting the community veterans, children and seniors for the past 12 years. We are the only Rotary club in the valley that meets in the evening. If you want to give back with a fun loving group please visit one of our meetings, from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at Castlewood Country Club. Cost is \$5 plus dinner. Go to trivalleyrotary.org.

TVRWF TO HONOR VETERANS AND MILITARY MEMBERS Tri-Valley Republican Women Federated will honor Veterans and active Military members at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12 at Cattlemens Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. Also showing will be the movie, "They Come to America III." RSVP by Monday, Nov. 9. Contact Linda Krikorian at 426-1474 or krikorian-publishing@yahoo.com.

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

Concerts

LOUIS A. BOTTO CHOIR The Catholic Community of Pleasanton presents the Louis A. Botto Choir, a small, mixed ensemble made up of young singers 14-20 who are trained and mentored by Chanticleer, the award-winning San Francisco choral group. Come and enjoy this impressive group as they sing songs with a theme of "moonlight" from 7:30-9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave. Free, donations accepted. Go to catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Events

10TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT AT THE PLEASANTON TENNIS AND COMMUNITY PARK Come in your costume for the 10th edition of Halloween Fun Night, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 at Pleasanton Tennis and Community Park, 5801 Valley Ave. There will be carnival style games on the tennis courts and the spooky Haunted Hallway of Horror. Call 931-3449 or go to www.lifetimetennis.com.

42ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR Come to the 42nd Annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6-7 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1020 Mocho St., Livermore. Unique handmade gifts,

children's items, seasonal decorations and ornaments. Jellies, candies and baked goods available. Call 583-5482.

ALAMEDA COUNTY 4-H 5K FUN RUN Alameda County 4-H will host a free 5K Fun Run beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 at Shadow Cliffs, 2500 Stanley Blvd. There will be a fun course for younger runners, and 4-H booths/activities. Come in costume. Register at <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=15786>.

GHOSTS OF DUBLIN Brace yourself for a shocking glimpse into Dublin's past as author-historian Rita Szollos shares haunting stories. Bring a flashlight for a guided tour of the historic cemetery. Follow the luminaria path to peek inside the spooky Kolb house. A cup of hot cider makes this the perfect fall night. From 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 at Dublin Heritage Park & Museums, 6600 Donlon Way, Dublin. Cost is \$5. Call 452-2100.

HARVEST CELEBRATION Join the fun at Harvest Valley Church for games, prizes, music, puppet shows, face painting, hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, caramel apples, a chili cook-off and more, from 6-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Contact 484-2482 or info@harvest-valley.org.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR Tri-Valley Haven and the Livermore Lions's Club will host a Holiday Craft Fair from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Bothwell Arts Center, 2466 8th St., Livermore. Come shop for gifts for the holidays from quality crafters. Raffles will be held throughout the day, and there will be food and beverages for purchase. Call Lisa at 667-2728. Go to trivalleyhaven.org.

HOMETOWN HEROES The City of Dublin will honor the twenty-three million veterans residing in the United States, and countless more in our hearts and memories, with presentations by local officials and a concert of patriotic music, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Dublin Senior Center. Free. Contact 556-4511 or seniorctr@dublin.ca.gov.

Exhibits

'RAIN DANCE' CLOSING RECEPTION Enjoy a free closing reception for "Rain Dance," which features six artists' interpretations of water, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1 at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Featuring a presentation by Danielle Eubank, an expedition artist whose goal is to paint all of the Earth's oceans. Call 447-2787 or go to www.livermoreperformingarts.org.

Fundraisers

AGAPE VILLAGES 3RD ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION Come to the Agape Villages' 3rd Annual Dinner and Auction from 6:30-10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Marriott Pleasanton, 11950 Dublin Canyon Road. With music by Bay Area band Blue House. Featuring coach Jim

White who inspired the Disney movie "McFarland, USA." Tickets are \$75. Go to <http://www.agapevillages.org/events1.htm>.

INDIAN CULTURE AND FESTIVAL OF LIGHT CELEBRATION The Indian Community in partnership with PSEE (Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation) presents a grand evening full of fun, dance, music, food, shopping and festivities, from 5-10 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Amador Valley High School. Contemporary laser Dandiya and Bollywood. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students, under 3 free. For tickets and information, contact Viji Kalidas at vijik72@gmail.com, Chandrika Arul at arulchandrika@gmail.com, Gayathre Krishnan at gayesh@gmail.com, or Harshada Patgaonkar at harshadapatgaonkar@yahoo.com.

PAWS IN NEED HOLIDAY SALE Paws In Need will hold a Holiday Sale from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Feline Medical Center, 3160 Santa Rita Road. With animal-themed gifts benefiting a program that provides medical aid to sick and injured pets. Contact Cindy at 323-8517 or go to Paws-In-Need.org.

PHILANTHROPIC EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION 9TH ANNUAL AUTHOR'S TEA PEO invites you to their 9th Annual Author's Tea benefiting Women's Education from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the

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TRI-VALLEY YMCA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Tri-Valley YMCA with a Monte Carlo night from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6 at DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, 7050 Johnson Drive. Games, food, music, wine, auctions, prizes and more. Tickets are \$75 and include food, drinks and casino credit. Proceeds benefit the Y-Kids programs. Contact Kenny Altenburg at 263-4444 or kaltenburg@ymcaeastbay.org. Go to www.ymcaeastbay.org.

Health

ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR Get free medical advice on Internal Medicine, Cardiology, Women's Health, Ayurveda, homeopathy, nutrition and more at the annual health fair, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the Hindu Community and Cultural Center, 1232 Arrowhead Ave., Livermore. Free flu shots and evaluations on blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and bone density. Contact Anand Gundu at 895-3659 or anand_gundu@yahoo.com.

Lectures/ Workshops

ANNIE BARROWS, BEST-SELLING AUTHOR Annie Barrows will talk about the vital link between family history and fiction at 7:30 p.m. on

Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. She will use her experiences as co-author of "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" and as author of her latest novel, "The Truth According to Us." Tickets are \$30, \$15 for students. Call 373-6800 or go to livermoreperformingarts.org.

On Stage

'JEKYLL AND HYDE' THE MUSICAL See "Jekyll and Hyde" The Musical at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 24-Nov. 8 at The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Rated PG-13. Times may vary. Tickets are \$29-\$43. Call or 373-6800 go to livermoreperformingarts.org.

Recreation

THURSDAY MORNING BIKE RIDE Join our every Thursday morning bike ride as we tour the trails and vineyards of the Tri-Valley area. We will ride 20-30 miles at a "social" rate of speed with a coffee stop along the way. You will need a bike, a helmet and a sunny disposition. Call 426-1290 or go to www.meetup.com/Pleasanton-Pedalers/.

Seniors

BRAIN MATTERS Enjoy a morning of fun while learning how to keep your brain active and your memory sharp. The class is held from 10-11:30 a.m. the first and third Fridays of every month at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd. Word games, puzzles, challenging activities, reminiscing and more, geared to help you age-proof your mind. Cost \$1.75 for resident and \$2.25 for non-resident. Call 931-5365 or visit www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS Pleasanton Public Library hosts Computer Classes for Seniors including Beginning Internet on the first Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Beginning E-mail on the second Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Open Practice on the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month; Advanced E-mail on the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of every month, at the Adult Computer Area in the library, 400 Old Bernal Ave. Computer classes are designed for mature adults. Registration is required; call 931-3400.

DUBLIN SENIOR CENTER FOUNDATION MEETING The Dublin Senior Center Foundation meets at 9 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. Call 556-4511.

FINDING WELLNESS SERIES Join this free 7-week series of interactive classes, presented by a Registered Dietitian and Health Educator, with conversations on fall prevention, hydration benefits, medication awareness, chronic vs. acute pain, stress management, local resources, and much more. Classes are from 10-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Reserve your spot early. Call 931-5393 or go to <http://www.ssptv.org/finding-wellness-program/>.

MILLS LINE DANCE SOCIAL DJ Millie Dusha will play tunes from the classic oldies at the Mills Line Dance Social from 2-4 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd. All levels of dancers are welcome. Cost is \$3. Call 556-4511.

PEDDLER SHOPPE AT THE SENIOR CENTER The Peddler Shoppe in the lobby of the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd., offers the handmade wares of talented local

senior artisans. It's a great place to buy gifts. The Shoppe is staffed by volunteers and is open to the public 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Go to www.pleasantonpeddlershoppe.com.

Spiritual

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CENTERPOINTE CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP Centerpointe Church, located at 3410 Cornerstone Court, will hold a worship service called "Ancient Future," rooted as the early church was in God's story, which is central to participants' lives, at 10 a.m. Sundays. Gatherings include songs, hymns, Scripture, art, ancient prayers and creeds and a biblically based message designed to deepen worshipers' relationship with Jesus as well as apply to their lives and equip them for the world. Call 846-4436 or go to www.centerpointechurch.org.

ECKANKAR: COMMUNITY HU CHANT Join the Community HU Chant, a non-denominational prayer activity, at noon every Saturday at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. HU is a love song to God that can help you. For more information go to <http://eck-ca.org/>.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Honor those you have loved, who have died, in a special Mass of Remembrance at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 16 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. All are invited. If you wish, bring a small picture or memento of your loved one.

MOM2MOM MEETINGS Moms and Grandmothers of all ages are welcome to join the Mom2mom group based on the Titus 2 women where the older moms are mentoring the younger moms. Parenting tips, guest speakers, crafts and practical life applications. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month at Harvest Valley Church, 3200 Hopyard Road. Contact Valerie Fleming at 484-2482 ext. 121 or valerie@harvestvalley.org.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP Lynnewood United Methodist Church offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Worship is at 9 or 10:30 a.m. on Sundays with Sunday school for youth and adults at 10:30 a.m. and childcare at both services. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221 or office@lynnewood.org.

SINGING CRYSTAL BOWLS CONCERT Through the use of crystal singing bowls, vibrations are generated which heal and balance people on physical and emotional levels. This will be an ongoing, monthly concert/workshop, led by Shala. This month's theme is Balance and Harmony, and will be held from noon-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1 at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org.

SUNDAY SERVICE AT UNITY OF TRI-VALLEY Join Unity of Tri-Valley for "Things That Go Bump in the Night," presented by Rev. Margie Brach, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1 at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. All are welcome. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org.

Support Groups

CLUTTERLESS (CL) SELF HELP GROUP Overwhelmed? Clutter stressing you out? CL is a nonprofit, peer-based, self-help group for people with difficulty discarding unwanted possessions. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. in the second floor Activity Room. Free. Optional \$3-\$5 donation appreciated. Call 922-1467 or go to www.ClutterLess.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP Tri-Valley Haven offers a Domestic Violence Support Group from 1-2:30 p.m. on Fridays in Pleasanton. This group is a safe space for survivors of abuse to share their experiences. Participants learn the dynamics of abuse and explore healthy coping skills. Attendees must call ahead. No drop ins. Call 667-2718.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS This 12-step support group for people with eating behavior problems meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 678 Enos Way, Livermore; and at 7:30 a.m. Saturdays in the Middle School Room at The Unitarian Universalist Church, 1893 North Vasco Road, Livermore. Free with donations accepted toward room rent. No weigh-ins. Call Nora at 337-9118.

PLEASANTON MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Formed in 2003 this group provides support and comfort to the Pleasanton families whose loved ones are deployed in the combat zones of Afghanistan and Iraq. The group has monthly meetings and other events such as "pack outs" of comfort and care items for deployed members of the armed forces. The group also sponsors the Yellow Streamer program on Main Street where streamers are displayed with the name, rank and branch of service of Pleasanton military personnel. Learn more at www.pleasantonmilitaryfamilies.org.

Volunteering

HAIR CARE PROFESSIONALS AND MASSAGE THERAPISTS NEEDED FOR HOPE HOSPICE Hospice of the East Bay provides care to terminally ill patients and their families. Many of our patients benefit greatly from a haircut/hair set or from a massage therapist. If you would be interested in volunteering a few hours a month to provide comfort to patients, call the Volunteer Department at 887-5678. License/massage certification required.

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TAKE US ALONG



Families that boat together, stay together: The Lawer, Petty and Weiglein families of Pleasanton and the Miller family of Livermore boated on two catamarans for a week in Belize. Here they spent some time with Capt. Shane Young and the Pleasanton Weekly on a tiny island called Ranguana off the mainland of Placencia, Belize.

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

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New-home sales drop 11.5% in U.S.

Consumers reacting to soft job numbers, builders say

By JEB BING

Sales of newly built, single-family homes fell 11.5% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 468,000 units in September.

According to newly released data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, new-home sales were down across the board. Sales fell 61.8% in the Northeast, 8.3% in the Midwest, 8.7% in the South and 6.7% in the West.

“Despite this monthly drop, our members continue to tell us that housing is moving in the right direction,” said Tom Woods, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and a home builder from Blue Springs, Mo. “Consumers may have simply been reacting to soft job numbers.”

NAHB chief economist David Crowe said, “It is not surprising to see sales pull back in September follow-

ing a strong August reading, especially after a few months of weak job creation. However, new-home sales year-to-date are up 17.6% compared to the same period of 2014, and we expect the market to continue improving at a gradual but steady pace for the rest of year.”

The inventory of new homes for sale was 225,000 units in September. This is a 5.8-month supply at the current sales pace. ■

HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 31 to Sept. 24

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699 Concord Place B. & S. Pulecio to M. & T. Likeness for \$455,000

6930 Corte Mateo J. Woodruff to K. Vonbeckmann for \$930,000

5234 Crestline Way D. & L. Claridge to M. Wakerling for \$930,000

4582 Del Valle Parkway D. Furtado to R. Bhargava for \$858,000

3973 Eilene Court H. Ghang to A. Fong for \$720,000

2190 Goldcrest Circle Brunnicardi Trust to M. Nguyen for \$591,000

2820 Longspur Way Ward Trust to D. & R. Darby for \$1,250,000

2322 Meadowlark Drive J. Field to R. & S. Robinson for \$1,060,000

558 Montori Court J. Rodondi to X. Zeng for \$1,298,000

8165 Mountain View Drive #D Y. Yang to L. Zeng for \$490,000

6280 Paseo Santa Cruz D. & S. Micala to Chabrier Trust for \$977,000

3168 Pellaro Court St Trust to R. & K. Sabhlok for \$2,800,000

4329 West Ruby Hill Drive Smith Trust to D. Wang for \$2,009,000

3519 Yellowstone Court M. Carlson to A. Chaudhary for \$750,000

Dublin

8887 Bellina Commons S. Tam to L. Chan for \$640,000

3389 Bramante Lane A. Pham to H. Siledar for \$794,000

3675 Branding Iron Place Rancho Silvera Ventures to K. & N. Patel for \$681,000

2322 Carbondale Way Brookfield Trio to S. & R. Nayak for \$792,000

7102 Cross Creek Circle #C M. & C. Loo to R. Kumar for \$498,000

5501 De Marcus Boulevard #259 N. & D. Bhargava to W. Edmiston for \$615,000

3967 Derryfield Court Baig Trust to S. Ho for \$915,000

3275 Dublin Boulevard #303 S. & L. Mandyam to D. & S. Roszell for \$535,000

6726 Elm Court L. & M. Chavarria to F. Martinez for \$652,000

4259 Fitzwilliam Street Turnbull Property Holdings to M. Chand for \$559,000

5222 Foxcroft Way B. Kang to S. & G. Mukherjee for \$847,000

7409 Hansen Drive B. Eikenberry to E. Harrell for \$845,000

4879 Houlton Street A. & M. Mantri to P. Gopalan for \$1,031,000

8090 Iglesia Drive L. & C. Chiu to H. Tang for \$828,000

3360 Maguire Way #138 S. Liwanag to Guchix Limited for \$550,000

4209 Maymont Court E. Lin to S. Awan for \$1,135,000

3619 McCormick Court Standard Pacific Corporation to J. Wu for \$1,225,000

10841 McPeak Lane S. & P. Verma to R. Chandrasekharan for \$630,000

7280 Newcastle Lane J. & L. Carr to R. & B. Booth for \$633,500

5138 Newington Court G. Ton to B. Goli for \$785,000

7460 Oxford Circle S. & F. Ko to K. Mohanlal for \$580,000

8560 Rhoda Place K. Karkada to C. McBride for \$985,000

3063 Ridgefield Court R. & H. Saini to R. Chisolm for \$1,275,000

11333 Rolling Hills Drive Bonasera Trust to K. & M. Kubinski for \$945,000

3831 Silvera Ranch Drive E. & A. Patterson to W. & X. Lee for \$1,140,000

7551 Sutton Lane W. Tomasetti to O. & N. Wongpakantsanti for \$630,000

Livermore

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Source: California REsource

Moving soon? Keep costs under control

By NATHANIEL SILLIN

Even if you're only moving across town, it's likely to cost more than you think.

According to the latest figures from the American Moving and Storage Association, the average cost of an in-state professional move, based on 7,570 pounds of stuff, is \$1,170. The average state-to-state move costs \$5,630.

How can you control moving expenses? Start making a master checklist to collect data and consider all costs and personal aspects of a potential move.

You may even want to include a pro-and-con list that addresses all conceivable economic and lifestyle outcomes: the real long-term costs and benefits of a move.

After deciding whether the move is worthwhile, consider these subsequent steps:

- Seek solid advisers. Whether or not you plan to sell a home with a licensed real estate broker or agent, most are open to do a market valuation of your property and suggest repairs or improvements that could maximize a sale price.

- If you use a qualified financial planner or tax adviser, include that individual in early discussions on how a move might affect your finances.

- Also, if you're selling property, find an experienced real estate attorney to review broker and sale contracts.

- Get multiple estimates from movers. An early walk-through at your home or apartment by two to three movers registered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) can provide a reality check on how much you'll want to take and whether you can afford luxuries like packing or storage. Online resources can also help you evaluate those estimates.

- Watch for fraud. Recent news reports have highlighted a trend called "hostage load," a practice whereby unscrupulous

moving companies demand more money from customers before finishing a delivery. Getting references from trusted friends and advisers is a good first step to finding the right registered mover for your relocation.

- DOT has launched the "Protect Your Move" (<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move>) site that allows you to download a moving fraud protection guide and offers tips on proper ways to investigate and hire a mover.

- Start downsizing — now. Getting early estimates from movers certainly helps you decide what you're really willing to take. If there are valuables you think you can sell, consult professional appraisers and even general marketplace sources like eBay to get a realistic idea of value. Otherwise, consider garage sales and donations for the rest.

- Insure what you're moving.
- Whatever plans you're making for home or renter's coverage at the new destination, make sure you have proper coverage in place for the contents of your move. The Insurance Information Institute provides a useful guide (<http://www.iii.org/article/getting-right-insurance-coverage-moving>) to properly insuring the possessions you're moving.

- Build a cash reserve for deposits, fees and incidentals. Keeping moving costs low can help you handle dozens of smaller and sometimes unexpected expenses that crop up immediately before, during and after a move. Budget for those hidden costs which can include deposits, fees and multiple trips to the discount store, home center or grocery.

Bottom line: Thinking about moving? Give yourself adequate time and resources to plan all aspects of this major life and money event. ■

Editor's note: Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs.

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SALES AT A GLANCE

This week's data represents homes sold during Aug. 31 to Sept. 24

Pleasanton (Sept. 9-24)

Total sales reported: 34
Lowest sale reported: \$455,000
Highest sale reported: \$2,800,000
Average sales reported: \$1,079,857

Dublin (Sept. 9-24)

Total sales reported: 43
Lowest sale reported: \$466,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,250,000
Average sales reported: \$735,500

Livermore (Sept. 9-24)

Total sales reported: 74
Lowest sale reported: \$325,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,240,500
Average sales reported: \$654,521

San Ramon (Aug. 31-Sept. 18)

Total sales reported: 63
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Source: California REsource

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