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AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

Mayor Thorne on schools, traffic, housing

It seems like schools, traffic and housing are always top issues for most of us in Pleasanton, and especially to Realtors and their associates whose livelihood depends on selling our community to those thinking of moving here.

So, members of the Valley Real Estate Network paid close attention last week as Mayor Jerry Thorne talked about their concerns at a jam-packed meeting at Inklings Coffee House on Main Street.

Introduced by VREN's president Jim Walker of Legacy Real Estate and interviewed by Adina Erridge of Bay Equity Home Loans, Thorne pointed out that there is an intersecting relationship between all those issues that Realtors tell him are among the first questions people ask when they are considering moving to a new community.

On schools, he reminded the VREN gathering that the school district is an entirely separate entity from the city government, with its own elected board of trustees and policy-making groups. That said, however, the city has a long history of successful partnerships and collaborations with the school district where it legally can as a separate taxing enterprise.

"You're all aware of the recent changes in district's office of superintendent," Thorne said. "Changes in leadership can be bumpy — just look at the Oval Office. But even in the face of transition, the school district remains one of the best districts in the Bay Area. In fact, recently, the school district came in as one of the top 10 best public schools in the state."

Even though separate, Pleasanton's city government and the school district work closely together, with the city paying for school resource officers, crossing guards and for joint-use programs such as middle school gymnasiums, tennis courts and sports field maintenance. There's even a joint liaison committee that meets monthly to discuss mutual concerns and opportunities.

As for traffic, Thorne said it's a regional problem that requires regional solutions. Highway 84 is currently being widened to four lanes to the top of Pigeon Pass and an environmental review will soon start to complete the widening to its junction with I-680, making the highway an



Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne is interviewed by Adina Erridge.

expressway between the two freeways by 2023, substantially reducing cut-through traffic on Pleasanton streets.

Increased federal funding help should come as a result of lobbying efforts by Thorne and the mayors of Danville, Dublin, Livermore and San Ramon during their recent annual trip to Washington, D.C., where they met with transportation agency leaders and Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

"These meetings by five mayors are unique in Washington," Thorne said. "We met with Sen. Feinstein for more than an hour. She's been a mayor herself and understands the challenges cities face."

Thorne said the I-580 express/toll lanes opened to great fanfare and success this past year, and the latest numbers indicate that travel time along this 11-mile stretch has improved considerably during peak travel hours, with over 600,000 recorded trips in those lanes. Also, with an eye on a regional solution, the Tri-Valley cities have created the Regional Rail Working Group to keep the conversation moving forward on connecting BART to ACE.

Thorne also explained that the current spate of high-density apartment and condo housing construction stems from the ill-advised 1996 voter-approved Measure GG housing cap ordinance, which imposed a permanent cap of 29,000 total housing units. A regional affordable housing coalition, joined by the state, successfully sued, arguing that the ordinance would keep the city from meeting its state-imposed housing requirements.

Because of the court order, the city rezoned available land to allow construction of some 2,000 multi-family units and catch-up with current requirements through at least 2023, when new state requirements will be issued. ■

About the Cover

Bridgewatch Angels founder Mia Munayer (center), a Pleasanton resident and local police lieutenant, addresses a group of Bridgewatch Angels during orientation and training before their volunteer mission at the Golden Gate Bridge on Christmas Eve. The suicide-prevention advocates will be out in force again at the Golden Gate on Valentine's Day. Photo courtesy of Bridgewatch Angels. Cover design by Rosanna Kuruppu.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

Do you believe in love at first sight?



Robert Franklin

Pilot

I would have to say no. But I do believe in “like at first sight,” and that over time, trust and love can then develop, if you’re lucky.



Debbie Parrish

Hospitality

I do. I think if you make eye contact with someone and you each feel a spark and some chemistry, it can absolutely develop into something significant.



Tony Fanelli

IT director

I didn’t, until I met my wife. I remember the first time I saw her it was out my apartment window as she was moving into my building in Phoenixville, Penn. in 1993. I fell in love with her in that instant, before we had ever even met.



Eric Knapp

Stay-at-home dad

Not really. I think the concept is very superficial and that in order to really love someone, you need to really get to know them over time, and love not just their external appeal, but all of their flaws and shortcomings as well. None of those are obvious just from seeing someone for the first time.



Charlie Delgado *Engineer*

I personally have never had that experience, so I really can’t say one way or another. I would like to think it could happen, but the scientist in me thinks that outward appearances don’t mean much and that what really matters about a person is their attitude toward life, their goals and purpose, and how they treat other people. None of that is immediately evident by just looking at someone.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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DIGEST

Elmo in town

The “Sesame Street: K is for Kindness Tour” is coming to Pleasanton’s Stoneridge Shopping Center on Feb. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The free event is created for preschoolers who are fans of the show and their families. It is described as an immersive experience that features hands-on digital learning, a library reading corner, interactive live stage shows starring walk-around versions of Elmo and Abby Cadabby, and meet-and-greets with the characters.

The pop-up tour aims to spark imagination, inspire a love of reading, cultivate kindness and provide an element of surprise for children while focusing on the “Sesame Street” kindness curriculum, being woven into the show’s new season, organizers said.

The Pleasanton appearance is a timed event with three separate showings — each featuring the live show, storytime and meet-and-greet.

Dementia support

Hope Hospice is working to help promote a meaningful connection between people with dementia and their caregivers by hosting an educational session “Living with Dementia: Communication and Feelings” this Saturday from 9:45 a.m. to noon at its offices in Dublin.

During the class, Hope Hospice staff will demonstrate how communication can be enhanced through a focus on emotions and feelings and how this focus can help to mitigate and manage the deficits that worsen throughout the disease process, organizers said.

The session is open to any family caregiver or person expected to soon be a caregiver. It is free, though donations to Hope Hospice are appreciated. The program is supported in part by a grant from the Rotary Club of Pleasanton.

Visit www.hopehospice.com.

Staffing changes

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) announced this week a series of staffing changes in her Sacramento and district offices.

Paige Haskin started Monday as Baker’s legislative director. Haskin, who has experience in that position in the Assembly, replaces Faith Lane, who accepted a position in the private sector.

Allie Stewart was promoted from constituent services manager to communications director, replacing Nick Binzoni, who accepted a position in the private sector with a marketing firm in December. Ronald Musch now serves as Baker’s constituent services manager. ■

City Council endorses 87-home project, plus land for Sunflower Hill housing

New Irby Ranch development planned for three adjacent properties at Stanley/First

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council voted Tuesday night to support an 87-home development on the edge of downtown, a project that also sets aside more than 1.6 acres for a planned residential complex for adults with special needs.

The proposal from developer Mike Serpa and his Irby Ranch, LLC, calls for a combination of two- and three-story family homes — along with two parks, trails, open space and a Nevada Street extension — on a 15-acre site of three connected properties long-designated for commercial uses where Stanley Boulevard turns into First Street.

The project also sees the developer dedicate 1.64 acres on the southeast side to the city for future development for an affordable residential complex with up to 30 units for adults with special needs, envisioned as a partnership with Pleasanton-based nonprofit Sunflower Hill.

“I think it’s a terrific project,” Councilman Arne Olson said toward the end of the nearly three-hour meeting. “If you take Sunflower Hill out of the equation, it’s still a terrific project. It supports the downtown. It provides a price-range of housing that we really need in our town.”

“I really think it’s just a fabulous win-win for the location, being able to create the community,”

Councilwoman Kathy Narum added.

The council voted 4-0 Tuesday to endorse a series of moves needed to advance the project forward after hearing from city staff as well as 40 citizen speakers, mainly in support of the proposal. Vice Mayor Jerry Pentin was absent.

City officials received more than 100 emails and letters regarding the project before the council meeting, with about 70% in favor and 30% against, according to community development director Gerry Beaudin.

The split in the council chamber Tuesday night was even more supportive, with many of the 90-plus people in attendance wearing yellow Sunflower Hill shirts or stickers and

all but six speakers urging the council to approve the project.

Supporters mainly praised the development for dedicating a portion of land for future affordable housing for special needs adults, while some also cited planned Nevada Street extension and offering new standalone houses expected to be priced below \$1 million.

The handful of critics primarily cited concerns about traffic and school impacts as well as there being no guarantees that the Sunflower Hill complex would come to fruition as currently contemplated.

The Sunflower Hill residential

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PLEASANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Not so happy

Heavy rain wreaked havoc on roadways throughout the Tri-Valley this week. This driver got stuck on Happy Valley Road in Pleasanton when it flooded Tuesday morning. The road was shut down for several hours between Pleasanton-Sunol Road and Riddell Street as a result.

Interfaith peace ring today

Joining hands in solidarity with Muslims, immigrants, refugees

A group of faith leaders in the Tri-Valley and other community members are set to gather and join hands around the Muslim Community Center of the East Bay in Pleasanton this afternoon in solidarity with Muslim Americans, immigrants and refugees.

Open to the public, the interfaith peace ring from 12:30-1:30 p.m. is sponsored by the Livermore-Pleasanton Interfaith Clergy Association, a group that aims to foster relationships

and dialogue among people of all religious traditions.

The group will create a ring of solidarity as worshipers leave their early Friday prayer time ending at 12:50 p.m., and then hear speakers of different faiths and create a ring again as worshipers arrive for their later Friday prayer time starting at 1:30 p.m.

Speakers are set to include Rev. Lucas Hergert, Rev. Heather

Leslie Hammer, Rabbi Laurence Milder, Ph.D., and Hina Khan-Mukhtar.

The mosque is located at 5724 W. Las Positas Blvd., Suite 300, in Pleasanton, just east of Hacienda Drive. Suite 300 is around the back, at the southeast door of the building. Limited parking will be available at the mosque or at Simpson Strong-Tie, 5956 W. Las Positas at Willow Road. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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Chamber announces award winners

54th annual Community Service Awards set for March 29

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce has announced the recipients of its 54th annual Community Service Awards, scheduled to be presented to winners during a ceremony next month.

The program aims to honor people, groups and businesses who have demonstrated excellence and community leadership in activities and achievement within the community, chamber officials said.

“The Community Service Awards began in 1963 to recognize good people doing great things in the community, and since then, hundreds of recipients have been honored,” chamber officials added.

This year’s award program is scheduled for March 29 at the Firehouse Arts Center in downtown Pleasanton. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a hosted bar, heavy hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction, followed by the awards presentation.

The 2017 Community Service Awards recipients are:

- **Business Philanthropy: Marriott Pleasanton**, “for businesses that have provided philanthropic service beyond the scope of normal business activity.”
- **Excellence in Service: Pleasanton Veterans Memorial Committee**, “for

High school students set to discuss stress

Panel scheduled for Wednesday evening at Pleasanton library

By JULIA REIS

A group of Pleasanton high school students are set to discuss stress and how they cope with it as part of a special event Wednesday night at the Pleasanton library.

Part of the city's free Community Education Series, the "Stress Less for Success" panel will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. and presented by Amador Valley High School's wellness committee.

Six students from Amador Valley, Foothill and Village high schools will sit on the panel, which will be moderated by Amador Valley High School counselor Nicole West. The event will start off with the students talking about what their typical school

day looks like before segueing into a discussion of their stresses and how they cope with them.

After that, the panel will be opened up to allow audience members to weigh in on how they think the community can help with these stresses.

"We want there to be community involvement," said Meg MacGregor, an Amador Valley senior and co-chair of the school's wellness committee.

The panel comes as a response to the prevalence of stress among local high school students, MacGregor said.

The Amador Valley senior has been heading up efforts to address and increase awareness of student stress ever since she assisted three peers in their mental health

campaign last school year. Dubbed "Time to Talk," it included a teen wellness awareness week, a community panel and a wellness room at Amador where students could de-stress and relax.

MacGregor said "Time to Talk" inspired her to want to do more to "break the stigma that surrounds mental health." Through her efforts, there have been monthly wellness events this school year focused on activities like meditation, yoga and art.

"I think Pleasanton is a very highly academic and competitive place to live," she said. "Students are really pushing themselves to take all those AP classes and get those perfect SAT scores because the drive to go to

the best college is really prevalent. While it's obviously very important to work hard in school and get a good education, I think what teachers and students are realizing is that it shouldn't come at the cost of your mental health."

She added that she hopes the panel and her overall efforts will raise awareness and provide peers with tools to manage stress.

"I know I'm not going to be able to eliminate the big stress culture that surrounds schools in Pleasanton, but I hope to raise awareness for how students are feeling about it and hopefully offer solutions," MacGregor said.

Those interested in attending Wednesday's panel can register online at pleasantonfun.com with the code 64334. For more information, call 931-5359 or visit ptownlife.org. ■

Sign-ups underway for Youth in Government Day

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton school and city officials are encouraging local high schoolers to learn more about how local government works by registering to take part in this year's Youth in Government Day.

The event, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 22, gives students the chance to hear from city leaders and shadow Pleasanton government staff. Applications are due by Feb. 24.

Participating high school students will begin the day at the Firehouse Arts Center with a continental breakfast and comments from City Manager Nelson Fialho, Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne and Pleasanton's interim schools superintendent Micaela Ochoa, city officials said.

Then during two sessions

separated by a catered networking lunch, participants will get the chance to shadow two city or school district staff members, officials said. Job shadows, subject to availability, could include the city manager, school administration, the Operations Service Center, police and fire departments, human resources, information technology, business services, civic arts and city planning.

The Youth in Government Day program is open to students from Amador Valley, Foothill and Village high schools. Applications are available in school administration offices or online at Ptownlife.org or bit.ly/YIG2017.

For more information, contact city recreation coordinator David Weisgerber at dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov or 931-3474. ■

Wollesen achieves Eagle Scout rank

Pleasanton teen Daenen Lee Wollesen is set to be recognized Feb. 18 with an Eagle Court of Honor ceremony for achieving scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.

Wollesen, 16, is a member of Boy Scouts Troop 945, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He started in the Boy Scouts program as a Tiger Cub in 2008, and four years later he earned the Arrow of Light award.

As a member of Troop 945,

Wollesen has held a variety of leadership positions.

For his Eagle project, he chose to work at Sunol Glen Elementary School, where he moved two sprinklers to the other side of a concrete path as well as removed grass and replaced it with mulch. The three-day project helped with the school's water conservation effort.

A junior at Foothill High School, Wollesen is the son of William and Brooke Wollesen, of Pleasanton. ■



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County supervisors approve \$750,000 to support, defend immigrants

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved \$750,000 in funding for support and defense of immigrant and refugee populations Tuesday.

The vote means that the county can also take advantage of \$750,000 in matching funds offered by an anonymous donor, giving the county \$1.5 million available to be allocated by the county's Social Services Agency to benefit immigrant populations.

Board president Wilma Chan in calling for the funding said that 30 percent of the county's residents were born in another country, a population of 439,000. Of those, 105,000 are undocumented and 222,000 have become citizens, according to Chan's office.

"I think this is just the first step," Chan said of Tuesday's vote. "I'm going to continue to work on this with other funders."

She said her greatest fear is for children to come home and find their parent is being detained or deported. Chan started calling around just after the November election, looking for possible funding sources for legal defense and other services for immigrants vulnerable to the tough immigration policies of President Donald Trump.

The supervisors heard over an hour of supportive public comment before their vote today, including from Juliana Batista, the Unaccompanied Minor Services Coordinator at Hayward Unified School District.

Batista works with children in the district who came from other countries without their parents or whose parents have been deported, including populations from countries like El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras who have fled poverty and gang violence and are seeking education and employment opportunities.

She said that the students perform much better when their health care and legal needs are met.

"We have seen an increase in the number of students who are arriving here to the United States," Batista said. "In many ways they are pushed out of their countries to find safety here."

Pamela Drake, a former Oakland teacher working with the California

Sanctuary Campaign, also spoke in support of the measure and said she was heartened by the leadership on this issue demonstrated by Alameda County and in Sacramento, where state legislators are working to declare California a "Sanctuary State."

Trump has repeatedly threatened to cut off federal funding for so-called sanctuary cities, where local law enforcement by policy limits coordination with federal immigration officials. He has even threatened to cut off funds for the entire state, despite California residents paying more in taxes than the state

receives in federal funds.

"We are a donor state and we need to find some way if our funds are turned off by the feds, that we do the same for the feds," Drake said.

Also among the speakers in support of the funding was Oakland City Councilman Noel Gallo. The Oakland City Council voted last month to allocate \$150,000 for the legal defense of immigrants.

"It's really about children and families to make sure they have an opportunity, an opportunity to grow in this country," Gallo said. ■

—Scott Morris, Bay City News Service

Good Samaritan rescues driver from flooded car

CHP: 'Incident could've ended horribly ... He is a true hero'

An Alameda County resident on Tuesday possibly saved the life of a driver trapped in a partially submerged vehicle in a creek northwest of Livermore, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Officers were dispatched at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday to a crash on Highland Road near Collier Canyon Road.

A 1996 Toyota Corolla had been traveling east on Highland Road when the 20-year-old driver lost

control of the car on a curve and it overturned in a creek.

The passenger compartment of the vehicle was nearly full of water when a nearby resident showed up, CHP officials said.

The resident used a pickaxe to shatter the rear window of the car and then pulled the driver from it, according to the CHP.

The driver suffered only minor injuries.

"I am very proud of this citizen for courageously responding to and assisting at this collision scene," CHP Cmdr. Christopher Sherry said in a statement. "This incident could've ended horribly and tragically. He is a true hero."

CHP officials did not say yet whether the resident will receive an award for his bravery. ■

—Keith Burbank,
Bay City News



A beach break: Derrick Buffi is currently serving in Burkina Faso, West Africa for the Peace Corps for 27 months. He brought the Pleasanton Weekly along on his Peace Corps ventures, and on his vacation in Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire.

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project is still in its early concept phase, and no development proposals for that component have been submitted to the city yet.

"We have a project that will pencil out, on every level. And we will break ground, mark my words, in early 2019. But it starts with approving this tonight," Sunflower Hill board president Susan Houghton told the council Tuesday.

Many of the supporters were like Janet Brown, parent of an adult with special needs who saw strong benefit from the development with the Sunflower Hill component.

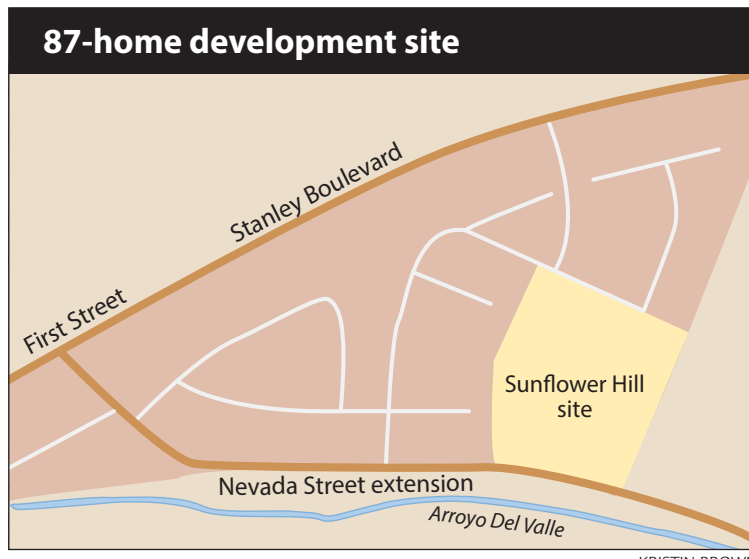
"I can't convey to you the extreme worry and angst that parents like myself go through when we wonder what's going to happen to our child after we're no longer here — where will they live and who will take care of them," Brown said.

Lynne Milkie, mother of an 18-year-old with autism, said her son needs "a safe and stable community of individuals like him where he can have social and recreational and occupational opportunities."

"We will not be here forever to take care of him, but it is our fervent hope that Sunflower Hill at Irby Ranch will be," she added.

Some parents said they may move into an Irby Ranch house to be near their adult with special needs at Sunflower Hill or to keep their child close to the Sunflower Hill complex if still living at home.

Critics included Beverly Gill, a retired special education teacher who said, "I'm totally in favor of the concept of the Sunflower Hill project, but I think it's rather slick to tie it to this 87-home project because who would deny such a worthy group of people a nice place to live."



Map shows where the Irby Ranch housing development would sit south of First Street/Stanley Boulevard, with land dedicated for special needs affordable housing at the southeast.

"Please slow down. There's no need to put this project in right now," she added.

"These homes will put additional burden on the schools, without a guarantee that Sunflower Hill is going to happen," resident Julie Testa said. "Right now, the Irby Ranch is purely optional housing. Pleasanton has met and exceeded all mandates related to the (housing cap) lawsuit."

With the council's endorsement, work on the 87-home Irby Ranch development could start as soon as this year.

The project site has been marked by a long-closed family market and a rusting tractor as well as three farm-like homes owned by the Irby, Kaplan and Zia families. The developer would restore and relocate the Zia house, to be used as a community and meeting room, and repurpose an old water tower on-site.

Richard Irby Jr., with tears in his eyes, gave full support to the project proposed for his family's property, and

the council also heard praise from a representative of the Kaplan family.

To accommodate the development, the council approved a General Plan amendment to change the land-use designation for the 15 acres from "retail/highway/service commercial, business or professional office" to high-density residential.

The council also gave support to rezoning the land — now split between agricultural and commercial services — to high-density residential and open space, for 2.8 acres for open space and arroyo areas at the site.

The development proposal calls for 56 two-story homes and 31 three-story homes — down from 42 three-story houses outlined in the proposal approved by the Planning Commission last August.

The final project version also features six fewer homes overall from what the Planning Commission approved (also down from 115 houses once contemplated several years ago),

and 0.29 acres more space dedicated for the special needs complex.

"It has been a long haul, to say the least. I was in my mid-40s when this started, and now, I'm not," developer Serpa told the council, drawing laughs from the audience. "And I would say because of the process we've been through, we have a great product."

There are four models of houses planned, with the two-story options standing 27 feet tall and being 2,223 square feet to 2,359 square feet and the three-story options, at 35 feet tall, being 1,908 square feet to 2,294 square feet. The average lot size would be 2,391 square feet.

The houses, likely to be priced at under \$1 million, would be geared toward buyer profiles such as empty nesters, young families or couples, single residents or those looking to downsize, Serpa said.

As part of the development, Irby Ranch LLC would also create a multi-use trail, complete the Nevada Street extension to First Street from California Avenue parallel to Arroyo Del Valle and reconfigure the intersection of the new Nevada Street and First/Stanley.

The developer would satisfy their affordable housing requirements through the 1.64-acre dedication, assisting Sunflower Hill with applications for its formal proposal and giving \$1 million to the city to support affordable housing on the site, envisioned as the Sunflower Hill project.

The early concept for Sunflower Hill contemplates 30 housing units, two-story buildings similar to college

dormitories with common areas for recreation, kitchens and dining. One large building would serve as a community center, and the complex would include a swimming pool and other outdoor amenities.

To help facilitate the special needs housing, council members Tuesday approved a framework agreement among the city, Irby Ranch LLC and Sunflower Hill.

They also signed off on an exclusive negotiating rights agreement with Sunflower Hill for the housing project for adults with special needs. Sunflower Hill has until June 2020 to submit its development plan to the city for consideration, under the agreement.

The city also agreed to commit up to \$2.25 million, which includes Irby

Ranch's \$1 million contribution, toward the affordable housing project for special needs adults.

In all Tuesday, the council gave final approval to resolutions affirming the General Plan amendment, Downtown Specific Plan amendment, vesting tentative map, and affordable housing, growth management, framework and negotiating rights agreements.

The rezoning and development plan, as well as a development agreement, require ordinance approvals that must be considered by council members twice. They approved the first readings Tuesday, with the final adoptions expected at their Feb. 21 meeting. ■

'We have a project that will pencil out, on every level ... But it starts with approving this tonight.'

Susan Houghton,
Sunflower Hill

AWARDS

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organizations that have contributed to Pleasanton."

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Sponsored by the Alameda County Fair Association and Black Tie Transportation, the event is open to the public, with tickets priced at \$35 per person.

For tickets, visit www.pleasanton.org. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact the chamber at 846-5858. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

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JULIA REIS

Dr. Cynthia Zhang gives a presentation on cardiovascular health at a 'Go Red for Women's Heart Health' event in Pleasanton last week.

'Go Red for Women's Heart Health'

By JULIA REIS

Doctors, patients and others affiliated with Join Muir Health and the San Ramon Regional Medical Center gathered in Pleasanton last week for an event meant to bring awareness to heart disease.

Join Muir Health hosted "Go Red for Women's Heart Health" at its outpatient center on Owens Drive on Friday afternoon. Held in conjunction with the American Heart Association's National Wear Red Day, the free event included blood pressure screenings, physician-led educational talks and heart-healthy snacks. It capped off with a short walk around the neighborhood to honor those whose lives have been

impacted by heart disease.

"This was a great event," said Dr. Cynthia Zhang of John Muir Health. "Any awareness we can raise in the community helps. Women's heart health still faces lots of challenges because of a lack of awareness."

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease in the United States kills approximately one woman every 80 seconds, yet 80% of cardiac events can be prevented with education and lifestyle changes. Its Go Red for Women campaign advocates for more research and funding for women's heart health.

At the local heart health event Friday, Dr. Zhang gave a brief introduction

into cardiovascular health to a roomful of women dressed in red. She went over symptoms of coronary heart disease as well as tips for improving heart health. Preventative measures include changing one's diet, quitting smoking and avoiding a sedentary lifestyle, she said.

"Cut down on saturated and trans-fats," Zhang told attendees. "Anything with frosting in it tastes great, but it has lots of trans-fat."

Zhang later added that with over 400,000 women dying from cardiovascular disease in the U.S. each year, there is work to be done around raising awareness, particularly in young women.

"There's a huge potential for what we could do," she said. ■



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Community Pulse

POLICE BULLETIN

Police arrest man on suspicion of assault after stabbing

Pleasanton police arrested a man on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon after a reported stabbing Saturday night that sent another man to the hospital.

Shortly before 11 p.m., patrol officers responded to a report of two men and a woman yelling at each other near a residence in the 400 block of Vineyard Place, according to Sgt. Chris Niederhaus.

When officers arrived, they found a man with injuries consistent with a fist fight. At the same time, Niederhaus said, another man walked into Stanford Health Care-ValleyCare suffering from several stab wounds to his upper body.

The stabbing victim is currently being treated at a local hospital with injuries that are serious but do not appear to be life-threatening, the sergeant said.

A preliminary investigation found the two men were likely involved in a physical altercation that led to one stabbing the other, Niederhaus said. Officers at the scene arrested Timothy Adam White, 46, on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon. White

was booked into Santa Rita Jail without incident.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact the Pleasanton Police Department, 931-5100.

In other police news

- Authorities are looking for a man who robbed a US Bank in San Ramon on Monday afternoon.

According to San Ramon police, the robbery occurred just after noon at the US Bank located at 2821 Crow Canyon Blvd.

An investigation revealed the robber entered the bank and allegedly contacted several bank tellers, demanding money in large bills.

According to police, prior to leaving, the robber directed an employee to accompany him out of the bank, where they walked for about 150 yards into a residential area.

Police said the man then told the employee to return to the bank.

Police allege the suspect was in possession of a firearm during the robbery. The suspect was described as a white man in his mid-40s, with gray facial hair. He remained at large as of Wednesday afternoon.

Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to contact the San Ramon Police Department at 973-2700.

- Local law enforcement and federal

officials are warning citizens to watch out for tax-related identity theft as they prepare their filings this season.

With tax returns due April 18 this year, the Federal Trade Commission is advising residents on how to respond should they become a victim of identity theft with the following tips:

- Contact the IRS if they send you a notice saying their records show you were paid by an employer you don't know and/or more than one tax return was filed using your Social Security number.

- If you get an email that claims to be from the IRS, do not click any links or reply; rather, forward it to phishing@irs.gov. The IRS doesn't use email, text or social media to make initial contact with a taxpayer.

- Record the dates you make calls or send letters to the IRS, and keep copies of letters in your files.

- Order your credit reports, put a fraud alert on them and create an identity theft report by filing a police report and a complaint with the FTC. Visit <https://www.identitytheft.gov/> for help with these steps.

For more tips on keeping your personal information safe this tax season, visit the Pleasanton Police Department's Facebook page or the Federal Trade Commission website, www.consumer.ftc.gov. ■

— Julia Reis and Bay City News Service

Isabel Cattalini

February 23, 1928 - January 9, 2017

Isabel Cattalini passed away peacefully on Jan. 9, 2017. The former Isabel Silva was a Pleasanton native and a graduate of Amador Valley High School, class of 1946. She was the loving wife of Armand Cattalini, also a Pleasanton native, who preceded her in death in 2009. They were married for over 62 years. Armand and Isabel



met while Armand was serving with the U.S. Army at Camp Parks during WWII. Armand was based stateside partially due to the death of his brother Alfred Cattalini, who was killed in action during a parachute jump while serving in the Philippines with the 511th parachute infantry regiment, 11th Airborne division the previous year, which left Armand the only surviving Cattalini. Isabel lived long enough to see Alfred's plaque enshrined on the recently dedicated Veteran's Memorial in the Pleasanton Pioneer Cemetery. Armand and Isabel lived in downtown Pleasanton their entire married life, and Isabel gave birth to their only child, Cheryl (Caraballo) in 1954. Cheryl is also a graduate of AVHS.

Isabel was the daughter of Portuguese immigrants, Frank and Angelina Silva, born on Feb. 23, 1928, and was one of Silva family of five children, consisting of brothers and sisters Mary, Emily, Josephine and John. The Silva family lived on a small ranch just off of Tassajara Road on the north side of Pleasanton. She attended elementary school in the one-room Antone schoolhouse nearby. She attended and graduated Amador Valley High School in 1946. She attended her 70th class reunion in September, 2016. While in high school, she worked part time at the First National Bank downtown, where she eventually became a full time teller. She worked for Mr. Warren Harding, who founded the original Pleasanton Rose Show at the bank. She was very proud that her daughter Cheryl became the recipient of the Best of Show award for the Rose Show in 2015.

Being a lifelong San Francisco Giants fan, she thoroughly enjoyed watching the three World Series titles that the team finally achieved during her lifetime. Isabel and Armand were also avid San Francisco 49ers faithfuls, and enjoyed the championship years for that team as well. She was an avid reader and one of her favorite novelists was Mary Higgins Clark, and was a riveted follower of the Watergate Trials during the Nixon administration, both on TV and in the newspapers. In her lifetime, she was also hoping to see the first, qualified woman President.

While living out her life at Pleasanton Nursing, she enjoyed the frequent visits from her daughter Cheryl, and they would watch Giants baseball, get visits from friends and family, and pet visits from Cheryl and Keith's golden retrievers, Flash and Luna, along with other friend's pets as well.

Isabel is survived by her loving daughter Cheryl Caraballo, son-in-law Keith Caraballo, grandson Nicholas Caraballo and wife Kim Caraballo, and her great granddaughter whom she adored, Abigail Caraballo, all of whom still live in Pleasanton. Nicholas is a graduate of AVHS, a third-generation legacy. Abigail is a fourth-generation Californian, a third-generation Pleasantonian.

There will be a celebration of Isabel's life at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 at the Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab Facility, 300 Neal St. All are invited to attend.

POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

Feb. 4

Assault/battery

- 10:46 p.m. on the 400 block of Vineyard Place

Domestic battery

- 8:06 p.m. on Terrazzo Court

Alcohol violation

- 6:02 p.m. at Mohr Avenue and Santa Rita Road

Fraud

- 4:56 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Thefts

- 9:42 a.m. on the 3100 block of Valley Avenue

- 4:11 p.m., 1500 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

Drug violation

- 2:32 p.m. on the 4200 block of First Street

Arson

- 9:19 a.m. on the 4700 block of Sandalwood Drive

DUI

- 3:27 a.m. at Hopyard Road and Stoneridge Drive

Feb. 3

DUI

- 11:35 p.m. at Division and Fair streets

Shoplifting

- 4:16 p.m. on the 1700 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

- 8:46 p.m. on the 4500 block of Rosewood Drive

Fraud

- 9:47 a.m. on the 2700 block of Huff Drive

Drug violation

- 8:49 a.m. on the 1000 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

Feb. 2

Burglary

- 12:34 a.m. on the 5000 block of Hopyard Road

Theft from auto

- 7:52 a.m. on the 4400 block of Mohr Avenue

Domestic battery

- 7:02 p.m. on Fair Oaks Drive

David Edward Lambert Resident of Pleasanton

August 31, 1957 - January 14, 2017

David Edward Lambert passed away unexpectedly of unknown causes. He touched many lives with his resilient spirit and commitment to the betterment of his community.

David was proud to spend 20 years of his life as a respiratory therapist at Children's Hospital Oakland. He also enjoyed working with Hanger Prosthetics to share his experiences with new amputees at local hospitals. One of his proudest accomplishments was serving on the Human Services and Parks and Recreation commissions for the city of Pleasanton, where he helped create the Youth Master Plan along with countless parks, most notably Cubby's dog park.

David is survived by his wife JoEllen, his children Christina and Andrew and his mother-in-law Ellen Scalzo. He was preceded in death by his twin brother Larry several months before.

Friends and family are invited to his celebration of life on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at 2pm, Cornerstone Church, 348 N. Canyons Pkwy, Livermore, CA. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to Lymphoma Research Foundation, 115 Broadway, Suite 1301

New York, NY 10006 or The National WWII Museum, 945 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

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All's fair: Having county fairgrounds here is good for Pleasanton

We are fortunate to have the Alameda County Fairgrounds right here in Pleasanton. There is something happening almost every week, from festivals and haunted houses, to Goodguys car shows and Scottish Games. These events bring in visitors from all over the state and country, not to mention the money these visitors spend while here.

But it is the Alameda County Fair held at the fairgrounds that brings hundreds of thousands of people to our hometown for fun-filled days of concerts, rides, exhibits and, of course, the horse races.

We are not the only ones who see the fair as the jewel it is, and the recognition is international.

Again this year, the Alameda County Fair has been awarded top honors in a variety of categories from both the Western Fairs Association (WFA) and the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) for 2016. The organizations sponsor annual awards programs to recognize outstanding achievement in the areas of agriculture, competitive exhibits and communications.

In all, the fair — our fair — took home more than 25 WFA Awards in its division, including nine first-place awards, seven second-place and 11 third-place honors. IAFE also honored the fair with

16 international awards including three first-place, three second-place and 10 third-place honors.

Alameda County Fairgrounds' CEO Jerome Hoban said in a statement that he and the staff are "thrilled and humbled to once again receive multiple awards across the board from the WFA and IAFE organizations."

"I am proud of our team and their commitment to education, innovation and community," he added.

The fair received first-place honors in the following categories: Competitive Agricultural Program, Innovative Use of Technology (Ag Programs), Competitive Exhibit Display Method, Radio Advertising, Outdoor Advertising, Innovative Use of Technology, Children's Program, Community Outreach Program, Volunteer Program, Event within an Event, Inspiring Collaborations and Partnerships.

Being honored for Inspiring Collaborations and Partnerships acknowledges something else we already knew — the fairgrounds is a good corporate citizen and community partner.

The fair and the other events at the fairgrounds bring more to Pleasanton than just good times and entertainment. Local hotels see an uptick in stays, especially during large events such as the



FILE PHOTO

The Alameda County Fair draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to Pleasanton every year. The 2017 Alameda County Fair will be held June 16 to July 9.

Goodguys car shows. Restaurants and stores also benefit from the influx of guests.

The most recent economic impact report by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Fairs and Expositions in Sacramento, which is from 2010, showed that the 2009 Alameda County Fair events "created a total spending impact of approximately \$268,651,567 on the local economy."

In addition, the city receives sales tax revenues from sales generated on the fairgrounds; of the events, the RV and boat shows are the largest sales tax generators. According to the 2010 report, "The Alameda County Fair generates business tax revenue through the collection of state and local sales taxes, transient occupancy taxes,

possessory interest taxes and other taxes and fees. These revenues further generate economic activity by providing for programs to benefit the local community.

"An estimated \$4,352,155 annually in additional business taxes will be created from the increased business activity caused by the fair, its attendees and 'interim' events or events held on the fairgrounds occurring throughout the year."

Fairgoers parking on city streets is understandably frustrating for those residents who live close to the fairgrounds. And traffic on Bernal and Valley is maddening some days. However, the Alameda County Fair adds so much to our city that during those few weeks in June and July, we should grin and bear it ... perhaps while enjoying a corn dog and watching a concert. ■



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Sports



PLEASANTON PREPS

BY DENNIS MILLER

Foothill boys basketball earns tough wins

Amador wrestling finishes off perfect EBAL regular season

The Foothill boys basketball team seems to be putting it together at the right time, as the Falcons rolled to a pair of big East Bay Athletic League wins last week.

The Falcons started their week by shocking one of the top teams in the section in beating Dublin 58-48.

Dublin led throughout most of the game, but the Falcons stayed within striking distance, hoping to make a late run. They did just that, outscooring Dublin 22-7 in the fourth quarter to pull away with the win.

J.T. McDermott continued his solid season, scoring 17 to lead Foothill. Gary Pride added 10.

Later in the week, the Falcons avoided a bounce after their big win and edged California 67-63. McDermott came through with 22 points to lead Foothill, with Trey Porter chipping in 16.

Wrestling

Amador Valley finished out a perfect regular EBAL season, beating Foothill 62-16 to move to 4-0 in the regular season.

Following the successful dual meet win, the Dons traveled to Fremont to take part in the prestigious 42nd Mission San Jose Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Amador placed in the top 10 of 74 teams of this elite two-day tournament, which includes perennial state championship contenders such as Clovis, Buchanan and De La Salle. Eight Amador wrestlers made it to the second day of the tournament, and two Amador wrestlers ended up on the podium at the end of the tourney.

Jacob Lum finished fourth in the 162-pound division and Jackson Butler was fourth at 172 pounds.

Girls soccer

There are no easy games in EBAL girls soccer play, and the Foothill girls found it out last week.

The Falcons finished the week with a tie and loss, but thanks to the competitiveness in the league,

they are in the thick of the battle for the league, as well as a section playoff spot.

The week started with the high-flying Cal Grizzlies coming to town. After a highly competitive 80 minutes, the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Cal got the better of the Falcons in the first half with more possession of the ball and creating more chances while putting constant pressure on the Falcons, making it difficult for Foothill to maintain possession.

The half ended with a 1-0 Cal lead.

In the second half, the Falcons created more pressure on the Cal defense, eventually knotting the match with a finish by Ariana Nino off a pass from Sarah Broacha. The match ended with Cal putting pressure on the Foothill defense but unable to break through for the winning score.

Later in the week, Foothill traveled to take on the 14-1-2 Livermore Cowboys in another difficult match.

Like the Cal match earlier in the week, the Cowboys played a strong first half, eventually taking a 1-0 lead using their speed and physical play to control possession and limit Foothill's attack.

Unlike the Cal match, the second half did not change as Livermore continued to set the pace and make it difficult on the Falcons. Late in the half, Livermore pushed the lead to 2-0 off a cornerkick and scrum in front of the net to secure the win.

Hoops on TV

The Amador Valley-Dublin boys basketball game being played tonight will be shown on the local Tri-Valley Community Television (TV30) starting at 7 p.m. Saturday. For more information, visit www.tv30.org.

Dennis Miller is a contributing sports writer for the Pleasanton Weekly. To contact Miller or submit local high school sports scores, game highlights and photographs for his weekly Pleasanton Preps column, email him at acesmag@aol.com.

CheerPros champs

Foothill's competitive cheer squads finished strongly at the CheerPros California State Championship on Jan. 29. The varsity (shown) and junior varsity teams took first in their respective divisions, while group stunt team 1 placed second and group stunt team 2 finished third in their divisions.



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Valentine's Day Angels

Bay Area volunteers patrol Golden Gate Bridge to help save lives

By Nancy Davis Lewis



COURTESY OF BRIDGEWATCH ANGELS

Pleasanton resident Mia Munayer (front right), leads a group of Bridgewatch Angels up to the Golden Gate Bridge for their four-hour Bridgewatch mission last Christmas. The group will be out in force to support people at risk of suicide at the bridge on Valentine's Day next week.

Valentine's Day for many is all about heart-shaped boxes of chocolate or jewelry, Hallmark cards filled with sweet, sentimental poems and spending an evening out with that special someone.

But a day that is for many a chance to celebrate love and affection is for others a difficult one that can bring on feelings of loneliness, isolation and despair. And for some, the dark impact is far greater, giving rise to suicidal thoughts that draw them to the Golden Gate Bridge — an iconic Bay Area landmark known for its extraordinary beauty, engineering and breathtaking views but has also become known as a top suicide destination in the world.

It is there where a group of dozens of volunteers spend holidays keeping an eye out for people who come to the Golden Gate intending to jump to their death. These volunteers are The Bridgewatch Angels, an organization founded by Pleasanton resident Mia Munayer, also a lieutenant in the Pleasanton Police Department.

The mission of The Bridgewatch Angels is to patrol the Golden Gate Bridge on "high suicide-risk" holidays such as Valentine's Day in order to provide a positive and uplifting presence on the bridge and to offer support for people who appear to be at risk. The Bridgewatch Angels help provide an extra layer of protection and a source of assistance to police who patrol the bridge heavily year-round.

Munayer said she first became interested in suicide prevention at the bridge in 2010 after participating in crisis intervention training as part of her job as a police officer. She watched excerpts from "The Bridge," a documentary film about numerous Golden Gate Bridge suicides. She said she was shocked to learn that almost every week, at least one person dies by suicide by jumping from the bridge, and that at least two to three suicide interventions occur each day.

Upon discovering these statistics and that so many of the people who die by suicide or attempt it are teens, Munayer said she felt compelled to address the problem during her off-duty time.

Through her extensive efforts, a group of 175 to 200 dedicated volunteers now spend every "major suicide-risk" holiday (Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve/Day, New Year's Eve/Day and Memorial Day) helping to save lives on the Golden Gate Bridge. Munayer describes these volunteers as "selfless individuals who believe compassion is the greatest gift they can give on these holidays."

Munayer and other suicide prevention specialists train the volunteers immediately beforehand

to recognize the warning signs of people who may be "at risk," how to assess behaviors they witness on the bridge, what to say to someone who is suicidal, and most importantly, safety protocol. Munayer and her trainers also encourage the volunteers to simply trust their own instincts and to not be afraid to say, "Hello!"

"Such a simple gesture can be very impactful for those who are feeling alone, isolated and uncared for because people who come to the bridge don't actually want to die. They simply want to end their pain. There is a difference, and this is why human connection has the power to save lives," Munayer said.

The mandatory orientations take place in front of The San Francisco Welcome Center at the southern end of the bridge. Munayer said she always ensures that the first people to speak at these orientations are families who have a child that died by suicide by jumping from the bridge.

Family members usually bring a framed photo and talk about their child's life and the events which preceded their death. They also express sincere appreciation to the volunteers for their presence on the bridge.

While hearing from these families is sobering, it gets the volunteers to quickly focus on the important impact they will be having during the next four hours in terms of preventing other families from having to endure the same kind of anguish.

Mark and Dayna Whitmer's son Matthew died by suicide after jumping off the bridge in 2007 when he was 20 years old. They said they felt honored when Munayer asked them to address the volunteers at the 2017 New Year's Day orientation.

Dayna Whitmer described her experience in speaking to the Angels as being very moving for herself and her husband because they felt so much support from the volunteers and because it was so meaningful to know that so many people cared enough about others to spend their valuable time patrolling the bridge.

"It makes such a difference in the world," Whitmer said.

She added that one of the best accomplishments of The Bridgewatch Angels is that it shows how society's views toward suicide are changing; that through compassion and understanding, the stigma attached to talking about suicide is fading.

Whitmer said she feels this growing de-stigmatization enables people to talk much more freely and openly about mental health issues and suicide — as opposed to having to whisper about them behind closed doors — and that the ability to do this facilitates people at risk being able to get the help they need.



COURTESY OF BRIDGEWATCH ANGELS

A group of compassionate, volunteer Bridgewatch Angels, out on the Golden Gate Bridge span looking out for people possibly at risk for suicide. The volunteers stand ready to offer warmth, compassion and assistance.

Casey Brooks, the 17 year-old daughter of John and Erika Brooks, died by suicide at the bridge in 2008. Like the Whitmers, the Brooks also spoke to the Angels during an orientation, in order to honor the memory of their daughter and to show their support for the volunteers. The Bridgewatch Angels dedicated that Christmas Eve Bridgewatch to young Casey.

When the volunteers head out to patrol the bridge after orientation and training, they greet everyone on the span with a smile, and engage with those who are walking alone, displaying negative body posture or lingering mid-span.

What started as a small group of off-duty law enforcement officers has grown into a large force of individual volunteers who come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and from non-profit, government, faith-based, and private sector organizations.

Martha Jensen, a local resident who will be volunteering with The Bridgewatch Angels on

Valentine's Day, thinks it is a perfect way to spend the day, saying, "My greatest joy in life comes from helping others."

"If I can help even just one person, whatever efforts I make on the bridge will be worthwhile," Jensen added.

Holly Wolff, another Pleasanton resident who will be heading into San Francisco to volunteer as a Bridgewatch Angel on Valentine's Day, is similarly motivated by a desire to help others. Wolff, who owns a pet-sitting service in town, said, "I spend a lot of time walking dogs outdoors, and that is great. But to have the opportunity to spend a day outdoors on the Golden Gate Bridge, helping other people, well that is truly an empowering gift."

Munayer believes strongly that The Bridgewatch Angels make a significant impact in preventing Golden Gate Bridge suicides.

During Bridgewatch events, Munayer said she is always approached by one or more bridge walkers who tell her that they chose, after interacting with

Bridgewatch volunteers, to abandon their plan to attempt suicide on the bridge. And after going on to receive professional treatment, some of these people even feel strong enough to become Bridgewatch volunteers themselves.

Like the Brooks and Whitmer families who have spoken at Bridgewatch volunteer orientations, some of Bridgewatch Angels' other volunteers are "suicide survivors," a term used to describe people who have a family member or friend who died by suicide. People who survive suicide attempts are referred to as "attempt survivors."

Suicide can be especially difficult for suicide survivors, as they see it as a senseless death that could possibly have been prevented. Becoming a Bridgewatch Angel can be healing for such survivors and can empower them to go on with their own lives in a positive and productive way, they say.

During her years in law enforcement, Munayer said she has responded to countless suicides and has personally witnessed the



COURTESY OF BRIDGEWATCH ANGELS

Mia Munayer joins Mark and Dayna Whitmer and a photo of their son Matthew, who died by suicide by jumping off the bridge in 2007. The Whitmers are strong suicide-prevention advocates, including urging the bridge district to approve a new steel mesh net and volunteering with The Bridgewatch Angels.

horrific aftermath for the family members, especially the parents, who grieve a terrible loss that is complicated by the stigma attached to suicidal deaths.

It is for this reason that she feels so much empathy toward the survivor families, and considers them to be the inspiration that drives her to keep growing The Bridgewatch Angels into an even larger organization, she said. Munayer feels a kinship with these people, and often remains in touch with them throughout the year.

Her ultimate goal is to prevent as many avoidable deaths as possible, and to protect as many families as possible from having to endure the same kind of anguish and sorrow these survivors suffer.

The number of suicides and attempted suicides on the Golden

Gate Bridge each year is significant. Since being built in 1937, nearly 2,000 people, including children, have leaped to their death.

In 2016, there were 39 confirmed suicides (which reflects only the number of bodies found; many are never recovered) and 184 successful interventions by the park district police, California Highway Patrol, the Bridgewatch Angels or others.

It is because of these statistics that the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District, which owns and operates the bridge, recently decided to install a steel mesh suicide-prevention net. Construction is expected to start in 2017. The Whitmers are part of a group that advocated for this net, and they were instrumental in the district's decision.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for The Bridgewatch Angels can visit its Facebook page or contact the organization at bridgewatchangels@gmail.com.

Anyone experiencing suicidal thoughts or seeking help for a loved one can contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). This line is available 24 hours/day and provides free and confidential support for people in distress. ■

Editor's note: Nancy Davis Lewis is a Pleasanton resident and a regular contributor to the Pleasanton Weekly, preparing the Streetwise column with her daughter, Jenny Lyness. She is set to volunteer with the Bridgewatch Angels on the Golden Gate Bridge next week on Valentine's Day.



COURTESY OF BRIDGEWATCH ANGELS

Dozens of Bridgewatch Angels gather before embarking upon their New Year's Day 2017 patrol at the Golden Gate Bridge.

GOTTA HAVE HEART



Artist's pins remind people to think from their hearts

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Pleasanton artist Gary Winter is a fervent believer in positive thinking. But last year's discord made him concerned about the stress all around him, and he knew people needed to listen to their heart-felt thoughts to get relief.

"With all the hate and everything, I thought people needed to be reminded to get back to the heart," he said. "You don't want to spend a

second on negative thoughts. Connect with your deep inner self without trying to explain everything. Think from your heart."

Inspiration comes often to Winter, 70, who is known in Pleasanton for his wooden miniatures of the city's old buildings and landmarks. A couple of years ago he was on Main Street looking at the arch and thinking it was the heart of Pleasanton.

"I got the idea to make little hearts and stick them on all the wooden arches I made, and on magnets and ornaments," he recalled. "It was a little extra work but everybody loved it."

He added a long stem to one of the stylized hearts, with a sharp point to make it a pin, and stuck it into his shirt.

"I always got comments," Winter said. "The heart symbol strikes something within

us. It's very subliminal. People don't even realize it — but card companies realized it a hundred years ago."

As 2016 progressed and tensions spread, Winter found solace from crafting dozens of the little hearts, one by one. Then a few months ago he contacted a pin company in Pennsylvania and ordered a couple hundred gold-plated hearts made to his design.

"Without even trying, I sold 170 of them," Winter said. "Every day I take a walk downtown and I always take a pack with me because somebody always asks for one."

Now he has sold close to 400 since the middle of December and some stores have put in supplies for Valentine's Day, including the Berry Patch, Gourmet Works and Drift Co. on Main Street, where they sell for \$12.95. They also can be ordered at garyawinter.com for \$15, which includes shipping.

"We have shipped to Portland, Ore., Boulder, Colo., Denver, Park City, Utah, Redding, Arizona, Vegas and L.A.," Winter said.

One person ordered a pin made of silver, and someone else asked for 14k gold rather than gold-plated.

Winter is thrilled to see people out and about wearing the little hearts.

"People on Main Street will thank me or tell me it's such a relevant message," he added.

Winter noted that the heart is the first organ to develop after conception.

"When you're inspired, it comes from the heart or soul," he said.

Winter is no stranger to inspiration. A few decades ago he and his brother invented the swirl ball, an aerodynamic football with grooves that sold

more than a million. In the '80s when Winter got it into his head that he wanted to meet the president of the United States he

pounded thousands of nails into a presidential seal, which led to him meeting President Reagan at his Southern California ranch.

Then in the mid-'90s, one evening at Christmastime, Kolln Hardware on Main Street inspired Winter to create his miniature historic buildings. More recently he began to fashion life-size wooden stick figures of musicians, motorcycles and whatever else catches his fancy.

Now Winter is inspired by the symbolism of the heart and the need to return to it.

"This pin is to remind you to, at least once a day, stop for

'I thought people needed to be reminded to get back to the heart.'

Gary Winter,
Artist

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Comedian Henry Cho returns to East Bay

Show features clean — yet adult — humor

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Comedian Henry Cho makes one thing clear right up front when he takes the stage: In his east Tennessee drawl, he announces that he is from the south, hence the accent, and he is Korean.

"I'm south Korean," he quips.

This brings a laugh plus immediately answers questions about his accent and his appearance, he said.

Cho, a professional comedian for more than 30 years, prides himself on having a clean act although his humor is for adults. He will be performing in two weeks in San Ramon and is happy to be returning to the Bay Area.

"The Bay Area treated me better than any other part of the country when I performed there in the early to mid-'90s. I sold out every show way in advance," he said. "Back then, Asian Americans weren't going to see comedy

but they'd come to see me. That put me over the top in the Bay Area."

"We almost moved to the Bay Area, we liked the East Bay for raising a family," he added. "But my being a southern boy, and my wife is from Alabama — the south had a strong pull."

They have two boys and a girl, ages 16, 14 and 11.

"This year I updated a big hunk of my act since my son's been driving," he said.

In comedy clubs, the audience is 21 and older so Cho said he performs basically the same set. Otherwise, he adapts his material as he assesses the audience.

"I know my first minute, and then I'm feeling the crowd out," Cho explained. "Audiences tend to be 65% women, but if I come to find out it's reversed then I change gears a little bit. If there

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Laugh it up

What: Henry Cho: The Funny but Clean Comedy Tour

When: 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 24

Where: Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

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Symphony to present 'Inspirational Journeys'

By PATRICIA BOYLE

Livermore-Amador Symphony's 54th regular season continues Feb. 18 with "Inspirational Journeys" conducted by Music Director Lara Webber at the Bankhead Theater. The performance will feature the winners of the symphony's 2016-17 Competition for Young Musicians.

The concert will open with Jennifer Higdon's "Blue Cathedral."

"Higdon's music is full of color and texture, expressive lyricism and exciting momentum," explained Webber. "The work begins and ends quietly, with a soaring buildup of energy. She uses a wide variety of percussion instruments in unique ways to create a beautiful transformational sound at the end of work."

Next, competition winner violinist Felix Yu-Shuan Shen, 14 and a freshman at Dublin High, will perform the first movement of Jean Sibelius' technically difficult Violin Concerto in D minor. Felix grew up in Taiwan, moving to Dublin in 2014, and has won numerous music competitions, including top prize in the 2015 U.S. Open Music Competition.

His first concert solo was performed just months after he began studying violin at age 5. He was concert soloist in government events in Taiwan (2007-10) and for the Zhu-Bei Philharmonic Institute (2012-14). Since 2014, Felix has participated in recitals for the Music Teachers' Association of California. Concertmaster of the Orchestra Gradus ad Parnassum, he describes music as "a spiritual friend who accompanies me through happiness, joy, anger, loneliness and disappointment."

The son of Yu-Min Shen and Chen-Yu Wang, Felix has a great interest in math and computer science, is active in Dublin High's Gavel and Gael



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Pianist Sehyun (Eunice) Lee and violinist Felix Yu-Shuan Shen will perform at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore Feb. 18.

Force Robotics Clubs, and is fluent in Mandarin, Taiwanese and English. He looks forward to a career as both a violinist and an engineer.

After intermission, competition winner pianist Sehyun (Eunice) Lee, 17 and a senior at Dougherty Valley High, will perform the first movement of Beethoven's bold Piano Concerto No. 1 in C major. Eunice has studied piano for more than eight years and was selected as a winner of the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra's 2015 concerto competition. She won awards multiple times at the U.S. Open Music Competition in both solo and duet categories. In 2016 she completed the music program for piano performance at CalArts.

In addition to piano, Eunice enjoys playing the violin. She began playing in orchestras at age 7, and served as co-concertmaster of the Oakland Symphony Youth Orchestra. She was invited to play in the Menuhin Chamber Music Seminar at San Francisco State in 2015.

The daughter of Ho-Jeong Kim and Jong-Pil Lee, Eunice is an ardent

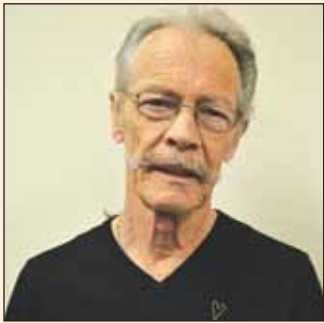
animal-lover, outspoken supporter of minority rights, and avid food enthusiast. In college she plans to pursue her passions in music, writing and political science. Eunice says she hopes to experience life in the most fulfilling way she can.

The concert will conclude with Edvard Grieg's "Symphonic Dances."

"Grieg's 'Symphonic Dances' are exciting, tuneful and expressive," noted Music Director Webber. "Grieg uses just a handful of thematic ideas in remarkably inventive ways to create a richly rewarding musical journey. You'll be humming his music on your way out the door."

The 8 p.m. concert will be preceded by a prelude talk from 7-7:30 p.m. At intermission, the teen jazz band "Element 116" will perform, directed by Matt Finders. The Symphony Guild will host a post-concert reception. Tickets are \$12-\$35. Go to www.bankheadtheater.org. ■

Patricia Boyle has been writing about the Livermore-Amador Symphony for three years.



JULIA REIS

Pleasanton artist Gary Winter.

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a second and acknowledge your heart," he said. "Take a few deep breaths and appreciate whatever is before you.

"Those are the basic steps to meditation," he continued. "You don't need 15 minutes — people say they don't have time to meditate — all you need is one minute.

"Once you catch yourself, automatically your mind slows down, your heart is smiling."

"When I get stressed out, I'll go meditate, bringing my heart and mind together," he added. "Meditation has kept me mellow."

He said we are inspired through our hearts — not from our minds.

"Your heartfelt thoughts will

never tell you to jump off the Golden Gate Bridge — that's your mind and your programming," he said.

"I can remember my mother telling me that if I wanted to be an artist, I had better learn to listen, we are inspired through our heartfelt thoughts," he remembered. "She always told me to use my imagination, so I have been trippin' all my life — I know how to listen to my inner self."

Winter equates his pins to the peace sign, which is still around but reminds us of the '60s. His heart is the healing symbol for 2016, and his goal is to get a million hearts out across the country.

"Even if the other side won the election, we would still be in this cycle," he said. "Everybody finds an argument for everything out there. That's why I've got to get the word out. We have to get back to the heart."

Winter's mission is well under way downtown, where he lives on Augustine Street near the library, and he knows it may take a while to spread nationwide.

"But my little voice is saying there is no rush," he said. "Just start here in downtown Pleasanton, and it will help people out of their slump." ■

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are more single people I don't talk too much about marriage and kids. Even if it is funny, you will lose them eventually."

He prefers theaters to comedy clubs.

"Theaters are the best because people aren't distracted by their chicken wings and who took the last french fry," he said. "They are tuned in, 100% focused."

"When you hear a band you can zone out, but with a comedian you have to pay attention," he explained.

Cho recalled that he was on his fifth major at the University of Tennessee

when, on a whim and encouraged by his buddies, he entered a comedy competition at a local club.

"This guy had 12 comedy clubs throughout the south," Cho remembered. "I walked off the stage and he hired me. I entered the competition on Monday, I started working on Wednesday, and I dropped out of college on Friday. That was over 30 years ago, and I've been doing it ever since."

Cho is a veteran of "The Tonight Show," "The Late, Late Show" and many other talk shows, and there are some very funny clips on YouTube to prove it. He has

a one-hour special on Comedy Central, can be heard on Sirius/XM and Blue Collar Radio, and has performed in seven movies.

He crisscrosses the country performing his stand-up comedy, including Las Vegas, and this year his tour includes the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center in San Ramon.

"I got tons of communications via social media saying, 'When are you coming back to the Bay Area?'" he said. "My main fan base has grown up with me."

Cho's returning fans insist he include his old tried and true jokes when he is onstage.

"It's amazing that people start yelling out bits they want to hear.

It's flattering and humbling," he said, adding with a laugh, "Sometimes I forget and they have to help me."

"Twenty-five percent of my audience are young hipsters," he noted, "but the main audience is 30-50, and because I am clean I bring in senior citizens. I'm old-school."

"You've got to be a little more clever to do an hour that is clean," he said, and he also hires clean comedians to open the act for him.

But, he emphasized, his humor is for adults: "My humor is not difficult, but it's not simple either." ■

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Henry Cho,
Comedian

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Concerts

WE BANJO 3 A flamboyant mix of Irish, Bluegrass and old-time music, We Banjo 3 will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Firehouse Arts Center. The two sets of brothers, Enda and Fergal Scahill and Martin

and David Howley, are among the most celebrated and distinguished young musicians in Ireland today. Tickets are \$25-\$35. Call 931-4848 or go to www.firehousearts.org.

Music

SHAMANIC DRUM CIRCLE Drumming will help you to gain access to your inner guidance and learn to work with your helping spirits. Presented by Ashleigh Pevey, a Shamanic healer, sessions are usually 3-4:15 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Bring a drum or rattle; a few will be available. Call 829-2733 or go to www.unityoftrivalley.org.

Talks & Lectures

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: EAT YOUR HEART OUT Eat your heart

out this Valentine's Day! Learn what you can eat for a healthy heart. Nancy Bennett, a registered dietitian, will share which foods to choose and answer your questions about eating for a good heart at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Free, no reservations required. Go to www.pleasantonseniorcenter.org.

STRESS LESS FOR SUCCESS: STUDENTS MANAGING STRESS

The City of Pleasanton's free Community Education Series continues with "Stress Less for Success: Student strategies for managing stress" from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Pleasanton Library. Pleasanton Unified School District high school students will candidly discuss the stresses they face in and out of the classroom. Students will openly highlight the positive and negative strategies they use to cope with these stresses and how we as a community can help mitigate them. Free. Register at pleasantonfun.com, course code #64334.

TRI-VALLEY WRITERS Novelist Beth Barany will present "Seven Keys for Planning Your Novel for Pantsers" at the Tri-Valley Writers meeting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18 at Four Points by Sheraton, 5115 Hopyard Road. Cost is \$12 for members, \$17 for non-members. Go to www.trivalleywriters.org.

Fundraisers

BEER TASTING & SUDSY SUPPER Come to St. Bart's Beer Tasting and Sudsy Supper from 5:30-9 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 at St. Bartholomew's, 678 Enos Way, Livermore. There will be tastes of local beers, French crepes and pub food; the music of the Queen of Hearts Combo and the Mellotones Jazz Band for swing dancing, and streaming the Oscars. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door, \$15 for youth, and include tastings, supper and dessert; additional beer may be purchased. Go to saintbartslivermore.com. <http://saintbartslivermore.com>

Health & Wellness

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND Tri-Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind will be meeting from 1-3 p.m., second Saturday of each month at Valley Memorial Hospital, 1111 E. Stanley Blvd., Livermore, which is right across the street from Trader Joe's. Any visually impaired or blind person is urged to attend. Call Carl at 449-9362.

Seniors

EYE GLASS ADJUSTMENTS AND CLEANING Stop by the Pleasanton Senior Center from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month to have your eye glasses and sunglasses cleaned and adjusted by a representative

PET OF THE WEEK



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from Sears Optical. For more information call 931-5365.

Teens

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY

The city of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District will host Youth In Government Day from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22. Students will have the opportunity to hear from city leaders and shadow staff who make Pleasanton one of the best places to live. Applications available for students from Foothill, Amador Valley, and Village High Schools at bit.ly/YIG2017, the school administration offices or Ptownlife.org. Applications due Friday, Feb. 24. Contact Recreation Coordinator, David Weisgerber, at 931-3474 or dweisgerber@cityofpleasantonca.gov.

Religion & Spirituality

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.

Community Groups

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Caring for a loved one is challenging physically and emotionally. Join this support group to explore resources and generate problem solving ideas from 1-3 p.m., on the second Monday of every month at 5353 Sunol Blvd. Get the support you deserve at the

Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley. Call 931-5389.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

WWI was a global conflict of unprecedented scale never before seen in Human History. David Goerss will explain the research landscape of WWI records, as well as provide advice on utilizing a phased approach to your research to effectively locate and track your ancestor, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13 at Congregation Beth Emek. Goerss is a professional genealogist specializing in military records research. Contact Kay Speaks, Program Chair, at program@L-AGS.org.

PLEASANTON LIONS CLUB

The Pleasanton Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Inklings, 530 Main St. For more information, please visit pleasantonlionsclub.org.

PLEASANTON-TULANCINGO SISTER CITY

All are welcome to join for "Taco Tuesday" at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Fiesta Taco, 1989 Santa Rita Road Unit J. We are an active organization promoting cultural exchange, goodwill and friendship. We have a youth and adult exchange program. Call 989-6882 or go to www.ptsca.org.

ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF AMADOR VALLEY

All ladies are invited to join this dedicated group of volunteers, reaching out to those in need in the Tri-Valley and having fun doing it. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at The Parkway, 100 Valley Ave. Contact 461-6401 or assistanceleagueamadorvalley@yahoo.com. Go to www.amadorvalley.assistanceleague.org.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION BRANCH 285

The Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 285, a social/philanthropic organization, invites those who love all things Italian to join for a potluck and guest speaker evening at 6 p.m. the third Friday of the month at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive. Call Judy at 462-2487.

THE CITY OF PLEASANTON

WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

Housing Commission
Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- City Council 2017-2018 Two-Year Work Plan Prioritization
- Review of Semi-Annual Progress Reports for FY2016-17 Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Subrecipients
- Update Regarding the Housing and Human Services Grant (HHSG) Review Process for FY2017-18
- Appointment of New Officers (Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) for 2017

Economic Vitality Committee
Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7:30 am
Conference Room #3, 157 Main Street

- Discussion regarding EVC Work Groups for 2017

COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES RECRUITMENT
The City Council is accepting applications for the following:

- Civic Arts Commission**
2 Members
1 Youth Member
- Committee on Energy & Environment**
1 Member
- Economic Vitality Committee**
1 Member from each of the following categories:
Commercial Real Estate Development
Commercial Real Estate Broker
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- Housing Commission**
1 Alternate Member
- Human Services Commission**
1 Member
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1 Member
- Parks & Recreation Commission**
3 Members
1 Youth Member
- Planning Commission**
1 Member
- Youth Commission**
1 At-Large Member
1 High School Member

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Legal Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 496705
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): NATURAL SPINAL CARE, 7450 SAN RAMON ROAD, DUBLIN, CA 94568 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 10/01/2014 UNDER FILE NO. 496705 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): Jeffrey Layne, 22 Tweed Lane, Danville, CA 94526. Signature of Registrant: Jeffrey Layne. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on Dec. 19, 2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10; 2017)

NATURAL SPINAL CARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 526517
The following person(s) doing business as: NATURAL SPINAL CARE, 7450 SAN RAMON ROAD, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Yang DC Chiropractic PC, 7450 San Ramon Road, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Jim Yang, CEO, Owner. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 12/19/2016. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10; 2017)

SUNSHINE PHOTO BOOTH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 526792
The following person(s) doing business as: SUNSHINE PHOTO BOOTH, 161 SIERRAWOOD AVE., HAYWARD, CA 94544, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Chand, 161 Sierrawood Ave., Hayward, CA 94544. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Michael Chand, Principal. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/24/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17; 2017)

LARKIN PRO
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 526455
The following person(s) doing business as: LARKIN PRO, 268 RACHAEL PLACE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Amy Larkin, 268 Rachael Place, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an

Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Amy Larkin. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/13/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17; 2017)

DREAM BAY HOMES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 526786
The following person(s) doing business as: DREAM BAY HOMES, 3203 CURTIS CIRCLE, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mano Chidambaram, 3203 Curtis Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 01/01/2017. Signature of Registrant: Mano Chidambaram. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/24/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17; 2017)

SUN21 GLOBAL LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 526771
The following person(s) doing business as: SUN21 GLOBAL LLC, 6754 BERNAL AVE., SUITE 740-208, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): SUN21 GLOBAL LLC, 6754 Bernal Ave. Suite 740-208, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Yong Sun, Manager Member. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/24/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; 2017)

GAINED INSIGHT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 526123
The following person(s) doing business as: GAINED INSIGHT, 5820 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD SUITE 219, PLEASANTON, CA 94588, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Katherine Nagy/Nitz, 106 Palmer Street, San Ramon, CA 94583. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 10/10/2011. Signature of Registrant: Katherine Nitz/Nagy. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/05/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; 2017)

COPIA GROWTH ADVISORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 527062
The following person(s) doing business as: COPIA GROWTH ADVISORS, 8123 BRITANNY DRIVE, DUBLIN, CA 94568, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Michael Kaskowitz, 8123 Brittany Drive, Dublin, CA 94568. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Michael Kaskowitz. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/31/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3; 2017)

GIFT OF GAB
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 527087
The following person(s) doing business as: GIFT OF GAB, 2841 WHITNEY DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Parish Verducci, 2841 Whitney Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Michael Kaskowitz. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/31/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3; 2017)

EDGE TEK ENGINEERING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 527167
The following person(s) doing business as: EDGE TEK ENGINEERING, 173 HELIGAN LANE UNIT 7, LIVERMORE, CA 94551, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Edge Coffee LLC, 173 Heligan Lane Unit 7, Livermore, CA 94551. This business is conducted by a Limited liability company. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. Signature of Registrant: Jonathan Owen Salsman, Officer. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/02/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3; 2017)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 494887
The following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s). The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office. FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S): THE SIGNWORKS, 46 TRAYNOR STREET #7, HAYWARD, CA 94544-1953 FILED IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ON: 08/12/2014 UNDER FILE NO. 494887 REGISTRANT'S NAME(S): Barry Quraishi, 3827 Vine Street, Pleasanton, CA 94566 THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY an Individual. Signature of Registrant: Barry Quraishi. This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Alameda County on Feb. 6, 2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3; 2017)

AMADOR DENTAL AND ORTHODONTIC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No: 526387
The following person(s) doing business as: AMADOR DENTAL AND ORTHODONTIC, 5000 PLEASANTON AVE. SUITE 1110, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Jacob DeVinney DDS Inc., 37 Vista Montemar, Laguna Niguel, CA, 92677. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 10/31/2016. Signature of Registrant: Jacob DeVinney, President. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/11/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 10, 17, 24; March 3; 2017)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Aviso al Demandado): DAVID ADETTE You are being sued. Lo estan demandando. PETITIONER'S NAME IS: (El nombre del demandante es): SHARON SABONIS Case Number: HF16832126 (Numero del Caso)

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

Tiene 30 DIAS CORRIDOS despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion, para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120 o FL-123) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. Si desea obtener asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar a un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California(www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

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AVISO: Las ordenes de restricción que figuran en la pagina 2 valen para ambos conyuges o pareja de hecho hasta que se despida la peticion, se emita un fallo o la corte de otras ordenes. Cualquier autoridad de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas ordenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California. FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

EXENCION DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a peticion de usted o de la otra parte.

1. The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y direccion de la corte son): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, 24405 AMADOR STREET, HAYWARD, CA 94544

2. The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, direccion y numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): JOHN T CHAMBERLIN

699 PETERS AVENUE, SUITE C PLEASANTON, CA 94566 (925)485-9666

Date (Fecha): SEPT. 22, 2016
Clerk, by (secretario, por) JAMIE HARRIS, Deputy (Asistente) (seal)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: AVISO A LA PERSONA QUE RECIBIO LA ENTREGA: Esta entrega se realiza You are served as an individual. (Pleasanton Weekly, Jan. 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10; 2017)

Classified Deadlines:

4 PM, TUESDAY

Report: December Bay Area home sales drop, prices climb

Sales fall 9.1% while prices rise 4% compared to year before

December Bay Area home sales and prices moved in opposite directions on a year-over-year basis, research firm CoreLogic announced.

New and existing home sales fell 9.1% to 7,136 sales while the median home prices jumped 4%.

"The San Francisco Bay Area's housing market posted its largest year-over-year sales decline since last July, but there's a caveat," CoreLogic research analyst Andrew LePage said in a statement.

"The number of deals recorded in December 2015 was artificially high — the result of then-new federal mortgage rules that caused delays for many transactions that normally would have closed the prior month," he added.

LePage also attributed the decline to one less business day in December 2016 compared with the previous year and

possibly to the increase in mortgage rates in November.

On prices, LePage said the 4% increase is lower than the average gain of 6.4% over the last two years and down from a 12.1% year-over-year increase in December 2015.

"The moderation of home price growth comes as no surprise given the severe affordability constraints would-be buyers face in much of the region, as well as the absence of the type of risky loans that allowed many buyers during the last housing boom to purchase homes they couldn't afford long-term," LePage said.

The median price in the Bay Area was \$676,000 in December up from \$650,000 in December 2015, according to CoreLogic. Year-over-year, the median price has risen for 57 consecutive months. ■

—Keith Burbank, Bay City News

PLEASANTON WEEKLY OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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5957 East Castro Valley Blvd. **\$899,000**
 Sun 1-3 Kristy Peixoto & Co. 251-2536

Dublin

3 BEDROOMS
7562 Brigadoon Way **\$679,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Jan Pegler 519-1455

Livermore

2 BEDROOMS
560 Dovecote Lane #2 **\$675,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

4 BEDROOMS
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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Patti Smylie 487-2080

Pleasanton

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1797 Magnolia Circle **\$795,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tim McGuire 462-7653

4 BEDROOMS
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 Sat/Sun 1-4 Julia Murtagh 997-2411

1640 Orchard Way **\$1,210,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Tom Fox & Louise Davis 200-2457

4233 Garibaldi Place **Call for price**
 Sat 1-4 Coldwell Banker 847-2200

1304 Brookline Loop **\$1,249,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema
 260-2220/413-6544

2478 Foothill Road **\$1,799,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema
 260-2220/413-6544

427 Cabonia Court **\$1,394,888**
 Sun 2-4 DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema
 260-2220/413-6544

504 Malbec Court **\$900,000**
 Sun 1-3 Dove & Sue Flashberger 463-0436

4880 Merganser Court **\$1,299,000**
 Sat/Sun 1-4 Jeff Clyma 462-0728

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2 BEDROOMS
12010 Ruth Glen **\$670,000**
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HOME SALES

This week's data represents homes sold during Dec. 22-29

Pleasanton

2055 Alexander Court Carlson Trust to R. Vasudevan for \$760,000
4225 Garibaldi Place I. Dhillon to D. Kirai for \$850,000
8053 Golden Eagle Way P. & B. Johal to N. Johal for \$2,700,000
6486 Hansen Drive Burdusis Trust to Y. Jin for \$1,018,000
572 Neal Street T. & S. Wong to J. & M. Aydelotte for \$825,000
2337 Vineyard Heights Lane Hoskins Trust to Pace Trust for \$2,000,000

Dublin

6876 Alamilla Drive Pulte Homes to A. & D. Borecky for \$1,042,000
6882 Alamilla Drive Pulte Homes to M. & D. O'Rourke for \$998,500
7596 Ashford Way T. & J. Hoshi to E. Ching for \$776,000
3087 Central Parkway Kumar Trust to A. Tantry for \$1,025,000
4085 Chalk Hill Way TH WR-8 Venture to Y. & K. Wu for \$1,127,500
4102 Chalk Hill Way TH WR-8 Venture to R. Shivaswamy for \$1,038,500
8218 Creekside Drive D. & C. Turnbull to L. Qiu for \$1,230,000
3351 Cydonia Court B. & D. Gardner to A. & A. Bhatkhande for \$1,068,000
5501 De Marcus Boulevard #249 Reilly Trust to T. Chan for \$605,000
3420 Finian Way #412 Levinson Trust to H. & H. Shah for \$560,000
3992 Pino Grande Road LS-SF Jordan Ranch to M. Lam for \$773,000
3996 Pino Grande Road LS-SF Jordan Ranch to X. Fang for \$774,500
4213 Sunset View Drive Brookfield Trio to R. Lakshmanan for \$830,000
2969 West Castle Pines Terrace X. Xiao to J. Jin for \$1,268,000

Livermore

1650 Alviso Place J. Olson to S. Vargas for

\$595,000
340 Andrews Street Eagle Nest to C. & C. Divinagracia for \$600,000
347 Basewood Common #14 Shea Homes to S. Torabi for \$572,500
347 Basewood Common #7 Shea Homes to S. & V. Villanueva for \$647,000
347 Basewood Common #8 Shea Homes to U. Padubidri for \$648,000
1687 Heather Lane R. Panchapakesan to R. & A. Kannan for \$562,000
665 Los Alamos Avenue N. & N. Bronte to S. Tabaak for \$680,000
240 Maple Street C. Nobriga to C. & C. Zonsius for \$723,000
765 Moraga Drive Willmann Trust to A. & A. Beraha for \$600,000
2356 Pasatiempo Street D. & J. Briscoe to S. Sendurpandian for \$725,000
2749 Patcham Common Tree Lined Holdings to S. Feimer for \$710,000
454 Persimmon Common #11 Shea Homes to S. Pasupuleti for \$634,000
3864 Princeton Way T. Martinez to Sridash Services for \$670,000
2885 Quarryhill Avenue #4 Gibbons Trust to K. Nejedly for \$600,000
1316 Rhododendron Drive J. & L. Avila to X. Wu for \$620,000
542 Sandalwood Drive Shea Homes to H. & E. Parikh for \$750,000
194 Selby Lane #10 A. Angelo to N. Ghoddoucy for \$522,000
230 Sonia Way D. & C. Sierra to D. & V. Patters for \$980,000
5611 Stockton Loop S. & S. Ubelhoer to D. Nguyen for \$1,240,000
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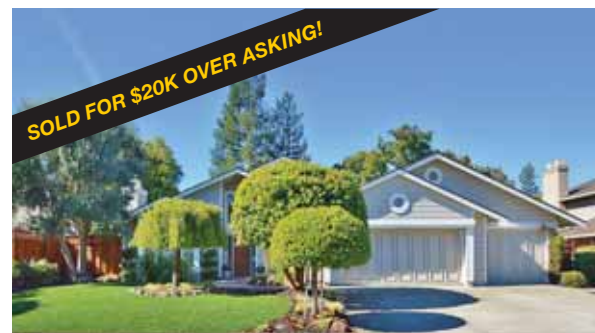
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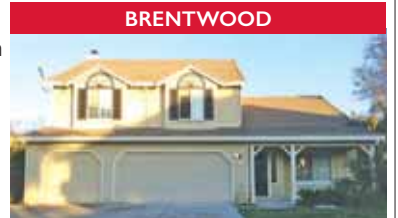


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