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# AROUND PLEASANTON



By JEB BING

## Holiday Fund distributes \$72,156 to 10 nonprofits

The Pleasanton Weekly distributed checks yesterday totaling \$72,156 to 10 Tri-Valley nonprofits that were the beneficiaries of this newspaper's 2016 Holiday Fund.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, I joined Weekly publisher Gina Channell in the awards ceremony and luncheon which Rotary hosted at Hap's Original Restaurant on Neal Street in downtown Pleasanton. With us were Sean Rico Fisher and Jonathan Kurup of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, which partners with the Weekly in handling the Holiday Fund each year.

It was a timely luncheon, as representatives of these charitable organizations told Rotary members that their organizations need increased funds to meet a growing number of those in need. Even though the Tri-Valley is seeing an economic rebound, the good times have not reached the nonprofit caregivers that depend on public contributions to serve our community, they said.

Contributions to the 2016 Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund were distributed in equal amounts of \$7,215 to:

- Valerie Jonas, chief development officer at Axis Community Health
- Jennifer Oxe, community engagement director at Agape Villages Foster Family Agency
- Natalie Brown, director of development at Hope Hospice
- Kay King, chairwoman of REACH
- Sandra J. Wing, founder/director of Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation
- Robert Taylor, executive director of the Senior Support Program of the Tri-Valley
- Janeen Rubino Brumm, a board member at Sunflower Hill
- Kenny Altenburg, branch operations director for the Tri-Valley YMCA
- Melanie Sadek, executive director of Valley Humane Society
- Shaké Sulikyan, executive director of the ValleyCare Charitable Foundation.

REACH, an acronym for Resources Education Activities Community and Housing for special-needs adults of the Tri-Valley, uses funds collected through the Holiday Fund to enhance the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities. It uses these resources to support education programs, for activities and to provide housing opportunities, with nine homes in the Tri-Valley serving 26 people with disabilities that

range from cerebral palsy to Down syndrome to autism.

Taylor, the new executive director of the Senior Support Program, said the Holiday Fund has enabled the nonprofit organization to help seniors go through the aging process, such as dealing with the loss of a loved one, friends, the ability to drive and hear well, and many other meaningful experiences we often take for granted.

The Rotary audience learned about how Agape Villages uses its share of the Holiday Fund to find homes for abused and neglected children throughout 14 counties in Northern California, including here in Alameda County.

Jonas said Axis Community Health, which is the Tri-Valley's sole provider of medical and mental health services for individuals and families who have a low income or who are uninsured, serves more than 14,000 members of our community.

Brown, director of annual giving at Hope Hospice, said that for more than 35 years, the organization has provided end-of-life care to families in the Tri-Valley regardless of insurance or income status. The Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund helps Hospice support these and other programs.

Wing said her foundation offers therapies to help alleviate the side effects caused by radiation and chemotherapy. "The Weekly's Holiday Fund is a true example of the work going on to help and empower our community," she added.

Also speaking at the Rotary meeting was Sunflower Hill board member Brumm, who talked about how the organization is working to create a sustainable residential community for individuals with special needs, similar to senior living.

Representing the Tri-Valley YMCA, which recently moved from Dublin to Pleasanton, Altenburg thanked Rotary for its support of the Holiday Fund, which he said helps the Y promote healthy living through its programs that are open to all families in the area.

ValleyCare Charitable Foundation, part of Stanford Health at ValleyCare, uses its share of the Pleasanton Weekly Holiday Fund to support its needs, Sulikyan said.

Sadek said Valley Humane Society uses contributions from the Holiday Fund to help pay for its rescue and rehabilitation programs for dogs and cats and support existing pet-guardian relationships. ■

### About the Cover

Third-term U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) walks down Main Street on Presidents Day after an interview downtown in which he discussed priorities for his home district and in the nation's capital. Photo by Mike Sedlak/mike@digitalsight.com. Cover design by Kristin Brown.

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ASKED AROUND TOWN

## At this very moment, what are you most looking forward to?



### Robin Sobel

Paralegal

I am most looking forward to seeing my best friend in April. We live 4,000 miles apart and don't get to see each other very often. Although it's nearly four years since we've seen one another, I know when I do see her it will be like no time has passed at all, and we will pick up right where we left off the last time we were together.



### Lauren Meltzer

Physical therapist

I am looking forward to seeing my daughter graduate high school and seeing which college she will pick to continue her education. It is a very exciting time in her life, and I can't wait to see what life has to hold for us.



### Amir Bakwali

College student

I'm looking forward to traveling to the Dominican Republic next week for vacation. I was supposed to go last month with my girlfriend, but we both got sick and had to cancel the trip. Having had to delay our trip due to illness makes me look forward to actually getting there even more than I ordinarily would.



### Julia Bryant

Geriatric nurse

Right now, I'm really looking forward to sitting down with my lunch and studying my Spanish homework. I have a fun app that is an audio tape I hope is helping me with my pronunciation and accent. I'm working toward getting ready for the next level class and to chatting in Spanish with my Argentine friends at my weekly tango class.



### Jason Steinberg

Attorney

I'm looking forward to finishing up my workday so that I can head home to my beautiful wife, my precious little boy and our adorable dog, Samson.

—Compiled by Nancy Lewis and Jenny Lyness

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## DIGEST

### Irby Ranch OK'd

The Pleasanton City Council gave final approval Tuesday to two ordinances to officially sign off on the planned Irby Ranch development where Stanley Boulevard turns into First Street.

The project calls for 87 single family homes on the property as well as dedicates 1.64 acres 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 local nonprofit Sunflower Hill.

The council reviewed the proposal and approved a series of resolutions associated with the project Feb. 7. The two ordinances, related to a development agreement and the rezoning and development plan, returned for required second readings and final adoptions Tuesday night.

### Teen job fair

The city of Pleasanton is partnering with Dublin, San Ramon, Danville and the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club to present the annual Teen Job and Career Fair from 12-4 p.m. March 4 at the Alcosta Senior and Community Center, 9300 Alcosta Blvd. in San Ramon.

Teens between the ages of 14 and 19 will have the opportunity to meet with local employers, pick up applications and apply for jobs, organizers said. The event will also feature mock interviews, career workshops and a career panel.

Admission is free, and lunch will be provided. Participants should bring a copy of their resume and dress in professional attire.

### \$2,500 scholarships

Five scholarships, each worth \$2,500, are being offered by the Tri-Valley Retired Educators Scholarship Fund, which is supported by donations from local retired teachers.

The awards are offered to high-school graduating seniors and college/university students. All applicants must be planning a career in education and live in the Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin or Sunol areas.

The application deadline is March 24. For more info and other requirements, visit [www.div85.calrta.org](http://www.div85.calrta.org). ■

### Correction

Last week's story "School district to explore building new elementary school on Neal property" incorrectly stated the Pleasanton school board formally voted on the elementary school item. The board gave consensus to direct staff to look at options for the Neal site. The Pleasanton Weekly regrets the error.

# Mayor Thorne delivers annual State of the City address

## Local economy, transportation, infrastructure, housing among key talking points

By JEREMY WALSH

Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne highlighted key city achievements and public and private projects from the past year, as well as touched on important goals for the year ahead, during his State of the City address Wednesday afternoon.

"2016 was a great year and together we got an awful lot done, and we are well-positioned as we head into 2017 to build on our past accomplishments and create our future together," the fifth-year mayor said toward the end of his 35-minute speech.

Thorne delivered his State of the City to more than 250 city officials,

regional government representatives, business professionals and other community members at a luncheon event sponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pleasanton at the Club.

It marked the first address of Thorne's third term, after being re-elected by Pleasanton voters in November.

"I am proud to be your mayor in a city that is defined by its character and its commitment to the members of our community, which is increasingly diverse," he said early on Wednesday. "And we stand strong in our commitment to diversity and we embrace what

makes us culturally unique."

Thorne soon moved into an overview of key Pleasanton accomplishments from last year, beginning with the local economy.

"We have a very, very healthy economy, thanks in large measure to careful planning, strong fiscal management and a robust business community," the mayor said.

Pleasanton is home to more than 56,000 employees at more than 4,000 companies, plus boasts more than 2,000 in-home businesses, Thorne said, praising the local economic base. There were also more than 1,100 patents issued to Pleasanton inventors last year alone.

Thorne singled out new and

ongoing corporate expansion projects such as Workday, Roche Molecular Systems, CarMax, Ellie Mae and ServiceMax.

He also said he's looking forward to hearing later this year about development concepts for the Johnson Drive Economic Development Zone.

As for city government economics, general fund revenues were up over \$7.5 million last year compared to the prior year, driven by sales, property and hotel taxes, and city expenditures were down, resulting in almost \$4.5 million in surplus funds to be used for future improvement

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## Tri-Valley Lunar New Year gala set for this weekend

### Event also raises funds for Asian-American nonprofit's internship program

Scores of Tri-Valley residents and officials are ready to celebrate the Lunar New Year this weekend during a gala at the Blackhawk Museum that will feature Chinese gong fu, Indian dance, music and more entertainment while also serving as a fundraiser for a local internship program.

The event, scheduled to run from 5:30-10 p.m. Sunday, is organized by the Tri-Valley chapter of the nonprofit Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association. It's the group's second Lunar New Year gala, following the inaugural one held two years ago in San Ramon.

"It will be a wonderful elegant evening celebrating diversity," chapter officials said in a statement.

Gala proceeds will benefit the Tri-Valley group's leadership intern program, which aims to provide aspiring future leaders in the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community with a better understanding of the legislative process. Last year, the program helped six local high school and college students intern in government offices.

"We are committed to educating APIA through internships, scholarships, voter registration and education, encouraging APIA to be more active in the community and empowering APIA to be the leaders in civic and public affairs," chapter officials said.

The local chapter focuses on the Tri-Valley communities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville while also covering Walnut Creek, Concord, Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda — with Asian Pacific Islander Americans accounting for about one-fifth of the population in that area, according to the association.

Among those expected to attend the gala Sunday are local elected officials from Danville, San Ramon,



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Chinese lion dance during the first Tri-Valley Lunar New Year gala two years ago. This year's event is scheduled for Sunday evening.

Dublin and Pleasanton, along with State Controller Betty Yee, Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon) and Assemblyman Kansen Chu (D-San Jose).

The event will open with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by museum tours at 6 p.m. and the dinner program beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Blackhawk Museum is located at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle in Danville.

Tickets cost \$100, while supplies last. For tickets or other information, visit <https://goo.gl/CN8NOM>. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Schools among state's best

### Niche, California Department of Education recognize PUSD campuses

By JULIA REIS

Pleasanton public schools are among the top in California, according to rankings recently released by a website that rates K-12 schools and colleges.

Pleasanton Unified School District officials also learned last week that Village High School has been named a model continuation school by the California Department of Education, one of 35 continuation schools out of 452 statewide to receive the recognition.

The distinction honors continuation schools that offer innovative academic programs that prepare students for college or 21st-century careers, district officials said in a statement Feb. 17.

"Our students feel a sense of family here, from our teachers to the site secretaries," Village principal Dana Chavez said. "When students transfer here, they feel like they're getting their needs met academically, socially and emotionally."

Pleasanton's only continuation school, Village is home to 150 students who go there for an alternative high school environment or to recover credits in order to graduate on time.

District officials are also

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# City Council talks Happy Valley water, sewer infrastructure

Consultant details costs associated with bringing area onto city utilities

By JEREMY WALSH

The Pleasanton City Council reviewed a report Tuesday describing the types of infrastructure improvements necessary and costs associated with potentially bringing unincorporated Happy Valley residents onto city water and sewer utilities.

The report, prepared by consultant firm RMC Water and Environment, concludes such an effort would cost a minimum of \$5.35 million for design and construction work, but the overall pricetag would be much higher for residents to connect all of the properties in the area.

The council Tuesday night directed staff to submit the consultant's report to Alameda County and the county's Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo) and then talk with those agencies about whether there would be interest in moving forward with the water and sewer extensions.

Those discussions could occur within the next month or two, according to city staff.

The Happy Valley in southern Pleasanton remains unincorporated — in Alameda County's jurisdiction — after an annexation vote failed in 2002.

The county has a moratorium preventing the construction of new sewer septic systems in the Happy Valley, and there have been well water problems reported in the area, according to city engineering director Stephen Kirkpatrick. There has been talk that the county may consider lifting its septic moratorium, though no timeline is established, he added.

The infrastructure study was required by LAFCo in 2014 as part of approving the request of residents at 6723 Alisal Road to connect their unincorporated property to city water and sewer, Kirkpatrick said.

At that time, LAFCo officials indicated a desire for a comprehensive look at city connections for Happy Valley, rather than address them on a case-by-case basis as had been practice, according to city officials.

"I think the county just wants to make sure that they don't have to deal with it anymore, to be honest with you," Mayor Jerry Thorne, who

sits on the LAFCo board, said Tuesday night in the council chambers.

The Pleasanton council commissioned the study just over a year ago for \$31,546, with Alameda County to pay for about half. At that time, the council decided Happy Valley utility connection applications wouldn't be accepted until the report was completed, according to Kirkpatrick.

The new report evaluated improvements necessary to serve every property in the Happy Valley as they exist now, 92 parcels overall, as well as if properties were subdivided to the build-out levels envisioned in the 2002 Happy Valley Specific Plan, 125 parcels.

The study looked at extending the water and sewer infrastructure in place along Alisal and Sycamore roads to what are now county roads or private roads in the area. It analyzed new water mains and stubs to property lines.

The consultant concluded the existing infrastructure could be extended without upgrades and adequate water storage exists to serve the extended area, Kirkpatrick said.

As currently laid out at 92 parcels, the cost of putting in the new infrastructure was estimated at \$5.35 million overall, or \$58,000 per parcel for water and sewer. For the build-out 125 parcels, the overall cost would be \$5.7 million or \$46,000 per parcel.

The study assumes the whole extension system would be constructed before taking on any new connections in Happy Valley. Residents would be charged a fee after the fact to cover their share of project costs, unless some funding came from other sources.

"We're trying to isolate the cost, and then have policy discussions at some point with the county about how this is going to get paid for over the long-term," City Manager Nelson Fialho said.

The design and construction price estimates do not include a handful of other fees individual parcels would be charged to hook up to city utilities, under current policy.

The extra charges include a

pro-rata share of the water and sewer infrastructure previously installed in the Happy Valley to serve Callippe Preserve Golf Course and associated housing development, sewer and water connection fees, city water meter fees, cost of abandoning existing water wells and septic systems, and processing fees required for an out of service area approval.

All told, the cost estimate to connect an existing home would cost \$167,907 at 92 parcels and \$155,907 if subdivided to 125 parcels. For a vacant property, the price would be \$194,636 and \$182,636, respectively.

Another variable is the fact 14 Happy Valley parcels already have city water and 16 parcels already have city sewer. The overall price estimates include those properties, but if they were excluded, the per-parcel price would increase, Kirkpatrick said.

There were about a dozen residents in the audience for the 45-minute discussion Tuesday, but the council heard only from one Happy Valley property owner, and his attorney, who urged the council to lift the city's moratorium on utility-connection applications and consider his bid now that the study is completed — an application on hold since the interim moratorium was put in place.

The council members asked that the Happy Valley utility issue be placed back on their agenda within the next 60 days for a status report and to review whether to rescind the city's temporary moratorium.

Though annexation is not on the table, Kirkpatrick noted that water and sewer infrastructure aren't the only costs associated with annexation. Others could include street improvements, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, storm drainage, street lighting and accessibility accommodations for people with disabilities.

If the city allowed the new hook-ups, each property owner would likely be asked to sign a pre-annexation agreement saying they would support any future annexation bid for the area, according to Kirkpatrick. ■

## PUSD

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recognizing the recently released 2017 Best Schools rankings from the website Niche, which rates schools, colleges and neighborhoods throughout the country.

PUSD ranks No. 13 in California for public schools, with both its comprehensive high schools ranking in the top 50 in the state out of 1,753 for public high schools. Amador Valley High placed No. 24 on that list, with Foothill High at No. 48.

All three PUSD middle schools rank among the top 15 for public middle schools in California (Pleasanton Middle at No. 7, Harvest Park at No. 8 and Hart at No. 13).

Several PUSD elementary schools are listed among the top 50 in the state — Hearst (No. 40), Alisal (No. 44), Vintage Hills (No. 46), Fairlands (No. 48) and Lydiksen (No. 49). In all, nine elementary schools were in the top 100 in the state.

Niche also ranked PUSD No. 10 statewide for best teachers.

"These ratings are a testament to

the continued excellence, quality and character of our schools," interim PUSD superintendent Micaela Ochoa said in a statement. "This achievement is shared by our incredible educators, staff, students, families and Pleasanton community."

Niche's rankings are based on an analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Education along with test scores, ratings and college data collected from Niche users.

For the complete 2017 Best Schools results, visit the Niche website, [www.niche.com/k12/rankings](http://www.niche.com/k12/rankings). ■

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# Local court officials appeal to state for additional funding

‘The public’s access to justice will be diminished,’ county court CEO says

By JULIA REIS

The Alameda County Superior Court has joined with 48 other trial courts across California to urge Gov. Jerry Brown to provide additional funding for the state’s judicial branch.

In a Feb. 17 letter to the governor, presiding judges and court executive officers expressed concern over the lack of additional funding for trial court operations in the proposed 2017-18 fiscal year budget.

“To put it simply, as our expenses rise and our external revenues

decrease, any annual budget that does not contain an offsetting increase is, in very real terms, a budget cut for the courts and a reduction in access to justice for Californians,” an excerpt from the letter reads. “With no additional ongoing funding proposed in the budget for the trial courts, many courts will be required to lay off or furlough staff, reduce hours and/or eliminate programs in order to balance their budgets.”

The court officials added that such reductions have already begun,

pointing to the Alameda County Superior Court’s recent move to cut clerks’ hours in response to a budget deficit of more than \$5 million.

‘Resources, operations and services of the courts will continue to erode.’

**Chad Finke,**  
Court executive officer

They requested that an increase of \$158.5 million in funding for trial courts be included in the governor’s budget for next fiscal year.

“We note that on July 1, 2017, executive branch employees will receive a wage increase,” court officials said. “We respectfully request that the trial courts be treated in an equitable fashion with the executive branch and that the trial courts be funded with a modest annual increase.”

In a separate statement last week,

Alameda County court executive officer Chad Finke said that despite an improved state economy, “courts like ours are having to get by with less funding than we had last year.”

“The governor’s budget proposal, if approved, will make next year even worse for the courts,” Finke said. “This chronic underfunding of the trial courts means that resources, operations and services of the courts will continue to erode, and the public’s access to justice will be diminished.” ■



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# City aims to incentivize carpooling by partnering with Scoop app

Program offers discounts for commuter rides starting or ending here

By JEREMY WALSH

Looking to encourage commuters to carpool and ease traffic congestion in Pleasanton, the city recently announced a new partnership with Scoop Technologies to offer incentives to local residents and workers who use the company's commuter ridesharing app.

City officials allocated \$30,000, provided through the Alameda County Transportation Commission, toward a program that offers discounted trip prices for commuter rides that start or end in Pleasanton, according to city spokesperson Tracy Dunne.

The program is similar to those

launched in San Mateo and Foster City earlier this year, she noted.

"The partnership between the city of Pleasanton and Scoop is a timely one as traffic continues to be a challenge in our community as well as the Bay Area," Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne said in a statement. "With the recent addition of express lanes on I-580, Scoop offers an innovative solution to encourage carpooling for both our residents and employees."

The city-sponsored program offers people who live or work in Pleasanton \$2 off every carpool ride

they take using the Scoop app. The company will invoice the city monthly, and the program will remain in place until the \$30,000 is used up, according to Dunne.

City officials hope the new program will help Pleasanton residents and employees change their commuter habits, opting for more carpool rides rather than single-person car trips.

"Scoop is honored to partner with Pleasanton to offer a solution to the challenges residents face in their commutes," Scoop CEO Rob Sadow said in a statement.

"Pleasanton is a leader in providing better lives for its residents while lowering emissions," he added. "Through this program, the city is setting an example for others to follow as congestion remains a top concern for both the public and private sectors."

'Scoop offers an innovative solution to encourage carpooling for both our residents and employees.'

Jerry Thorne,  
Mayor

To date, commuters have taken more than 400,000 trips with Scoop, offsetting 3.3 million commute miles and lowering carbon emissions by 3 million pounds, according to city officials.

People can participate in the Pleasanton program after downloading the app at [www.takescoop.com](http://www.takescoop.com) or from the iOS or Android app stores. For more information, visit the Scoop website. ■



TOM MONTANO

## Montano celebrates 100th birthday

Longtime Pleasanton resident Marie Montano has joined the centenarian club, commemorating her 100th birthday at a party with family and friends last week.

## Sister City Association seeks students for summer exchange program

Informational session set for 7-8 p.m. Thursday

The Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City Association is recruiting local high school students interested in participating in the group's annual summer exchange program.

The cultural exchange involves Pleasanton participants hosting a Mexican student in their homes from June 18 to July 9, and then the Pleasanton students are hosted by families in the sister city of Tulancingo, Mexico from July 9-30.

The nonprofit association is hosting an informational session for interested students on next

Thursday from 7-8 p.m. at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce at 777 Peters Ave.

"The exchange program has been successfully operating for over 30 years," association spokesperson Margo Tarver said. "Students come back enriched by their experiences in many ways, including improved ability to speak and understand Spanish, eyes opened to another culture in a safe and supportive family environment, and a growth in confidence and maturity."

To participate, local high school

students must have the equivalent of two years of Spanish language by the end of this school year. The only cost associated with the exchange is the airfare, Tarver noted.

Additional information is available through the Pleasanton Unified School District's Peachjar electronic flyer system or on the association's website at [www.ptsca.org](http://www.ptsca.org). For more details, contact student exchange director Jorge Victoria at 989-6882 or Sylvia Victoria at 462-6723. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## ADDRESS

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projects, increased reserves and paying down unfunded pension liabilities, according to Thorne.

### Infrastructure

"Infrastructure projects can be big or small, but they all add up to a sizeable impact on the quality of life that we enjoy," the mayor said.

Thorne highlighted the city's ongoing bridge maintenance program, including recently approved repairs to Old Bernal Bridge, and work done to retrofit "purple pipes" to allow more than 450 million gallons of recycled water per year to be distributed for city landscaping.

Thorne also noted the city's record on water consumption amid the drought that plagued water levels in the area before the winter rainstorms.

"We not only met but far exceeded the state mandate of an overall 25% reduction in water consumption," he said. "And though it appears to be nearly over for now, the drought can't ever be far from our minds because that's the nature of the place where we live."



FILE PHOTO

Mayor Jerry Thorne covered many topics in his State of the City.

### Transportation

"I know this doesn't come as a surprise to any of you, but the 580, 680 and State Route 84 corridors continue to be some of the busiest in the Bay Area," Thorne said. "Solving our transportation and traffic issues requires a regional approach and a long-term view, and we continue to make significant strides."

Thorne noted that the environmental review is ongoing for the final stage of Highway 84 widening, to Pigeon Pass, and the addition of express toll lanes on I-580 helped improve travel time during peak commute hours on that freeway.

He also said extending BART to the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) train remains a top priority.

In terms of city projects, Thorne pointed to new traffic signals in front of Amador Valley High School, completed improvements to the Bernal Avenue/I-680 intersection, adding more than 40 new parking spots downtown and continued work to update the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

### Housing

The effects of courts overturning Pleasanton's former housing cap, enacted by voters, continue to impact the housing situation in Pleasanton, in part because the ruling caused Pleasanton to "play catch-up" and help meet its share of regional housing needs, Thorne said.

"We spent many years and many resources on this, and once the housing cap was overturned, we faced a backlog of development,

which is what you see being developed around the city today," he said.

But now, the city "is back in compliance, I believe, and we've got our state-approved Housing Element ... And we have created the development parameters to meter our growth while meeting our state obligation at the same time," he added, referencing the city's current permitting limit of 235 housing units per year.

Affordable housing is also a priority for the city, Thorne said, noting ongoing construction for an affordable senior housing development at Kottinger Gardens and a budding opportunity for Sunflower Hill to potentially provide affordable housing for adults with special needs near the new Irby Ranch development.

### Great outdoors

2016 saw Pleasanton complete several marquee projects outdoors on public land.

Thorne singled out the opening of Bernal Community Park's second phase, calling it "the crown jewel of our parks system" with its oak woodlands, walking trails and state-of-the-art synthetic sports fields.

He also commended the new off-leash Cubby's Dog Park at Lagoon

Road and Bernal Avenue as well as the new Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery.

### The year ahead

Downtown planning will be a key talking point over the next year or so, Thorne said.

He noted work done by the Civic Center/Library Task Force to create a plan for a possible new civic center, library and police station complex at Bernal Community Park.

Hand in hand with that effort is work set for this year to update the Downtown Specific Plan, including options for what to do with the current civic center site downtown, Thorne said, encouraging residents to get involved with the downtown plan update and other city efforts in the year ahead.

"When I look back on the past year, two things strike me: How much we got done and how much we value and need the partnership and input from all of you in order to make it happen," Thorne said to the audience. "And this coming year, we're going to need your voice and your partnership again because we've got some important planning for the road ahead." ■

# Pleasanton DAR chapter announces essay contest winners

Tri-Valley students recognized at award ceremony

By JULIA REIS

Representatives of the local José Maria Amador chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, along with community members and Tri-Valley politicians, recently came together for an annual student award ceremony recognizing essay contest winners.

Every year the national nonprofit holds two essay contests — the American History Essay contest, open to elementary and middle school students, and the Christopher Columbus essay contest for high-schoolers.

For the American History contest (subject: “Celebrating a century of America’s national parks”), students were asked to write about a national park’s history and what makes the park “one of our national treasures.” The Columbus essay contest asked high school students to consider what current technology would have most aided Christopher Columbus

on his voyage to America.

On Feb. 11, the Pleasanton-based Daughters of the American Revolution chapter held a ceremony to acknowledge Tri-Valley essay contest winners.

They include John Zhou (Christopher Columbus runner-up, Amador Valley High School), Mihika Sharma (Christopher Columbus runner-up, Dublin High School), Aditi Sriram (American History winner sixth grade at chapter and district level, Canyon Middle School, Castro Valley), Seiji Yang (American History winner eighth grade, Gale Ranch Middle School, San Ramon), Alexandra Stassinopoulos (Christopher Columbus winner at chapter and district level, Dublin High), Alyssa Grace Matangelo (American History winner seventh grade, Mega Mind Christian Academy, Castro Valley) and Divij Muthu (American History winner fifth grade, John Green Elementary School, Dublin).



The Pleasanton-based José Maria Amador chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognize local winners of the national nonprofit’s annual essay contests at an award ceremony Feb. 11.

The students each read their essay aloud to the audience, then received recognition certificates from the chapter and Congressman Eric Swalwell, California Assembly members Catharine Baker

and Bill Quirk, and Pleasanton Mayor Jerry Thorne. Students also received cash awards.

District winners’ essays have been forwarded on for judging at the state level.

Founded in 1890, Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-political volunteer women’s service organization whose mission is to preserve American history and support better education for children. ■

## Vintage Hills pet projects pay off

Young students earn recognition, funds for Valley Humane Society

By JULIA REIS

Two young Pleasanton students recently learned that a little kindness can go a long way.

In September, Vintage Hills Elementary School fourth-graders Grace Dykstra and Dexter Harkness embarked on a mission prompted by their teacher Adam Randall’s assignment — choose a way to make a difference in the world and go do it. The students had four months to come up with and execute their plans, and in January they shared their results with the rest of the class.

Dykstra and Harkness both picked causes that would benefit Valley Humane Society. Dykstra helped the cats at Valley Humane’s “Kitty City,” enlisting friends to clean up the outside area and building special shelving for the cats to play and exercise on.

A neighbor helped Dykstra build the shelving, and she set up a GoFundMe account to raise money for the materials. The shelves were installed earlier this month.

Harkness, meanwhile, focused on raising money and needed supplies for Valley Humane by selling refreshments and collecting items for the organization’s wish list.

“I have two pets of my own and I care about them a lot,” Harkness said in a statement. “I wondered about animals without a home or food or shelter, so I decided to help Valley Humane Society.”

Hoping to make their efforts go even further, Dykstra and

Harkness submitted stories about their projects to the “Pawsitive Impact Kids” program, which recognizes K-12 students who go above and beyond to help animals.

As a result, they were selected as the January and February “Pawsitive Impact Kids” and were each awarded a \$1,000 grant for Valley Humane, along with gifts from Petco and other program sponsors.

“There are so many kids who, at a young age, already understand the importance of caring for animals in need and recognizing how much joy pets bring to our lives,” Petco Foundation executive director Susanne Kogut said in a statement. “It’s an honor to recognize these young volunteers who are putting their love for animals into action to help save lives.” ■



COURTESY OF DYKSTRA FAMILY

Vintage Hills fourth-graders Grace Dykstra and Dexter Harkness, shown here holding the check, were recently awarded \$1,000 each for Valley Humane Society as part of the “Pawsitive Impact Kids” program. Teacher Adam Randall and Emily Taylor of Valley Humane went with them to the Dublin Petco store last week to collect the grants.

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# Community Pulse

## POLICE BULLETIN

### Police looking for man who rammed stolen van into patrol car

Law enforcement officials are looking for a man accused of ramming a stolen vehicle into a patrol car in an attempt to evade police before driving into Alamo Creek and fleeing on foot last week, according to a Pleasanton police spokesperson.

The incident happened shortly before 3 a.m. Feb. 16, when Pleasanton police began pursuing a 2002 Ford Econoline van that had been reported stolen out of Oakland, according to Sgt. Jerry Niceley.

Officers followed the van through the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon before ultimately ending up back in Dublin, where the suspect drove down a dead end in the Dublin Meadows apartment complex.

In an attempt to escape the dead end, the driver hit the pursuing patrol car twice, Niceley said. He then drove forward, through a cyclone fence and over an embankment, and submerged the van into Alamo Creek near the Iron Horse Regional Trail.

The man abandoned the van and fled on foot into the creek area, according to police. A perimeter was established and a K-9 search conducted, but police couldn't find the driver.

No police officers or bystanders were injured as a result of this incident, Niceley said.

The suspect is described as a light-skinned black man in his late

40s to early 50s. It's not known what he was wearing after the crash, as police recovered some clothing at the scene that they believe he discarded.

Anyone with information that would help the investigation or who sees someone matching the suspect description is asked to call the Pleasanton Police Department at 931-5100.

### In other police news

- Officers in Livermore arrested a man in connection with approximately \$65,000 in stolen property, including items taken from Pleasanton, police said last week.

Eddie Edwards, of Tracy, tried to sell about \$20,000 worth of industrial power tools to a local contractor on Feb. 3, according to police.

The contractor, suspicious of where Edwards obtained the tools, contacted the Livermore Police Department.

Officers seized the tools and later determined they were likely stolen from a company work truck and trailer in Livermore, police said.

Detectives then obtained an arrest warrant for Edwards and warrants to search his residence, his business and his vehicles.

Edwards was taken into custody without incident, and investigators have recovered stolen property belonging to 14 different victims valued at approximately \$65,000, police said.

The property was stolen from businesses, vehicles, residences, front porches and mailboxes in



LIVERMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Roads underwater

Stanley Boulevard between Bernal Avenue in Pleasanton and Isabel Avenue in Livermore was closed earlier this week due to flooding, one of various Tri-Valley roadways impacted by heavy rain and high wind over Presidents Day weekend. Other closures in the area included Happy Valley Road and Patterson Pass Road. Residents can visit the county website [www.acpwa.org](http://www.acpwa.org) for future storm-related road updates.

Livermore, Pleasanton, Fremont, Benicia, Fairfield and Manteca, police said.

Police are still working to identify hundreds of other recovered items believed to have been stolen.

- A person suffered major injuries in a solo-vehicle crash Saturday evening on southbound Interstate 680 in Pleasanton, a California Highway Patrol officer said.

The crash was reported at 7:52 p.m. on I-680 near Stoneridge Drive, CHP Officer William Ogilvie said.

A vehicle overturned and caught fire, prompting CHP officials to issue a motorist alert at 8:06 p.m., Ogilvie said.

The alert was lifted at 9:29 p.m. The victim was ejected from the vehicle and was taken to a hospital with injuries not considered life-threatening, Alameda County Fire Department officials said.

- A pedestrian who was struck and killed by a car on an Interstate 580 on-ramp in Dublin last week was identified by the Alameda County coroner's bureau Wednesday as 63-year-old Jessie Lazos.

A coroner's bureau spokeswoman said she doesn't know where Lazos is from.

California Highway Patrol officials said they received a report at 1:12 a.m. Feb. 14 that a red Chevrolet Impala had struck a pedestrian on the westbound I-580 north-side on-ramp from Hacienda Drive.

The collision was reported by the Impala driver. Lazos died at the scene and the Impala driver suffered minor injuries, according to the CHP. ■

—Julia Reis and Bay City News Service

## POLICE REPORT

The Pleasanton Police Department made the following information available.

### Feb. 19

#### Animal service

- 10:20 a.m. on the 7000 block of Pleasanton Avenue

#### Domestic battery

- 2:38 a.m. on Churchill Drive

#### Thefts

- 8:47 a.m., 4300 block of Black Avenue; auto theft
- 8:27 p.m., 4700 block of Willow Road; theft from auto
- 10:03 p.m. on the 2700 block of Lotus Street

### Feb. 18

#### Vandalism

- 10:21 a.m. on the 3400 block of Andrews Drive
- 11:18 a.m. on the 3200 block of Vineyard Avenue

#### Theft from auto

- 1:40 p.m. on the 6000 block of Johnson Drive

#### Residential burglary

- 7:12 p.m. on the 4800 block of Muirwood Drive
- 11:07 p.m. on the 800 block of Piemonte Drive

### Feb. 17

#### Fraud

- 4:37 p.m. on the 4500 block of Gatetree Circle

#### Thefts

- 4:56 p.m. on the 5600 block of Springhouse Drive
- 8:13 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

#### Commercial burglary

- 10:16 a.m. on the 6600 block of Owens Drive

#### Domestic battery

- 12:05 p.m. on Vineyard Avenue

### Feb. 16

#### Alcohol violation

- 9:13 p.m. at Owens Drive and Hopyard Road

#### Burglary

- 6:20 a.m. on the 4600 block of Bernal Avenue

#### Theft

- 7:54 a.m. on the 1000 block of Crellin Road

- 8:24 a.m., 1600 block of East Gate Way; theft from auto

- 9:06 a.m., 1600 block of East Gate Way; theft from auto

- 10:55 a.m., 700 block of Rose Avenue; theft from auto

- 1:54 p.m., 1200 block of Quarry Lane; auto theft

- 7:25 p.m., 4500 block of Rosewood Drive; shoplifting

#### Fraud

- 9:10 a.m. on the 6000 block of Gibraltar Drive

- 3:18 p.m. on the 400 block of Neal Street

#### Animal service

- 2:18 p.m. on the 5800 block of Parkside Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 2:43 a.m. on the 7000 block of Stagecoach Road

### Feb. 15

#### Warrant arrest

- 11:49 p.m. at Willow Road and Stoneridge Drive

#### Shoplifting

- 5:23 p.m. on the 2700 block of Hopyard Road

#### Graffiti

- 11:07 a.m. on the 1100 block of Santa Rita Road

- 2:24 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

- 2:28 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Johnson Drive

#### Assault/battery

- 11:33 a.m. on the 1400 block of Oak Vista Way

### Feb. 14

#### Theft

- 7:57 a.m., 500 block of Tawny Drive; auto theft

- 12:58 p.m., 1400 block of Stoneridge Mall Road; shoplifting

- 1:41 p.m., 5600 block of Owens Drive; theft from auto

#### Criminal threats

- 10:53 a.m. on the 4100 block of Stanley Boulevard

### Feb. 13

#### Vandalism

- 2:51 p.m. on the 2100 block of Greenwood Road

- 3:01 p.m. on the 1000 block of Serpentine Lane

#### Graffiti

- 11:04 a.m. at West Las Positas Boulevard and I-680

- 1:38 p.m. on the 7300 block of Johnson Drive

- 2:56 p.m. at Santa Rita Road and Stoneridge Drive

#### Alcohol violation

- 1 a.m. on the 3300 block of Norton Way

#### Theft

- 2:43 p.m. on the 1300 block of Stoneridge Mall Road

#### Assault/battery

- 10:02 a.m. on the 4800 block of Pipit Court

### Feb. 12

#### Theft

- 10:04 a.m., 6700 block of Bernal Avenue; auto theft

- 9:01 p.m., 1500 block of Whispering Oaks Way; theft from auto

#### Vandalism

- 10:23 a.m. on the 1000 block of Vintner Way

- 10:25 a.m. on the 1700 block of Santa Rita Road

#### Alcohol violation

- 2:04 p.m. at Stoneridge Drive and Hopyard Road

#### Drug violation

- 11:20 a.m. at Venice Court and Florian Street

#### Warrant arrest

- 2:34 a.m. on the 1500 block of Santa Rita Road

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE WEEKLY

# Working together to keep the Tri-Valley on track

Pleasanton is home currently to more than 56,000 employees at more than 4,000 companies. In addition to companies already in Pleasanton expanding their operations, more than 9,700 business licenses were issued in 2016. And Pleasanton's business community contributes close to 60% of the city's revenues, according to Mayor Jerry Thorne.

The thriving source of revenue does have a price, though, and drivers on Interstates 580 or 680 during rush hour can attest to that.

More business and more employees equal more traffic.

"I know this doesn't come as a surprise to any of you, but the 580, 680 and State Route 84 corridors continue to be some of the busiest in the Bay Area," Thorne said during his State of the City address Wednesday. "Solving our transportation and traffic issues requires a regional approach and a long-term view."

On Monday, Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) said in an interview with the Weekly that traffic congestion is the No. 1 complaint he hears from residents in his district.

"The commute times have just gotten out of control here," Swalwell said. "It's beyond, I think, what any person can take who wants to be with their family."

Extending BART to the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) is a high priority for federal, state and local elected officials.

It's Swalwell's highest priority in the Tri-Valley as he works "to keep the promise we made to the voters when I and others worked to pass Measure BB, which is to pay for BART to go to Livermore," he said. "But I think there's an opportunity to close the gap between Dublin and Pleasanton and the Altamont where the ACE comes through."

That extension, according to Swalwell, could take 30,000 to 35,000 cars off the roads each day, providing vital traffic congestion relief.

Swalwell said he is working on the issue with local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon), Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, U.S. Rep. Jeff Denham (R-Modesto) and other San Joaquin County leaders.

During Wednesday's address, Mayor Thorne also spoke of a working group formed to keep the BART to ACE project moving forward.

BART to ACE is one of several infrastructure improvements that will help ease traffic congestion here. According to Thorne, the express lanes on I-580, which opened last year, have significantly reduced travel time in the 11 miles it covers — to the point that 580 has been removed from the top 10 worst commutes in the Bay Area. Perhaps more express toll lanes are in the offing, including on I-680 north of Pleasanton.

Here, the need for more parking at the Dublin/Pleasanton BART station is painfully apparent, and Swalwell mentioned this and a redesign of the 580/680 interchange as other methods to ease traffic woes.

Swalwell is working in Washington to get federal funding for BART to ACE; Thorne and the other Tri-Valley mayors recently attended the

U.S. Conference of Mayors' 85th winter meeting and met with legislators and federal agencies in Washington.

One key component of the plan to improve infrastructure, ease traffic congestion and continue to keep the Tri-Valley on track is cooperation. This will determine success or failure.

Whether it be building relationships with leaders in Washington or reaching across county borders to construct strategies, as Swalwell said, "It's going to take a bipartisan, bi-county approach." ■



## WEEKLY MEETING NOTICES

### **Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee**

Monday, February 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Blvd.

- Discussion with Police Department regarding the 3-foot law
- Review and comments on the Draft Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update

### **Downtown Specific Plan Update Task Force Meeting**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- The Downtown Specific Plan update kicked off in January with the first Task Force meeting. For opportunities to get involved, visit [www.ptowndowntown.org](http://www.ptowndowntown.org), where you will find information about the update, including dates for upcoming public meetings (the next Task Force meeting will be held on March 28, 2017). From the website you can also sign up to receive email notifications, and complete an online survey anticipated to be launched in early March. The survey is one of several opportunities for people who live, work, shop, or play in the area to provide feedback and share ideas about the future of Downtown.

### **Human Services Commission**

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 200 Old Bernal Avenue

- Recommendation to allocate Housing and Human Services Grant (HHS) funds for Fiscal Year 2017/18

## 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

Financial Services

Hacienda Business Park

Housing Commission

1 Alternate Member

### **Human Services Commission**

1 Member

1 Youth Member

### **Library Commission**

1 Member

### **Parks & Recreation Commission**

3 Members

1 Youth Member

### **Planning Commission**

1 Member

### **Youth Commission**

2 At-Large Member

1 High School Member

## APPLICATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017

Interviews will be held February 27th thru March 10th

Apply at <http://www.cityofpleasantonca.gov/depts/clerk/boards/application.asp>

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## LETTERS

### **New housing ignores our overcrowded schools**

Dear Editor,

Pleasanton City Council's pro-housing agenda continues to degrade the quality of life that our community values. Housing with no requirement that will have negative impacts on our schools, traffic, air quality and water supplies continue to be approved.

A housing project that will re-zone land, historically identified as a school site, will soon be before our council. This will result in the loss of a school site with more burden to our already severely overcrowded schools. We have not yet felt the impacts from the thousands of housing units being built now.

In the Pleasanton Weekly's Feb. 17 article "Around Pleasanton: Mayor Thorne on schools, traffic, housing," Mayor Thorne suggests the city has no responsibility for ensuring schools are built, yet schools are

an absolutely essential piece of city infrastructure. State law requires coordination between cities and school districts related to planning, Government Code 65302/65350.

Mayor Thorne is absolving himself and the council of their responsibility in school planning. Most of the joint cooperation that Thorne cites, such as school gyms, happened before his leadership. There have been thousands of housing units approved but no schools during his leadership.

Every Pleasanton school exceeds enrollment guidelines identified in our General Plan. The Pleasanton General Plan is the city's planning constitution.

Our mayor and City Council need to recognize their responsibility in comprehensive city planning. Building schools requires joint city/PUSD cooperation; without it, our kids lose and community resources are lost. It is past time for that cooperation to begin again. ■

—Julie Testa

# A new term

Congressman Swalwell talks about his priorities in Washington and here at home

By JEREMY WALSH



CONGRESSIONAL PHOTO

U.S. Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-Dublin) just began his third term representing Pleasanton and the rest of District 15.

**H**is third term in the House of Representatives is already shaping up to look quite different for Eric Swalwell.

2017 brings a variety of changes professionally, including new committee posts, new legislative issues, a new district office in Castro Valley and a new Republican president — not to mention a big one personally, due this spring.

Still, the Dublin Democrat said he remains just as steadfast about defending core values and working to accomplish priorities for his district and its residents as he did when heading to Washington, D.C., as a 32-year-old first-time congressman just over four years ago.

“I feel like I have a good sense of what people here at home care about,” Swalwell said during a half-hour interview on rainy Presidents Day morning at Starbucks in downtown Pleasanton.

“They just want to make sure that they have someone who is doing everything to help them provide for their family, have that

dignity of work, that their kids have a school that can prepare them for this new and sometimes intimidating economy, and that if they work hard and save, they have a chance to own a piece of their community and buy a home,” he added.

It’s common to find the Dublin native in his home district on weekends, which he describes as vital time for him to stay in touch with the needs of his constituents.

“I’m home every weekend,” he said, noting he’s already logged more than one million miles in the air while in office. “To be the best representative, I should listen to people at home and stand up for them in D.C. And to do that, you have to come home.”

Of course, he also has wife Brittany — who is almost seven months pregnant with the couple’s first child — and a black Labrador puppy at home, 3,000 miles away from the nation’s capital.

“It’s exciting. That baby’s coming, whether we’re ready or not,” Swalwell said with a chuckle. “We’re doing everything we can to get ready.”



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Swalwell discussed a range of topics during his interview with the Weekly in downtown Pleasanton, including Tri-Valley transportation, housing and college affordability, national security and President Donald Trump.

A newborn on the horizon offers a new wrinkle for the 36-year-old as he enters this new term in the House, his third consecutive after easily winning re-election in November by defeating Republican challenger Danny R. Turner 73.8% to 26.2%.

A former Dublin councilman and Alameda County prosecutor, Swalwell represents California’s 15th Congressional District, which in addition to Pleasanton covers Dublin, Livermore, San Ramon, Hayward, Union City, parts of Fremont and Danville, and the unincorporated areas of Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Sunol, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview.

In Congress, Swalwell works in areas close to his heart and his professional background.

He serves on the House Judiciary and Intelligence committees, including as the CIA Subcommittee’s ranking member. And in December, he was named co-chair of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, the youngest person to hold the key party leadership post.

The third-term congressman said he also focuses on always keeping his constituents’ priorities in mind when legislating on their behalf.

“I think just making sure the American dream is in reach, that’s what most people want,” Swalwell said. “They don’t want government to solve all of their problems. They just don’t want the absence of government to create more problems for them.”

## Transportation

Traffic congestion is the No. 1 complaint Swalwell said he hears from residents throughout his district.

“Locally, the top goal is for people to spend less time in their cars and more time with their families,” he said. “The commute times have just gotten out of control here. It’s beyond, I think, what any person can take who wants to be with their family.”

Extending BART to the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) remains his highest priority in the Tri-Valley.

“I’ve been working to keep the promise we

made to the voters when I and others worked to pass Measure BB, which is to pay for BART to go to Livermore. But I think there’s an opportunity to close the gap between Dublin and Pleasanton and the Altamont where the ACE comes through,” he said.

That extension, according to Swalwell, could take 30,000 to 35,000 cars off the roads each day, providing vital traffic congestion relief.

“It’s going to take a bipartisan, bi-county approach,” Swalwell said, noting he is part of a working group on the issue with local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon), Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, U.S. Rep. Jeff Denham (R-Modesto) and other San Joaquin County leaders.

“We know that to really make this work, we’re going to need San Joaquin County to buy in to why it’s so important for their residents to spend less time on the roads,” he added.

Swalwell said the BART extension efforts recently scored a win when the Metropolitan Transportation Commission opted to devote a staff member full-time to the project. Additionally, the draft environmental review for BART to Livermore is due out to the public by this spring.

He said he also recognizes the need to support other infrastructure improvements to ease traffic in the Tri-Valley, including more express toll lanes, additional garage parking at the eastern Dublin/Pleasanton BART station and redesigning the interchange of interstates 580 and 680.

Still, when it comes to Tri-Valley transportation, he thinks “the biggest impact I can make right now is helping to lead the charge in Washington to get federal dollars here for BART to ACE.”

Other concern areas he hears about from local constituents are cost of housing and student loan debt — two topics he experiences in his personal life as well.

“I see what young people face when they try and start a family, buy a home and when you have a lot of student loan debt,” Swalwell said, adding, “We’re seeing that young people across the country, but also



Clockwise from far left: Swalwell walks along Main Street in downtown Pleasanton on Presidents Day morning. (Photo by Mike Sedlak). The congressman spoke with residents, business owners and employees in downtown last fall on Small Business Saturday. (Photo courtesy of Swalwell's office). Dozens of people turned out for the grand-opening of Swalwell's new district office in Castro Valley earlier this month. (Photo courtesy of Swalwell's office)



locally, don't have as much savings as the generation before them. It makes it very hard to afford to buy a home."

He said he continues to focus on student debt relief and college affordability while in Congress.

"And for any future kids, I believe that if you are in a family that makes \$125,000 or fewer, you should come out of college at a public university debt-free," Swalwell added.

### National security

On a national policy level, Swalwell said his chief focus is to ensure America's democracy remains secure, especially in the wake of international influence in last year's national election.

"We saw in this last presidential election that Russia attacked us. And it wasn't the firing of a gun or the dropping of a bomb. It was the electronic, nearly invisible attack, through paid social media trolls, fake news dissemination and hacking of Democratic Party officials," he said.

As a member of the Intelligence Committee and CIA Subcommittee, Swalwell said he feels a duty to figure out how America became vulnerable to cyberattacks and to help develop solutions to those problems going forward.

"Nothing is more sacred to any of us than freedom, and if we allow our country to be open season to the most aggressive outside meddlers, then I think we will have lost everything we fought for and that we want to have tomorrow," he added.

To that end, Swalwell co-introduced a bill in December to create a bipartisan, independent commission to probe Russian interference in the presidential election and efforts by other foreign entities as well as make recommendations for future security strategies.

"I wrote a bill that was not a partisan bill at all," he explained. "It doesn't try and relitigate the 2016 election. Fully acknowledge Donald Trump is the president, but also acknowledge that Russia is seeking to do this again. And if we don't defend our democracy, we will lose our democracy. So it will take Republicans and Democrats to come together."

He added that he is working now to collect bipartisan support for the bill, looking for Republicans "who want to step forward right now and put country over party."

Finding collaborative solutions to bipartisan issues as well as engaging other political viewpoints in the legislative process are key, according to Swalwell.

"I also am mindful that I'm the son of two Republicans. Most of my brothers and outside family are Republicans, so I know that being a consensus-builder and being someone that can work with Republicans is important," he said.

Swalwell said he sees positive bipartisan work in his role on the Intelligence Committee, "and maybe that's because we meet three floors below the Capitol, there's no cameras and there's no transcript."

He noted recent unanimous support for a bill to fund America's intelligence agencies.

"To see that kind of unanimity is encouraging," he said. "And I know that if we can do it when it matters on national security, there's hope for me that we can do it on other issues."

Swalwell also said he strives to keep up the work of the United Solutions Caucus, a bipartisan congressional group he helped found to focus on commonsense solutions to key issues. He plans to bring co-founder U.S. Rep. David Joyce (R-Ohio) to tour Pleasanton and his district next month, and then make a return trip to Joyce's district later in the year.

"It's important ... to still find Republicans in Congress to work with because I think the country is counting on Congress to be a check on a very unprepared, divisive, intolerant president," Swalwell added.

### The new administration

Swalwell said he and his office hear often from local residents concerned about Trump and his first month as president.

"It's anxiety, but it's also a feeling of not wanting to be helpless, not wanting to just bear witness to our country going backward but to play a role in reclaiming this country and moving forward," the congressman said.

When asked for his thoughts on the new president's first weeks in office, Swalwell was critical of Trump's approach and actions thus far.

"He's just unfocused at a time when we need him to be focused on putting Americans to work and keeping Americans safe," Swalwell said of the president.

"And if anyone thought we were getting this great negotiator and businessman in the White House, who was going to be able to strike deals with anyone who wanted to come to the table, after a month in we haven't even seen him try to strike a deal," Swalwell continued.

"He's tried to do everything through executive order, and I think that was best on display last week when the Republicans sent us home early for the week because there's nothing to work on ... There's no plan on health care, there's no plan on jobs, there's no plan on immigration reform. There's just tweets, and you can't govern by tweets."

In terms of what to do next, Swalwell said he tells anxious constituents that he hopes to see a focus on reuniting the country around common values and goals "and resisting this president in any effort to divide us or to be intolerant of people because of their beliefs or the color of their skin."

"And then, I think, pretty soon here we're going to have to reclaim this country at the ballot box, and that is not too far away," he added, pointing to upcoming special elections in the country and the 2018 midterm election.

As for his aspirations for the new term and beyond, Swalwell said, "I care that people believe the American dream is within reach, and that especially means people my age who are finding college was quite costly, starting a family is taking a lot longer and buying a home is a lot harder."

"I want to continue working on those issues and putting opportunity back in reach," he added. "So wherever that takes me, I'll follow." ■



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## Irish dance spectacular headed for Tri-Valley

20 years after being hooked, dance prodigy tours with his own company

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

Justin Boros — a 15-year-old basketball player in Akron, Ohio — took to Irish dancing as surely as if he'd been born to it. After catching Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" on TV in the mid '90s, Boros began going to local Irish dance performances, and he watched when Flatley appeared on Larry King.

When "Lord of the Dance" toured Cleveland, Boros attended, and soon afterward he bought himself a pair of Irish dance shoes

and taught himself the intricate steps.

"It took over my life. I practiced in my basement for a year and a half," recalled Boros, 35, taking a break from rehearsal in Colorado Springs as his tour wended its way west to the Bay Area. "I saw one dance number with warriors, a masculine number, and decided, 'I want to give this a try.'"

"My parents were supportive but thought, 'What is this?'" he added with a laugh.

When his family vacationed in Florida, "Lord of the Dance" was performing, so the teen brought an audition tape that he handed

Justin Boros plays the lead in "Rhythm of the Night: The Irish Dance Spectacular," a tale of an epic journey of a fallen hero and his rise to redemption.

to the dance captains. He was asked to try out the very next day and was offered a position, just one of three Americans to perform with the world's best Irish dancers.

Boros flew home, quit the basketball team, then joined the "Lord of the Dance" for 2-1/2 years, becoming a lead dancer and completing his education while on the road.

Meanwhile, he began to conceive of a unique Irish dance show that would move away from the traditional tin whistle and fiddle. Andrew and Jared DePolo of DePolo Music created an original soundtrack, a new genre of Celtic music with an orchestral foundation.

Now Boros is founder of Two Step Productions and the creator and producer of "Rhythm of the Night: The Irish Dance Spectacular," which is coming to the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center next week.

To play the lead role of Balor, a

6-foot-4-inch, 275-pound villain, Boros weight-trained to acquire a muscle-bound physique that is rare in the world of Irish dance.

"Ours is an exciting, full show, a story of good vs. evil," he said. "I play the lead villain. I am under the spell of a seductress who has me controlling her army."

After Balor crosses over to the dark side, his former love and his younger brother try to rescue him.

"The battle scenes transcend the struggle of dark vs. light as the thunderous rhythms and lightning fast taps turn an age-old art form into an exciting Irish dance spectacular," Boros said. "The soundtrack is one of the things that really differentiates the show — it took two years to compose."

The inaugural production in 2014 was such a success that this year's fourth traveling show is dubbed "The Celebration Tour," and it has added San Ramon and Campbell to its stops.

"This is our first coast-to-coast tour, and we are super excited to come to California," Boros said, noting the show is "not your traditional Irish dance or music show, but an epic journey that reimagines traditional Irish dance and takes the audience on an exciting adventure of a fallen hero and his rise to redemption for an unforgettable experience the entire family will enjoy."

It is also a family affair for Boros as his uncle drives a bus and his parents help with the wardrobe.

"The reception of the show has allowed it to be the fastest growing in the country," he said. "We have the best dancers in the world — 20 dancers."

The rich soundtrack is enhanced by two live violin players. The crew includes a lighting designer, sound engineers and drivers that travel with the equipment and sets.



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"Rhythm of the Night: The Irish Dance Spectacular" is coming to the Tri-Valley next weekend with a show in San Ramon.

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# 'Marriage of Figaro' opens March 11

Mozart's comedic opera is set in 1940s Hollywood

By DOLORES FOX CIARDELLI

The golden age of film in the 1940s is the setting of Livermore Valley Opera's grand opera production in March when it presents Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" with unique stage direction by Brian Luedloff.

This opera is a timeless comedy with its bubbling overture and brilliant arias composed by Mozart at the height of his genius. It tells how the servants Figaro and Susanna outwit their master, Count Almaviva, to keep him from seducing Susanna. Through their manipulations, the count's love for his countess is restored. Adding to the fun is an old man seeking revenge, a scheming maid, a drunken gardener and an amorous teenager.

Stage director Luedloff returns to Livermore to stage this, his third opera, and is co-producing his creative vision of Figaro with 1940s film stars portraying Mozart's characters.

"Film stars of the golden age of Hollywood are the closest thing we have to royalty and aristocracy," Luedloff said. "A film stage setting will allow us to reveal some of Figaro's scenes in a traditional way with period costumes (those scenes being filmed) and in a more immediate way in the behind-the-scenes elements of the story (the actor playing the count imposing himself on the actress playing Susanna). And all without losing a bit of the delicious humanity and humor that Mozart ... intended."

Livermore Valley Opera's two



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Director Brian Luedloff (left) and baritone Bernardo Bermudez are key pieces in the Livermore Valley Opera's upcoming adaptation of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro."

previous productions of "Figaro" have been traditional, but its new artistic director, Metropolitan Opera singer Eric Mills, was looking for a fresh approach.

"I thought it was time for us to see it done in a different, yet meaningful way," she said. "This production will be interesting for those who know 'Figaro' as well as for those who have never seen the

opera. ... It has the potential to be the 'La La Land' of opera."

The cast includes baritone Bernardo Bermudez as Count Almaviva, soprano Lacy Sauter as Countess Almaviva, soprano Christie Conover as Susanna and baritone Efrain Solis as Figaro. Music director is Alexander Katsman.

The opera company will be adding period decor and other surprises

to complete the audience's experience, including encouraging them to attend the performance in 1940s attire.

"We think it would be fun for guests to join the LVO volunteers and board members in dressing in 1940s theme attire," Mills said. "From zoot suits and fedora hats for men, draped gowns or jitterbug swing dresses for women, classic Hollywood starlet looks to World War II uniforms, the scene will be set not only on stage but in the seats, too."

Performances are at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays, March 11 and March 18; and at 2 p.m., Sundays, March 12 and March 19, at the Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore. Tickets are \$42-\$89 with \$10 off for students. Call 373-6800 or visit [www.livermoreperformingarts.org](http://www.livermoreperformingarts.org).

An opening night gala will be held across the street at Uncle Yu's

at the Vineyard at 4:30 p.m. Separate tickets are required, for \$90, available at the box office.

Included in all ticket prices are pre-opera talks held one hour prior to curtain time. An artists' reception will be held in the lobby immediately following each performance.

Students are invited to attend the final dress rehearsal of the opera on Thursday, March 9, at the Bankhead Theater at 7 p.m. Free for students, admission for accompanying adults is \$10.

The Free Student Night is part of LVO's education outreach efforts to introduce opera to young students in hopes that they may one day explore art, music and opera. Though the dress rehearsal includes sets, orchestra and some costuming, the rehearsal may stop at any time to make adjustments.

For more information, visit [www.livermorevalleyopera.com](http://www.livermorevalleyopera.com). ■

## Free 'Figaro' preview

Livermore Valley Opera will present a free OperaLIVE! performance at Inklings Coffee & Tea, 530 Main St., from 7-8:30 p.m., Friday, March 3, showcasing some of the singers from the upcoming opera, "The Marriage of Figaro."

"OperaLIVE! events are free, public events that present opera to the community so that people who might not otherwise have the opportunity can experience

this beautiful music and drama," LVO president Jim Schmidt said. "We hope that the experience will encourage people to seek out opera and other live performing arts."

In addition to principal singers from the production, instrumentalists from the opera orchestra will perform. A Q&A period follows immediately after the performance.

## IRISH DANCE

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They hired many of the dancers last July at the North American Irish Dance Championships in Orlando.

"I like to give the opportunity to young dancers," Boros said. "There are not a lot of shows out there, just 'River Dance' and our show that tour the U.S. We were able to find the cream of the crop of the dancers."

After each show, the cast has a meet-and-greet in the lobby with the audience.

"We like to have that personal touch," Boros said. The two main comments he hears are: "Wow, that wasn't what I expected," and "When are you coming back?"

Audience members like to meet the dancers, who are from countries around the world, including Ireland, England, Mexico, Russia and Canada.

"Sometimes we'll go out and there will be a school of Irish dancers who have come to the show," Boros said. "Sometimes we'll do

basic dance steps in the lobby with the little girls and boys. It's fun to do that — it keeps our energy level up."

From practicing in his family basement in Akron to performing his own show on stages across the country, Boros hopes his story will inspire others to follow their dreams.

"I remember how rewarding it was to dance on stage night after night in Michael Flatley's 'Lord of the Dance,'" he said. "Now after years of hard work coming to fruition, which has allowed me to tour and dance in my own show that has been extremely well received year after year, it is a dream come true." ■

## Irish dance reimagined

**What:** "Rhythm in the Night: The Irish Dance Spectacular"

**Who:** 20 Irish dancers and musicians

**When:** 8 p.m., Saturday, March 4

**Where:** Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

**Tickets:** \$44. Call 973-3343; visit [www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks/theater](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks/theater); or go to the box office at 10550 Albion Road, San Ramon.



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## Classic rock lives

"Zeppelin USA — An American Tribute to Led Zeppelin" is coming to Firehouse Arts Center in Pleasanton with two shows: at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 4 — which is sold out — and at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 5. Zeppelin USA focuses on recreating the iconic Zeppelin trademark sound, backed by a state-of-the-art laser, lighting and multimedia show. For tickets, go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org), call 931-4848 or visit the theater box office, 4444 Railroad Ave.

## Everyday objects

Vibrant large-scale paintings of tools and other mundane objects, captured in stunningly realistic yet "painterly" still-lives by San Francisco artist Paul D. Gibson, are on display at the Firehouse Arts Center's Harrington Gallery, 4444 Railroad Ave., through March 18. Besides San Francisco, Gibson has had solo exhibitions in New York, Tokyo and San Diego and is most recently a featured artist in installations at New Museum, Los Gatos and the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art. The Firehouse installation will be located in the triple-story grand atrium lobby, hallway and mezzanine exhibition spaces, and open to the public during regular gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.



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## PLEASANTON PREPS

By DENNIS MILLER

### Juniors steal show in Amador-Foothill basketball thriller

Falcons win double-OT classic in regular-season finale

Rivalries in high school sports are something that can often put to the forefront everything that is good with high school athletics.

Such was the case on Feb. 14 when the Amador Valley boys basketball team traveled cross-town to Foothill for the East Bay Athletic League regular season finale.

That the Falcons won the game in double overtime thanks to some late-game heroics from Ramon Christwell (a pair of improbable 3-pointers at the end of regulation and the second overtime) was not the highlight. It was that this was a tremendous high school sporting event.

The gym was packed, the game went back and forth, pretty much keeping everyone on the edge of their seats — or standing — throughout the game.

Stuck with the sewage that has become professional and collegiate athletics (and high school in some cases), it was fantastic to be able to take it all in. For two hours that night, it was a gift to get lost in the joy of the event.

One thing not lost on me during the game was how incredibly talented the junior class is in Pleasanton.

Both the Dons and Falcons are junior-laden squads, and the juniors can flat out play. Amador started four juniors and a sophomore, while the Falcons started two juniors.

Tommy Kramer, Mitchell Lawrence, Mitch Benson and Demetrius Williams were the four starters for Amador, with Kenneth Tompkins — another junior — out with an injury. All five can handle the ball, shoot from the outside and play some good defense. Brian Turner is another junior that can play.

For Foothill, Christwell and JT McDermott were the two juniors that started, while Gary Pride, who started some games, has developed into a force under the

basket. Jose Ureno and Devin Powell turned in solid efforts coming off the bench all season.

Michael Smith, who missed the entire season with a foot injury, will be among the elite players in the league next season when he returns. Ricky Diaz is another capable junior that missed with injuries as well.

In my 20 years as a sports writer with the Tri-Valley Herald, seldom did I see a collective number of players from one class who were so good. I was fortunate enough to see a lot of these kids play in middle school while I was doing some work at Pleasanton Middle School.

At that point, you think of the future and what it was going to hold, but how many times throughout the years have things not quite come to fruition. In this case, however, it has. And barring unforeseen issues, it will be a treat to see these two teams battle at least twice next year.

#### Girls basketball

The Foothill girls freshman team finished by beating Amador in its final game to give the Falcons an 11-1 record, the best record of any team in the league.

The Falcons were led by first-year coach Madison Craig.

#### Spring sports

Practices for all sports are going strong and games are starting to be played. Make sure you send in the results for your week each Sunday to me at [acesmag@aol.com](mailto:acesmag@aol.com). We also welcome pictures. All you need to do is provide the information that is in the picture as well as let us know who gets the credit for the photo. ■

*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](mailto:acesmag@aol.com).*



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### Rage squad wins NorCal championship

The Rage 06 Premier team ended its season as the U11 Premier 5 NorCal State Cup champions, beating the Santa Cruz Breakers 4-0 to clinch the championship earlier this month. Team members were (top row, from left) coach Pippa Whitehand, Mackenzie Wright, Keelie Scholhamer, Sydney Head, Siena Hunter, Ava Kenitzer and coach Kevin Whitehand, (and bottom, from left) Reese Gotchall, Brianna Dowling, Gianna Masinter, Savannah Battaion, Kyla Oki and Sadhika Pani. Not pictured, Aishwarya Anburaja.

### Lifeguard classes being offered at aquatic center

Participants just need basic swimming skills

The city's Dolores Bengtson Aquatic Center is offering an American Red Cross course for those interested in becoming a certified lifeguard.

Participants do not need to be on a swim team nor be a competitive swimmer to take the classes; they just need to have basic swimming skills, city officials said. The coursework combines online learning sessions with hands-on practice of first aid, CPR/AED and lifeguarding skills.

Open to residents 15 years old and up, those who successfully complete the course will have the chance to apply for summer employment at the aquatic center, located at 4455 Black Ave.

Prerequisites include the ability to swim 12 continuous laps, tread water for two minutes, retrieve a 10-pound brick from 10 feet of water and swim 15 yards with the brick held above water.

The session window includes six classes, March 25 from 8-10 a.m.

and spring break week April 3-7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the aquatic center. Class times do not reflect online learning sessions.

The course costs \$195 for Pleasanton residents and \$215 for non-residents, plus a \$35 non-refundable fee, payable to the American Red Cross, due following the first class.

Register at [www.pleasantonfun.com](http://www.pleasantonfun.com), using code 64049. For more information, contact the aquatic center at 931-3420. ■

—Jeremy Walsh

### PFLL set for opening day ceremony

Festivities are March 4 at Bernal Sports Park

Youngsters in Pleasanton Foothill Little League are ready to kick off their 2017 season with an opening day celebration next weekend at Bernal Sports Park.

The event, set for 10-11 a.m. March 4, will feature hundreds of players taking the field,

Pleasanton VIPs throwing out the first pitch, a rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" by PFLL T-ball players, and food and merchandise available for purchase.

PFLL games will get underway following the ceremony.

A nonprofit organization, PFLL provides a youth baseball program to children ages 5-18, with more than 400 players participating and more than 150 adult volunteers. For more info about opening day, visit [pflonline.org](http://pflonline.org). ■

—Jeremy Walsh

## Theatre

**CREATURES OF IMPULSE: FACE-OFF 2017** Enjoy award-winning improv topped with audience participation, laughs, and prizes. Creatures of Impulse takes the stage in four unique shows full of scenes, games, and improv high-jinks at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 23-25, plus a matinee at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Firehouse Arts Center. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

**KELLY BRANDEBERG IN 'MY FAVORITE BARBRA!** Kelly Brandeburg will perform "My Favorite Barbra: A Tribute to the Songs of Barbra Streisand" at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Firehouse Arts Center. With rare "Barbra" anecdotes and stories, along with selections from "Funny Girl," "Yentl," "Hello, Dolly!" and more. Tickets are \$15-\$25. Call 931-4848 or go to [www.firehousearts.org](http://www.firehousearts.org).

## Talks & Lectures

**AMADOR VALLEY TOASTMASTERS** Learn how to give speeches, gain feedback, lead teams, and guide others to achieve their goals in a supportive atmosphere at 7 a.m. every Thursday at Black Bear Diner, 5100 Hopyard Road. Breakfast is available to order from menu. Go to [www.facebook.com/AmadorValleyToastmasters/](http://www.facebook.com/AmadorValleyToastmasters/).

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

**LIVERMORE-AMADOR GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** The Livermore-Amador Genealogical Society will present Jackie Krebs Reimers, a staffer at both the Family History Center of the Santa Cruz Stake of the Church of Latter-day Saints and the GSSCC at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13 at Congregation Beth Emek, 3400 Nevada Court. Learn about finding stories about your ancestors, pictorializing your pedigree charts and family pictures, scrapbooking historic events in your life, suggested software, and tips and tricks that will make it all easier. Contact Kay Speaks, Program Chair, at [program@L-AGS.org](mailto:program@L-AGS.org).

## Fundraisers

**FOOTHILL BAND CRAB FEED** Come enjoy good friends, great food and fabulous music by Foothill's award winning Jazz Bands from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 at Veteran's Memorial Hall, 301 Main St. There will be tasty food including crab, pasta, salad and bread, with a no-host bar with wine, beer and soft drinks. Tickets

are \$55. All proceeds go toward supporting the music program at Foothill High School. Go to [www.eventbrite.com/o/foothill-band-boosters-12787752020](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/foothill-band-boosters-12787752020) for tickets.

**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).

**MARDI GRAS WINE TASTING** Bring your mask and colorful clothes and join the Livermore Lioness Club from 4:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 2 at Page Mill Winery, 1960 South Livermore Ave., Livermore. In addition to wine tasting there will be King Cake, beignets, raffles finger foods and arts and crafts vendors. The wine tasting fee is \$10 and will be donated to the Livermore Lioness Club, along with 10% of all vendor and regular wine sales. This fundraiser helps support the club's scholarship, community and holiday gift giving programs. For more information, go to the Livermore Lioness Club Facebook page, or contact Kathleen Anderson at 443-1909.

**BINGO BASH!** The Italian Catholic Federation Branch #285 invites you to their Bingo Bash at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 10 at St. Augustine Church, 900 E. Angela St. With prizes, raffles, pizza, snacks and beverages. Cost is \$10 per bingo packet. Proceeds go to Children's Hospital treatment of Cooley's Anemia plus other ICF charities. RSVP by March 6. Contact Bobbie at 361-7088.

**RAGIN' CAJUN GOES TO TRINIDAD** Enjoy an evening of dinner, music, dancing and live and silent auctions with Ragin' Cajun Goes to Trinidad, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10 at the Casa Real Event Center, 410 Vineyard Ave. This annual fundraising event for the Sandra J. Wing Healing Therapies Foundation provides funds for complementary healing therapies for cancer patients during treatments. For tickets and more information, go to <https://goo.gl/RyRxcj>.

## Museums & Exhibits

**ON THE FRINGE** A new installation by Studio Art Quilt Associates, "On The Fringe," will be on display March 9-April 15 at the Harrington Gallery at the Firehouse Arts Center. A free opening reception will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 11. During the reception, the exhibit's Juror, Dr. Sandra Sider, will give a talk on the works at 2 p.m. With 21 large-

scale art quilts, many different techniques and unusual materials. Donations always appreciated.

## Health & Wellness

**PLEASANTON SOLE MATES** Join this weekly walking group at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday mornings departing from the Pleasanton Senior Center. Participants must be able to walk 2.5-3 miles and keep a moderate pace with the group. Stop by the Center to pick a monthly walk schedule or call 925-931-5365 for more information.

**PLEASANTON PEDALERS** If you love cycling, this group is for you. Join at 9 a.m. every Thursday. Rides will be at an easy pace from 15 to 25 miles, with no rider left behind. A signed waiver is required for all riders. Go to [meetup.com/PleasantonPedalers](http://meetup.com/PleasantonPedalers).

## Seniors

**SENIOR MENS SOCIAL CLUB** Sons In Retirement (SIR) is a social club for senior men. In addition to friendships, members can participate in interest groups like golf, bridge, travel, photography, etc. We meet for lunch first Thursday of the month at San Ramon Golf Club. Open to retirees in the Tri-Valley. Contact Carl Churilo at 967-8177 or [trivalleysir@gmail.com](mailto:trivalleysir@gmail.com). Go to [branch34.sirinc2.org](http://branch34.sirinc2.org).

## Religion & Spirituality

**PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP** Lynnewood United Methodist Church at 4444 Black Ave. offers a friendly congregation where all are welcome. Sunday morning services are at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Childcare provided at both services, and Sunday school is at 10:30 a.m.. Children's choir is at 11:40 a.m.-12:10 p.m.. At 5:30 p.m. on Sundays the church offers an informal service called "Come As You Are" with music, prayer, and discussion. Contact Rev. Heather Hammer at 846-0221 or [office@lynnewood.org](mailto:office@lynnewood.org). Go to [www.lynnewood.org](http://www.lynnewood.org).

**THE BODY SPEAKS: CONNECTING HEALTH AND SPIRIT** Unity of Tri-Valley welcomes guest speaker and musician Charley Thweatt and his wife Heidi to its Sunday service at 10 a.m., as well as a workshop from noon-1:30 p.m., on Sunday, March 12 at Unity of Tri-Valley, 7567 Amador Valley Blvd., Suite 108, Dublin. Charley is a talented spiritual singer/songwriter, as well as speaker and workshop leader. Heidi has over 32 years experience in the field of health and the mind-body connection. Suggested love offering for workshop \$20. Call 829-2733 or go to [www.unityoftrivalley.org/](http://www.unityoftrivalley.org/).

## PET OF THE WEEK



EAST BAY SPCA

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Belle may be a senior, but she's still the belle of the ball. This 9-year-old domestic short-hair is a lap cat who knows what she wants in life. She loves to perch up and stare at the world through a sunlit window, and she enjoys the simple things in life, like warm laps and pets. Her adoption fee is waived. Meet Belle at the East Bay SPCA Dublin Adoption Center, 4651 Gleason Drive, or learn more at [www.eastbayspca.org](http://www.eastbayspca.org).

**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](mailto:valerie@harvestvalley.org).

**LISTEN, LOVE AND PRAY** Join Reverend Nigel Mumford for an ecumenical day of healing prayer with "Listen, Love, and Pray" from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road. Reverend Mumford is an international speaker and author, and CEO of By His Wounds, Inc., a nonprofit charity focusing on Christian Healing. Check-in at 8 a.m. Cost is \$65 before Feb. 25, \$75 after. Contact Carol Burek at (707) 396-1065 or [carolburek@comcast.net](mailto:carolburek@comcast.net).

## Community Groups

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

**TRI-VALLEY WRITERS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAS POSITAS COLLEGE** The Tri-Valley Writers Club (TVW) is offering one \$500 scholarship for use at Las Positas College, Livermore, during the 2017-2018 academic year. Students studying English, Journalism and related subjects may apply for the grant. Students may apply for

the Tri-Valley Writers Scholarship online by March 13. Visit the Las Positas College Scholarship website for details at <https://laspositascollege.awardspring.com/Home/ScholarshipDetails/35870>.

**TRI VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR FIBROMYALGIA, LUPUS AND ALL FORMS OF ARTHRITIS** This group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Groves at Dublin Ranch in the Clubhouse, 3115 Finnian Way, Dublin. It hosts special speakers like doctors or specialists. For more information, call JoAnne at 875-0960.

**PLEASANTON COMMUNITY TOASTMASTERS: GUESTS WELCOME** Learn more about public speaking in a fun-filled and supporting environment at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Highland Oaks Recreation Center, 4530 Sandalwood Drive. Enjoy improving your leadership skills, building confidence and meeting new friends. Go to [pleasantontostmasters.com](http://pleasantontostmasters.com).

**CLUTTERLESS SPECIAL OPEN SPEAKER MEETING** ClutterLess (CL) will have a special open Speaker Meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 6 at The Parkview, 100 Valley Ave. Lien Addo and Pamela, founders of Zen Life Organizing, will speak on "How to Organize and Stay Organized."

## Auditions

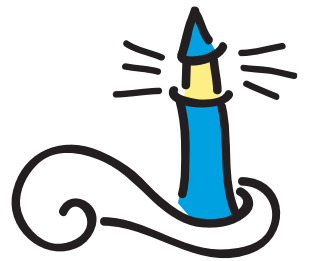
**TRI-VALLEY REPERTORY THEATRE AUDITIONS FOR 'WIZARD OF OZ'** Tri-Valley Repertory Theatre will hold auditions for "The Wizard of Oz" at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, March 13-14 at the Tri-Valley Rep's rehearsal space, 1020 Serpentine Lane, Suite 101. Bring 16-32 bars of music in your own key. No transposing or pre-recorded music or tapes. Download audition form from the website and bring a current picture of head shot. All roles open. For more details including casting information: <https://www.trivalleyrep.org/shows/the-wizard-of-oz>.

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## Legal Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

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 BRITTANY 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): Parrish 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. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/31/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 10, 17, 24, March 3; 2017)

EDGETEK ENGINEERING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527167

The following person(s) doing business as: EDGETEK 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 110, 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)

PLEASANTON BARBERSHOP FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527346

The following person(s) doing business as: PLEASANTON BARBERSHOP, 5424 SUNOL BLVD. SUITE #2, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Truc Tran, 3648 Madrid Drive, San Jose, CA 95132. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 12/12/2014. Signature of Registrant: Truc Tran. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/07/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10; 2017)

#### CHIRP THE LITTLE MAKERS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527444

The following person(s) doing business as: CHIRP THE LITTLE MAKERS, 608 MAIN ST., SUITE F, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Sri Ramya, Sundaram, 1155 S. Central Parkway, Mountain House, CA 95391. 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: Sri Ramya Sundaram. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/09/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10; 2017)

#### MERN'S JEWELS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 526853

The following person(s) doing business as: MERN'S JEWELS, 332 MAVIS DRIVE, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Mary Hazle, 332 Mavis 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: Mary Hazle. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 01/25/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 17, 24, March 3, 10; 2017)

#### YOU & ME BEAUTY STUDIO

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: 527816

The following person(s) doing business as: YOU & ME BEAUTY STUDIO, 4625 FIRST STREET SUITE #225, PLEASANTON, CA 94566, is hereby registered by the following owner(s): Shonik Consulting Inc., 741 S. Tradition Street, Mountain House, CA 95391. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein 02/05/2017. Signature of Registrant: Shoba Machani (CEO). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda on 02/21/2017. (Pleasanton Weekly, Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17; 2017)

### 997 All Other Legals

#### SUMMONS (Citacion Judicial) Case

Number: PSC 1602077 (Numero del Caso) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (Aviso al Demandado): CYNTHIA GAMERO DAVIS; ROBERT LEE DAVIS; SILVERADO FINANCIAL INC; PGA WEST RESIDENTIAL II HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; AND

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# Real Estate

## PLEASANTON WEEKLY OPEN HOMES THIS WEEKEND

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**639 Avington Court** **\$598,000**  
Sun 2-4 Gail Boal 577-5787

#### 5 BEDROOMS

**550 Rutherford Circle** **\$898,811**  
Sun 1-4 Heidy Hurst 240-5559

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#### 6 BEDROOMS

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

### Dublin

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**7435 Brigadoon Way** **Call for price**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Fabulous Properties 980-0273/519-8226

### Pleasanton

#### 3 BEDROOMS

**4113 Garibaldi Place** **\$815,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Brad & Ann Walker 899-4084

**2019 Eilene Drive** **\$839,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Blaise Lofland 846-6500

#### 4 BEDROOMS

**3273 Monmouth Court** **\$1,060,000**  
Sat/Sun 2-4 Joyce Jones 998-3398

**3206 Novara Way** **Call for price**  
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**3363 Sagewood Court** **\$1,988,000**  
Sat/Sun 1-4 Esther McClay 519-5025

**3608 Vine St.** **\$1,089,000**  
Fri 10-2/Sat/Sun 1-4 DeAnna Armario & Liz Venema  
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**4287 Waycross Court** **Call for price**  
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**12010 Ruth Glen** **\$670,000**  
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## Low Inventory & Strong Demand Start the Year

Low inventory continues to be the biggest factor currently in the Pleasanton real estate market. While more homes were for sale at the end of January than December, that was off a very low base (lowest inventory in five years) and we are still well below the level of a year ago. Demand remains strong, evidenced by the fact that whenever inventory increases (even a little) pending sales rise. Pricing has held up as well, with most indicators increasing from both last month and a year earlier.

Another factor that could affect the market as we move through the year is interest rates. The Federal Reserve has been sending mixed signals lately, so it's anyone's guess if they will raise rates this year. An increase sometime this year seems likely but that will depend on how the economy performs.

Inventory increased from 24 homes at the end of December to 30 at the end of January. January had 39% fewer homes for sale than did January 2016. In fact, if we ignore December 2016, January 2017 was the lowest inventory has been in three years (December was a five year low). Supply relative to pending sales was unchanged from December at 0.9 months, well below January 2016's 2.0 months.

34 sales went to contract during January, a 21% increase from ...  
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### Pleasanton Market At A Glance December 2016



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Cindy Gee

**4729 Fair Street – Pleasanton – \$1,648,000**  
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Gina Piper

**5266 Arrezzo Street – Pleasanton – \$869,000**  
This is a spectacular detached home within walking distance to Iron Horse Trail, BART, work, shopping & dining. You can't beat this location. High ceilings with ample natural light. New high efficiency furnace & air conditioning unit with programmable thermostat. Updated master bath. Stainless steel appliances. Gorgeous backyard.



Jan Pegler

**7562 Brigadoon Way – Dublin – \$674,000**  
This lovely home is in the desirable California Highlands, tucked away and peaceful with hiking trails yet also conveniently located to I - 580 and I - 680. This end unit has welcoming bright light from outside with private views into nature. The master bedroom features a walk-in closet, a large stall shower and double sinks.



Gina Piper

**5889 Flora Common – Livermore – \$765,000**  
This is a stunning 3 bedroom home in Magnolia Common. It is recently built at 4 years old and in like-new condition. It features a gorgeous kitchen with a large island, quartz counters & stainless appliances. Open & bright floorplan. Bonus room upstairs. Gleaming wood floors & new, high end carpets upstairs. This is a must see!



Fourplex

Elizabeth Moreno

**718 Harris Court – Hayward – \$920,000**  
This amazing income property rarely has a vacant unit. Near major freeways and commute routes. Near shopping, restaurants and public transportation. Great opportunity!



Pending

Jennifer Branchini

**314 Zagora Drive – Danville – \$1,198,000**  
This 4 bedroom and 2.5 bathroom home has stunning picturesque views of the hills. The functional floorplan features a master bedroom and bath on the main level. Custom designed gourmet chef's kitchen, a huge center island with tasteful pendant lighting and a build-in desk. Elegant, high-gloss, dark hardwood floors.



Coming Soon

Jennifer DeCoite

**3581 Helen Drive – Pleasanton – \$785,000**  
This home is the perfect opportunity to create your dream home, truly making it your own. It is a quaint 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom property, appraised at approximately 1,505 sq. ft. of living space on a 4,709 sq. ft. lot. There is a great bonus room/potential office space that was added with permits. The house has a spacious open floor plan through the living and dining areas.

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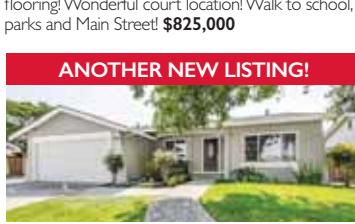
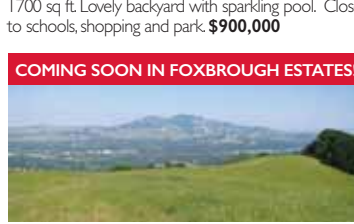
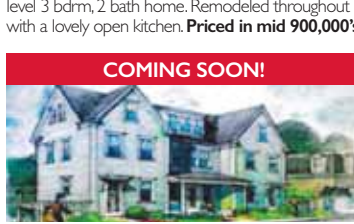

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